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GREASE

After weeks of prepping, rehearsing and painting it is with great sadness that we can say Grease is officially over for this year. Big thanks to everyone who took part and attended, especially Lisa Bennett Quaid, Roisin Lavery, Killian Fitzgerald and Joe Fitzgerald, Pdraig O' Sullivan, Rachel, and ailish

The show took place on the 25th and 26th of November 2016, with over 800 guests attending. The entire cast consisted of Transition year students apart from Mrs. Lynch, who was played by Emma Chawke, and coach Calhoun who was played by Chris Cullinan. The show featured a story which followed Sandy (Played by Emma Waddell) and Danny (Played by Michael O'Connor) reuniting again after a summer romance.

Fellow Transition years also played the parts of...



Frenchy- Aine Greer

Sonny- Cian O' Dea

Kenickie- Aaron Hughes

Doody- Jake Murphy

Rizzo- Eimear Beary

Cha Cha- Olivia Humphreys

Patty- Kaitlyn McManus

Blanche- Caoimhe Garry

Jan- Roisin Macnamee

Vince Fontaine- Shane O'Connor

Eugene- Jack o Loughlin

Johnny Casino- Thomas Gomes

Marty- Ola Obasa

Cheerleaders & Teen Angels- Shane O'Connor, Sean Roche, Aoibhinn Magill, Aoife Murphy, Bill Phelan and Donnacha Connolly

On behalf of all the transition year student we would like to thank everyone for taking part and helping out.

We would like to express our gratitude to Roisin Lavery and her orchestra as well as lights, sound, the backstage crew and the producers Lorna Gough, Lauren Fitzgibbon, Liam O'Reilly and Jack Murtagh.

It has been a great end to 2016, we will be forever grateful



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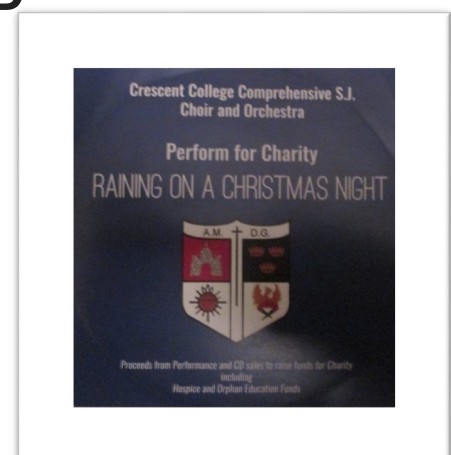
Crescent Shoe Box Appeal

A big thank you to all the 1st years from Ms. Murphy's religion classes who took part in the Team Hope Christmas Shoe-box Appeal. Their generosity will make a big difference in the lives of children all over the world living on the margins as they help Team Hope spread the greatest gifts of hope and love this Christmas.



Raining on a Christmas Night CD

Raining on a Christmas Night is a New Christmas song that the school choir & Orchestra have recorded for charity. It was written by Mr Peter McNamara who was here with us as guest of honour this morning and who plays the piano in the performance . Peter wrote this song 19 years ago. The choir & orchestra went into open door studios in Limerick on 17th November to record the song. The CD is on sale for €5 and all proceeds are going to charity. You can buy the CD from Ms Lavery or you can come along to the annual Christmas Concert on this Wednesday 14th December at 7pm where it will also be on sale.





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Senior Science Quiz

The Regional Final of the Senior Science Quiz took place last at LIT on 17 Nov. Of the thirty teams taking part, our three teams came 1st, 3rd and 5th. Our winning team was Clodagh Kirby, Darragh O'Dowd and Karl Moloney. They, along with the 3rd placed team, Jason Griffin, Christopher Leahy and Ruairi Casserly, represented the Mid West at the National Final at Trinity College in Dublin on 26 November, even though they were not successful on this occasion they thoroughly enjoyed their time in Trinity and we at Crescent are all very proud of their achievements.

Our third team, Eoghan Beary, Aoife Lane and Pearse McMullen also achieved a very high score and were one point off also qualifying.



