



# Red Sokz

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## Editorial

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I'm sure as you students are reading this, you're all heading for the town bus, or to your car or maybe you're walking into town, all in the name of celebrating the end of this half-term and most importantly, you're week off! Those of you who have come out of those awfully long exams will be particularly excited about a week of relaxation, I'm sure! These past two weeks, since our last publication have been extremely busy at Villiers School. There has been a very broad range of "happenings" recently, from the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year mock exams to the TY activities, i.e. work experience and the Anois program. We hope to have an article on their experiences during this program in our next issue after the half term break. We have 2 trips mentioned in this issue, one of which has been cancelled unfortunately, and another which is leaving tomorrow. We also have those

articles that we promised we would publish which just simply could not fit into our overflowing newsletter last time, and we hope you enjoy it all!

*Kevin Neville*

### My Irish Experience

This year I am studying in Ireland, in Limerick and the name of the school is Villiers. Ireland and the Irish educational system is very different to the Spanish system. I came in September and met new boys and girls. I am a border and I share a room with one Spanish boy and six Irish boys. All together there are 151 boarders in Villiers.

When classes finish every day I go to the gym. At half-five the borders have dinner. Having finished dinner we go to the rooms and change our clothes. At quarter to seven we begin prep, and finish at nine o'clock. This however, is only for 4th years, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years finish at half nine. Every second weekend I go

to a host family, and other weekends I stay in the school.

*Alberto Vidal*

### Cheer Leading

Cheer leading will start soon. This activity will be held after school for anyone interested. Please contact Bean Uí Riain for further information. Gerdi McGlynn is coming in as choreographer to help the girls. We are all hoping for a great turnout. This cheer leading team will be involved in the upcoming match in UL supporting the Limerick Lions.

### Poetry Column

We hope to continue with our poetry column in the upcoming Issues. We welcome all efforts Be it humorous, Serious or in the form of song lyrics that you have written.

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

## Features

### Taizé

The R.E. department had organized a trip to Taizé over the Easter holidays. There were around 25 places in all. The trip is open 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years, but unfortunately we only got 7 people who were definitely going. This is too small a number and so the trip has been cancelled until 2007. In 2007 the trip will be open to 6<sup>th</sup> years who expressed an interest this year and like this Taizé year it will also be open to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year. Mr. Lawes will hold meetings in September /October 2006. Taizé is an international Christian site where young people meet other nationalities and religions and take part in activities which help them in their spiritual growth and create communication between young people all over the World. This trip is not just for the religious and spiritual it is a good opportunity to get to know people from other cultures, come along for the experience.

*David Compar, John Russell, Samuel Lawes & Finbarr Begley*

### TY Musical

On Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup>, the TY students auditioned (yet again) for parts in this year's musical, "Oklahoma". The performances were of a high standard and, in Ms. S. O'Sullivan's own words, "It was extremely difficult to choose." Finbarr Begley will co-star along with Orla O'Sullivan as Curly and Laurey respectively. Some of the other parts have been taken by Edel Martin who will play Aunt Eller, Melissa Kelly who will play Ado-Annie, Kevin Neville playing Will and David Cowpar in the role of the Sheriff, Andrew Carnes.

The remaining roles of Ike Skidmore, Fred, Slim, Jud Fry, Ali Hackim, Gertie Cummings and Ellen were not assigned. This meant another chance for other cast members to prove themselves and the final male parts were snapped up by Seán Hamilton, Hugh Kellegher, Robert Mortell and Andrew Whitelaw. However, it doesn't end there, with some minor roles still remaining for the female cast and we are awaiting a

decision.

So, well done to all! We wish all those participants the best of luck and hope they enjoy this wonderful experience.

*Kevin Neville*

### Girls Soccer

Girls Soccer has really taken off in Villiers with a junior and Senior team entered in the Shannon side League. Girls Soccer is the fastest growing sport nationwide. Villiers has really gotten involved in the sport.

Training takes place every Wednesday from 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM on the Astro turf or Coonagh Soccer Pitch. Everyone is Welcome.

Our results recently have been varied in the League matches Villiers Girls can Hold their heads up high as the play every match with great Skill, Enjoyment and perseverance. Well done girls.

