



# Red Sokz

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## Editorial

Greetings to one and all in these winter-woolly times.

Villiers has been quite busy over the past six-weeks, with musicals, trips away, sporting success, etc. Enclosed please find articles which will bring you up-to-date with what has been happening since we returned after xmas.

After the activity of the musical, the past two-weeks have been relatively peaceful with 3rd and 6th formers locked away in the gym, beavering away at their Pres.

So take this home and while you're taking a much needed mid-term break catch up on what has been happening at Villiers.

*Redsokz Team*

### JAMIE'S WOVES SPANISH DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Jamie Brislane, 5<sup>th</sup> form, competed against students of Spanish from all over Ireland and was chosen to join students from across Europe in the Academic Tour of Spain & South America. As the only Irish student to have been chosen this is a great accolade and great credit is due to Jamie and to Mr McCrohan who prepared her so well for her interview.

A student of Mr McCrohan Jamie had to complete a project on Chile and the Island of Robinson Crusoe. Based on the quality of the project, Jamie was invited to the Spanish Embassy in Dublin for an interview. The criteria for selection included possessing a very good level of Spanish – both written and spoken.

The interview, conducted in Spanish, involved an interview panel of four. On January 14<sup>th</sup> she received a call to inform her that she had been chosen. The trip, called La Ruta Quetzal, will take about seven weeks and will take in Chile, the Island of Robinson Crusoe, Spain and Morocco. All in all there will be approximately about 320 students going from all over the world, mainly Spanish or South American. The students will be filmed for Spanish TV and will meet the Spanish King and Queen. Well done Jamie.

## Features

### VILLIERS AIB 'BUILD A BANK' CHALLENGE

The TY students, under the guidance of Ms Meaney, have opened a bank for Villiers students as part of the AIB Build a Bank Challenge. This competition is aimed at 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years and aims to promote knowledge of banking and finance.

Students, in addition to operating the bank, create an exhibition to display in the forthcoming competitions. On completion of local competition local winners will progress on to a Regional Final in March & National Final in May. Students have taken on the roles of Branch Manager, Assist Manager, Sales & Marketing Manager, Auditor & Teller. Posters with contact details are in evidence across the school.

### VOTE DUWARD RICHTER

2nd form Duward has been selected as one of the finalists in the 'Doodle 4 Google' competition.

Now it's your turn to help him take the title and appear on Google, for 24 hours, on St. Patrick's Day 2009!

Voting ends at midnight on Monday, 16th February 2009, so log on to [www.google.ie/doodle4google/vote.html](http://www.google.ie/doodle4google/vote.html)

### MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Continuing the tradition of debate and world awareness, fifteen students under the guidance of Ms Woods & Ms Gowing traveled to the NatMun Conference held in UCC from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January.

MUN conferences are modeled on the workings of the United Nations and resolutions passed are forwarded to the UN headquarters in The Hague for consideration. These conferences are a forum in which students can discuss, debate and learn about issues at the forefront of international relations, from Disarmament and International Security, World Health, United Nations Environmental Programmes and Security Council.

NatMun was organised by the International Relations Department at UCC and all conferences were held in the Brookfield Campus.

Villiers students were allocated the countries of Iran, Italy and Greece, each of which has an individual stance on each of the above topics. Students had to take the stance of the country they were representing and much research and debate took place in the weeks prior to the conference. All students partook fully in the conference and relished in the, oftentimes, antagonistic nature of the exchange between countries like Iran and America, to name but a few.



## Features Continued

### VILLIERS GOT TALENT

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January TY students hosted what is now becoming the annual “Villiers Got Talent”. It was a great night and judges were our talented music teacher, Ms. Sinead O’Sullivan and Eoin and Chloe from Spin Southwest.

First prize was awarded to Ashlea Rondozaï who performed a spectacular hip-hop dance. Second prize was given to Greg Hall who was unreal on the electric guitar, playing the classic “Sweet Child of Mine”. Third place was awarded to Tino Rondozaï for his performance of an original rap, which brought the house down. All three were awarded cash prizes.

Our presenter for the night was Julian Begley, who introduced acts with great humour and wit. We had a variety of acts from dance to impersonations. During the interval a bake sale and a raffle were held to raise money towards funding of the YSI projects. In total the night raised €1,230 which will go along way to helping with our projects.

### CIMA BUSINESS QUIZ

Ms. Keane prepared two teams to take part in the annual CIMA Business Quiz.

The teams were made up of 5th year boys and they acquitted themselves very well, answering a variety of Business and general knowledge questions.

The teams comprised of David Griffin, James Mc Mahon, Chris Van Kuyk, Jesse Power, David Howes, Kevin Real, Stephen Cowpar and Tom Jackson.