Clodagh Kirby, Darragh O'Dowd and Karl Moloney



Jason Griffin, Christopher Leahy and Ruairi Casserly



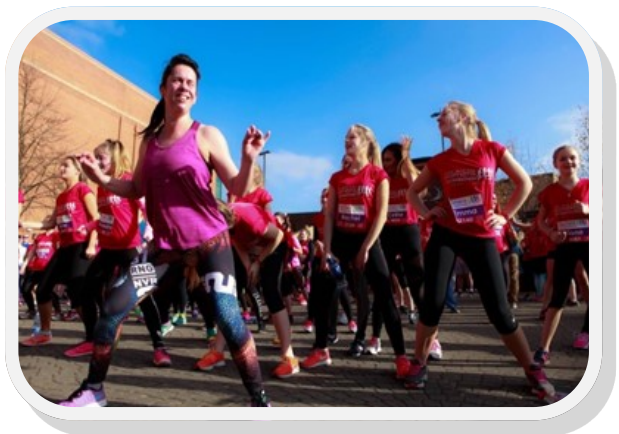
Eoghan Beary, Aoife Lane and Pearse McMullen



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Woman's Mini Marathon

A group of transition year girls completed the woman's mini marathon in the University of Limerick this year on Sunday the 30th of October. The girls ran the 5k to raise money for Saint Gabriel's school. The girls met in the sports bar where they received their run number, a goodie bag and their run t-shirt. We got warmed up and ready for the run by doing the warm up dancing outside in the arena. The race began at 12 and after the race was completed we received a medal and snacks. We would like to thank Pdraig O Sullivan and Phil Roche for training us every Tuesday after school and to Grainne Delaney for organising the run and raising money for Saint Gabriel and to the people who sponsored us we had a great day!



Christmas Market 2016

The Annual Christmas Market took place on Thursday Dec 1st in the West End Community Centre, the students from Crescent College helped organise and run a stall at the event. This is a very important fundraising event for the school. We would like to thank all who helped out on the day and who contributed items for sale. Thanks to Ann Guinee especially for all her hard work.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Anti-bullying week took place on the week of the 14th – 19th of November. In crescent we have an anti-bullying policy and we have zero tolerance for any bullies. Crescent College Comprehensive school has adopted the following anti-bullying policy within the framework of the school's overall code of behaviour. This policy fully complies with the requirements of the Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools which were published in September 2013.

Types of bullying

1. Physical bullying involves harmful actions against another person's body such as hitting, pinching or kicking. It might also involve interfering with another person's property. Some examples include stealing or damaging things.

2. Verbal bullying is talking to a person or about a person in a way that is unkind and hurtful to that person, for example: teasing, name-calling, spreading rumours or whispering.

3. Non-verbal bullying refers to all the behaviour that upsets, excludes or embarrasses another person, for example: leaving someone out of a game or activity on purpose, making rude gestures at someone or writing hate notes about a person that will be upsetting to them.

Effects of bullying

Depression, anxiety and stress

Suicidal ideation

Low self-esteem and lack of confidence

Poor performance in school because of missing days and disengagement

What can I do if I'm being bullied?

Let an adult know. Tell a parent or teacher what's happening so they can make sure it doesn't happen again or give you some advice.

Be assertive. Tell the person bullying you to stop in a calm and clear voice

Laugh it off. You might not find bullying funny but if the person bullying doesn't think it's affecting you then they might quit bullying you.



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Ireland v New Zealand 2017

Ireland took on New Zealand in Soldier Field in Chicago on Saturday the 5th of November 2016. Before this match Ireland had not beaten New Zealand in 111 years. **Before the game the Irish players stood in the shape of a number 8 to pay respect to Anthony Foley.** Ireland finally ended the 11 year streak with a 40-29 victory in soldier field. **It was a hard fought battle between the boys in green and the all blacks.** Ireland started the match excellently by scoring three tries in the first half. The try scorers in the first half were Jordi Murphy , CJ Stander and Conor Murray. Sexton converted two of those tries while also adding two penalties to the score board. The score at half time was 25-8. Simon Zebo scored an early try in the second half to make it 30-8. The all blacks began a comeback and made the score 33-29. Ireland were now under pressure but fought back with a try of their own from Robbie Henshaw which made the score 40-29. The 5th of November will be remembered in Irish rugby history.

