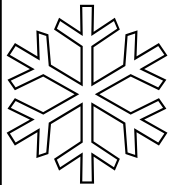
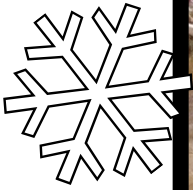




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Christmas Scenes At Crescent





Wishing everybody a Very Happy Christmas

ALL SHOOK UP

For the last several weeks the central area has been a hive of activity, with everyone pitching in and doing their bit to help make the show look as fabulous as possible. This year was particularly stressful for all involved as they were only given four weeks to prepare for the show. However, no one disappointed, with the stage and set being constructed and painted in only a week or so.

Truthfully I was not expecting the show to be as good as previous years, with the cast having so little time to prepare. However, I need not have worried as the cast all behaved like complete professionals. It was almost impossible to tell that it was some of the main characters' first time on stage.

The show opened with Chad (Jake Fehily), a young roustabout, being released from prison. After his motorcycle starts making a "jiggly-wiggly" sound, he happens to turn up in a town where Mayor Matilda (Kate Stapleton) has recently introduced the Mamire-Isenhower Decency Act, which prevents tight pants and public "necking." When Chad finds out about this he vows to stay and help the towns-people learn to loosen up and enjoy their lives.

Chad causes quite a stir in the town, when Natalie (Niamh Roche) falls in love with him. Dennis (Hugh Fitzgibbon) who is Natalie's best friend and secretly in love with her is not happy about this at all, but for some reason is very happy to be Chad's sidekick. Unfortunately, Chad falls for Miss Sandra (Catherine Earlie) the exotic British woman who is taking care of the museum. To tangle the plot even further Jim (Fiachra Ryan) Natalie's father also falls in love with Miss Sandra.

In another mad plot twist Natalie then decided to dress up as a boy, "Ed" so that Chad will be able to get to know and like her as a friend first. However, the plan backfires when Chad starts to like Ed a little too much, and they share a kiss, which confuses poor Chad to no end. However, when Ed goes to give Miss Sandra a poem of love from Chad, Miss Sandra ends up falling in love with Ed too!

Meanwhile, Mayor Matilda and her sidekick Sheriff Earl (Maurice Cusack) are getting more and more agitated with the roustabout when the Mayor's very own "golden child," Dean (Liam Fleming) falls in love with Lorraine, (Gillian Ryan) a child raised in a honky tonk, learns to dance and begins to disobey his mother! Dean and Lorraine are on the verge of eloping, when Chad convinces them to stay.

In a very confusing finale scene with most of the characters declaring their love for one-another, we somehow manage to reach the long awaited happy ending! Natalie reveals that Ed is actually her and makes Miss Sandra look a fool, she then declares her love for Chad who does not reciprocate. Dennis and Miss Sandra then realises how much they have in common and get together. Jim and Sylvia (Emily Collins) then realise their love for each other. Sheriff Earl then declares his love for Mayor Matilda, and proceeds to kiss her rather indecently! Natalie then decides to hit the open road and Chad decided he will join her.

The highlights of the show for me personally were the songs Hound Dog, Blue Suede Shoes, Devil in Disguise and just about any moment when Dennis was on stage. Over all the show was a perfect balance of light-hearted and serious and has made me really want to start listening to Elvis.

I'm sure everyone would like to thank the director Tony Cusack, the choreographers, Carol Cusack, Sarah Allen, Aisling Cusack and Emma O'Ruairc. The musical director, Morgan Roughan, the assistant producers Ben Harnett, Orglugh Flanagan and Ellen O'Hora, also all the TY's who helped in the construction and painting of the set and finally to all the teachers for their help and patience



Kate Mc Manus.





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TRANSITION YEAR ISPCC COLLECTION

On the 11th of December Transition year classes, Arrupe, Fielde and de Chardin have participated in collecting money in town for the ISPC (Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children). The ISPC are dedicated to the safety of children in Ireland. The charity has provided services such as Childline. Crescent students also sold badges to the busy shoppers in the city centre. ISPC generously provided us with lunch and coffee to protect us from the cold winter weather. The money collected will aid ISPC in their continuing aid for children for the busy holiday season.