### VILLIERS ENTREPRENEURS

In this current economic climate initiative and creativity are characteristics that need to be nurtured. In this regard, Villiers students have been researching and preparing their enterprise projects for the City Enterprise Board Schools Competition.

Eleven projects have been submitted and are currently being judged to see if they warrant being in the Limerick Finals on March 9th. Under the guidance of Mr Tom Jones, Ms Maeve O’Brien & Ms Michelle Meaney TY students have prepared a wide variety of projects.

These include Customised Mouse Mats, Handmade candles, Mobile Phone Covers, Greeting Cards, Customised Year Planners, Solar Powered Back Packs and an IT Applications Manual.

There are high hopes that at least one of these projects can emulate last years TY project, Sci-Chem, which went on to be awarded 3rd place in the 2008 National Finals in Dublin.

### NIALL MELLON DOCUMENTARY

Jenni Lyttle, Tanya Powell, Claire Casey, John O’Mahony, Roy Harvey & Andrew Cusack took part in the production of a documentary based on the Niall Mellon Trust Fund.

The Villiers students were filmed and interviewed about their knowledge of the Trust and about the various fundraising activities organized by Mr. Jones and Mr. Kearsley. The documentary will be broadcast on both TG4 and TV3 in the near future.

### SECOND FORM CSPE TRIP TO ZOO

On January 14<sup>th</sup> 3M, N & Q traveled to Dublin Zoo as part of their CSPE project. We were given a talk by the Zoos conservation officer and learned a lot of interesting information, in relation to the zoo’s role in protecting endangered species. We also learned, much to our surprise, that Dublin Zoo is the third oldest Zoo in the world.

The main purpose of our trip however was the adoption of a penguin, a tiger and a gorilla. We would like to thank our teachers, Ms Dillon Devine & Ms Thornton & Ms O’Donnell and Ms Mahon, who accompanied us on the trip.

### RYAN TUBRIDY & AENGUS MCANALLY

The TYs were treated to a visit by RTE DJ’s and Presenters during January. Both Ryan Tubridy and Aengus McAnally spoke to the students about their journey into broadcasting/media, its ups and downs.

They gave advice on the different routes to a career in media and gave an insight into the actuality of preparing and presenting your own show.

### LENTEN REFLECTION

If each of us could do a few of the things mentioned in St. Francis’ s prayer we would be contribute towards making life easier and happier for those we meet.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy

O Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.  
Amen.



## Sport

### GIRLS HOCKEY

Congratulations to all U/ 15 and junior hockey teams who have impressed many a Villiers spectator in the past month. This is in spite of their commitment to the TY show and their preparation for the mock exams. The latest results are very encouraging, with a very close, competitive match against Ursulines and a decisive 3-0 victory over Laurel Hill. The Juniors results are also very convincing with a 7-0 victory over Castletroy and a 5-0 victory over St. Annes.

Good Luck to the girls who will be taking part in Cup matches and in play-offs for the league in the weeks after the mid-term break.

### SPIKEBALL

The Spike ball Blitz was held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January. Six primary schools from around Limerick took part, guided by 20 TY students. This was a beneficial experience for both TYs and the primary school students involved. The Blitz went according to plan and each of the participating students was awarded a certificate. St Michael's primary school were victorious and went away with vouchers for Elverys. A special thank you from all the TYs involved to Bean Uí Riain and Mary Lawlor of Volleyball Ireland.

### RUGBY

After a slow start Villiers Ruby is now turning a corner and much is expected of the Junior who will play Tralee CBS in the Kings Cup, after mid-term break.

High hopes are also held for the Seniors who will play St. Nessans in the O'Gorman Plate, again after mid-term.

The U13/ 14's were unlucky to be beaten by Clements in their recent friendly, with some great tries from Duward Richter, Gavin Hayes and some excellent play from players like William Russell and Nathan Eacrett Long.

Turnout at training has improved and this will soon be reflected in competitive performance.

### ATHLETICS

Many students have been quietly preparing for the athletics cross-country season which kicks off Thursday 12th February. Good luck to all involved!

**ALL SPORTS ARTICLES WRITTEN BY REBECCA & CLAIRE, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH SPORTS DEPT.**

### BASKETBALL

The Southwest League for U 16s and for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year boys commenced Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

The Southwest league for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year girls is to commence shortly. In the meantime all teams have been involved in challenge matches, with boys playing St. Clements and the girls playing Salesians.

All boys and girls, please try to make an effort to maintain high attendance at after school training on Mondays and Tuesdays.

### BORD NA NOG AWARD

Some of our junior students are acquitting themselves very favourably on the GAA pitches, with Na Piarisagh U16's taking County Championship honours. This team includes players such as Claire Casey at midfield, Niamh Heffernan, corner back and Katie Campbell, also midfield.

Claire was recently awarded a prestigious Bord NaNog Award for commitment and ability.

