



# Red Sokz

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## Editorial

Welcome to Issue VIII brought to you by Mr. Rusk's Form IV English class. They worked very well gathering content during the week and we are delighted to bring you this excellent issue.

The main story "Drug Awareness" the main event for the coming week. The organisers have put in Trojan effort and we're looking forward to enjoying the fruits of their labour.

We are pleased to see a Vocabulary Builder section. We are hoping to introduce this so that we might up the register of the languages that we speak. Try for fun to include some of these words in your discourse and School work during the week.

The Features, Sports and Announcements sections are jam-packed with lots of newsy bits, so enjoy!

## Drug Awareness

**Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is Drug Awareness.** A similar day, which was highly successful, was held three years ago but drugs education must be constant to make a difference.

The day will take the form of a series of lectures which will run on Thursday and Friday morning.

**Cuan Mhuire**, a drug rehab centre in Bruree, Co. Limerick will be coming to the event with a group of recovering drug abusers who will tell their stories. Also on the day, representatives from **Alcoholics Anonymous** and the **Samaritans** will be here to tell us about their work. Derry O'Malley who specialises in **smoking cessation** will be talking to us about the dangers of smoking and will give a session for students interested in giving up smoking. There will be some **paramedics** coming to tell us about their job and its connection with drugs. There is also a

drama group included in the programme.

Students from all forms will be involved. The organising committee includes Mr. Jones, Ms. Gowing, Mrs. Bray, Mr. Lawes and Ms. Sexton.

For parents, the **Parents Teacher Association** will be holding a drug awareness evening in the school on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm. Please tell your parents about the evening. Parents who cannot make it to the Drug Awareness Evening are most welcome to come to the Drug Awareness Day.

### Colours Day

Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup> is colours day. €2 will be collected from all students by Student Council members on Monday. All monies raised will go to help fund the groups visiting the School on Thursday. All monies to Drugs Awareness.

*Jonathan Cardy, Molly O'Connell  
& Claire Conboy Stephenson*

## Features

### Skiing in Norway 2005

The next ski trip will take place during the Easter holidays. Due to the ever increasing popularity and costs of Austria at this time of year, an alternative location was chosen and Lillehammer, Norway worked out to be very competitive.

Over seventy students are going along with members of staff. This is the first time that they are going to Norway and they are all ecstatic. Lillehammer is an old Olympics Resort; the Winter Olympics once took place there. It is in a picturesque location, surrounded by beautiful villages. The students will be staying in chalets in the mountains, but will be catered for by the hotel. The resort has a good evening program and Mr. Sutton says that it's "second to none", more on the resort in a later issue.

*Aine Pennello & Yvonne Bovenizer*

### Form and Fusion

As some of you will already know, "Form and fusion" is a design competition in which students from all around the country compete. For this competition, entrants must come up with an original costume design on a theme of their choice (working alone or in groups)

and put it together; using the most inventive materials they can think of. Past costumes have appeared in all shapes and sizes and have ranged from the ordinary to costumes made from materials like chicken wire, recycled plastic bottles, bottle caps, tea bags and even animal bones.

For a few years now, students from Villiers have been entering this yearly competition and this year is no different. Ms. O'Brien is putting forward six groups from the Transition Year Art class (that includes us) and with the help of designer Amanda Kirwin, work has begun on their designs for the competition. The groups have six weeks to complete their designs and the best three outfits from the class will be chosen to go through to the competition.

Design ideas for this year include a figure from *Greek Mythology*, *A Woodland Spirit* and *Satan's Handiwork - the addictions and problems in the world*.

The heats will take place in February 2005 with the finals held later in the year.

Red Sokz wishes the best of luck to all those involved.

*Amy O'Dwyer and Brett O'Mahony, IV M*

### Vocabulary Builder

- **Insinuate** - imply something: To hint at something unpleasant or suggest it indirectly or gradually.
- **Deglutition** - swallowing: the act or process of swallowing.
- **Bafflegab** - nonsense: pretentious and obscure talk full of technical terminology.
- **Defenestrate** - To throw someone or something out of a window.
- **Deflagrate** - To burn violently.

*Ciara Noonan & Niambh Ryan*

### Green Schools - new paper bins

Ms. Gowing informs us that as part off the School's on-going campaign to make Villiers a Green School, there will be new paper bins put at points around the School in hope of reducing the amount of waste in the School. With the bins in place we will be able to recycle the old copies, sheets of paper etc. that spill out of our lockers on to the corridors.

The Green Committee will run the whole operation and will soon begin on other projects put forward by Form IV for example a compost heap which will come in to play in the coming months.

*Brett O'Mahony IV M*



## Sport

### Senior Girls 1<sup>st</sup> League Match

Last Wednesday the Senior Girls played their first League Match against Thurles at home.

Clare Conboy-Stephenson scored the first goal for Villiers within the first few minutes. However, Thurles equalized shortly after. Villiers came back and Ciara Hereward-Ryan, our captain, scored two goals after short corners. Thurles managed to score another goal but it was to be their last and Villiers finished with their last goal by Sarah Gray. The final score was 4-2 to Villiers, well done, girls!