Anthony Geoghegan



BT YOUNG SCIENTIST COMPETITION

On the 27th of September, Jack Roche and I sent in an application to participate in the BT Young Scientist 2014. The competition is extremely difficult to get into – this was the 50th Anniversary and over 2000 projects apply each year! Of those 2000 projects only 550 are exhibited at the RDS in January..

The odds were that our project wouldn't make it, but we definitely wouldn't get in if we didn't try, so off our application went to Dublin. While the judges of the Exhibition were reading our application we were still working away on our project. Our project involved measuring the bone lengths of everyone from First Year to Third Year. Once we had those lengths the goal was to find



some common ratio (e.g. is Total Arm to Hand Length in the same proportion as Total Arm to Height?). The measuring was carried out by Transition Years from Arrupe class. After they inputted the data into Excel, we analysed it and looked to see if age and gender mattered for ratios. We also found a common ratio – Height: Total



Arm, and Total Arm:Hand Length are both 3 on average. This also means that Height :Hand Length is 9 on average, meaning that your height can quickly be found by measuring your hand (wristbone to tip of middle finger) and multiplying it. We thought this was an extremely useful thing to have discovered because measuring the height of most people needs a measuring tape or meter stick. Hand length, though can be measured with nothing more than a 30cm ruler. At the moment, we only know that this ratio is true for people who are aged 12-15. Anyway, four weeks later I finally got a reply on the 25th of October. The letter from BT told me that our project had qualified for the final! Even getting to that stage of the Young Scientist is difficult so myself and Jack were very excited at the news. We still are, and we're looking forward to exhibiting our project at the RDS in January.

Cian McDonnell



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SANTA HATS APPEAL



On Wednesday the 27th of November, two Bóthar representatives came to our school to give a talk on the Santa Hat appeal. Bóthar are a charity that send livestock to developing countries around the World. During their presentation, we got to see the wonderful work they do and how they give long and short term aid, such as the Philippines disaster fund or giving Irish dairy cows to needy families. As part of their fundraising campaign, they asked the Transition Year students to sell Santa Hats at a Heineken Cup game. As well as raising money, they were also trying to break the World Record of the most people in one place wearing Santa Hats.

Last Sunday at the Munster VS Perpignan Heineken Cup match, over 40 Transition Years from Crescent College took part in the selling of Santa hats outside Thomand Park. The Transition Years were selling hats from eleven o'clock until one.

Munster and Perpignan teams line up to pay tribute to Nelson Mandela before the start of the Heineken Cup

Ernan Hession



6th Year Sleep Out

On Thursday 19th December the 6th years here in crescent will all be taking part in a sleep out. The money for this will be collected during the day in Arthurs Quay and Crescent Shopping Centre then the sleep out will take place that night. All 6th years will be taking part including Dermot Cowhey and Przenek. This idea came from a kairos retreat programme. Some 6th year students here in crescent 3 years ago felt they wanted to put what they learned in kairos into action. One of the characteristics of Jesuit education is faith that does justice this is an attempt by 6th years to put this into action. Last year overall they raised over 6,000 euro for St. Vincent De Paul and this year they are hoping to equal this amount or even better it.

Evelyn Curtin

Dayna Slattery

***SANTA HATS APPEAL School Day Event for
Enable Ireland***

Raised over 1,000 euros

Thanks to all who took part!





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IN THE DEEP END

An Interview with Fiona Doyle Irish Swimmer

How long have you been swimming for?

I have been swimming since the age of 5 but I didn't start competitive swimming until the age of 10. Originally, my parents put my twin and I into lessons as they believed we should be able to swim.

What sparked your interest in swimming?

I always loved being in the water. I loved swimming fast and beating others. However, it wasn't until I watched the 2004 Athens Olympics that my dream to swim in the Olympics grew. From there, there was no holding me back.

What are your memories of Crescent?

My first memory of the Crescent was watching my older sister in the Christmas show and thinking how cool it would be to go to the Crescent. My best memories from the Crescent are from 4th year: the trips away, building the stage, and just having fun in general. Of course, I won't ever forget how supportive the school were of my swimming throughout my time there.

When you were in school, were you part of a swimming club? If so, what club?

During my time at the Crescent the school never had a swim team as such. I swam with Limerick Swim Club and all the swimmers in the Crescent, at the time, were also a member of Limerick S.C. I was part of the surf club though, that was a lot of fun. Although, I still don't like getting into a damp wetsuit.



