



AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

# Crescent Express

This year Crescent had eight girls playing for Munster in the hockey inter-provincial tournament which took place in Lisnagarvey hockey club in Ulster. Michelle Barrett, Aine Ryan, Aebhinn Bourke and Jenny Clein were all on the under 18 squad. On the under 16 squad we had Jane Kirby, Megan Horan, Isabella Murphy and Niamh O Keffe. The girls had an excellent tournament altogether. Jenny Clein, Michelle Barrett and Isabella Murphy all scored excellent goals for their teams. The under 18s finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the competition and the under 16s came 2<sup>nd</sup> and were unbeaten.



## Munster gold for Jack Dowling

By Margaret Culhane

An interview with Jack Dowling (Spionla) on his recent gold and silver victory's for swimming at the Munster Special Olympics Championship. began the interview by congratulating Jack on his great success at the weekend, I then asked Jack if it is a big commitment to be such a successful swimmer to which he replied "I have to be training three times a week for a long time, it is a big commitment."

I then asked Jack if he had been training for a long time and he told me that he had been training since he was fifteen.

The competition was held in University of Limerick sports arena on the 19th of October and Jack competed against 4 other people for the title, he was supported by his mom, his granny, Bonnie and Emily.

I asked Jack how he felt after the win and he proceeded to tell me that "I felt excited and happy but I was very nervous before the swim, I was shocked when I realised I had won, I was very proud of myself."

After a long day at University of Limerick Jack went to his granny's house to celebrate where he had pizza and chips which is a big treat for him because he usually sticks to such a healthy diet.





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## Open Night 2014

This year's Open Night took place on the 22nd of October. The night was very successful, with over 500 people attending. The prefects were there to greet the parents and children as they arrived. Ms Fleming along with Ms Mulcahy welcomed everyone to the Open Night. They each spoke about the school and the great experiences they've had here. The school captains shared some of their good memories and experiences in the school with the parents and children.

There were lots of activities on around the school for the children and parents to do and see. Demonstrations in the science lab, interactive quiz in Irish, activities in the metalwork and woodwork rooms were among the many different things going on in the school. Overall it was an excellent night and a big thank you to everyone who helped out.

By Aoibhe Murtagh





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## U16 Hurling

The hurlers faced the short trip to Rathkeale to face the all mighty Tralee hurlers. New jerseys on their backs and head coach Diarmuid Mullins made sure all the players knew that this game was far from a fashion show. Conditions were poor and you could sense winter hurling in the air. Tralee dominated the early exchanges with points from Patsy Mc Caughey proving crucial but when Diarmuid Mullins made a tactical genius call by bringing the 'big man' Niall Gannon into full forward. Tensions sparked as the 'big man' claimed more than one high ball. Stunning first half performance from Conor 'the scrapper' Flahive. Comp pulled away with a majestic goal from Donnacha Connolly which sailed in top corner. During half time, Diarmuid Mullins got his boys ready to go to war for the second time. Comp had a shaky start to the second half, and things were not going to plan. Michael Bateman stealing the ball off his own player was a clear sign of how things were going. Super sub Killian 'Duncan' Shaughnessy claimed a super high ball, rounded his man and scored a majestic goal from his own 45, on his weak side, against the wind, over the shoulder, on the run and off the shtick. The shoulders that went in the second half were not for the faint hearted with Michael Bateman putting in one of the strongest shoulders ever witnessed on a gaa field his man will be dazzled for days. Just before the full time whistle Conor Fitzgerald brother of Bryan son of Desmond put in a game changing shoulder and managed to break his mans helmet. A plucky Darragh 'the snipper' Aherne kept all the players hydrated and Edwin 'da wik' Wixted kept everyone warm with his slick beanies. Crescent ended the game the stronger side and won by 9 points.

By Sam Ross and Liam Harrington



## CCC Equestrian Club

On Monday 27th of October, The CCC Equestrian Club competed in the Interschools Ireland Show Jumping Competition in Clonshire Equestrian Centre. The team, who consisted of Elle Sorensen, Shannan Delaney, Aoife Noonan and Jennifer Holmes, had some fantastic clear rounds but unfortunately didn't make it to the jump off. Aoife Noonan took third place in the Novice Individual competition and Aimee Barry also took third place in the Open Individual Competition. Overall, the day was a huge success. We are continuing to train each week for upcoming Show Jumping Competitions. We will keep you posted!





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# The Shop at 'Oliver' will make Refugee Children's Christmas Happier

This year we are delighted that the funds from the shop during the school show will contribute to the Crescent College Comprehensive S.J Christmas Appeal for the Jesuit Refugee Service. Many thanks to all who made this possible .

