



# Red Sokz

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## Editorial

Welcome to issue VII of Red Sokz brought to you by Form IV students. The main stories on this issue are the Form IV trip to Achill and A debating trip to Munol in Germany. We also have the Senior Girls League Final win last weekend other sports news and features. Again just a reminder that Red Sokz can now be found on [www.villiers-school.com](http://www.villiers-school.com) and articles can be submitted to [redsokz@villiers-school.com](mailto:redsokz@villiers-school.com).

*Edel Martin form IV*

### 4<sup>th</sup> year trip to Achill

Last week, Transition Years went on their annual trip to the Achill island activity centre. It was a most enjoyable

trip which included surfing, rock climbing, canoeing, and hiking. It also involved basic survival skills necessary to complete the adventure part of the Gaisce Awards.

For the people who did not do the Gaisce adventure there was a camping trip on the first night. They left after dinner with just the clothes on their backs and a bivvi bag which is a basic survival body bag. They slept in just this bivvi bag but ended up having to be taken off the mountain due to the bad weather conditions at 2am.

Evening activities included many adventures through bog. On our walks we learned some history of the island and heard many superstitious tales about

the island and its locals. We also had a talent night during which each group was given an object that they had to involve in their show, this involved many amusing costumes!

We also got the opportunity to visit the RNLI centre which runs on a volunteer basis. They gave us a tour of the Life boat and the centre. Altogether it was a great trip for everyone and a special thanks to the teachers who gave up their time to take us; Ms. Crowley, Mrs. Callender, Mr. Mc Crohan and Mr. Lawes.

*By Léa Dubois, Edel Martin, Jade Ryan, Nina Scott, and Beth Brickenden.*

## Features

### Action Day

Action Day is coming up soon. It is happening on the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month. Events include tug o' war, welly throwing, sumo wrestling, 3 legged race crazy races, crazy golf, sac races, wet the teacher and many more. Its being organizes by Mr. Atkinson with the help of Transition years. It promises to be a very eventful day for all students and staff and it's a nice way to end the year on a high note.

*By Una O'Brien, Jo Doherty, Elena Sabaté Gómez and Jonas Ziegler*

### Munol

Last week a group of thirteen students (Hugo, Hugh, Kris, Conner, Rhinnon, Andrew, Finbar, Melissa, Simon, Alex, Sam, Kevin and Ben) accompanied by the very patient Mrs. O'Sullivan and Mr. Hanna went to take part in a U.N debating conference in the town of Lubeck, Germany. Villiers was one of around 28 schools to take part in the conference. We have since talked to student Sam Lawes about his experience of the trip. He reports that they stayed in a hostel just outside the town. The food was good and they also went to discos at night. Sam's resolution was "prevention of global epidemics". To us that's a

mouth full but Sam was well prepared!!

As it was a U.N event there was strict dress code, most noticeably, no jeans allowed- strictly suit and tie. You had to raise your county's plaque to ask permission to take off your coat. They made friends with the U.K and German delegates and are still in contact via email. On one of the nights they took a boat trip around Lubeck, which they thoroughly enjoyed. A good time was had and they'd like to take this opportunity to thank both Mrs. O'Sullivan and Mr. Hanna for giving them a once in a life time experience.

*By Peter Guckian, Sean Power 4M*

### Environmental Committee

There has been an environmental committee set up in charge of getting the Green School Flag for Villiers. To achieve the Green School Flag, there are key areas that the committee must review such as waste management, the environment and the wider community. To achieve this, paper bins will be provided in each classroom, battery bins in the dorms and an extra seating bench by the monkey puzzle tree.

What the committee is basically trying to do is achieve environmental awareness to the students and staff of the school. To aid this, power point presentations to most of the school will be held in the future.

As you may know, the colours day on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May was to raise money for the environmental committee which is made up of Matthew Shine, Aoife Darby, Orlagh Reynolds, Simon Crawford, Mr. Sadlier, Ms. M. O'Brien and Ms. Quinn as well as several members of the parents committee.

