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Editorial

Welcome to Issue X brought to you by Ms. Storey's English class with the help of some other Form IV students. We've had a busy week here in Villiers, with Form IVs gone orienteering yesterday and Prize Day yielding a half day today thereby making it difficult to get this issue to you. Thankfully we were able to enlist the help of a few people around the School and here we have a packed newsletter.

We have reports from the very successful Musical, the Young Entrepreneurs, orienteering, and once again we've included the Vocabulary Builder.

The Sports section is packed with news from Basketball, Hockey, Rugby and Swimming. Thanks to all concerned for their contributions.

Last but not least, check out the Announcements Section to see what's coming up in Villiers School.

Main Stories

Young Entrepreneurs

At the moment some of our Transition Year students are involved in Enterprise class in connection with business. In this class they come up with business ideas and then set about bringing them to life.

The students have been working hard on their projects since September, under the watchful eyes of Ms. M. O'Brien and Mr. Jones. A Market Day will be held in School soon where their products will be displayed and students will have the opportunity to buy them.

After market day the hard work will continue as students must also produce a written report. They will also be involved in an in-School competition in January where they will present their projects and reports to be judged by a member of the Limerick City Enterprise Board, along with local business people. The successful entrants will go on to represent Villiers in the Senior Category at the City Final.

We wish the very best of luck to all those involved.

Vikki Martin and Amy O'Dwyer IV M

Orienteering

On Thursday Form IV went out to Curraghchase for a day of Orienteering. For those of you who don't know, orienteering involves a team of people who have to navigate their way around a pre-determined route picking up clues along the way. The team that gets to the finish in the fastest time is the winner. Well done to the winners Simon Brickenden, Edmund Gleeson, Colin Doherty and Jonathan Cardy.

A great day was had by all and it was topped off by a visit to 'De Bucket' for soup and sandwiches on the way home.

Peter Shone

Christmas Disco

The annual Christmas Disco will be held next Wednesday night in the Dining Hall. This Disco is for Juniors and Transition Years as the room cannot hold the crowds drawn in previous years.

Features

The Musical

A big congratulations must go to everyone who was involved in the musical; both on and behind the scenes. *The Magic of the Musicals* was a fabulous production. There were four performances in total, a matinee on Tuesday morning where a number of national schools were invited to come and watch the Transition Years and some Form Is work their magic, and three more evening performances, one on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mike Kearsley would like to thank all the helpers on behalf of the Security and Maintenance Department in the School. He would also like to say a very big thank-you to all the people who helped put the stage together and those who played a role in tidying up the Sports Hall after the weeks of chaos!!!

Recognition must go to Ms. Brickenden who supervised and coordinated a bunch of students in the design of sets and Mike Kearsley, who steered an eager bunch of set construction students.

Thanks must also be given to the producers: to Mrs. Gerdie McGlynn for exceptional choreography and the supply of so many costumes; to Mrs. May O'Halloarn in particular for her work in Drama and for her endless patience; and to Ms. Sinéad O'Sullivan for all the effort she put into the singing, music and for bringing us an annual Musical for the last seven years, long may it continue!

Ms. Byrne added a seasonal touch to the whole affair; she made pots of Mulled Wine, which were on sale during the intervals of the nightly shows. Proceeds went to Childline.

Particular thanks must go to Mrs. Brickenden, Mrs. Callender, Ms. Gowing, Mr. Lillis, Ms. Redfern and Mr. Sadleir who did the very difficult backstage job where they kept general calm, and helped ease the nerves of the cast. Without their supervision the show would not have gone on as it did. For this we thank you.

We would like to thank general staff volunteers who gave up evenings to help on the door, to help at the interval, and give general support during the shows:

Mr. Atkinson, Ms. Byrne, Mr. Collopy, Mr. Gray, Mr. Hardy, Ms. Howell, Mr. Jones, Ms. Keane, Mrs. Kearney, Mr. Lawes, Mr. McCrohan, Mr. Penney, Ms. Quinn, Ms. Storey, Ms. Redfern, Mr. Rusk, Mrs. Sirr and Ms. Storey. We hope we haven't left anyone out and if we have we apologise.

We hope everyone enjoyed the show and we wish this years Form III the very best of luck for next year. Will they be as good? Which show will be put on?

Aha Gallagher on behalf of all TY

Vocabulary Builder

- Mollify: to calm down, placate or soften
- Eradicate: to destroy, erase or wipe out
- Inane: empty, frivolous, senseless, silly
- Futility: pointlessness, unimportance, uselessness
- Scunner: a feeling of disgust
- Palindrome: a word, verse or sentence that is the same when read backwards or forwards
- Palaver: empty talk using many words



Sport

Basketball

Good Luck to Alison Nayle and the rest of the Form I Basketball Team who are set to take on Laurel Hill in their first match sometime next week. The day has not been decided yet but it is definitely taking place.