There are approximately 70 children in Knocklisheen Centre in Co Clare and together with the Jesuit Refugee Service in Dooradoyle, we want to make their Christmas happier, by helping with Christmas Gifts. Although we know that Santa comes to all children, we also know that these children are far away from aunts and uncles, grandparents and friends and we would like to buy them gifts too. The children are living with their parents while they wait for their family's claim for asylum to be decided. The direct provision system (the Irish government provides accommodation and full board to people seeking asylum) was set up in 1999 to house people seeking asylum in the short term.

However, the reality has been that families seeking asylum have been living in state provided accommodation centres for years, a significant number more than six years.

Also , we are asking parents to buy new pyjamas and slipper socks, for children aged 6 months to 12 years who are living in direct provision centres. If you would like to buy this, please Contact Grainne Delaney,

**for age of child -[grainnemdelaney@gmail.com](mailto:grainnemdelaney@gmail.com)**





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# Ladies Mini Marathon

The 18th year of the Limerick Women's Mini Marathon took place on Sunday 26th October 2014 at 2:00pm.

Late September, the T.Y girls from Crescent College Comprehensive visited St. Gabriel's school. We got a tour of the school, and we got to see what it was like for the students to attend the school.

On Sunday we met at scholars bar to collect our T-shirts and get our numbers before the run. There was a good atmosphere there and every one was excited to take part. Every one gathered outside the U.L sports arena to warm up before the run. After we were warmed up, we got into our places to get ready for the run.

The pupils ran, walked or jogged 8k around the U.L campus. There was prizes for the first four people past the finishing line, with €400 for the overall winner, while there was also a prize for the fastest wheelchair athlete. It was a very special event for Limerick, and a huge amount of charities got behind it. As this article goes to print money is still being collected from the event. The money will go to St. Gabriel's school for their heated pool and the first playground for children that has a disability and in wheelchairs. Well done to all the TY girls for taking part!





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CLUBSPORTS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Bowen shield team took to the field on Wednesday the 5th of November to play PBC in cork. The injury list had increased due to Bryan Fitzgerald out with glandular fever and Ruairi Casserly out with sickness. It was a long trip to cork knowing they were without their star man Bryan Fitzgerald but the lads were pumped up to get revenge for the junior cup final loss to Pres. We wish Bryan Fitzgerald the best with his battle with the glandular fever and we wish the team the best of luck in the future.





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CATHOLIC EDUCATION BOARD

## Lainez C.S.P.E trip

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of October, Lainez 3<sup>rd</sup> year class visited the national museum of Ireland and they got a tour of the Dáil in Dublin. Ms Barrett and Mr Kennedy went with the class. They watched the Dáil in session and visited the Seanad. They learned the history of the Irish government. The concept of this trip was Democracy. They also visited the Liffey Valley. They're class was made up of many different committees such as the organising committee, the research committee, the camera committee, the thanking committee and the committee that were in charge on the day. The class would like to thank Ms Barrett and Mr Kennedy.

By Ciara McCarthy and Kim Harrison





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## Christmas Market

**Christmas Market Stall in aid of CCC Student Support: Request for Donations**

**BY SCHOOL OFFICE ON NOVEMBER 17, 2014 IN CCC STUDENT SUPPORT**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas market takes place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, 6th December at the WestEnd Youth Centre and OLOL Car Park.**

**Crescent Comp will have a stall which is being organised by the Student Support office. If there are any 'crafty' parents who would like to donate craft items, artwork, knitwear, jams, chutneys or similar items for sale that would be fantastic. Also, donations of children's books (all ages) in good condition would be appreciated. Donations can be taken in at the school – just mark for the attention of Ann Guinee, Student Support Officer.**

**A €20 fee for the stall goes to Our Lady of Lourdes School. Any profits from sales on the day will go directly to CCC Student Support so will be used to supply books, uniforms, lunches and to subsidize trips for students in difficult circumstances.**





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Sanchez with their cheque for the donkey sanctuary.



Jane Quigley, Kimberly Chaila and Sarah Fahy before the Limerick Mini mara-



Emma Foster, Shona Cassidy and Aishling O'Brien before the mini marathon.



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Thanks to all of the editors which were Amy Fitzgerald, Ciara McCarthy, Aoibhe Murtagh and Kim Harrison. Thank you to all De Chardin who contributed to the newsletter. Thank you very much to Joe Fitzgerald .

# OLIVER

Come see the show from  
The 27th-29th of November  
Doors open at 7:30 pm  
Show at 8:00 pm