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Editorial

Welcome to Issue V, brought to you by Mrs. O'Sullivan's Form IV English class.

Once again we have a packed issue beginning with our main stories on the Young Entrepreneurs Competition and Religious Education.

The Sports Section has all the news from the usual Hockey, Rugby, Basketball, Swimming and a very interesting piece on some training for the Special Olympics which takes place here in Villiers.

Don't forget to catch up on the latest general news and notices in the Announcements Sections.

Today is a half day (for students), we've a little longer weekend - enjoy!

Main Stories

Young Entrepreneurship 2005

Through the work of Ms. M. O'Brien and Mr. Jones, the minds of our future Young Entrepreneurs have been working hard these past few weeks coming up with imaginative ideas for this year's projects. Many weird and wonderful ideas have been brought together by the Form IV enterprise and Business classes and the projects are now well underway.

Some of the projects include International Time-Zone clocks, Art Calendars with Advertisements and 'the 99c D.I.Y book'. These products and more will be available for purchase soon; the Young Entrepreneurs will be delighted to take orders and sell their produce to anybody that is interested, so start saving!!

Religious Education

Form IV Religious Education classes would like to thank Ms. Sexton and Mr. Lawes for inviting two excellent and most interesting guest speakers: Rev. Jane Galbraith and Fr. David Bracken who gave a talk to them in the Lecture Theatre last Wednesday.

They would also like to thank Rev. Galbraith and Fr. Bracken for giving up their time to speak to them on matters such as what work they do and why they decided to become clergy in their churches. All in all it was found to be very interesting and Form IV now feel they know a lot more about what devoting your life to God involves.

Annalise Hurley

Features

Careers Day

On Tuesday of this week Form V students travelled with Mrs. Sirr, Ms. Storey, Mrs. Thornton and Mr. Lillis to Limerick Race Course, not for racing but for a careers exhibition. This was a big event as all Limerick secondary schools attended.

There they were given information on college courses and advice on career opportunities.

Most of our Form V students attended and found it helpful. The information given to the students gave them a better insight into employment opportunities.

Killian Mitchel & Naomi O'Neil

Form and Fusion

We welcome our two new art teachers: Ms. Kirwin who is helping with the Form and Fusion, and Mr. O'Regan who will be teaching us how to make paintings on canvas after Christmas.

There are only three costumes able to enter into the Form and Fusion competition from our School, and so all Art students are working hard on their costumes to try and complete them.

If you would like to help contribute to this and bring in some materials such as bottle caps, shells, crisp packets; you

are more than welcome.

Some of the costumes they are working on are based around the sea, every day things, and Greek mythology. Interesting!

Naomi O'Neil

Halloween

Some of our overseas students tell us about the customs for this season in their countries.

Nacho and Andres tell us that Halloween in **Spain** is not really important. They do not have a mid-term break. They obviously love the fact of a week's holiday which they wouldn't if they were back in their schools in Spain.

Danil Solevyeve tell us that Halloween is very important in his country, **Kazakhstan**. It is the time when they remember their dead so it is very similar to Ireland. They wear costumes and mask to frighten people and call to houses where they hope to get sweets. Families get together to celebrate and have large dinner parties.

In **Germany**, Dorian Andrade and Max Bohlender say that they just have parties in clubs and discos. There are not any special decorations in the streets. However, they do have 'Halloween' in the March-April period and it is called

Faschins and friends and families get together and wear costumes and have fun.

Form Tutor Time:

Time for this has changed to 11:05 daily. Mrs. Cottiss tells us that so far this week it has worked fairly well. It will take time for us to get use to the time changes in the timetable.

Students will be well aware how valuable these sessions are. As well as providing students with an opportunity to meet classmates, they also help establish efficient communication channels'. We will come back to this topic later.

Nacho Gonzalez Gomez & Andres Arriaga Perez

Portugal Environmental Exchange

The meeting at Tuesday lunchtime was very successful with an excellent turnout.

Students need to submit their project ideas for consideration by Monday next.

The teachers involved Ms. Gowing, Mrs. O'Sullivan, Mr. Sadleir and Mr. McCrohan tell us that it was nice to see so much and so very keen enthusiasm; they are looking forward to the submissions.

So who is going to get to go to Portugal? Only time and effort can tell! May the best men and women, win!



Sport

Hockey

Soon after the Senior Girls practice match the Minor Girls took to the pitch for a practice tournament. They were split into four teams: The Rebels, The Raiders, The Villains and The Pirates.