By Colm Quilligan and Ronan Cregan





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U-19 Basketball

The Crescent College u-19 Basketball team took on Mallow Academy in the Munster Quarter Final. Crescent got off to a great start as Ronan 'Crego' Cregan towered above his opponent to win throw in which lead to a superb 3 pointer from Jordan Hehir. Jack Coyne and Sam Lombard combined very well to make it 7-0. Soon after, Jordan Hehir made it 10-0 with another magnificent shot from downtown. Crescent put more points on the board with a well worked score with Jack Coyne starting the attack which stretched the lead to 23 points to 11. Sam Lombard got a late buzzer-beater to make it 40-19 at half time. Mallow started to make impression on the game, with a strong start to the third quarter. Sam, Crego and Jack combined to open a chance for Jordan Hehir who finished a well worked 3 pointer. Crego leapt like a salmon to slam dunk the ball into the middle of next week. Jack Dowling came off the bench to score the final basket to extend the lead to 28 points. Mallow was a strong opponent but at the end of the day but they couldn't handle the threat of Crescent's star-studded roster containing three national players.

Final Score:74-46





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New Schools to Open Across Limerick

By Donnacha Henchy

Who will run two new schools that are to open in Limerick City has recently been announced. One school, in Monaleen, will be run by Educate Together while the other, in Mungret, is to be run by Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB). The places in the school in Mungret, which will open in September 2017, will be quickly filled due to the rapidly building population there, which lead to the school's construction on the site of the former Mungret College.

The schools were first announced by Jan O'Sullivan, then Minister for Education, in November 2015 alongside announcements of other schools across Limerick, such as Crescent College, receiving increased funding. Soon afterwards, both the Educate Together group and the LCETB expressed interest in running both of these schools. This month, it was decided each of the groups would run one of the schools.

The LCETB has plenty of experience in running schools in Limerick, already being in charge of Castletroy College, Gaelcholaiste Luimni, Colaiste Chiarain and Thomond Community College across the county. They will hold an open night for the new school either in December or the New Year.

Unlike LCETB, this will be the Educate Together group's first secondary school in Limerick City. Educate Together are a private organisation which aims to accept all children regardless of religion, wealth or location. Educate Together schools are also unusually run by a democratic process, where decisions are made democratically and the opinions of all teachers, parents and even students are taken note of (Student Council, take heed!).

Regardless of how established these schools or how conventionally they're run, Crescent would like to welcome the establishment of these fellow schools and wish them the best of luck for the future.

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Junior Cup Hockey

The Crescent Junior Hockey B team came up against Villiers on the 28th of November on the Crescent astro. The Crescent team started off strong, applying pressure to the Villiers defence as they struggled to get out of their half. The pressure finally payed off as Emily Harrington finished it in to the bottom corner. Villiers improved as the half went on and had opportunities to score but with a quick counterattack by Crescent the play was finished off wonderfully by Sarah Fitzgibbon to make it 2-0 to the host. Villiers brought it back to a one goal deficit very soon after with a clever short corner routine straight from the training ground. Villiers' short corners were well worked and without Eve Nealon's goalkeeping prowess they probably would have got their opening goal much sooner. It seemed that Crescent had put the game to bed when Ava Johnson tucked a tidy finish into the bottom left-hand corner to make it 3-1. Villiers dominated the final stretch of the game with Crescent holding back in their own half. With only five minutes left Villiers scored a second with taliswoman Amy Clein getting the final decisive touch. Crescent held out to claim three points with some solid defence from Jane O'Brien and Áine Greer.

