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Editorial

Welcome to Issue XIII, which is brought to you by the Portugal Project students.

This Saturday the Portuguese students and their teachers will arrive in Ireland after a long journey and will be joining the School on Monday for those hosted by day students and Sunday night for those being hosted with boarders. We have had a busy few weeks in preparation for their visit and we hope that everything comes together for our visitors.

Forms III and VI students are busy in preparation for their mocks. The advice, from some Form VI students to Form Vs is to put in the work now and the pressure might not be so bad for them this time next year.

The main story is about the Form and Fusion Competition, which Villiers has entered for the fourth time. Well done to Ms. G. O'Brien and her team. We've included a photo of the costume but it has to be seen to be believed! We wish Villiers all the best at the heats!!

Main Stories

Form and Fusion

The Coca Cola Form and Fusion Design awards have been running for seven years and steadily growing. This year, students of ages 14-18 have entered from more than 354 schools.

The organisation state on their website "The student's brief is to group together to fuse ideas, materials, techniques and talents. To design, make and model an out of this world costume based on any theme of their choosing from any recycled, waste or wonderful material. To impress the judges with a two minute performance to a piece of music of their choosing."

In 2002, a group from Villiers managed to get to the finals, an impressive feat considering that only 35 groups get through the provincial heats. This year, a group consisting of Rebecca Milne, Molly O'Connell, Brian Lillis, Andrew Jones, Carmen Ramos and Hetty Sanders have made a costume using materials such as crisp packets, sweet wrappers, coffee packets and coca cola

cans. The costume, based on the concept of a bride will be modelled by Hetty Sanders. People in Fourth Form can access photos of the costume in progress by going to the "01 shared" section, opening "Form IV" and looking in the "Form and Fusion" folder.



Villiers will take part in the Provincial heats on Wednesday 2nd of February in Galway. Fourth Form supporters will also be coming to the "Black Box" venue in Galway, to heighten the exciting atmosphere. The Portuguese students who arrive this weekend will be joining the Irish students in supporting after a trip to the Burren earlier in the day.

Molly O'Connell IVM

Features

Portuguese Activities

The Portuguese arrive on Saturday 29th of January. Their Irish partners and parents will meet them in Villiers for a meal to welcome them. They will then go to their partners houses for the night.

On Monday the 31st January, the activities will begin with an historical walk of Limerick guided by Mr. Lillis. He will also guide a caving trip the following Monday with the Portuguese students. Mr. Kearsley will be helping us make benches and plant trees around the school. A wetland ranger will take us to a local wildlife sanctuary on Tuesday. That evening a Ceilí will be held in the Dining Hall to introduce the Portuguese to Irish culture. This will be organised by a music teacher, Mrs McMahon and will take place at 7.30pm.

On Wednesday, the Portuguese and their partners will head up to the wilds of Clare to visit the Burren, the Ailwee Cave and the Cliffs of Moher. We'll then make our way to the Form

and Fusion heats in Galway. Wish us luck on getting through!

The rest of the week will be spent on trips to places like Cloughjordan where we will visit a bog and a REPs farm and Bunratty Castle. In the remaining classes, we will work on our environmental projects. On Wednesday 9th, we will all tune into the soccer match between Ireland and Portugal.

The next day, 10th of February, will be Environmental Day, the most important day of the visit in some ways. On this day, students will make presentations of their environmental projects which they wrote to improve the school's environment. There will be guest speakers such as Sinead Mc Donnell who is the Environmental Awareness Officer for Limerick City Council. She will give us a presentation on recycling.

Please try and make the Portuguese feel welcome during their stay here! Join in when you can! The Portuguese will depart on Friday 11th of

February after a special meal held in the dining hall.

Brian Lillis & Molly O'Connell IVM

ICT Suite

Today, the ICT suite has been invaded by people sticking up posters in connection with the Portuguese Exchange Trip. The posters are divided into 9 languages, giving simple phrases, questions, environmental phrases and words for food and drink in languages like Portuguese, Russian, Irish, French, Japanese and Dutch. The posters were made this week by the group of 16 Villiers students who will attend the trip to Portugal and give a idea of the developing electronic glossary for the project.

People such as Rain Thompson Carter and Jana Castles have spent lots of time ensuring that the posters are up and ready for the Portuguese arrival on Saturday. Take a look.

