



# Red Sokz

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## Editorial

Welcome to Issue IV, brought to you by Dr. Johnston's Form IV English class. This is their second production of Red Sokz and a very good one at that.

The Sports Section is over full and you will have to go to the online version of the newsletter to get the full story on the Minor Girls' Blitz - [www.villiers-school.com/redsokz](http://www.villiers-school.com/redsokz)

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

We'd like to include a **Letters to the Editor**, section in this newsletter, please e-mail the editor with any issues you would like to raise [redsokz@villiers-school.com](mailto:redsokz@villiers-school.com) Until next week, enjoy issue.

## Portugal - 'Free' trip ....

The School is involved in a European exchange project with a school in Portugal, which is also linked with the Green Schools Programme.

This is a competition open to 8 boys and 8 girls from Form IV; sorry to disappoint those of you in other forms.

On Tuesday next at 13:10 in Lecture Theatre, there will be a general meeting regarding the project for interested Form IV students. Students interested in getting involved should attend.

Sixteen Portuguese students will come here for a few days and will stay with the families of the sixteen selected Villiers students. When we go to Portugal this compliment will be returned. During the visits, students will be involved in environmental project work and social events.

Some classes in basic Portuguese will be run as an after School activity, perhaps on Wednesdays, yet to be confirmed.

Selection criterion for Villiers students will be based on:

- the best contributions in terms of ideas on how best, we as in Villiers students, can improve our School Environment
- Greatest ongoing contribution of commitment, effort and work on the projects.

Form more information on Green Schools see [www.eco-schools.org](http://www.eco-schools.org), or [www.antisce.org/projects/greenschools.html](http://www.antisce.org/projects/greenschools.html)

So, get thinking on practical ideas and suggestions, *Melhor de sorte!*

## Features

### Farmers Festival

Again this year a group of students from forms V and VI went to Ploughing Championships with Mr. Lillis and Mr. O'Hanlon. They left at 7:30, an early start and got back to the School at 22:00 tired and truly exhausted after a great day. Though it was a long journey, five hours to get there, all agree that it was well worth it.

For those who don't know, this is an annual event where farmers and the public come together to celebrate rural living and the traditions of rural life. Apart from the Ploughing Competitions there were Hunter Trials, stalls of all size and description, displays of vintage as well as the latest high tech. high spec. modern agricultural equipment.

The livestock section was of particular interest to our Agricultural Science students where they got to see most of the top pedigree breeds of cattle and sheep.

Attending this event often necessitates the wearing of wellingtons but luckily the weather was dry and dusty, excellent conditions for ploughing.

The Championships have been running since the '30s.

*Kate Dix IVQ, Sarah Drew IVN & Rachael Cronin IVQ.*

### Trip to the Abbey Theatre

Mr. Rusk took his English class to Dublin's Abbey Theatre on Tuesday. They departed at 9 am and arrived back at 12.30 pm. They went to Liffey Valley Shopping Centre for grub and from there they continued on to a museum where there was a band playing. Mr. Rusk jokingly said he organised it and many of his gullible students believed him.

Upon leaving the museum they headed towards the popular Grafton St. to do a spot of shopping and got to view O'Connell Street's famous Spire.

There was a lovely buffet provided by the National Lottery, however the food could never compare to our chef Mike's ever popular cuisine.

Before the show they got a "one on one" interview with the Director of the Play. They got a commentary and an evaluation of the play. After this they took their seats and were ready to enjoy the show "I Do Not like the Dr. Fell" which was a black comedy based on seven people in a therapy group. Each character was completely different and the overall show was very enjoyable. It was a very good comedy.

Mr. Rusk's English class would like to thank Ms. Byrne and Ms. Gowing for escorting them and showing them a won-

derful day. They would like to give a special thanks to Mr. Rusk for organising a truly wonderful day, one which they will never forget. Lastly, a big thank you to the National Lottery for funding the day.

*Ciara O'Connell, Helena Fox & Catriona Flynn*

### Family Fun Day

The Family fun day on September 18<sup>th</sup> was an exciting day of activities at Villiers School. People came to join the fun from all over Ireland including Kerry, Tipperary, Clare, even Offaly. There was a variety of activities for all ages including Face Painting for children, Art, Music, Drama, and a range of speeches were delivered on certain topics.

It was a day-long activity and the Tuck Shop and Café were open for business. At the end of the day there was a service that included modern music. Mr. Lawes, the School Chaplin enjoyed the entire day but was must struck with the speech presented by a woman who was dressed as a clown. She was speaking of her experiences with GOD.

The day was a complete success for everyone who was involved; special thanks are extended to everyone who contributed.

*Michelle Hanley, AJ Fowler, & William Doherty*



## Sport

### Basketball

Girls basketball league matches will start in two weeks as part of The Limerick School Girls Association. We heard from a little birdie that Alison Nagle from 1<sup>st</sup> year is one to watch out for!! So keep practising girls not long to go!

*Kristina Austin IVP and Angela Bird IVP*

### Rugby

Unfortunately this week's rugby was very unlucky as both our Junior and Seniors played well but nevertheless did not come out with a victory.

**Senior** Rugby stars led by Richard Dodd narrowly lost to a good St. Nessans' side who got off to a great start when they twice broke through a solid Villiers defence and scored two great tries.

Despite the bad start, Villiers once again we showed good heart and fought back with a brilliant forward display which was rewarded by a great try off a quick tap penalty by Colm Goode. This was then converted by Rowan Taylor.

