



Red Sokz

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Editorial

Welcome to Issue XVII, brought to you by Mr. Rusk's Form IV English class.

From this issue you will see it's all action in preparation for Action Day.

ICT would like to announce that there 'might' be a network games competition added to Action Day. Keep an eye for more info in the ICT Suite.

Ms. Byrne would like to remind everyone that's interested in baking for the Action Day Cake Sale that this popular event in aid of charity is to take place again this year. She would like to add a Thank You to all those who have contributed so generously in the past.

In terms of Sport we are currently very much taken up with Athletics, thanks to Mr. Sutton who tirelessly coordinates this area of sport. There's also a little bit on Soccer; check out the Sports section.

Swimming – Mile around Ireland

Our swimmers in Limerick Swimming Club are swimming in the Annual Ian Daly Mile around Ireland swim this weekend. Every swimming club registered in Ireland is taking part in the swim which is in aid of Child Cancer Care in Barretstown Centre where they offer an environment where children with cancer can temporarily forget about their disease through concentration on arts, adventure and fun.

Some of the money raised will also be given to Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin, where the money will be used in the Medical and Research Foundation to help find a cure for this terrible disease.

Peter Shone

Sports – Hockey Match

We are all looking forward to the Girls Senior/Inter Hockey match on

Friday. The visiting team is Knocknacarragh from Galway. Due to a shortage of players some up and coming hockey stars from local primary schools may be joining the esteemed Villiers side. We wish the team the best of luck and hope all goes well.

*By Clare Conboy-Stephenson
& Peter Shone*

Action Day

Plans are very much under way for Action Day. Please keep an eye for details on activities and lists of those participating. Full details will be posted during the coming week in the area outside Mr. Hardy's office and down towards the Sports notice board.

The ICT Suite will be open on the day, where we hope to compile a good photo and text archive of the day. It is hoped to bring you the last issue of Red Sokz at the end of Action Day.

Features

Capoeira

Capoeira is a Brazilian martial art form of dance fighting. It was brought into Brazil by African slaves to preserve their culture. The martial art form was disguised as dancing because of the illegal nature of the art. This is none contact training because it is too powerful for contact sparring. If anyone is interested in the sport then come along to a demonstration on Cruisers St. this Saturday at 3:30 or next Saturday at 11:00.

If you are really interested and wish to give it a go then you can attend classes at the U.L in the old sports arena on Tuesdays and Thursdays both classes start at 8:00 till 9:00 but you can stay on till 10:00. For more information see www.candeiasireland.com

Peter Carr

Environment Day

Two people from the environmental group ECOUNESCO, which is based in Dublin, came to the school yesterday to have a waste management day with a group of TY students. Nancy and Christina talked to the students about

recycling, the problem with incinerators and they also helped them create an action plan which could be used to better the environment.

More information on what ECOUNESCO do can be found at www.ecounesco.ie.

*By Peter Shone, Nathan Cardy
& Clare Conboy-Stephenson*

Young Entrepreneurs

The finals for the Irish Young Entrepreneur Competition for 2005 were held in Tullamore on the 8th May.

Ms. O'Brien and Mr. Jones, coordinators of the programme here in the School, attended with TY student Max Bohlender, who took 2nd Prize overall with his mini company Fantastical Fountains.

Well done Max from everybody.

By Peter Shone and Emma Hayes

Are you Paraskevidekatriaphobic?

Who dares walk under a ladder? Today is Friday the 13th, a day surrounded by superstitions and supposed bad luck.

Paraskevidekatriaphobia is the fear of Friday the 13th. This fear is said to date back to ancient times. The digit 13 is considered the first initial step towards evil. It traces its origins to a Norse myth when 12 gods were having a dinner party and the uninvited guest (Number 13) walked in, who was the blind god of darkness. He shot the god of joy and gladness, who then died and the whole earth became dark. From then on the number 13 has been considered ominous and foreboding.

A new superstition has come about. Some serial killers have been bunched under the 13 letter group like Jack the Ripper and Charles Manson and Theodore (Ted) Bundy. All have thirteen letters in their name. Who can really tell though if this is true?

Though there are many more stories surrounding this day and number and everybody has their own feelings about this day. So take it upon yourself to look at a black cat or spill salt. Who knows what will happen after that? Only time will tell!

By Vikki Martin, Aine Pennello, Yvonne Bovenizer, Amy O'Dwyer and Caoife Shine.



Sport

North Munster championships

Congratulations to all who participated in the North Munster Schools Finals on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th of May. Several performances of note just failed to win medals. Worthy of recognition are Paddy Galvin who came 4th in the Junior Boys Walk and Eaman Tayler who put in strong runs in his 1500 meters finishing 5th and 800 meters finishing 4th. At inter boys level William Doherty competed strongly in 100m and 200m just missing out on a medal in the 200m final. Simon Craford finished 5th in his long jump and picked up a well deserved medal for third in the triple jump.

