



Red Sokz

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Editorial

Welcome to Issue III of Red Sokz. This being the first newsletter of 2006 we would like to wish all parents, students and staff a happy new year and hope that the (much needed!) Christmas break refreshed them enough for a new term. To cheer you up, remember that Prize Day and the Disco will be going ahead in the new term, but the dates have yet to be confirmed. We look forward to great things in this new year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and contributions (especially Form IV) to the Red Sokz news letter and hope that issues in the new year will be as good and better than any previously.

Mr. Flanagan and Kevin Neville

Red Sokz

If you feel that you may have any information of interest to teachers, students or parents please e-mail your item to redsokz@villiers-school.com. We would be delighted to hear from you and look forward to your interesting ideas.

David Cowpar, Conor Campbell, Kevin Neville & Daniel Wheeler.

A Poetry column.

We are introducing a poetry column into Red Sokz. We will consider all poems submitted on the Monday before publication. There will be one poem weekly and the poem should be no more than 12 lines.

Please submit your Poems to Mrs. O'Sullivan in Room 3, Mr. Flanagan in the I.C.T. Suite, Samuel Lawes or myself who are in 4th year.

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

Competitions

Currently there are two linguistic competitions of interest to many students. The first is called "The Schools Against Racism Poetry Competition". This first competition is open to all students attending secondary schools. The poem has to be on the theme anti-racism or interculturalism. The closing date is Friday 20th at which time all entries must be submitted to Mrs. Mary O'Sullivan. The competition is for entries in Arabic, English or Irish. Obviously, those submitted in Arabic stand a very good chance!

The second competition is called the "Seán Dunne Young Writers' Awards". There are three different categories. These are Local Entries, Junior and Senior National Entries. The local entries' requirements are that you are from Waterford City (born or raised) and that you are under the age of 21. For the Senior National Entries you must be under the age of 30 and for the Junior you must be under 13. These

competitions accept entries in poetry, fiction or a drama/screenplay. The closing date is January 31st. Keep in mind that your work will not be returned and so you should only send a copy.

By Finbarr Begley and Kevin Neville

Carol Service

The Villiers Annual Carol Service took place on Thursday the 22nd of December it began at around 12:30 pm. It opened with "Once in Royal David's City" Chloe O' Kelly sang the first verse solo, other songs were Vikki Martin and Clodagh Meaney did a great job singing "O Holy Night". Singing "Walking in His Care;" were first year soloists; Tara O' Mahony & Ellen Battle. Miss J. Woods and Ms. S O' Sullivan sang a duet called "Piè Jesu". There were also a number of readers one or two from each year and Mr. J. Lawes of the R.E. Department; Mrs. Hilary Park, a school governor and Mr. T. Hardy, Headmaster of Villiers. A collection was taken on behalf of Villiers Homes. "It was the best yet, it's going from

strength to strength each year and she would like to thank all who participated and have made it possible." - Ms. S. O'Sullivan.

Conor Campbell, David Cowpar and Daniel Wheeler

Young Scientists

Congratulations to John Kennedy, Jesse Power and William James for their excellent project "Fossil Fuels V Renewable Energy" which they are currently presenting at the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition. All of Second Year went to The RDS Yesterday to give these lads some moral support. It was an early start but it was worth it as Dundrum Shopping Centre was visited en-route for a lunch and shopping start. The Teachers in charge were very pleased with the behaviour so well done Second year.



Sport

Villiers Health and Fitness Club

Applications are now being taken for new members to join the Villiers Health and Fitness Club. The fee for the year is only €20. New members and monitors are required to complete an induction course before commencing training. Applications forms are available in Janet's Office.

Junior Girls Hockey

This weeks match against Laurel Hill Coláiste has unfortunately been postponed. No alternative date has been set at present. Training continues as usual.

Boys' Hockey

This term got off to an early start with Bandon coming up with both their first years and their minors. Our first years went down 2-1 in a hard fought encounter. Meanwhile our minors' played out a very close game and after leading 2-1 eventually went down 5-3. Bandon are also returning to us next week with both a minor "B" and junior "A" side.

Rowing

St. Michael's Rowing Club are recruiting new juniors: If you are interested in taking up a sport that will challenge you in many ways but will also reward you for the work you put in, then you might want to try Rowing. Membership is in the region of €40 which is a small price to pay for the value and fun you get out of it. If anybody is interested take a look at the website www.smrc-rowing.com or contact Killian O'Shea 4M.

Stefan Judge, Robert Mortell, Kris O'Shea

Fund-raiser

There is an up coming fundraising match for Self-Help whereby Limerick Lions play a Dublin team in UL and Villiers will provide interval entertainment. There will be a competition for shooting a ball (best man/woman wins a prize), cheerleading group and other spot prizes.

Basketball Matches

Match to be held soon for Villiers girls against Scoil Carmel. Boys basketball team will play Glenstall. The dates for these matches are yet to be announced.

Basketball Training

Basketball training will take place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons with Bean Uí Riain. Tuesday's practice will be coached by Robert from the Limerick Lions team.

Swimming

Well done to all swimmers who competed in the Munster Schools swimming competition which was held in UL on the 7th of January. Yet again, John McCall made Villiers proud by winning the Gold medal – a great achievement. He will go on to represent the school in the All Ireland swimming championships some time in March.

U14's Rugby

Mr. Sadlier would like to announce that all under 14's boys should attend training on Tuesdays and Thursdays if they have any hopes of making the team next year. Anyone who doesn't attend will not make the team.

Robert Mortell and Andrew Whitelaw



Announcements

Musical

Auditions for the Transition Year musical will take place some time next week. The times have not yet been confirmed as we are waiting to hear from Gerdi and May. Best of luck to all hopefuls and we look forward to seeing another spectacular show this March.

Hugo Byrne and Robert Mortell

Appeal by Rose

Rose and Teresa would like to wish everyone a happy new year. (They hope the students of Villiers continue to keep the café clean and tidy for the rest of the school year.)

Bawnmore

Mr. Sutton would just like to announce that Bawnmore resumes on the 23rd of January for all transition students involved.

Alexander Muir and Meghan O'Neil.

Thank you,

The catering and administration staff would like to say a big thank you to all the students for their lovely Christmas presents.

Work Experience

In two weeks time, on the 30th of January, all Transition Year students will be sent out into the work place, with hopes of finding out about future careers and some experiencing the work environment for the first time. (Some are hoping for

money!) Good luck to all.

Long Weekend

You should all be pleased to know that next Friday the 20th, is a day off for all students while teachers are stuck to slog it out here in school. Enjoy the Friday 'sleep in'!!

Fundraiser

A basketball fundraiser will take place in February to raise money for Self-Help. Dates are yet to be confirmed but we hope all will contribute to this very deserving cause.

Léa Dubois Siobhan Freeman and Cara Kavanagh

Mock Exams

Pressure sets in for the 3rd and 6th years as they prepare for their mock exams. The exams begin on Wednesday the 1st of February and last for one and half weeks, closing on the 10th of February. We here at Red Sokz would like to wish them the best of luck during this stressful time.

Kevin Neville