*Kerri O'Mahony, Jana Castles and Philippa Scholl*

### Senior Girls Vs Harrogate

On Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October a mixed team of Senior Girls and past pupils played the Harrogate girls. The match took place here in Villiers with both teams excited to play each other again. Villiers dominated the match from the start and scored the first goal. Throughout the rest of the match Villiers succeeded in scoring a further five goals. The match was completed with the score of 6-0 with goals scored from Jennifer Lyttle, Philippa Scholl, Kathryn Buggy and Jennifer Dann. However, the Harrogate team enjoyed visiting our School and are looking forward to playing us again.

Thanks to Mr Sutton who organised this event, to all families who hosted the players and to all past pupils who participated in the match.

*Kerri O'Mahony, Jana Castles and Philippa Scholl*

### Minor Boys Hockey

The Form II Boys broke their winning streak in a humiliating defeat to Bandon. The final score of 4-1 was hardly fair on our boys as we all know how well they can bring it. When interviewed on the match, goalkeeper Paddy Galvin all the way from North Kerry, said "I don't care if we lose every match this year as long as we win the league." He also added that he'd like to thank his parents "they've always been there for me ever since I was about seven." Final comment Paddy?

"Not being too harsh on Steven Cairns, he cost us the match." Thanks Paddy but we all know that it was the distinct lack of Robert Brislane that did the damage. Well done to Roger for scoring another wonder goal and better luck next time boys.

*Ricky Power & Edmond Gleeson*

### Congratulations

Well done to Sarah Gray who made it through to the Munster Under 18s Inter Pros in Newtown, Waterford on the 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> of December. It's like Mr. Gray said "If you don't believe you can win, there's no point in getting out of bed at the end of the day." Thanks for that Mr. Gray and congratulations Sarah.

*Ricky Power & Edmond Gleeson*

### Senior Match Vs Harrogate

Villiers played host to the Harrogate Rugby Team on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October in Coonagh. Saturday's match result was 32-5 to Harrogate. All would concur that this results didn't reflect on the performance by our boys; Harrogate had a very tough battle for each and every score.

Villiers played very well but the strong Harrogate defence kept Villiers at bay. Villiers was defensive through the first half making try saving tackles at every opportunity, but Villiers stormed the pitch at the start of the second half and scored one try by Ciaran Kelleher from a scrum near the corner of the pitch. The conversion wasn't successful. The Villiers captain was the mighty Jason Thong. Good Gamesmanship was seen from both sides.

**Congratulations** to Eric Fogerty for getting his first senior cap, to Oscar Barrett Cuixeres and Luke Holmes for achieving Munster trials in their respective positions. They are currently waiting for confirmation whether or not they made the team.

**Coming up** On the 17<sup>th</sup> of November Villiers will host St. Clements and on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December Newtown shall travel to Coonagh to battle the valiant Villiers side.

**Andrew Jones & Jeffrey Leddin**



## Announcements ..... The weeks ahead

### Basketball

Form I Girls will play Presentation on Tuesday next at 12:15 in the Sports Hall. This is their debut and we wish them the best of luck.

### Will she jump or will she be pushed?

Mrs. Bray is executing a parachute jump in aid of St. Nicholas' School in Adare. Their school is working on a new building project. We all wish Janet the best of luck with her mad escapade and hope to see her land safely!

There is no truth to the rumour that she was practising off the roof of the Sports Hall!

*Daniel Mortell*

### CSPE

Form IIP will be selling poppies from Monday November 8th until Friday 12th for Remembrance Day. Elected students will be situated around the School and the Café selling poppies at a price of €1 each. Thanking you.

*Aisling Harney on behalf of Form IIP*

There's a **photo call** on Monday next during periods 4 and 5 for students in Forms II & III. Each form will have ten minutes to leave class, line up for their photo and return quietly and promptly to class. We hope to take class photos annually; they will be something nice to have in years to come. Please endeavour to be present and presentable for the photos.

We would like to **welcome back Ms. J. Sullivan** after taking maternity leave. We would also like to wish her best of luck on her return and also with her new baby daughter Rachel.

Ms. Byrne has informed us that the **Book Shop** will be open on the following days: Monday 13:10 and Thursday 13:10.

Ms. Byrne has asked for **last years Junior Cert. Home Economics students** to please come to her room and pick up their projects.

There will be a **Study Skills** session on Monday next for Form V in the Lecture Theatre.

Please have all your **shoe boxes** in for Operation Christmas Child by Monday next at the latest.

Form I are off on a **Music Excursion** to Cork on Friday next.

*Caoife Shine, Sorcha Quinlivan & Emma Hayes*

### Chemistry

Congratulations to the Form VI Chemistry class for making a mirrored tube, a difficult experiment which students have never managed to carry out successfully before in Villiers. Ms. Mahon says: "It's a first!!" Speaking of first, Mr. Sadleir tells us Ciara Hereward-Ryan came first in the class, beating them all earlier in the week; the heat is on and not just in the Bunsen burner!

*Clodagh Meaney*