### BOYS HOCKEY

Minor Boys : came through a thrilling cup quarter final against Middleton in Villiers. The match went down to the last minute of the second period of extra time when Nathan Eacrett finally made the breakthrough from a short corner in the dying seconds. Villiers had pressed hard for the victory, which was deserving in the end. Their semi-final is against Bandon on our return from mid-term on Wednesday 25th February.

Senior Boys : recently played Middleton in a league match and showed encouraging signs for the future before finally going down 5-2 to our visitors. They have also been drawn against Bandon in the cup which is again scheduled for Wednesday 25th February in Villiers.

1st Yr Boys : recently competed in a blitz in Ashton, as well as playing Middleton at home in a friendly, coming out 2-1 victors.

### PAST PUPIL ROGER LEADS MUNSTER U21

Past pupil Roger Gray has been rewarded for his prowess on the hockey pitch by being honoured with the Captaincy of the Munster U21 team.

Coming from a sporting family, his Dad having guided many a Villiers hockey team and his sister Sarah being a force to be reckoned with on any hockey team, it is no surprise that Roger has been chosen to lead Munsters' very successful team in their forthcoming Dublin tournament.

Well done and good luck Roger!



## FASHION ADVICE

### TY 08/09 RAISE THE STANDARD

**Anything Goes** is a musical with music and lyrics by Cole Porter. The story concerns madcap antics aboard an ocean liner bound from New York to London. Billy Crocker (Sean McAteer) is a stowaway in love with heiress Hope Harcourt (Roisin Cahill), who is engaged to Lord Evelyn Oakleigh (Nicky Hodgers). Nightclub singer Reno Sweeney (Isadora Kileen) and Public Enemy # 13 Moonface Martin (Julian Begley) and his friend Bonnie (Theo Byrne) aid Billy in his quest to win Hope. The musical introduced such songs as "Anything Goes", "You're the Top", and "I Get a Kick Out of You".

Since its 1934 debut on Broadway, the musical has been revived several times and has long been a popular choice for school and community productions and the Villiers' team gave a wonderful production.

Choreography was provided by the consummate perfectionist Gerdi McGlynn, who had the girls tapping with gusto and the boys leaping over brooms like gazelles.

Produced by May O'Halloran all characters were convincing, with very credible performances from April Swift-O'Halloran, Nicky Hodgers, Ronan Moriarty & Richard Bourke, to name but a few.

Musically this show was perfect. Under the baton of Ms Sinead O'Sullivan the chorus and orchestra were equally flawless. She guided the wonderful performances from Isabella, with many finding it hard to believe that Isabella was not a professional, Julian, Sean, Roisin, Theo & Ellen,

Every member of the cast gave their best both in rehearsal and in performance and their task was made easier by the many eye-catching costumes and very appropriate set, created by Jane Murtagh and her team ensured that Anything Goes surpassed all expectations and has left our current third formers with an incredibly hard act to follow. Well done to all involved.



## TRANSITION YEAR

### WORK EXPERIENCE

This is the time of year that every business owner fears: for one, or if they're lucky two, weeks they get the opportunity to entertain Villiers finest TY students. These two weeks give the students a chance to have a 'behind the scenes' look at the career they wish to pursue after school and see if it's right path for them. We can now look forward to work experience as all the paperwork is filled out.

### MOCK INTERVIEWS

We had mock interviews in the week before Christmas break which were challenging and rewarding. Being in the hot seat was a good learning experience in thinking on your feet and in 'letting my second thought be my first word', in other words thinking before I answered. We also now know what to expect of an interview and are aware of areas we need to improve upon.

We would like to thank Mr. A. Boucher, Mr. H. Gleeson, Mr. J. Crowley, Ms. L. Ledger & Ms. Mary Coll, who conducted the interviews, giving both their time and expertise.

### APTITUDE TESTS

Why on earth would we have to do an aptitude test, we asked, each of us thinking that we knew where our intelligence lay and what our rough aim in life was. Boy, were we wrong.

Listen lads, this is no joke! You have to be focused to do this. There were so many dots that we even dreamt of them...Mr. Blobby even appeared.

In seriousness, aptitude tests determine what career would suit you and give you a good idea of what you would be good at.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADDITIONAL DATES

**TY Outdoor Pursuits**—Wednesday 25th March

**Long Weekend**—Commences Friday 13th March.  
School Resumes Wednesday 18th March

**French Trip**—Thursday 12th March

### STUDENT COUNCIL

Monday 23rd February—Training Day  
Much more to be heard from student council after this session.

### STUDY SKILLS SEMINAR

Monday 2nd March—Seminar open to parents of all years to commence at 8pm

Tuesday 3rd March—All 5th Year students

### 5TH FORM TRIP TO KING LEAR

On Wednesday 4th March, the fifth formers will travel to the Helix in Dublin to view a production of King Lear, one of the texts for Leaving Cert 2010