



Red Sokz

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Editorial

Welcome to Issue III, brought to you by Dr. Johnston's Form IV English class.

Once again we have a packed issue beginning with our main story which looks at a congestion of both people and vehicles at the School gate. It's getting a bit crowded down there and on Health and Safety grounds amongst other issues we need to have a try to improve the situation.

The Sports Section has all the news from the usual Hockey and Rugby along with notices about Badminton and Basketball.

Catch up on the latest general news and notices in the Announcements and Features Sections.

Main Stories

The School Gate

The School has decided to put in place a new traffic system at the school gate as there has been a problem with pupils going to and from school.

Mr. Hardy would also like bring to boarders' attention that they are not to congregate at the school gate as this is causing obstruction.

We would like to encourage parents to help us in our efforts to ease congestion and make life at our School gate a little easier.

We are going to try to stop so many pupils congregating there, as there is a potential danger to everyone.

We would wish that each time parents are coming to the School to please ap-

proach from the Ashbrook/Caherdavin side and each time you leave the School to turn left towards town.

The Killaloe bus has agreed to pick-up and drop-off students at the side gate to help the situation, which the School is very delighted to report. So all you lake-side people that's your new port of call.

We would ask parents not to park so near the School gate, maybe even park near the side gate instead.

We think this North Circular Road "roundabout" policy would greatly ease the congestion on the road, particularly at 9:00 and at 15:30 to everyone's benefit: students, parents teachers and neighbours alike.

Ciara Harrington & Liz Kavanagh

Features

Form and Fusion

Form IV Art Students are very excited as they have started making costumes for the Form and Fusion Competition. Ms. Amanda Kirwan a fashion designer who studied fashion at the Limerick School of Art and Design and has worked in New York and Tokyo will be joining our school for three weeks this term. She will be working with Transition Year Students on Form and Fusion.

There are five groups working on a costume each. All of which will be modelled in the School Fashion Show early next year. Unfortunately only three of these will be going forward to the first heats of Form and Fusion in February 2005.

We are looking forward to seeing these costumes, we wish them the very best of luck and we hope that they will get through to the final, which is held every year in the Green glens arena Millstreet, Co. Cork.

Rachael Cronin & Lorraine Quinn IVQ

Our New Deputy Headmaster

Ms. Quinn tells us that her new job is exciting, very challenging and very busy at the moment, yet she enjoys the challenge.

Although she finds it very different to

teaching, she still is still involved in teaching Senior Cycle and Form I students.

She finds her job very rewarding and states that multi-tasking is very important as she finds herself doing many different things at one time.

Her new job no longer ties her to classes all day everyday with of course increased time in administration in lieu of teaching.

She feels it's too early to judge to which job she prefers, though she is thoroughly enjoying her new role.

She is very grateful to all for the wonderful support, help and encouragement.

By Sarah Drew VN

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is back again in Villiers. Due to the huge success of last year, everyone is invited to take part again this year.

Last Christmas over two hundred thousand gift-filled shoe boxes from Ireland were delivered to smiling children in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine. This year boxes from Ireland will go to Eastern Europe, Belarus, Ukraine, Armenia and Mozambique.

They are given to children regardless

of their nationality, political background or religious beliefs.

If you would like to send a Christmas box to a child in Eastern Europe please ask Ms. Sexton for a leaflet or consult the posters.

It would be **great** to get the whole school involved.

Ms. E. Sexton.

Swimming

This issue we have something unique as we have for the first time someone from our School competing in the world swimming championships on the 3rd of October.

Peter Shone is representing Zambia in the forthcoming world swimming championships in the Indianapolis. The whole school wishes Peter good luck.

Oscar Barrett Cuixeres & Paul O'Donoghue

Intake for 2005

The School has stopped interviewing for Form I students starting next September as we have almost filled the quota that we are allowed.

If any current students have a sister or a brother who is hoping to come to Villiers next year, please contact Ms. Donegan for an Application Form ASAP as there may not be a vacant place for



Sport

Hockey

The Senior Boys went to Kilkenny on Wednesday. Kilkenny dominated most of the first half and they were rewarded with a goal ten minutes before half time.

In the second half we made a few changes and began to get our act together. This paid off with a goal by Eric Callender from a short corner after fifteen minutes. As the match drew to a close a Kilkenny goal was disallowed. David Lavelle made a some fantastic saves and Rowan Taylor's sliding-tackle prevented a Kilkenny goal. In the end we were lucky to come away with a 1-1 draw.

Simon Brickenden

The U 14 boys also went to Kilkenny last Wednesday to show those Kilkenny lads who's boss. We beat them 2-1 with goals from Roger Clarke and John Perrott, fair play boys!