Final Score : 3-2





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Christmas Crossword

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U-16a Basketball

Crescent Junior Girls basketball team had a great win last Wednesday. The girls defeated Coláiste Íosagáin 58-39 in a thrilling game in Dublin. It was a tight first quarter ending 13 all and neither team managed to pull away in the second quarter either. Íosagáin looked the better team but some fine shooting from Laura Stapleton and Lauren Walsh kept Crescent in the game at half time. With Crescent down 4 points, the girls started the second half brilliantly with scores from Eve Nealon and Aoife Morrissey. There was still no clear victor heading into the final quarter however Crescent took the game into their own hands by going on a 14-4 run thanks to some terrific defence by Amy O'Byrne and Sophie Moore. The final score was 58-39 to Crescent. The team will next play Thurles in the semi-finals of the Girls Junior All-Ireland Cup in January. Well done again and the very best of luck in the next round!!





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1st and 2nd Year Hurling

It's been a busy couple of months for our U14 hurlers, so far we have played St Clements, Castletroy College, St Munchin's and Shannon Comprehensive, on each occasion we have been victorious. There is great credit due to all the players involved who have shown great commitment to attend training and who have represented the school with great distinction on match day. This commitment was rewarded when we won the Limerick GAA 1st year hurling blitz in Mick Neville Park. The team beat Ard Scoil Ris, St Clements and Castletroy College on the way to win the blitz. On the 29th November we held our own hurling blitz in the school, with the help of the GAA Games development office, the blitz was a great success with a many players taking part. I would like to thank Peter Nash, hurling development officer with Limerick GAA for all his hard work with the players. I would also like to thank Gary Kirby and all the parents who have helped the team along the way. We have some very skilful hurlers in the squad, who I am sure will go on to represent the school, their clubs and Limerick with great pride in the future. Training will resume after Christmas on Tuesdays and new players are always welcome. In the final game of the year the U14 brought honour to the Crescent by beating Ard Scoil Ris.

Mr. Lunn





Our Trip to Fota Wildlife Park

For our CSPE Action Project we went to Fota Wildlife Park. We are doing our project on stewardship. We attended two workshops which taught us about looking after the environment, endangered animals and what Fota is doing to help save these animals. After the workshop we were divided into two groups and given a guided tour of the park. This trip will benefit our class Ricci and Rhodes as it taught us all about endangered animals and what we can do to help them. On behalf of my class I would like to thank Mr. Lunn and Ms. Murphy who were the teachers who came with us on the trip and the staff at Fota Wildlife Park for facilitating us.

Ashling Walsh (Ricci)





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1 Mile Challenge

On Wednesday the 30th of November first years, second years and fourth years took part in the 1 mile challenge for the active school flag. This means everyone had to run or walk two laps around the sports fields.

This event was carried out by two TY classes, Arrupe and Ogilvie with teacher assistance. The aim was to help achieve a fitter and more active school community. Pupils really enjoyed the event and some staff members also took part.

This will hopefully promote students to go out and take part in daily exercise and maintain a healthier lifestyle.

We look forward to more events like this in the future.





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Rodriguez CSPE Action Project

As part of our 3rd year CSPE action project we went to Dublin Zoo to learn about conservation. We organised our bus which left the school at 8:30am. We arrived at Dundrum Shopping Centre at 11:30am for a bite to eat and then left for Dublin Zoo.

We arrived at Dublin zoo at 1:15pm. We were then guided around the Zoo by a tour guide. We learned a lot about all the different animals and what they need to survive. After our guided tour, we bought souvenirs and visited some other animals.