First were The Rebels Vs The Raiders. After a tough tight match The Rebels scraped through to the final. Next onto the pitch were The Pirates Vs The Villains. The Pirates won that match and looked to a place in the final.

The final was a thrilling encounter but ended up at 0-0 which was probably the best way to finish as there was nothing between the two teams.

The third and fourth place match was between The Raiders and The Villains. The Villains won to claim third place and put The Raiders into fourth.

We also want to wish the Minor Boys Hockey Team good luck when they travel to Scotland next week to see how well they can do against the foreign teams. Good luck lads.

Colin Doherty IVP & Eric Callender IVQ

Rugby

Unfortunately, the match against Middleton for the Junior and Senior Teams was cancelled due to the bad state of the pitch.

We have been asked to remind you that Junior Team shirts and any other sport's kit, be it School Kit or otherwise, are not to be worn during the School day as they are not part of the school uniform. Training tops can be worn en-route to training. The shirts can be worn on match days.

Daragh Carroll, Brian Lillis, & Vance Power.

Special Olympic Games

Every Tuesday night at 7 o'clock people from Bawnmore come into Villiers Sports Hall to train for the Special Olympics. Some volunteers from Form IV are helping in this training session: Alva Gallagher, Angela Birdthistle, Andrew Jones, Bobbie Jean Birdthistle, Catriona Flynn, Carmen Ramos, Kristina Austin, Jana Castles, Jennifer Moore, Rain Thompson Carter and Sarah Drew. They will be helping to train for sports such as Hockey and Basketball until competitions which will be held during the year.

Basketball

Form I Girls Basketball has been running since the beginning of term and has proven to be very successful. Training is on every Tuesday 15:30 – 16:30 and Wednesday 15:00 – 16:00. It is important that the team trains each week, as matches will be approaching soon. Anyone else interested in joining, turn up Tuesday.

Girls Soccer

Girls Soccer is back, due to popular demand. Training will resume Wednesday 15:15 – 16:30 at the Hockey pitch. Anyone interested in playing, contact Ms. Sexton or turn up Wednesday.

Villiers' Swimming Champion

Last weekend Peter Shone left for Indianapolis. He is taking part in the World Games and is swimming for Zambia. Every morning he meets his team at 9:00 for practice. He is entering in four competitions, 50m freestyle, 100m freestyle, 200m freestyle and 100m individual medley. It will be aired on Eurosport and it should be one to watch.

Carmen Ramos, Eamonn Fitzgerald & Blaine Cregan.



Announcements The weeks ahead

Library ICT Facility

Ms. Sirr will be in her "New office" as of Monday, which is located just below the hockey pitch. Contrary to the rumours, 'fortunes will not be told nor burgers sold.' This move means that for us students we will have the library computers back.

We heard another little rumour that the Library ICT Facility might be about to get a little bit of a face lift. Red Sokz will keep its eyes and ears open on this one for you.

Recycling

Mr. Kearsley would like all students to please be more aware about recycling. There are plenty of bins all over the School. **Reduce, Re-use, and Recycle!!**

Form I Parent Evening

Ms. Quinn would like to remind all Form I parents about the parent evening on Tuesday next the 12th October. She hopes that all parents will attend.

Lending library

Ms. M. O'Sullivan would like students to know that the lending library is open every Friday at 13:10 and after school next Wednesday. She would also like all students to bring back any books that have been borrowed.

Form and Fusion

Some of the Form IV students are making a dress for Form and Fusion and would appreciate if you could collect any crisp packets and put them into a special bin that will be in the

café next week. Please only put in empty crisp packets, no rubbish. Thank you.

Hetty Sanders IV M & Rebecca Milne IV Q

Café

Rose tells us that students seem to be getting confused with Café lunch menus, so here it is: one week we have panorita pizza (with cheese and tomato or salami or ham and pineapple), or chicken burger. The next week it will be toasted sandwiches and sausage rolls. Then it's back to the panorita pizzas!!

Girls Hockey

School Girls hockey leagues shortly upcoming, there will be practice matches coming up soon. For further information please contact Mr. Sutton.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child will be starting again in Villiers from Monday. Posters have been put up about how you can help. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact Ms. Sexton. Since Operation Christmas Child was such a huge success last year, we hope to have more boxes to send off to children this year. **You can make a difference!!**

Christian Union

Now there is a Christian Union and a Music Christian Union Mr. Lawes is encouraging everyone to come along on Thursdays at 1.15 for the CU and Tuesdays at lunch time for the MCU. Come on and join the fun.

Nigel Drew & Simon Brickenden