Who is the strongest opponent you have faced so far?

I have raced all the breaststroke world record holders. Yulia Efimova, the 50m world record holder from Russia, has to be my stiffest competition. She beat me in Russia at the world university games and years previous, at the European youth Olympics. One day, it would be nice to beat her.

Do you have to follow a strict diet and training regime in order to stay fit?

My training schedule has actually improved as I have gotten older but it is still not to be admired. I train from 6-8 and 2-4 Mon, Tues, Thurs and Friday and 7-9am Saturday. We also lift on Mon, Wed and Fridays. In terms of sticking to a strict diet, there is nothing that I am strictly not allowed to eat; it is more about me deciding to eat right as I want to ensure I can swim fast. As I am also a part of the high performance center in Calgary, we get skinfold testing once a month so our coaches constantly know where we are in terms of weight. This is usually enough motivation to stay on track when trying to lose weight, haha.

Have you ever thought about swimming at an Olympic level?

Over the summer, I competed at the world university games where I came 2nd in the 100m and 4th in the 50m, narrowly missing a second medal by .01 of a sec. I also competed at the world championships where I reached two semifinals and a top ranking of 11th. Currently, I am ranked 15th so this has considerably increased my drive to reach an Olympics and hopefully do the country proud.

What do you see as your greatest achievement with swimming so far?

My greatest achievements to date would have to be the ones listed above, especially my medal from the world university games. This will be a moment I will never forget. I was selected to race for Europe at this year's Duel in the Pool which, occurs every two years. This is Europe's top 22 men and 22 women and they race the USA's best 22. I am super excited to race at this; this will be my greatest achievement come December 21st. We would like to wish Fiona every success

in the Duel in the Pool and in

Pippa McDonogh



RUDOLF'S RIDDLES

David Condon

Throw me off the highest building,
and I'll not break. But put me in the
ocean, and I will.

What am I?

I am as light as a feather, yet no man
can hold me for long.

What am I?

A man was going to buy a \$5000 car,
but he didn't pay a penny for the car,
how is this possible?

What is the easiest way to throw a
ball, and have it stop, and completely
reverse direction after traveling a
short distance?

Samuel was out for a walk when it
started to rain. He did not have an
umbrella and he wasn't wearing a
hat. His clothes were soaked, yet not
a single hair on his head got wet. How
could this happen?

What demands an answer, but asks
no question?

I have been called many names,
through the course of years.

I may have been a real person,
but I always bring lots of cheers.

I am known all over the world,
and I come on a winter's night,
to spread joy and holiday spirit,
and to set children's faces right.

If you still don't know my name,
just read on a little more,
I live in a house on top of the world,
and little children I adore.

Who am I?

The man who invented it
doesn't want it. The man who
bought it doesn't need it. The
man who needs it doesn't know
it. What is it?

A man woke up in the middle of
the night and turned off the
light. Ten people died as result.

Why?

I go in dry and come out wet and the
longer I'm in the stronger I get.

What am I?

What can you hold without using your
arms or hands or any body part?

Still don't know???