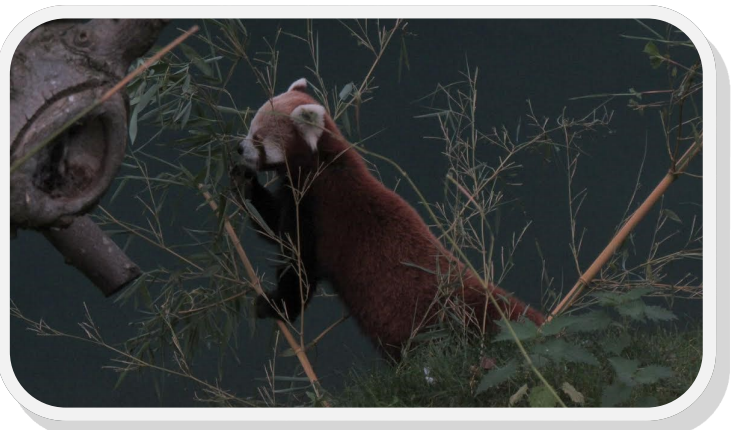
We all left the Zoo at 5:15pm for the long journey home. We eventually arrived in the school at 7:30pm. Everyone learned a lot and also enjoyed the tour.

What YOU Can Do To Help Conservation

by Dean O'Grady

We all can play a role in conserving the wildlife on this planet. Below are five simple tips on how you can help.....

- When buying wood or paper products, check that they come from sustainable sources (e.g. FSC certified) or comes from recycled material.
- Recycle all suitable products from newspapers to drinking cans and bottles and also your old electrical goods and clothes.
- Help conserve water e.g. don't leave the tap running while brushing your teeth.
- When possible walk, cycle or use public transport instead of the car.
- Help local wildlife by feeding birds, setting up bat-boxes or providing information for the many surveys being conducted across the country e.g. the smooth newt survey run by the Irish Wildlife Trust and the Bird Atlas survey run by Bird Watch Ireland, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the British Trust for Ornithology.



By Elle Sorensen and Dean O'Grady and photos are by Aaron Kelly.



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Munster Schools Rugby Draw

The draw for the Clayton Hotels Munster Schools Senior and Junior Cup competitions took place in Cork on Wednesday and threw up a number of intriguing ties.

First round draw (Senior and Junior Cup)

Rockwell College v St Munchin's College

Glenstal Abbey v St Clement's College

CBC v Crescent College Comprehensive

Ardcoil Rís v PBC

Bandon Grammar v Castletroy College



John Blake poses with the 9 other captains of the schools



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School Assembly Honours Olympians



Karin Fleming welcomed us all to assembly, on the 11th of November, especially our Olympian past pupils of Crescent. Fiona Doyle was represented by her father Jim Doyle, Thomas Comyns, Tony O'Connor and John Fulham. Who competed in the Olympics and Paralympics in the past few years. Their names were added to the roll of honour in Crescent. It was a great day for the school.

Malin to Mizen Head Awards



Earlier this year five boys from Crescent cycled from Malin to Mizen, in the attempt to raise money for Milford Hospice. Last week, these students were given a reward for completing the demanding task of cycling the cross country route from Malin head to Mizen head. These boys names were Kevin Le Gear, Luke Reilly, James Mullins, Aidan Earlie and Hugh Conlan. These boys received the **Third Annual Garda Youth Award for Fundraising** for Milford Hospice. Crescent College Comprehensive are incredibly lucky to have these boys and the will go down in its history for completing the most breath-taking cycle route.

Congratulations and well done to these boys.



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Annual Christmas Tree Decoration:

On Tuesday, the 6th December the teachers of the Crescent along with their children carried out a long annual tradition of putting up a Christmas tree in the Central Area. The decorations were brought in by TY students and were used by the children and their parents that evening. The decorations bring a sense of Christmas joy and spirit and they have a way of announcing it's finally Christmas. Baubles were hung, lights were strung and the end result was a wonderful scene, the Crescent Christmas tree. The nearly life-size nativity was also displayed adjacent to the Christmas, showing that we are a Jesuit and Christian school.

Thanks to all staff who brought in the Christmas decorations this year, with special thanks to Mary Lynch, who contributes annually to creating a festive atmosphere in our school.



Wishing all the Crescent staff, students and their families a very Happy and Holy Christmas and best wishes for 2017. Thanks to Transition Year students for this edition !!!!