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Editorial

Welcome to Issue IX brought to you by Mr. Storey's Form IV English class.

We didn't get an issue to you last week due to our attention being diverted to a very successful Drugs Awareness event. Students attended lectures and workshops during the school day on Thursday. In order to ensure that everybody got to see and hear all speakers some students spent half of Friday at Drugs Awareness events. Even the parents weren't left out, where there was a special presentation for them on Thursday night. On behalf of the student body we would like to thank everybody involved for bringing such a brilliant event to us.

This issue is fairly packed, have a read to see what's going on at the minute, in this very busy School.

The Musical

The Magic of the Musicals is an incorporation of some of the best musicals that have ever been seen on Broadway.

Chorus Line features "One Singular Sensation", an upbeat song about a very special lady.

In My fair Lady, Eliza Doolittle is a poor, Cockney flower seller who is transformed into a respectable lady by the upper-class, snooty Higgins who she eventually falls head over heels for.

In Annie we see a group of poor orphan girls who are bullied by the bossy Ms. Hannigan and dream of a better life. The star, Annie, is able to live this fairytale life with the help of Grace Farrell.

Les Misérables tells the story of a poor young girl, abandoned by her parents, who is helped by a kind stranger in the French Revolution.

In Act II, Cats takes you to the dump and shows you what it's like to be feline.

South Pacific takes you to a very different place where the main characters are sailors in search of love.

A group of thieves welcome a lost orphan boy in Oliver and we all look forward to some "Summer Lovin'" in Grease – a story of two young lovers who reunite in an American high School.

The Magic of the Musicals

Nov. 23rd-25th

Admission:

Adults €10

Students €5



Features

Operation Christmas Child

A big thank you again to everyone who took part in Operation Christmas Child. Again it was a huge success this year. A special thanks to Ms. Gowing and her Form I CSPE classes who got involved as part as their action project. Thank you to Mrs. Mahon who again supplied loads of teddy bears. It was a big School effort and thanks again to everyone who got involved.

Operation Christmas Child gives people a chance to realise how lucky they are; it also allows them to help children who are less fortunate than themselves. The shoe boxes that are collected in Villiers contain items such as teddies, toothbrushes, toothpaste, crayons, note paper, sweets, hats and scarves.

A huge thanks you to everyone!

EveryMan Palace Theatre

On Thursday 19th November Ms. Storey, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Rusk, Mr. Lawes and Ms. Thornton along with students from Forms II & III to see a production of "Romeo and Juliet".

The production was a very modern interpretation of the play with unusual lighting and sound effects.

José Hermosilla Carrasco

The Harrogate "Exchange"

On the field things were a reasonable success, but unfortunately it didn't quite go to plan off the pitch. There were many difficulties with the hosting, but in the end people came to the rescue. The evening the team arrived, they stayed in a hotel as the dates ran into the beginning of mid term. Although on Saturday night the teams stayed with Villiers Folk, including past pupils. We have been asked to make a special thanks to the families of the students who hosted the visitors.

Mr. Sutton describes hosting as "Give and Take". The group who had visited in 2002 were most helpful. Mr. Sutton went on to say how the whole team had a "Great time" and how they "Felt part of the social scene" He told us that some team members got the chance to go the Heineken Cup match with their host family. Mr. Sutton would like to think this will still be going on 5 years down the line, although there are no guarantees. He also added that Mr. McCrohan was around during the weekend and he was great support for him.

Throughout the whole weekend

there really seemed to be an air of "familyness" about the place and some team members even got goodbye kisses (on the cheek!) from their host families.

Mr. Sutton would also hope there will be a trip next year, but there is nothing set in stone yet.

Vikki Martin & Rachel King

Villiers PTA

wine tasting evening

Thursday Dec. 2nd
19:30



Friendship Wines & Hampers
<http://www.friendshipwines.com/>

Focusing on a selection of wines from Cote du Bourg—Bordeaux, with a touch from Italy, including Sicily.

Hampers and Boxes will be on display and purchases can be made on the night





Sport

Hockey

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Hockey Team who played an amazing match on Friday last. Particular credit to Clare Conboy-Stephenson, Ciara Ryan, Aislinn Craughan and Philippa Scholl for scoring goals, but Mr. Shine was impressed. They won 6-0.