Molly O'Connell IVM



Sport

Rugby

Congratulations to the senior rugby team who beat St. Clements to secure a place in the second round. Clements opened the scoring, but it wasn't long before Villiers responded. An outstanding try by Oscar Barret, converted by Rowan Taylor gave Villiers the lead. Colm Good clashed heads and had to receive stitches.

Villiers then scored two more tries by Richard Dodd and Rowan Taylor to secure victory. Other notable performances were displayed by Evan Coady and Luke Holmes. The final score was 19-08.

Soccer

As we all know, the Portuguese students will arrive tomorrow. During their stay, they will take part in a soccer match with Villiers. A team, consisting of all the students involved in the project will be selected and will play another team from Villiers. Undoubtedly though, the combination of the Portuguese and the Irish will prove victorious. It will take place on the 9th of February at 3:30. Later on that night, the international soccer match will take place between Portugal and

Ireland.

Hockey

The Munster Under 16 Girls Inter – Provincials were held in Villiers last weekend. Villiers had one representative on the Munster team in Clare Conboy-Stephenson who plays the left wing position. They played well overall but at the end of the day Leinster came out victorious. Mr Sutton would like to thank all involved for their help on the day especially those involved in the scoreboard, parking, refreshments, officials, Rose in the Café, Mike in the Kitchen, Mrs. Breen, Janet who directed half the country here, the Munster team for organising the tournament and giving their support and especially thanks to Mr and Mrs. Gray for all the work they put in before, during and after the weekend.

There is a Junior Girls Cup match next week and we wish them all the best of luck in this competition. Also next Monday there is an under 15's league match against St. Annes. If Villiers wins this match they go through from their section. Good luck girls!

Edmond Gleeson IVM, Kristina Austin & Vance Power IVP



Announcements

Mocks

The mock Leaving and Junior Certificate exams are starting on Wednesday 2nd of February and continue to Friday 11th. Please be quiet in the area around the hall while exams are on. Good luck to all 3rd and 6th year students.

Parent Teacher Meeting

There is a parent teacher meeting on Tuesday 1st of February for all 1st and 4th Forms.

6th Form Announcement

Marks & Spencer are launching the second year of their Student Support programme, part of their flagship "Marks and Start" initiative. Further details on www.marksandspencer.com/studentsupport.

Valentines Day

The kitchen staff are planning a Valentines Day Lunch theme sometime before we leave for mid-term break, details to follow.

Lost Property

Mrs Breen reminds anyone who has anything in lost property to please collect it on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11.20.

Congratulations!

We'd like to congratulate Miss Lynch on her engagement and best wishes for the future.

Tsunami Relief

Mr Lawes would like to thank The Student Council and all the students for raising such a large amount of money. The total amount came to €1323.58. Colours day brought in €982.44, cake sale raised €104.86, collection jars got €152.58, the staff generously donated €55.00 and the sweet jar raised €28.70. Well done everyone!

Bookshop

The bookshop is open on Mondays and Thursdays at 13.10 in Room 8. Please bring the money you need as nothing can be charged to your bill.

Careers

Mrs. Sirr would like to remind students not to forget CAO forms. Also if anyone wishes to apply for a sports scholarship, contact Mrs. Sirr.

Student Council Elections

The student council elections were held last Friday on colours day. These are the elected students:

Form I—Harriet Davis & Geoff Bevin

Form II—Sam Ryan & Josh Addley

Form III—Kris O'Shea, Simon Crawford & Jade Ryan

Form IV—Ian Brown, Andrew Jones, Vance Power & Emma Hayes

Form V—Kathryn Buggy, Ashlynn Craughan, Jade O'Mathony & Derek Harvey.

Congratulations to all the above students.

Room 3

For the next two weeks Room 3 will act as a Prep Room and a Common Room for the Form IV students with Portuguese partners.

Welcome Mr. Nilsen

For the next couple of weeks Mr. Nilsen has joined the Villiers School community. He is a student teacher from Norway and will be helping out with History and English classes. *Céad Míle Fáilte!*

ECDL

Congratulations to Form IV students who passed ECDL exams this week. Well done! More exams over the coming weeks in preparation for work placement; study hard and best of luck!