*Katie Campbell and Ms Sexton*



## Sport

### Basketball

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of January our 1<sup>st</sup> yr girls played a match against Scoil Carmel. They all played fantastically and won by a 12 point margin. The final score was 32-20 to Villiers. There were great performances from Lucinda Holland and also from Katie Campbell. Well done girls! Bean Uí Riain would also like to ask everyone to please support the Limerick Lions in their upcoming match against The Blue Demons on Sunday in the Tallaght arena in Dublin.

### Minor Girls Hockey

Well done to the minor girls who won 3-2 against St Mary's of Corbally. Great performances all round, and goals scored by Shona Ryan, Katie Campbell and Ellen Battles. Well done to Ruth Sheppard who also set up one of the goal for her team-mate.

2 weeks ago, some of the lads from forms I-IV joined the Junior B team and the Minor A team and all went to Kilkenny for a great day. Many of the players came out of retirement for this match, so a fun time was had by all. Unfortunately, the Junior B's lost 4-0 to Kilkenny but the Minor A's made up for that by winning their match. Their score was 2-1. Well done lads!

The cup draw has been made already and Villiers are due to play Newtown and Middleton after the midterm. Further details of these matches will be posted here in another upcoming issue of Red Sokz.

### 1<sup>st</sup> year Hockey

Mr. McCrohan and Adam Teskey would like to say

congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup> years after their blitz on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of January in Ashton. Man of the match was awarded to Dillon Murphy, the keeper on the pitch for Villiers. Dillon made a fantastic effort on the day, and made some spectacular saves! Villiers drew nil all against both Newtown and Bandon, but they beat Ashton with a goal set up by Sean MacNeill for Graham to score. A great time was had by all, and the 1<sup>st</sup> years should all be proud of their victory!

*Hugo Byrne, Stefan Judge and Robert Mortell*

### Minor Boys Hockey

Minor Boys are looking forward to their cup campaign after the Break. It starts against Middleton and after a run of good performances everyone is confident for the games to come. Watch out Bandon!

### Under 14 Rugby

Congratulations to the Under 14 panel on their win over Nessans with a final score of 24 - 0 to Villiers. We wish them every success in the Under 14 Shield.

### Girls Hockey

Well done to Girls Hockey team who put up such a valiant effort against Laurel Hill in yesterdays Minor Cup match. They fought until the end and even though they were not successful on this occasion, this team has a lot to be proud of and a great deal to look forward to in the future. Watch this Space!



## Announcements

### Villiers Writing Competition

There is a writing competition for the Villiers Year Book. You can enter either a poem or a short story. There are four categories in this competition; junior poem, junior short story (Forms I, II & III), senior poem and senior short story (Forms IV, V & VI). For more information contact Mr. Rusk or your English teacher. Mr. Rusk asks that you submit your entries as soon as possible, to him.

*David Conpar & Daniel Wheeler*

### Mock Exams

Well done to Forms III and VI who have completed their Mock Exams today. The results of these exams will give them a good idea of what they might be facing in the Junior and Leaving Certificate Exams.

*Conor Campbell, David Conpar and Daniel Wheeler*

### Ski Trip

Tomorrow, this year's ski trip group will head off to a new and exciting destination in Italy. This year there is one phenomenal change, there are less than half the amount of students! This year's Prague trip for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years, seems to have dramatically dragged down the numbers, with less than half of last year's numbers going.

The group will leave the school at 08:30 sharp in the morning, heading off on a long bus journey to Dublin where they will get their flight to Italy. The resort is set in Bormio close to the Alps. So, hats scarves an' all will be well worn on

return. Leaving at 08:30, there will be quite a long travel day for them, as they expect to arrive at the hotel at 22:00. Good luck to them all on trying to get up for ski lessons at 07:30 the following morning!

We here at Red Sokz wish them all the best, and hope they have a fantastic time. Expect to be updated in the "happenings" of the trip upon their return.

*Kevin Neville*

### Fashion Show DVD

The Fashion Show DVDs went on sale Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of this month. They will continue to be sold from Janet's office for a special price of €10 for transition years and €15 for other students and staff.

### Valentines Disco

The annual Christmas disco did not take place due to a busy year's schedule but as promised it will take place on February the 23<sup>rd</sup> and will take place as a Valentines disco. Like last year it is open to everyone from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> years.

### Villiers Writing Competition

Just a reminder to all transition years about the Irish times writing competition. The topic to be written about any transition year experience and a minimum of 400 words. Details are on the 4<sup>th</sup> year notice board. Contact information:

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