There recently was a visitor from An Taisce, Mr. Michael John O'Mahoney, who was pleased with the recycling bins around the school and the compost bins. Please remember to cooperate with the committee and use the facilities supplied throughout the school.

*By Sam Long, Audrey King, April Bird and Orla O'Sullivan.*



## Sport

### Rugby

Congratulations to John Perrot and Steven Harvey who have been selected for the Munster Youths panel and good luck to them in the future.

### Athletics

The North Munster Athletics were held in the Castleisland on Tuesday and in the UL sports arena on Thursday. The Villiers Athletes performed very well and collected 13 medals over the two days. Five Athletes from Villiers managed to finish in the top two of their category and will now progress to the Munster Finals in May 20<sup>th</sup> in Cork. The Athletes are Margaret Gleeson who finished second in both the 100 and 200 meters, Kris O'Shea who got silver in the shot putt, Aisling Sheehan finished second in both the 100m and long jump, Jeffrey Doherty who picked up two silvers in the 100m and 200m and also picked up Villiers only gold in the minor boys' relay along with Shane and Alex Doherty and Keith White

### Soccer.

Fifth and Third years played a draw against Glenstal so Mr. Jones decided to go against all odds and bring the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

years out for a return match. They had great victories!!!! 1<sup>st</sup> years winning 6-2 and 2nd years winning 3-1, (5th 0-0, 3<sup>rd</sup> 2-2).

Upcoming matches see Forms 2, 3 and 5 heading out to Glenstal on the Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of May and Form 1 play Glenstal on the astro pitch on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of May

### Power lifting

Well done to Merlin Parkin who won the T1 category In the Irish Power Lifting Finals and also set the world bench record for his age at 80 kg.

### Hockey

#### Senior Girls Hockey,

The senior girls hockey team played the league final on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> May. They played against Clonakilty. It was a close match and last time they played – Clonakilty won!! However displaying great determination and against the odds, Villiers won 1-0 with a late goal from a short corner by Sarah Gray. In goals Megan Barriscalle had a brilliant match preventing a lot of certain goals. Emily Alfred also had a brilliant match in defense. Well done to all the 6<sup>th</sup> years as this was their last match with Villiers. Thanks to Ms Ryan for all her hard work coaching the team over the course of the year

*By Jade Ryan,  
Edel Martin, Léa Dubois and Diarmid Quinlan.*



## Announcements

### Announcements and Recent Events.

5<sup>th</sup> years came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the ACCA accounting all Ireland competition on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April. The team consisted of Kieran Sheehan, Vance Power, Kristina Austin and Edmund Gleeson.

3<sup>rd</sup> years went to an Anne Frank exhibition in the Granary and they found it extremely interesting and informative.

Congratulations to Katie Campbell and Shane Doherty who were the winners of this years first year mile.

Villiers Scholarship exams for new students takes place on Saturday 13 of May. Good luck to all participants.

3<sup>rd</sup> years went on a trip to the City West hotel in Dublin for young social innovators and they learnt a lot about future plans to improve society.

A summer concert will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. It will be free of charge for staff and pupils.

There will be caving trips organized in the summer term, contact Mr. Lillis for a once in a lifetime experience.

A guest speaker from the traveling community came in to talk to the 3<sup>rd</sup> years last week. They learned a lot about the traveler way of life from this experience.

5<sup>th</sup> years went to the Botanical gardens in Dublin as part of the senior biology program on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May.

Congratulations to Alex Muir who has been awarded a scholarship with the United World Colleges. This is an extremely commendable achievement and well done to him. If he decides to take up the scholarship it will involve him attending school in New Mexico. He has been involved in a series of high pressure interviews over the last few months. He now has some important decisions to make about his future!!

*By Sean Hamilton and Kealan Murphy*

### CLASS PHOTO'S

Over the last few weeks the students David Enright and Ben Jackson have been taking class photos of first, second & third years. Over the next few days David and Ben **will not** be going around to first, second & third years and showing them the photos and taking orders as originally proposed. Instead they will sell them in the duty room, at lunch time from Monday onwards. The money for the photos is to be paid by Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May. The students will receive the photos when all the money is paid.

*By David Enright*