



# Red Sokz

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## Editorial

Welcome to Issue XVI and Form IV are truly back in action where Mrs. O'Sullivan's English class have put together this issue.

Many things have been happening in Villiers School this week including some Junior & Leaving Certificate Practical exams, organising for Action Day and the "Big Bang" from the Chemistry lab.

In fact so much has happened that we couldn't fit everything in this issue. You'll just have to wait until next week's issue to find out more.

Action Day this year is full of enjoyable activities so get involved and have some fun!

Well done to all the people who ran in the Form I Mile this morning at 11:30.

We hope you enjoy this issue of Red Sokz and we'll see you again next week.

*The Editors*

## Scholarship Exams

### Scholarship '05

The scholarship exams take place this weekend, the second Saturday in May, in the Dining Hall and the Lecture Theatre of Villiers School. The exams start at 10:30 a.m. and end at 15:30.

These exams give the incoming Form I students a chance to meet other students before starting in September. It gives the teachers time to take a look at any educational needs for the students such as organizing Resource Teaching where necessary.

The scholarships are awarded to four students who achieve the highest results in their category. There is a scholarship for one boarder, one day student and the other two other students (the latter two are open to everyone). The subjects examined are Irish, English, Maths, Geography and History. English and Maths, are based on aptitude while

Irish, Geography and History are based on the material covered in 6<sup>th</sup> Class at Primary Level. Candidates are advised to take a look at a map of Ireland and to have a quick flick through a History book!

Three of the scholarships are awarded by the school and The Havergal and Roxborough Trust also award a scholarship. The scholarships are worth €3,000 each for the whole six years in Villiers School.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish the incoming Form Is the very best in the exams and we look forward to their joining us next September.

*Rebecca Milne IVQ, Catherine Manning IVN & Naomi O'Neil IVN*

## Features

### UCC Faculty of Law Essay Competition 2005

This is a competition that is aimed at senior cycle students throughout Ireland, including Transition Years. The purpose of the competition is to encourage students to consider the relevance and impact of law on various aspects of their lives and society generally. The essay must be approximately 1000 words on one of the following 8 topics-

1. Does the law fail to protect our environment,
2. How the law affects the family in Ireland,
3. Sport and the law,
4. Crime and the law,
5. The powers of the Gardaí - are they excessive?
6. Proposals for law reform,
7. Building a just and sustainable immigration policy for Ireland,
8. A constitution for Europe - challenge for Ireland.

The closing date for this competition is the 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2005. Proposals should be submitted to Mrs. O' Sullivan early next week. Winners will be notified in September 2005. All students who submit an essay will be invited to attend a lecture and prize-giving ceremony hosted by the Faculty of Law, at University College Cork in October

2005. Essays should be clearly handwritten or typed, and should be accompanied by the [Essay Competition Application form](#)

*Kieran Sheahan IVM & Vance Power IVP*

### Practical Exams

The **LCVP** written exam was held last Wednesday in the Lecture Theatre. This brings great joy to many Form VI students as one of their many exams is now over.

Portfolio work includes CV, Summary Report, Formal Report, Career Investigation and Video Interview. It improves communication skills, teamwork, report writing as well as preparation for interview situations.

The staff involved say this brings lots of pressure, particularly in completing the portfolio but they believe it is worth it as the exam is done and dusted in May, leaving students time to focus subjects with the terminal written exam.

Last Tuesday Junior Cert **Art** students sat their practical exam.

Yesterday and today the Leaving Cert Art students sat craft and drawing exams.

Monday next, **Construction Studies** will be held.

The students involved tell us that the practical exams involve lots of work but they feel it's good to have some work finished.

*Simon Brickenden IVP & Rebecca Milne IVQ*

### Yearbook 2005

As we all heard in assembly this week Mr. Rusk is planning to create a Yearbook to commemorate Villiers School 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary here on North Circular Road. This will not be possible without the help of all the students and people associated with Villiers School. There will be a competition for the cover of the Yearbook and prizes will be awarded for the best design. Up to 100 pages will be filled with articles, stories, pictures, poems and lots of other fun stuff.

The Yearbook will also include material from past-pupils of Villiers School and it will be possible for companies to place advertisements in the Yearbook. For more information about the Yearbook and the cover competition please contact Mr. Rusk in Room 4.

*Simon Brickenden IVP & Max Bohlender IVN*



## Sport

### Rugby

Congratulations to Richard White who received rugby tie on Wednesday at assembly for his skills playing for the school senior team. He has been great all season and had a huge influence in our senior team winning the O' Brien Cup this year.