We would like to wish Sarah Gray, Kathryn Buggy and Phillipa Scholl best of luck when they participate in the under 18s Munster trials.

We would also like to mention that the Under 14 Boys are going on a tour to Scotland. This weeks hockey has been a delight as all teams have done well.

The first Form I Boys Hockey Blitz will take place in Bandon Wednesday September 29th. We would like to wish all eighteen budding hockey stars the very best of luck.

Badminton is starting up soon on Monday afternoons!

Basketball

Form I **Girls** Basketball begins straight after School on Tuesdays and Wednesday. Matches coming up very soon! For more information talk to Bean Uí Riain. **Boys** Basketball: there's a coach on the way, so **everyone** get out there and start practising!

Rugby

The Senior Team travelled down to Tipperary Town to play Abbey School, but it was a 15-16 man match as the referee was a school teacher for Abbey. Despite that it was a good match with lucky breaks from Abbey, which put them up 12-0 at half time.

A good pep talk encouraged our boys to get back with a try scored by Richard Dodd and a conversion by Rowan Taylor and later another try by Colm Goode and another conversion by Rowan Taylor bringing the score 12-14. As the game neared a close it started to get scrappy and small fights broke out and unfair calls were made, resulting in Jason Thong and Darragh Gleeson being sent off and a penalty straight in front of the posts was scored by Abbey which ended the game with a 15-14 win to Abbey.

An unfair result for a great performance especially from Richard Dodd, Jason Thong and Rowan Taylor.

Kristina Austin, Angela Birdthistle, Oscar Barrett Cuixeres, Leslie Hayes, Paul O'Donoghue, & Enrico Conte.



Announcements The weeks ahead

Theme Dinner

Mike and the ladies in the kitchen are glad to say that there will be a theme day coming up for pupils who get dinners. The date is yet to be decided. So what country will it be this time?

Tuck-shop

Tuck shop queue seems to be getting worse despite the previous Red Sokz announcements. The chaos must stop now as it is unfair on the ladies serving us our well needed tuck. Keep in mind seniors to the left and juniors to the right!

Caving

Mr. Lillis is organising another Caving Trip, dates for which will be announced soon. Club meetings are in Room 7 on Thursdays after School. Go to Mr. Lillis for more details.

Boscaí Bruscar

Mike Kearsley would like to ask pupils, yet again, to please use the recycling bins provided and keep the School clean!

Movie news

Dr. Johnston has told us about a new film, *The Return Of The King-Director's Cut* which, as he put it 'Is well worth watching'. He also said that it would be a nice idea for students to submit some poetry to Red Sokz if they so wish. We'd all love to read some of your poetry, so get writing!

Liz Kavanagh & Ciara Harrington

Careers

Twenty six Form VI students had a very successful trip to Higher Options in Dublin on Wednesday. All Irish Universities and Colleges from Ireland and many from Britain were present. On Tuesday during tutor time €6 will be collected from Form V for Higher Options, which will be held in Limerick on the 5th of October.

Mrs. Sirr urgently needs to see anyone in Form VI intending to apply for medicine, veterinary or dentistry in Britain or anyone hoping to apply to Oxford or Cambridge, by Monday or Tuesday.

From 11:30 to lunch time on Wednesday next, a guest

speaker will be talking to any students from Form VI intending to go to college in Britain. She will be dealing with the UCCAS personal statement, which is the most important part of the UCCAS form and from which your entry onto courses is often determined. She will also be giving help with interview techniques. So anyone who has an interview as part of their entry into college should also attend.

Art

Last week the Form III Art class went with Miss O'Brien to an exhibition of W.B. Yeats at the Hunt Museum and then went on to Limerick Art College to see a portrayal of work by the college's first year students.

Kate Dix IVQ

Congratulations – We would like to congratulate Mrs. Carr as she is expecting a baby in of January. We all wish her the best of luck during and after the pregnancy.

Sinead McCrossan and Rain Thompson-Carter

Forms V and VI

Mr. Atkinson has announced that there will be Prefect Meeting on in Room 7 next Thursday, September 30th at 13:15. He has also announced that its last call for Gym monitors, so if you're in Form V or VI and would be interested in supervising the gym please go to see him. In return for your hard work will get free gym membership as a reward.

Bobbie-Jean Birdthistle & Cian Williams.

Christian Union

The Christian Union is held every Thursday at 13:05 in Room 26 and on Friday for those who are interested in forming a band playing Christian music. All religious denominations are most welcome. If you missed the meeting held today, please see Mr. Lawes for more.

ANOIS 04 takes place October 23rd - more in the next issue.

Jennifer Moore