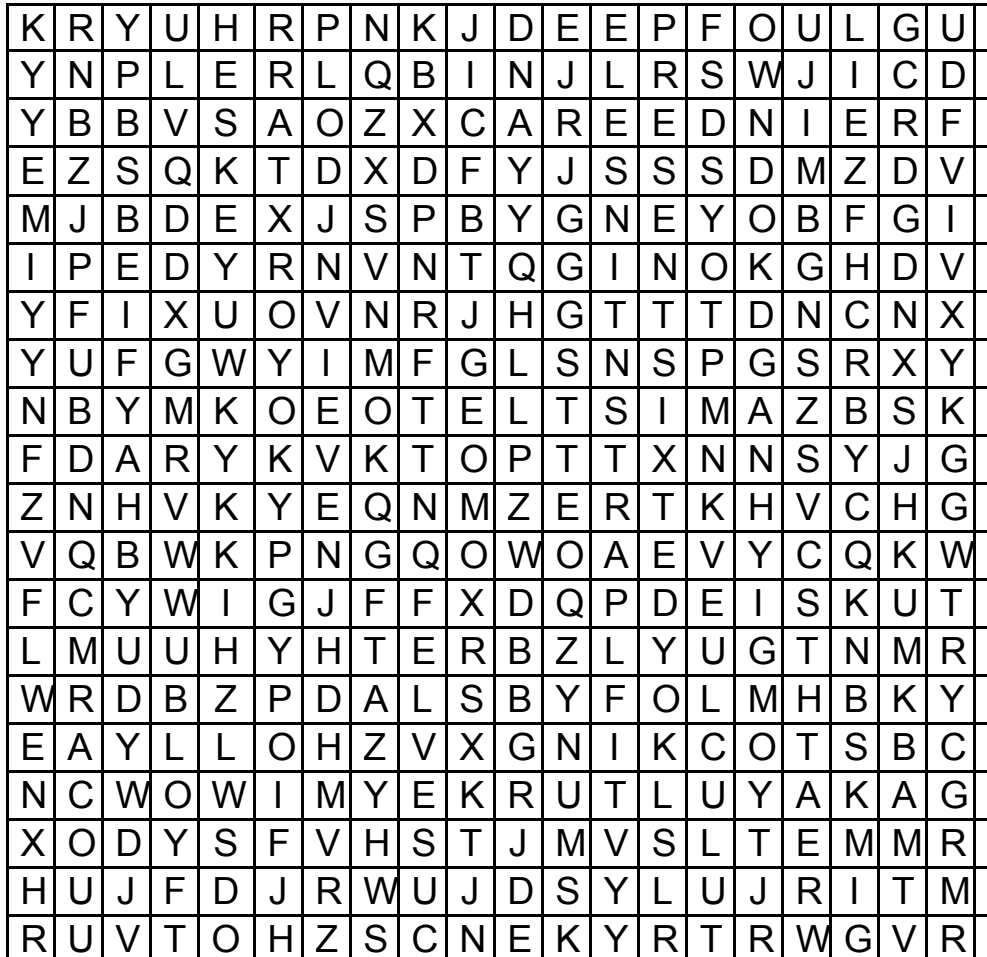
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CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH



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SNOWMAN
PRESENTS
TREE
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HOLLY
DONKEY
TINSEL
REINDEER

Cormac O'Byrne

Cian O'Sullivan

Glenn Coady



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Some Recent Success at Crescent College

Maths Olympiad

Cliona Gleeson

During the week of November 11-15, maths Olympiad testing was run in the Crescent with the top scorers qualifying for maths enrichment classes in UL. Well done to Donal McNamee, Michelle Barrett and Ian Clein who have been invited to UL to start training in January. They will be eventually competing for places on the Irish Maths Olympiad team to travel to South Africa in 2014.



Science Quiz

Cliona Gleeson

Thursday 14th of November, Cormac Blake, Tim Moloney and Chris Young won the North Munster round of the Senior Science Quiz in L.I.T. and they will be travelling to Trinity College Dublin on Saturday the 30TH of November to contest the national final.

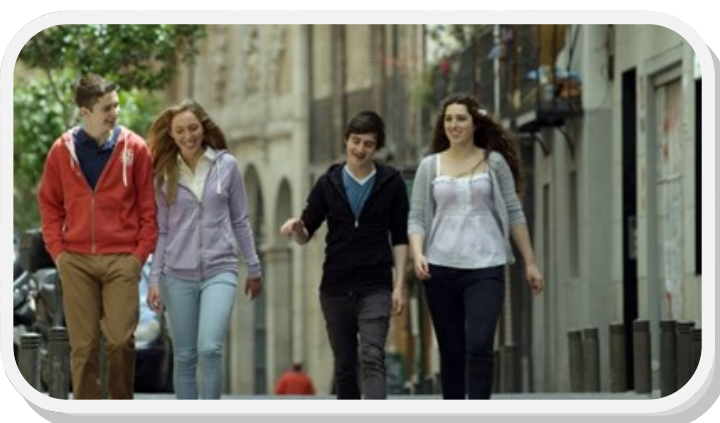


RTE students

Teacher Emma O' Brien

Coming soon to your screens !

Keep an eye on RTE in January 2014. Four of our students will star in a fly-on-the-wall documentary filmed in Spain last May. Accompanied by Ms. Emma O' Brien; Christopher Kelly, Liam Fleming, Sinead O Loughlan and Eimear Mc Gann spent a week in a Spanish school and have a great story to tell





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Some Recent Success at Crescent College

Choir/Orchestra

Roisin Lavery

Those of you lucky to be in the Concert Hall in April will never forget the performance of our choir and orchestra who won the Silver medal in the prestigious Waltons Music for Schools competition. Stay tuned to Lyric FM and keep an eye on our website for more details of this year's entry.



