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Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of Red Sokz 2006-7 brought to you by Transition Year Students. Its now December and life in Villiers is busier than ever, we're undergoing an intensive building programme but this hasn't stopped the hustle and bustle of School life! The main features in this issue are an article on the annual Transition Year Fashion Show, an interview with one of our international students, a report on how Prize Day went, lots of sports coverage and announcements of forth coming events. On behalf of the Redsozk Team we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christams and a Happy New Year.

Denis Murphy, Karla Guerrero, Eleanor Bucke, Rachel Carway, Leanne Campbell (Editors)

Transition Year Annual Fashion

The Transition Year Students held their annual Fashion Show on Wednesday 6th of December in Aid of the charity Self Help. We had been preparing for this since the start of October with the help of Hilary Thompson and two of her models, Linda and Iris. When the night finally came, everyone was very excited. Most of the girls dedicated much of the day to getting their tans, hair and make up done, not to mention some of the boys! We were modelling clothes from various shops around Limerick, including Jean Scene, Expose, Adeela, Vudo Soul, Timberland and many many more. We'd like to thank them all for their support. They were particularly co-operative on the night and were very helpful when we were putting together our outfits, as were the teachers backstage. We were all very nervous before we went on stage but everyone managed to make their appearance on the catwalk! The hall was exploding with atmosphere. The audience was very supportive and it was a great experience and a brilliant night. Many thanks to the students and everyone who was involved in the show – it was a huge production – from the art crew, the stage managers, the photographers, the programme designers the PTA, the models, the shops and most of all Mr Penney who was a figure of encouragement from start to finish.

Noelle Kindergan, Jeanette Maxwell

Features

Interview with International Student, Adele Carola Guerlato

Villiers has a long standing tradition of welcoming International Students. We talked to Adela to see how she is settling into her new life in Form IV in Villiers. Here is what she had to say!

Where are you from?

- Barcelona, Spain

What helped you make the decision to come here?

My parents wanted me to learn English and coming here at my age (Transition Year) was the best idea to improve my English without affecting my studies there too much.

Why did you choose Ireland?

Because Irish culture is very similar to Spanish, as well because it's not too far from Spain and we can visit our families more often than if we were in other places. Also because when we go back there we can go on with our studies without having any problems.

How long are you staying here?

I think just for a year because it's enough time to learn English and I need to continue my studies in Spain next year.

When you go back to your country, do you think your level will be much different to the people there?

Yes, I think so because Fourth Form in Spain is not a Transition Year and I will have problems adapting to a new education system again.

What do you think about your new school?

I think there are lots of differences between here and schools in Spain, like the work load, the amount of activities that we are doing in Fourth Form, being a boarder in the school, the uniform, the weather, the food...

Do you think that people here are more helpful than in Spain?

Yes, because although people in Spain like helping foreign students they are on their own more there than here. Spanish students don't realise when they have problems as quickly as students do here.

How much time did it take you to adapt in the new culture?

I think less than I thought because my English is improving very quickly and I have lots of friends here.

What's the hardest thing about being in a foreign country?

Homesickness definitely. It's very difficult because I miss my family a lot and I can't see them every day as I used to before coming here

Do you think that having good English will give you more opportunities in the future?

Yes, I'm sure. That's the main reason that I came here.

Karla Guerrero, Ana Rodriguez Bermejo

Prize Day

Prize Day took place on Friday the 17th of November. Capt. Ron Bolton former Captain of the Q,E 2 and indeed former student of Villiers, was the guest speaker on the day, and what an excellent speaker he proved to be. He was also enrolled in the Villiers Role of Honour. Prize day also saw twenty four students receive their President's Award, including one prestigious silver award received by Matthew Shine. Prize Day was a huge success and thanks to every one who came and supported it.

Robert Wood, Ivan Delahunt, Ethan Copage



Sport

Hockey

Congratulations to all the Minor Girls for an encouraging start to the Munster League. Watch this space for emerging talent.

Congratulations to the Junior Boys Hockey Team who defeated Newtown 2-0 on Wednesday the 22nd of November. Well done too the 1st Form Boys who also played Newtown on Wednesday 22nd although they lost 2-0, they played a great game.