### Gaelic Football

Congratulations to Alison Nagle on playing great Gaelic football for Limerick. She is talented in many different sports and we hope that she and her new team have lots of success.

### Student Teachers

We would like to say farewell and thank you to the two student P.E teachers Ms. Orla Duggan and Mr. Kevin O'Reilly for being such great teachers and helping us enjoy P.E. We are all sure they will make great teachers in the future and we wish them lots of success in for the future.

### Form I Mile

Congratulations to William James on coming 1st in the Boys Mile & Elaine Sheahan coming 1st in the Girls' Mile. Also well done to James Mc Mahon & Niamh Murphy coming 2nd in their races.

*By Eric Callender IVQ & Brian Lillis IVM*

### Soccer

The Form IIIs played Glenstal at home on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of April. After a win at the away fixture, they were looking

for another win this time.

Villiers were clearly on top all through the game. It was 2-0 by half time and it was obvious there was more to come. As the game was drawing to an end the score line was 5-0.

Both teams were tired and with tempers fraying it all became too much and male hormones took over. With this, the match was abandoned. We still have to say well done to the Form IIIs, especially Stefan Liddy-Judge who scored 3 goals on the day.

### Soccer Competition

The in school soccer competition will be starting soon. This year each team will consist of six people from the same form but different years. E.g. a person from Form IP, IIP, IIIP, IVP, VP& VIP. There will be a girls competition and a boys competition. The qualifying games will be held in the next few weeks with the semi-finals and finals being held on Action Day.

All entries for the competitions are to be handed in to Mr. Atkinson or Mr. Fennell within the next few days.

### Athletics

Athletics qualifiers have begun. They are being held on different days after school. The full timetable is up on the sports notice board so if you have entered any athletics competitions please have a look at it sometime in the near future. The finals of all athletics will be held on Action Day.

*Colin Doherty IVP*



## Announcements

### Eurodance International Festival: Annalise brings home four trophies.

Last week the European Dance Championships were held in Breen Sands, Bristol in the United Kingdom.

Annalise Hurley, IVP got 1st place in street dance team, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in hip-hop and freestyle and individually she got 4th place.

We would like to congratulate her on this and wish her the best of luck in the future.

*Danil Solovyyev IVM*

### Overdue books

Please note that all overdue books must be returned to room 3 on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May. A list of all these books is posted outside Mr. Hardy's office. We would also like to remind students that the book library is open on Thursdays from 15.30-17.00 and Fridays at lunchtime.

### Parachute Jump!

Janet is doing a fund-raising parachute jump on the 21<sup>st</sup> May in aid of St. Nicholas Primary School in Adare. This will be a tandem jump where she will be attached to another person. She will be jumping from 10,000 feet up in the sky!! She has raised €1,890 so far. She would appreciate all donations, however small. We wish her the very best of luck and a fair wind!

*José Hermosilla Carrasco IVM & Killian Mitchell IVQ*

### Action day

At this stage almost everybody should have completed an action day entry form during extend tutor time yesterday. If for some reason you have not completed an entry form, blank copies are available from Janet in the office; please return to her on completion.

As you can see some new events and activities have been introduced this year. These include Bucking Bronco, Laser Clay

Pigeon Shooting and Snake Charming. We are hoping to achieve greater participation across the whole school community this year.

All heats for the competitions will begin next week. Please check the sport notice board for further details and staff members in charge and transitions year helpers, who will keep you informed.

Anybody with any further ideas please contacts any member of the action day team: Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Gray, Mss Sexton, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Lawes and Miss. Crowley.

There will be a meeting on Monday for all Form I & Form II, girls and boys, who want to take part in basketball matches on Action Day. It will take place in the sports hall at 15:30; this meeting is to discuss teams.

For the winning teams there will be medals and also the new school basketball jerseys will be worn. All the parents are invited to come along and watch.

Look at the information board for further information about the Laser Clay Pigeon shooting competition.

*Andres Arriaga IVQ & Carmen Ramos IVM*

### The Big Bang Theory

The on-going antics of *Dodgy Dr. Dave*....

What happens when you mix H<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> in a large 2l plastic bottle and put a match to it? Ask any of the Transition Year Chemistry class! Yes, that was the big bang you heard at 12:50 on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

### ECDL

Congratulations to Jana Castles, Form IVP who was the first ECDL student to complete the course. She passed with flying colours.

*Simon Brickenden IVP & Rebecca Milne IVQ*