



Red Sokz

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Editorial

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Welcome to Issue IV of Red Sokz. This is the second issue of the new year and we hope that everyone has settled back into the daily routine of being back at school. This week's issue is jam-packed with news. So much so that we will have to publish many of them in our next newsletter. The variation in topics is great, ranging from the Young Scientists' exhibition to the triumph of the senior girls' hockey team and we hope you enjoy it!

Kevin Neville

eTwinning Conference, Linz 2006

Mr. Mc Crohan has returned from his trip to Linz in Austria. He was there for an eTwinning conference. eTwinning is a framework for schools to collaborate on the Internet with partner schools in other European countries. It promotes

the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in schools in Europe. Teachers and students use the Internet to work together across borders. They cooperate, exchange information and share learning materials. This conference was a unique opportunity for teachers as well as other key players within the education sector to meet eTwinning experts and to attend practical workshops addressing the eTwinning concept. He was there for a total of four days. In this time he was kept busy with conferences and exhibitions not to mention lavish dinners and free bars!! The main aim for Mr. Mc Crohan was to establish contacts with foreign schools so that future trips and exchanges can be arranged between Villiers School and others abroad.

Aoife Darby and Beibhinn Glesson

Portfolio Class

Just to let all 4th years and 5th years know that there is a 2- hour long class every Thursday from 3.45 to 5.30. We are making a mosaic of 2,000 4.5cm squared blocks. We have made 1,500 blocks already and we will start painting them soon. We have divided the picture we are working on into 2,000 squares and we are transferring the image onto the 2,000 blocks and when were done we should have a very large picture. If you're interested in architecture you might be interested in joining this class as we are making a portfolio of the project and taking pictures of our progress. This would look very good on your curriculum vitae or be an interesting topic at your job interview.

Conor Campbell

Features

Calling All Writers

In the latest edition of The Irish Times, they stated that they are looking for transition year writers to fill a column all about their TY experiences. The topic is unlimited. This means you can write about whatever it is you'd like to with regard to Transition Year experiences. Obviously, you must be a transition year student and so we're afraid it's only open to a small portion of the school. Details of the parameters are available on the notice board opposite Mr. Hardy's office.

The article should be approximately 400 words long. If you would like to take part but are unsure about what to write on, it is possible to contact The Irish Times and "have a chat about it?". The e-mail address is gfaller@irish-times.ie and it is requested that you include your full name and contact number.

So TY students, get writing! We would love to see an article from our own school appear in a national paper.

Kevin Neville

Anois

The leadership programme which is organised by the Limerick Diocesan Pastoral Centre is being held for those few students selected in Thurles this coming Monday. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Hardy for partially subsidizing the course. This programme will afford a valuable opportunity for those students selected to develop their leadership and teamwork skills in a healthy learning environment. The programme is a five-day course which involves a large variety of activities including teamwork building, communication skills and public-speaking. We hope all involved will have a wonderful time and benefit from this programme.

*Alexander Muir
and Meghan O'Neil*

Spanish club

The Spanish students have decided to have a Spanish club on Tuesday after school. We start next week

at 4pm until 5pm. We are going to teach the basics of Spain (language, culture and traditions) to any students who wish to learn. If you have any questions ask the Spanish girls in Transition Year. We hope you participate.

*Marta Aranda and
Cristina Guell*

Art and Writing Competition

Want to win a free holiday or some cash? Entries can include essays, poetry, research work, paintings, drawings, cartoons, collage or posters. The prizes include trips abroad for Leaving Cert cycle students (4th, 5th, 6th yrs) or cash for Junior Cert cycle students (1st, 2nd, 3rd yrs).

The closing date is Tuesday, 31st January 2006. For more information contact Mrs. O' Sullivan.

*Beth Brickenden, Sam Laves and
David Melinn.*



Sport

Senior Girls Hockey

The Senior Girls are to play Presentation secondary school on Friday 27th January. All support is very welcome.