Basketball in Villiers 2006-2007

The Limerick Schoolgirls Basketball League has commenced with a win for Second Form Girls against St. Nessans, with scores of Villiers 20 and St. Nessans 8 on Wednesday 22 November. First Form girls worked hard to get a draw after Nessans had a powerful start. The final score was Villiers 8 and St. Nessans 8. Well done girls. Bean Uí Rian would like to add that practice is on every Tuesday and the next match is against Salesians here in Villiers and to please keep an eye on the sports notice board for further information!

Aquatics

The Transition Year Students are currently involved in an aquatics programme. The merits of aquatics as a physical activity and as an important life skill are immense and this is one of the core units of the Transition Year P.E. programme.

Next April students will go to Achill as part of an Adventure Activity Programme. Water based activities make up a large and enjoyable component of this weeks activities, and can be an important component of students' Gaisce award which they work towards throughout Transition Year. Thanks to Bean Uí Rian and Mr. Hanna for all their hard work put into this programme.

Rachel Carway

Rugby

Rugby training for all ages takes place on Monday and Wednesday 3:45 to 5:15. Bus leaves Villiers School immediately after school finishes. Please make way promptly to bus and change in Coonagh grounds. All new students are welcome to participate in training. Gym training is held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for borders 7:15 to 7:50 and day pupils from 7:50 to 8:20 under the watchful eye of Ryan Hartigan who will do personal fitness and body toning with whoever would like to participate. *Denis Murphy*

Villiers u16 ended the Bowen Shield against finalists C.B.C, We now look forward to the Junior and Senior cup, hoping for success. We wish the boys luck in the upcoming games.

Ivan Delahunnt

Girls Hockey

The Junior Girls started their league very well and won both matches. They played against Laurel Hill and Crescent. Katie Campbell scored three goals in the match against the Crescent. Well done to Katie Campbell and the rest of the team. Well done to the Senior Girls who played the first round of their cup match on Tuesday against Rockwell College in Rockwell College. They had a fantastic win scoring three unanswered goals. Well done to goal scorers Jennifer Lyttle, Margaret Gleeson, Claire Conboy-Stevenson and to all the team. *Leanne Campbell*

Girls Soccer

Girls Soccer for Form I, and Junior and Senior leagues have started up. Training takes place on Thursdays in Coonagh from 3.35-5.00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining, talk to Ms Sexton please. *David Coffey*



Announcements

Carol Service

Ms O'Sullivan would like to say the Christmas Carol Service will be held on Friday 22nd December. We all look forward to our celebratory and festive end of term.

Ivan Delahunnt and Ethan Copage

The President's Award – Gáisce

The Transition Year Team would like to congratulate the 24 students from last year's Transition Year who were awarded with a President's Award at this year's Prize Day. They wish the best of luck to those in Form V who are still working towards their Award and look forward to their receiving them in the not too distant future.

The TY Team would like to wish all the best to Matthew Shine who has '*gone for Gold*' and to Megan Reilly and Conor Campbell who have '*gone for Silver*'; both are busily working towards these awards. Best of luck and continued success!

The School's PALs – President's Award Leaders - welcome anybody who wishes to take on the President's Award challenge and/or go on for the next award to come and talk to one of the them and last but not least, best of luck to all those (95 students) who are currently working towards gaining President's Awards. **Go Discover!**

Café

A request from Rose in the café. People are to remember to clean up after themselves, and stack up the chairs when they are finished with them. This will ensure everyone will benefit from a clean and tidy café. *Eoin O'Sullivan*

ICT Suite

A request from Mr Flanagan in the ICT Suite. Could people please avoid interfering with the computers as they are here for everyone to use and benefit from. Food and drinks are not allowed in this room and also to tidy the room when leaving. Please be aware of the rules when in the ICT Suite. *Eoin O'Sullivan*

Christmas Exams

Great news for Forms I, II, and V, Christmas Exams are nearly here and will begin on Monday 18th December! We'd like to wish everyone the best of luck, and don't forget to enjoy the wonderful Carol Service on Friday 22nd December which will mark the end of term.

Christmas Dinner

The Christmas Dinner will take place on Thursday 14th of December. All Boarders, Day Boarders and Prefects are welcome to attend. Transition Years are keeping with tradition and will be serving all the tables, and as usual the food will be exceptional. We look forward to a great evening!

Leanne Campbell