We have a small but talented group who have qualified for the Inter-Championships on May 21st by winning silver or gold medals. Congratulations to genial giant AJ Fowler who was 2nd in Inter Boys Shot. Paul Murphy was impressive winning gold in his 200 meter walk and also in the 400 meters. Sister Niamh Murphy made it a family double finishing 2nd in the Junior Girls Walk.

The star of the show has to be Margaret Gleeson. She picked up three individual gold medals winning the sprint double in outstanding style and enjoying a remarkable PB in winning her long jump. Her 4th medal came in the Junior Girls relay where Villiers won gold following a good team display by Emma Doherty, Megan Barriscale, Kate McCrossan and Margaret Gleeson. (The Inter Boys Relay team are still trying to figure out who is in their team- Sorry lads!!)

By Mr. M. Sutton

Another Irish cap

Once again Rodger Gray has been selected for the Irish U16 hockey team. Mr. Gray beamed with pride as he told us all about it. Roger continues a great tradition of hockey in the school.

Last year he played in Bristol in the European championship. This year as there is no European championship he is playing in 4 matches against Scotland on the 1st and 2nd of July in Edinburgh, he is the only Munster player on the team. Well done Roger and best of luck.

And remember Rodge if you wanna make it big like "sometimes in hockey you have to score goals."

North Munster Athletics

The North Munster Athletics competition took pace last Tuesday and Thursday in UL and Castleisland. The event "ran off" a success with a strong Villiers presence. That sister of a ledge and Ricky's best bud Margaret Gleeson cleaned up big time. She won the 100m and the 200m. Her relay team also won their race. Thanks to Mr. Sutton for his help and support. Well done to all involved.

Soccer

The 5th year boys played Glenstal on Wednesday and were unfortunate to have lost 2-1, but they couldn't care less because they hammered them on aggregate with an away goal advantage. Well done Lads.

Ricky Power & Edmund Gleeson



Announcements

Scholarship Exams

As you probably know, this year's scholarship exams were held last Saturday May 7th. We have had very good feedback from the incoming Form I's, who said that they all had a great time and also really enjoyed the food here. Best of luck with the results!

Swimming Gala

A Swimming Gala will be held on Monday 16th May in the Shannon pool, this competition is open to Girls and Boys in the categories Junior U14, Inter -16 and Senior 16+. All swimmers who are interested please give your names to Bean Uí Riain. The Bus will be leaving Villiers at 1:20 sharp, don't miss it! The Bus will arrive back at school at approximately 3:30-4:00. Don't forget hats, goggles and swimwear!

By Jana Castles

Action Day

Colours for Action day are back by popular demand, the "P's" this year are Red, the "Q's" are wearing Green, the "M's" are in Blue, and the "N's" in school this year are in Yellow. On a more serious note, if anyone is planning on doing anything on action day, please for health and safety reasons, steer clear of Ciara Noonan 4N, as she is very clumsy when in motion. Consult myself, Brett O'Mahony to see my injuries, and terrifying stories from my time spent with her skiing, please don't mention the ski lift incident.

By Brett O'Mahony

Parents Evening

Form III Parents evening will take place on the 24th in the Lecture Theatre.

Ski Trip '06

If anyone has any interest in next years ski trip to Bormio, Italy, please talk to Mr. Sutton about remaining places as soon

as possible. It's sure to be a great trip with hilarious consequences!

Classical Concert

The Classical concert will take place on Tuesday 17th at around 8pm and should not be missed. It was a great success last year with performances from Daniel and Robert Mortell, Jennifer Dan and Annalise Hurley. This year, over 20 acts ranging from jazz to classical music will entertain the crowd. Good luck to all the participants this year. It's sure to be a great night with hilarious consequences!

Bands Night

A Bands Night will be held in the sports hall next Thursday 19th at 7.30pm until around 10pm. Sour Milk, Chasing Aphrodite, Schism and PARADOX will rock your socks off on the night!!! It's sure to be a great night with hilarious consequences! Admission costs €2.

Molly O'Connell, Daniel Mortell, Isaac Brown & Kerri O'Mahony

Students V. Teachers

The sixth year lads are planning to play a staff team in soccer next Wednesday after school. Should be a mad laugh. There may be an admission cost with charity in mind.

Ricky Power & Edmund Gleeson

Sponsored Cycle

I will be doing a 100 mile sponsored cycle on behalf of the Caherdavin Scout Troop next weekend. We will be setting out from our scout hall on Saturday 21st of May and cycling 60 miles to Kilimer Co. Clare where we will camp the night.

The next morning we will cross over on the ferry to Tarbert Co. Kerry and cycle the remaining 40miles back to Limerick I would appreciate any donations next week.

By Barry Kennedy IVN