By James Collins

Senior Girls Hockey

Well done to the Senior Girl's hockey team who thrashed their opponents on Monday! They were playing St. Anne's School from Tipperary and beat them 4-0! The goals were scored by Jennifer Lyttle, Ashling Crohan, and Captain Sarah Gray. Well done, girls! Keep up the good work, and good luck in your cup match next Friday 27th.

Hugo Byrne, Stefan Judge, Robert Mortell and Megan Reilly.

Junior and Senior Girls Soccer

Congratulations to the Junior Girls who drew 3-3 with Crescent Comp recently.

Yesterday the Senior Girls, in their first match ever, held Bruff to a very well-deserved draw. Congratulations! Watch this Space for more exciting matches and results.

Swimming

Well done to John McCall who came first in Munster for the butterfly stroke and also placed third in the 200M I.M.

Rugby

The under 15s rugby team will be playing Croom on the 2nd of February. Also, the under 14s will be playing the Crescent on the same day. The Red Sokz crew would like to

wish them all the best of luck!

Announcement

Mr. Sadler would like to state that there have been complaints of dirt on the rugby bus on Mondays and Thursdays after training. Students are now required to change out of their gear in Coonagh before getting on the bus to come home.

Hockey

We would like to congratulate Eric Calendar on getting onto the Irish under 18's hockey panel. Well done, Eric!

Hugo Byrne, Stefan Judge and Robert Mortell

Saturday 21st, Munster, Yet Again, Make a Mockery of Logic

As soon as this match was started you could tell Munster would take nothing for granted. Every hit for the first five minutes was devastating, every pass was fluent, every kick was placed to perfection. Not even the most passionate veteran of Munster rugby has seen the outhalf pass instead of kick, inside ten minutes, in his own 22. Sale did get back into the game and naturally played English rugby. Hard, tough and very rough. Munster took it and gave it right back. Munster, with a near on torturing drive, got the first try by the legendary Anthony Foley. They then were hit with a penalty by Charlie Hodgson into the Sale 22 and with a flowing backline move finished off with Ian Dowling's touching down in the near corner. This is one for the record books!



Announcements

Amazing Accomplishment

Mr. Fennell would like to make a quick announcement about an outstanding result by Enrico Conté in 5th year. He got a hundred per cent in a Physics test which is a great achievement. "Well done and keep up the good work for sixth year no doubt we will be hearing more about Enrico in the future".

Parent Teacher Meetings

Just a quick reminder for parents that there will be parent-teacher meetings held on Tuesday the 24th of January for forms II and V. Also, there will be meetings on Tuesday the 31st for forms I and IV.

Capoeira

For all interested, Capoeira classes are being held in Villiers on Wednesday from 7 to 8 o'clock in the evenings. For those who are unfamiliar with the art of Capoeira, it is a form of self-defense which involves fighting and dancing. For more information check out the notice board or contact Damien Connery at 087-2888424 or e-mail him at capoeiralimerick@eircom.net.

Debating

Ms. McQuade would like to encourage all Form IV students to join the debating team. Debating takes place on Tuesdays in Room 6 from 3:30 to 4:30.

Hugo Byrne, Stefan Judge and Robert Mortell

Caving Club

The caving club will have a trip on Thursday of next

week. This trip will be led by Mr. Lillis.

Hugo Byrne, Stefan Judge and Caspar Lilburn

Career guidance

Mrs Sirr has started career guidance for the TY students this week. She hopes to have the whole of TY completed before our work experience.

Léa Dubois

Young Scientists' Exhibition

In relation to our last issue of Red Sokz, we thought that you may be interested to know the full details of the competition. Aisling Judge, a second year student from the Kinsale Community School in Cork, was the overall winner of the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition. Aisling created a record for the competition being the youngest winner ever in the 42 year-old competition.

The Best Group Award went to Synge Street CBS and, adding even more prestige to the school's reputation, Gohar Abassi, from the same school, was awarded runner-up along with a group from Presentation Secondary School in Kilkenny.

The competition was extremely tough and we hope that next year we have candidates as good, and possibly better than ever before and we might just snatch an award ourselves!

Kevin Neville