CCC Equestrian Club

On Wednesday 4th of December, members of CCC Equestrian Club took part in a show jumping competition in Clonshire Equestrian Centre against nine other Limerick schools. There were three competitions on the day and CCC Equestrian which consisted of Grace O'Mahony, Maja Zwierzchowska, Jason Griffin, Jennifer Holmes, Claudia Griffin, Aimee Barry, Laura Carey, Orna Rea, Ciara McCarthy and Aoife Noonan took home six rosettes. Tensions were high as each student hoped for a double clear round to secure themselves a place in the timed jump off.

CCC Equestrian did fantastic in the 80cm class. Claudia Griffin, Jason Griffin, Aimee Barry, Laura Carey and Ciara McCarthy secured double clear rounds and went through to the jump off. Aimee Barry, one of our new first years and her pony Caramba, took home first prize with an amazing time of 29.8 seconds. With only one second behind her, Laura Carey, a second year student, along with Clonshire's Silver, secured a close second place.

The highest and most challenging competition was the 1meter class. Crescent's Aimee Barry and Amy McNamara from St. Patrick's Comprehensive in Shannon were the only two students that qualified for the jump off. The atmosphere was tense but CCC Equestrian's Aimee Barry took home first prize yet again.

The day was a great success for all students in CCC Equestrian Club. We will continue to meet once a week for our weekly lesson between now and Christmas to improve even more and be ready for any competitions we face in 2014.



Left: Maja, Aoife and Orna

Right: First lace Aimee and second place Laura



Main Group Picture

From left to right: Orna Rea, Ciara McCarthy, Claudia Griffin, Jason Griffin, Kayleigh Maher, Jennifer Holmes, Aimee Barry, Aoife Noonan, Maja Zwierzchowska, Grace O'Mahony and Laura Carey





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Some Recent Success at Crescent College Contd.

CCC Jockeys

Kayleigh, Maher Ann Guinee

Following our report in the last newsletter people were interested in hearing some more about our CCC Jockeys club. We invited the members to tell us in more detail about their experiences so far:

When we heard about the Equestrian Club being set up by Kayleigh we went along to a meeting to see how we could get involved. As a group we already had a lot of knowledge and experience with horses but had not been through formal equestrian training so Kayleigh came up with the idea of starting our own club. We were excited about this as it was a chance to do something that we love and are good at. With the help of Kayleigh, Ann, John Gavin and of course Mr Cuddihy, we got permission and funding to get started.

The plan was to travel out to Clonshire one Tuesday afternoon per month. We were so looking forward to the first visit and we weren't disappointed. It took a bit of time (and quite a lot of laughing) before we were fitted with the proper boots, vests and hats. The centre is very strict about riding with the proper safe gear. By the time we were ready we reckoned we were bullet proof as well as everything else! Then we met the horses we would be riding. These were Baby, Silver, Tristan, Cadbury, Franklin and Jumanji. We took a bit of time to rub them and get a feel for their temperament. One or two were a little unfriendly to begin but we knew when and how to approach them. Each of us was allocated a horse and we had to help get them saddled up and ready. Kayleigh was great to show us how to do this and she gave us the names for the different pieces of equipment we were using. The first lesson went really well and the staff seemed impressed with how much we already knew about riding. At the end we were allowed to practice jumping, which most of us had not tried before.

After the lesson we felt that we would like to go more often. A month was a long time to wait for another go and Kayleigh and John thought that it would be better for our learning to go more often than that too. Luckily, Mr Cuddihy agreed and it was arranged that we would do a second lesson every month. We were so delighted to hear this.

We have now been out four times now and it is going really well. Each time we go we are learning things which improve our riding and show us how to gain better control over the horses. We have had a little more practice jumping too which is great fun. Just recently two things happened which made it even better. Firstly, Mr Gavin got in touch with Michael Hourigan, a very famous, top class horse trainer who has his stables in Patrickswell and he arranged for us to go there, two at a time, for work experience on Wednesdays after school. This is proving to be hard work but fantastic experience. We are working with powerful, thoroughbred, racehorses, grooming and oiling them, cleaning their hooves and mucking out their stables. When all this is done we transport hay and feed to them and then, if we are lucky, we get to ride one of the hunters for ten or fifteen minutes at the end, which is a real bonus. The second thing that happened just this week is that we got funding to get our own riding boots. We collected these on Tuesday and it will make such a difference to have our own as trying to get the right sizes every lesson took up a lot of time.

