



# Red Sokz

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## Editorial

We are Delighted to Announce that Our News Letter is now back in publication.

Apologies for the delay and thanks to staff and students for their patience.

Because of a huge response from the students it was not possible to fit all of your articles in this issue but will be applied to the coming issues. **Transition Year Debating.**

On the Thursday after the fashion show, the Transition Year students went to a public speaking competition. The four students that went were: Finbarr Begley, Megan Reilly and Alex Muir, all of whom spoke, and Ben Jackson who attended as a substitute. The team had very little time to prepare, but still came a narrow second (of two that is!).

There will be numerous other public speaking and debating competitions this term. This team and other members who have recently joined will take part in as many of these competitions

Any other Transition Year students who would like to join are welcome.

The team would like to thank Ms. McQuade for organizing this competition and giving up her Tuesday afternoons to help us prepare.

*Ben Jackson. 4N*

### Prague Trip

At 5am on Wednesday morning October 26th, thirty five students arose from their cosy beds to board a flight from Shannon. Their final destination was to be Prague. They are accompanied by Mr. O'Hanlon, Mr. Collopy, Ms. Sexton and Mrs. Calendar.

As well as visiting Prague, the group will visit Krakow, Auschwitz and as well as other interesting historical sites in the region. The group returned on the Thursday of the next week after broadening their cultural horizons.

*Stefan Judge, Bob Mortell & Orlagh Reynolds.*

### A Poetry column.

We are introducing a poetry column into

Red Sokz. We will consider all poems submitted on the Monday before publication. Please submit your Poems to Mrs. O' Sullivan in Room 3, Samuel Lawes or myself who are in 4th year.

There will one poem weekly and the poem should be no more than 12 lines. We hope that you will both respect and enjoy any articles printed here. We welcome all your efforts whether humorous or serious.

### *Dampened flame.*

The clouds like smoke  
Choking the dying flame  
A lone soldier stands  
On the horizon  
Its branches twitching  
In the wind  
The bright yellow lights  
In the distance  
Stars in their own right  
Controlled, dissipating  
Then appearing with the touch  
of a switch.

*By Finbarr Begley*

## Features

### Collections for Charity

On Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October, Form IV students went into Limerick city and sold care bears in aid of Rehab.

Forms M and N turned out for Rehab on that Friday while Forms P and Q will get to turn their hands at charity-collecting on Tuesday December 20th where they will work for the ISPCC and its Holly Days.

In the Rehab collection students were placed at different posts around the town, in places such as Cruises Street. In general, people were very nice and very giving (except for the occasional *crazy* person).

The total is, as yet, unknown but we are hoping to find out how much was raised.

We would like to thank the forms involved and the coordinators for their help in making this day run smoothly.

### T.Y. Fashion Show

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November last the Transition Years executed with unprecedented precision, what was called by some; "one of the most well organized and easy going (backstage) fashion shows ever".

As many would agree we had some amazing clothes from many designers and stores all around Limerick totalling a massive 21 contributors from shops and designers.

On behalf of Villiers School we would like to thank them for the trust they placed in us by allowing us to model their wonderful outfits. The modelling cast strutted their moves which they had been learning since the beginning of the school year. Ms. Hillary Thompson of *Faces Modelling Agency* is to thank for this wonderful experience.

The transition year student body would like to thank the parents, teachers,

set designers and Hillary's personal student committee who generously volunteered their help for backstage assistance and making this night a fun and memorable evening. A special thanks to Mrs. Brickenden, Mr. Cursley, Mr. McCrohan, Mr. Penny, Ms. Quinn and Mr. Sutton. The fashion show went off without a hitch and the aftermath was just as good with *all* clothes safely returned to the shops.

*Beth Brickenden, Kevin Neville, Ameer Van Kuyk.*

### Limerick City Enterprise speaker

Ms. Ryan of the Limerick City Enterprise Board spoke to form IV students on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of October about the whole prospect of innovation and the young entrepreneur's competition. The group of students who attended were very grateful for Ms Ryan's help, suggestions and information.