Swimming

Our swimmers, Ciara Hereward-Ryan, Kevin McNamara, John McCall and Peter Shone are off to compete in Villiers colours at the Munster Schools Gala which is to be held in Cork on Saturday the 12th December. They are each only allowed to enter 2 events but hopefully, with the help of Danil ??? we may be able to enter a boys relay team as well. We wish them all the best of luck.

Hockey

The U16s beat Newtown 2-1 in the League with goals from Roger Gray and Edmond Gleeson. There were debuts for Robert O'Donoghue, Eamonn Taylor and William Leech.

The Form Is also played Newtown but lost narrowly by 2 goals to nil. John O'Mahony and Jesse Power starred for the team.

Minor 1 and Minor 2 Girls played against Laurel Hill yesterday and won both matches. Minor 1s won their friendly 2-1 with Jennifer Lyttle scoring both goals. It was good teamwork throughout the game

Meghan Barriscale played in goals and for the Minor 2 match she swapped position with Jennifer Lyttle and scored two goals. Shóna Ryan scored her first goal for Villiers with a reverse stick flick. Chloe O'Kelly came close to scoring but missed. She told us that she feels she needs to work on her close control. Either way Chloe, or Bet in the Musical, is a young lady of many talents and no doubt will score goals on the hockey pitch in the years to come. We would like to thank the girls on the team for this report.

There was some confusion in the last issue on our report from the Hockey world. We included an article regarding

Senior Girl's Hockey which wasn't dated; we do not know when the match referred to was played. Perhaps you, our readers, might be able to help. No doubt the girls who were congratulated on their performance on the pitch deserved the mention. Since we do not get to go to matches, we rely on accurate reports coming from the respective teams and coaches and we do our best thereafter on the Editorial Desk.

Sarah Gray scored a hat trick in a 6-0 win over Laurel Hill in the **Senior League** on the Friday that we broke up for mid-term. Well done, Sarah on yet another success on the hockey pitch.

We would like to **congratulate** Clare Conboy Stephenson on getting to the last sixteen outfielders for the Munster U16 of which fourteen will be selected. These **Inter Provincials** are to be held here in Villiers on January 21st and 22nd.

We would like to wish the **best of luck** to Sarah Gray when she plays for Munster U18s in the Inter Pros series in Waterford on Saturday and Sunday Dec. 11th and 12th.

Mr. Gray, Eric Callender, Minor 1 and 2 Girls & Editorial Team

Rugby

On Thursday last, the **Junior Team** travelled down to Clonmel to compete in the second round of the Munster Junior Cup. It was a tough match as Clonmel scored a penalty in the opening minutes. Nearing the end of the first half Clonmel scored a try which was soon followed by another putting Clonmel up 15-0. The competitive Villiers scrum turned over the ball which led to an individual effort by Oscar Barrett Cuixeres to score a wonderful try. The match ended 15-5 to the home team. We would like to wish the Junior Team better luck in future competitions.

Unfortunately having the same fate as the Junior Team, the **Senior Team** was knocked out of the Senior Cup. They travelled to Roscrea in hope of reaching the next round. It was a toughly fought match and Villiers were winning until the end, but a penalty try, questionable at the best of times, was awarded to Roscrea. After a disallowed try for Villiers, Roscrea went on to win the match by a point.

Leslie Hayes, Blaine Cregan & Rugby Coaches



Announcements The weeks ahead

ISPCC Collections

It is now a tradition in Villiers to help raise money for the ISPCC (The Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children). This year we are helping out with their Christmas Campaign. Form IV will be collecting money next week, P and Q on December 6th and M and N on December 13th. Every one is reminded to wrap up well for those cold winter days!

Mrs. Hardy would like to notify the school that she is collecting soft toys for Belarus. They are departing on Monday so bring them in as soon as possible.

Christmas Dinner

This annual event where all Boarders and Day Boarders who have evening tea with us every evening are invited for a special Christmas Dinner in the Dining Hall. It's a bit of a glam affaire where the Form IVs 'get all dolled up' to wait on tables; serving us delicious food. Next Tuesday night Dec. 14th is the night for your Diaries.

It's a formal occasion that takes place in the Dining Hall at 7/8 pm on the 14th of December and we lucky Transition

Years serve out a delicious Christmas feast. Cooked by our very own (and very talented) Catering Staff.

Mrs. Hardy would like to remind you all that all Boarders and Day Boarders (who stay for evening tea) are invited.

The **Bookshop** is open Monday and Thursday afternoons at 13:10 in Room 8. Ms Byrne would like to remind all students that it is now on a cash only basis, since the annual book bills are now being processed.

Kate Dix, Vikki Martin and Amy O'Dwyer

Everyone in Form IV will be part taking in **Career Aptitude Tests** next Wednesday December 8th. This is a great opportunity to discover where your talents lie and will be a useful tool to help decide on Leaving Certificate subjects for next year.

The **School Choir** will be practicing on Thursday next from 15.30 to 16.30 p.m

There will be a **Green Schools meeting** on Monday next in Room 18 at lunch time, be there or be dead and that quoting Miss Gowing!