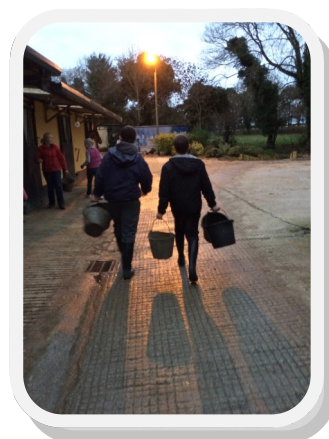
We are really grateful to all those who helped us set up the club and especially to the various people/groups who are funding this activity. We are planning a fundraiser of our own in the New Year to help us to buy more gear so watch out for that. A special thank you too to Michael Hourigan, Kay and all those at the Lisaleen stables for sharing their horses and their expertise with us.

We hope the club will participate in a couple of equestrian events before the end of the school year so keep an eye out for further reports!



From left to right: Shane, Dillion Craig, Dale, Tony, Alan

Shane and Alan feeding time.





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Hannah O Sullivan

Film Circle Camera Course

Last week, sixteen 4th year students participated in a camera course which lasted for a full school week. The company Film Circle travels throughout Ireland offering a film course to transition year students.

On Monday, the course leader, Paul introduced us to filming. He showed us how to use all the film equipment including a Sony HD camera, the sound boom and zoom and tripods. Later we then filmed a short test film where we learned the basics of filming a movie. We each got a turn using the camera, the clapperboard, the zoom and the boom.

On Tuesday and Wednesday we came up with a film idea and divided the group into the creative and the technology side. The creative group included the creative director, the actors, the props and costume team and the writers of the script. The technology group included the technical director, camera men, and the sound engineers.

On Thursday and Friday we began filming. The movie was a spoof of The Hunger Games. It was hard work to get all the scenes filmed in such a short time but everyone worked together to produce it. We also found time to have fun and make new friends.

Overall, it was a fantastic week. We learned a lot about filming, acting and producing a movie. It was an enjoyable week and we're all honoured to have gotten the opportunity to participate in the course.



1. A tissue. 2. A breath. 3. He didn't pay a penny, he paid \$5000 for the car. 4. Toss it up in the air.
5. He was bald.
6. A telephone. 7. Santa Claus. 8. A coffin. 9. He was a lighthouse keeper. 10. A tea bag. 11. Your breath

Answers to Rudolph's Riddles



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Christmas Carol Concert For School Choir and Orchestra

On Thursday 11th of December Christmas Carols Night took place in the school, those that attended the event enjoyed a festive evening of music and song as well as some light refreshments afterwards.

The entertainment for the night was provided by the School Orchestra and Choir who performed some magical pieces such as O Little Town of Bethlehem, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas and the haunting classic Walking Through The Air.



There were also outstanding performances from the Parents Choir, the Staff Choir (who show they can do fun)

The Childrens Choir from Our Lady Of Lourdes Primary School and last but not least the very talented 6th years.

Thanks to Roisin, Cian, Grainne, all the staff, students and parents who helped out on the night.

De Chardin Class TY

Glenn Coady

David Condon

Orfhlaith Cowhey

Evelyn Curtin

Neil Daly

Heather Fitzgerald

Tom Fraser

Anthony Geoghegan

Ernan Hession

Calvin Hickey

Eva Khalife

Dylan McCoy

Ross McCrann

Pippa McDonogh

Kate McManus

Evan McNamara

Mike Mullins

Cormac O'Byrne

Ellen O'Hora

Cian O'Sullivan

Aisling Roche

Anthony Shaw

Dayna Slattery



Happy Christmas to everyone that was involved in producing the Crescent Express Newsletter over the last term especially to

Pippa, Tom, Evan, Heather, Evelyn, Dayna, Ellen whose contribution was outstanding.

Thanks!!

Joe Fitzgerald

Editor Tom Fraser