*Léa Debois, Kevin Neville, Daniel Wheeler*

## Features

### Glór – The Road to Babylon, Evaluation of the show by fifth and sixth year students.

On Tuesday, the sixth of December, the fifth and sixth years went to Ennis to see a most enjoyable show produced by Alan Stanford and The Second Age Theatre Company.

The story is set in Ireland and France at the time of the first World War and is based on the novel by Jennifer Johnston. The story centres around two young men from different backgrounds, one a village boy named Jerry who has a passion for horses and the other, a boy named Alec who is heir to the big house. The relationship is tested by an ordeal beyond the power of the battlefield, while fighting for King and country. The play is full of unexpected turns and twists which keep the audience's attention throughout. I hope next year we, the fourth year students, will have the privilege of going to see another splendid masterpiece.

*By: Beibhinn Gleeson, Alexander Muir, Meghan O'Neil*



## Sport

### Rugby

On Monday the twenty-first, Villiers senior rugby team played Newtown at home in Coonagh. Villiers got off to a very bad start with two tries scored against them in quick succession. However, the boys put up a very good fight with William Langford setting an excellent example to all with a great game but Villiers were overwhelmed by sheer skill and the fact that that the turnouts at training have been so poor on our part. At the very least, the Villiers players learned an important lesson from of this match. The final score was 34-0.

*Kris O'Shea 4Q, Rhiannon Lewis 4P and Maria Sédo 4Q.*

### Under 15's Rugby

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>, Villiers under 15's rugby team took on Árd Scoil Rís. Unfortunately, the match was postponed shortly after half time, due to inappropriate behaviour on the pitch.

A replay of the match took place the following Thursday in Coonagh Rugby Grounds. First, Árd Scoil were 5-0 up with an un-converted try. Soon afterwards, John Perrott scored a well-earned try for Villiers which was converted by the one and only Hugh Kelleher. Approaching the end of the game, Villiers were awarded a penalty which was scored by Hugh. The final score

was 10-5 which got Villiers into their first City Cup Final. Well done Villiers!

*By Léa Dubois, Kris O'Shea, Rob Mortell, Stefan Judge.*

### Senior Rugby

On Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, Villiers Senior team travelled to Clonmel High School. Clonmel instantly opened their account with an unconverted try. Villiers responded soon afterwards with a tries from Oscar, Lesley and Glen Wallace which Rowan Taylor managed to convert 2 of them. After a dramatic final few minutes, Clonmel scored a drop goal which left the finishing score at 20-19 to Clonmel.

*Léa Dubois, Bob Mortell, Stefan Judge, Hugo Byrne & Kris O'Shea.*

### Hockey

Minor Boys have continued their successful run with an away win over Kilkenny. The Return home match finished in a draw. Congratulations to Roger Clarke and Simon Calendar on their Provincial Performances. We look forward to a Successful New Year on the Hockey Field



## Announcements

### Operation Christmas Child

On behalf of all the children in Eastern Europe we would like to thank you for your support in filling Shoe Boxes for children who aren't as well off as ourselves. As I'm sure you've seen at this point Villiers Students sent out sixty boxes. So; a round of applause to everyone who got involved and gave their time and money for this worthy cause. Thank You!

*David Conpar 4P*

### Changes This Year

This Year the Christmas Disco and Prize Day are to be postponed. Instead both events are planned for the New Year.

*David Conpar 4P*

### The Lending Library

The Lending Library is open every Wednesday at 15:30 (3:30) in Mrs. M. O' Sullivan's room; Room 3. Here, students can take out up to three books and keep them for three weeks. Remember,

if the book / author you want is not in stock we will do our best to get it for you. Browsers always welcome!!

*David Conpar 4P*

### Taizé

"At the heart of daily life in Taizé are three times of prayer together. The brothers live by their own work. They do not accept gifts or donations for themselves. Some of the brothers are living in small groups – "fraternities" - among the very poor." - Taizé website <http://www.taize.fr/>

During Easter holidays 2006 a Villiers group (Forms IV, V & VI) are going on a week long trip to Taizé. It is one of the biggest spiritual centres in Europe, set up during WW2 by Brother Roger to help war refugees. Today, every year thousands of young people come and stay in tents or basic housing to talk, pray and learn more about God and other religions. If you're interested contact Ms Sexton.

*Sam Lawes IVN*