Villiers continued to press the Nessans side in the second half and scored another great try this time courtesy of Oscar Barrett Cuixeres but this time Rowan didn't convert. Later on in the game, Villiers' indiscipline gave away two penalties which the Nessans out-half ruthlessly converted. In the end despite a good performance Villiers lost 18-12.

The **Juniors** had a good match but were dominated by a brilliant St. Nessans' side. Villiers put in a good display but

could not manage to control the Nessans' attack. Despite the fact that many key players were missing such as Leslie Hayes, Oscar Barrett and long term injury Blaine Cregan they put in a brave performance in which Kris O'Shea and Kealan Murphy shone though.

*By Oscar Barrett Cuixeres and Leslie Hayes*

### Hockey - Minor Girls

Over 400 U14 girls from the Hockey Playing Schools around Limerick converged on Crescent College Comprehensive on Wednesday 29th September for a full day blitz.

Five teams from Villiers competed and did themselves proud. Two teams of Form I Girls competed in division 3 and while not making the play offs learned a great deal competed strongly. Several notable performances were enjoyed by a vocal and enthusiastic Villiers support: Kali Parkin, Keeva Rea, Erika Despard, and Emily Lawes were among them.

Another first year team and a second year team played in division two. The first year team showed great potential but lacked a little match experience. This team was packed with names you will hear more of in hockey: Lanie Sheehan, Elaine Griffin, Lucy Downes and Sharon Leahy all played particularly well.

The second year team succeeded in reaching the division final where they lost out to a good performance by Castletroy College. Interesting to note that a key figure in that defeat was Tara Whisker, daughter of our own Mr. Whisker. **Cont'd P. 3**



## Announcements ..... The weeks ahead

### Literature

Mrs. M. O'Sullivan announces that the **Lending Library**, which is located in Room 3, will be open every Wednesday from 14:50 until 16:30 and at lunch time on Fridays.

Mrs. O'Sullivan and many more in the School would be delighted to see more students reading more literature. There is an excellent and very broad collection of novels from many genres.

*Rain Thompson-Carter IVQ*

### Caving Trip

There will be a Caving Trip on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November. This is open to all members of the Caving Club but the trip is limited to fourteen students in total. If you are not already involved and would like to join the club, you are more than welcome to join our speleologist Mr. Lillis and his bunch of budding young speleologists.

*Sinead McCrossan IVM and Rain Thompson-Carter IVQ*

### Café

Rose would like to sincerely thank everyone using the café for stacking their chairs. She looks forward to seeing more of this soon.

### Bottle Warmers

Mrs. Mahon wants any old bottle warmers for warming bottles for an experiment. She would also like to remind people to tie up hair while in the Lab. and also not to bring food or drink to the Lab.

### Church of Ireland

The **UDYC** (Church of Ireland Youth Department) is organising two weekend events this October. The **Junior Weekend** will be held from Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> of October in Fordstown, Navan, County Meath. It is for people aged 10 to 13. It is a weekend with lots of activities

which include swimming and a day trip to Dublin.

**ANOIS '04** led by Greg Fromholz, is a weekend with a live band and guest speakers. A selection of workshops will be available with talented creative speakers. This event will be held at Wilson's Hospital School, Multyfarham, Co Westmeath, between Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of October.

Should you have any questions or if you would like a booking form for either event please see Mr. Lawes the School Chaplain.

*Jen Moore & William Doherty*

### Form V

All of Form V will be going to a Careers Exhibition in Limerick Race Course on Tuesday Afternoon. Anyone who has not paid €6 to Miss. Sirr please do so immediately.

### College Courses in England

Mrs. Sirr would like to meet all students applying for on Veterinary, Dentistry or Medicine in the UK on Monday after school in the library. In particular she needs to see all students applying for Oxford or Cambridge. Maybe one of you might join Shane Sibbel who's heading off to Oxford on Saturday. Best of luck, Shane!

### Tutor Time is back!

Starting next Monday Form Tutor Time will be at 11:05 everyday for 5 minutes. Tutors will get a chance to meet with their forms. Everybody must avail of this opportunity to meet with their Form Tutor.

### Half Day

There will be a school planning development meeting next Friday afternoon, students will finish at lunch time for the day.

*Liz Kavanagh and Ciara Harrington*

## Sport cont. from page 2

This team performed excellently throughout the match with Ruth Carey, Chloe Fanning and Sharon Moriarty outstanding. Alyson Nagle, promoted from the first year team due to illness, was also impressive.

In Division One our most experienced team started with an unfortunate defeat to Crescent's Third Team. It was the last foot they put wrong and improved with each game to contest a semi final with Crescent's First Team. Honours even after play a marathon penalty flicks shoot out ensure. After fifteen flicks each and scores still tied, the result was decided by the toss of a coin. It fell in favour of Crescent.

This team deserved better, it was a cruel way to exit a competition. Cruel,

but in the context fair, for several reasons. Bigger sporting events have been decided in this way but none more heart-breaking to a side brimming with talent and enthusiasm. This reporter cannot single out anyone but check the team sheet: Ciara Danaher, Billy Sexton, Emma Doherty, Anita Williamson, Kate McCrossan, Suzanne Roe, Jennifer Lyttle and Ellen Scott.

Many thanks from players and staff are due to the team managers who come from the U15 Hockey ranks; they organised and co-ordinated and encouraged their teams throughout the day. Great job girls!

Villiers was represented by sixty two students and each one of them did themselves, their teams and their School proud. It was an honour and a

privilege to be associated with them.

Next event, Minors check the Sports Notice Board.

*Mr. M. Sutton*

*Enrico Conte, Paul O'Donoghue & Bobbie*

*Jean Birdthistle*

**Photos to be added next week - check back!**