We would also like to say congrats to the mighty goalie Ciara Harrington for her role in the match as she saved every goal coming her way.

Congratulations to the two First Year Hockey Teams who competed in the Hockey Blitz last Wednesday.

On Tuesday last, the Junior Girls drew 2-2 with Laurel Hill. Well done to Georgia Adams and Megan Reilly who scored for Villiers.

Basketball

In two weeks we will be having our second basketball match of the season. Look on the Sports Notice Board for those who are playing.

The boys will be getting a new coach in the near future so exciting times ahead for basket ball players!

We wish Mrs. Ryan a speedy recovery from her recent surgery. Get well soon!!

The Form I Girls basketball match against Presentation School was a very exciting encounter. Villiers won the match 16-9. Villiers took the lead at the start and kept the pressure on, all through the match.

Training takes place Tuesday at 15:30--16:30 and Wednesday at 15:15-16:15. Any Form I Girls interested in playing come along to practise.

A huge thank you to the coaching staff that have put in a lot of effort over the last few months: Ms. Ryan, Ms. Lynch, Ms. Regan and Ms. Sexton.

Richard Holland and Jose Hermosilla

Reminder

If you are interested in joining the **School Gym** for 30€ for the year, contact Mr. Fennell as soon as possible.

Rugby

Trip to Dublin for Ireland v USA on the 20th of November. If anybody is interested in seeing Ireland win for only 35€, which includes bus, match ticket and dinner, please contact Mr. Fennell as soon as possible.

On Wednesday all Rugby Teams represented Villiers with convincing wins. The Juniors played St. Davis College in a highly competitive match. They started off very well and the team was rewarded with a try from a back move which was finished by William Doherty to win the first try of the match. Later on Oscar Barrett Cuixeres made a beautiful run to score a second try in style. For the rest of the match Villiers dominated but could not score. Villiers won 10-0 with notable performances from Diarmuid Quinlan, William Doherty, Oscar Barrett Cuixeres and Leslie Hayes.

The Seniors had a good performance despite a depleted squad. They showed once again that this year we have a talented team. Villiers proved their superiority by running in five tries, two by Richard Dodd another two from Colm Goode and to round it all off one from Jason Thong.

Notable performances were from Colm Goode and Richard Dodd.

Eric Fogerty

Kick Boxing

Villiers School is delighted to announce a new World Champion in our midst.

Congratulations to Jade Moore who is the World under 16 Kick Boxing Champion.



Announcements The weeks ahead

Jaw's Jump

Janet Bray is bravely committing herself to a parachute jump. This is in aid of the St. Nicolas Church of Ireland School, Adare, building fund.

Anyone wishing to sponsor Janet please contact her as quickly as possible. Training is still taking place each day from the sports hall roof!

ISPCC

Ms. Gowing is collecting stamps which will be sent onto to The Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children <http://www.ispcc.ie>, so remember when you get your Christmas cards you might collect the stamps and bring them into Ms. Gowing in Room 18.

Equestrian News

Well done to Lorraine Quinn who came in first place in the Interschools Horse Riding Competition last weekend.

Chess Club

Ms. Quinn would like to announce that the Chess Club has started to meet on Wednesdays at 4 o'clock in Room 11 under the guidance of Mr Alfred. Anyone interested is most welcome.

Craft Club

Ms Cottiss would like to say that the **Craft Club** is meeting every Tuesday. There are twenty eight students in the club.

They are making cards, Christmas decorations, etc... Well done to all who are participating.

Musical

The Transition Years would like announce that the annual musical will be taking place on next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, of next week. Tickets are: €10 for adults & €5 for students.

Rehearsals have been going on since the beginning of term and have been good so far. The students have been working very hard, not to mention all the people working behind the scenes.

Once again we have invited some primary schools to come and see the Matinee on Tuesday next. This year we have invited students from J.F.K. Gael Scoil, Limerick School Project, The Model School and St. Wilson's Mungret. Some of you are past pupils from these schools. You might like to catch up with your old teachers and say hello to some students that you know. The matinee was a great success last year and we are looking forward to more of the same this time round.

Sarah Thornton IV N