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The Crescent Express

 Fielde TY Production

Crescent Students Brave the Liffey!

Editors Note:

- * This is the third edition of the Crescent Express, which is published by the Transition Years in Crescent College Comprehensive S.J. each week,
- * Ogilvie, Meyer and Fielde have really set the standards so far and produced some great stories—well done everyone!
- * Keep the news items coming in to:

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Last weekend, on Sunday the 2nd October, the Scout Liffey Descent took place on the River Liffey. A total of seventy nine boats were involved, with Crescent College Comprehensive students paddling five of them.

The race started at Lucan Weir and finished 8km down the River Liffey at the Garda Boat Club House. The competition was separated into groups according to competitor's age and type of boat used. The age groups were 13-15 yrs, 15-17 yrs and 17-19 yrs and the boat category was divided into fibreglass and plastic.

For the fourth year in a row 32nd Limerick St. Paul's Scout Group took the overall trophy. There were ten paddlers in total from this scout group, five of whom are



The 32nd Limerick St. Paul's Scout Group.

students in Crescent College Comprehensive: Cathal McHugh, Disin McHugh, Denis Doyle, Michael Lynch and Ciara Murphy.

In the boys category 15-17 years, plastics, Cathal McHugh took 2nd place, Denis Doyle took 3rd place and Michael Lynch took 4th place. In the girls category 15-17 years, plastics, Ciara Murphy took 2nd place.

The Crescent crew, along with the other paddlers Donal Ryan, Donal Murphy, David O' Brien, Philip Dunne and Mark Fitzpatrick, contributed

hugely to the great success of 32nd Limerick St. Paul's. Overall it was a great day for both St. Paul's Scout Group and the school.

On behalf of Crescent College Comprehensive S.J. we would like to wish the very best of luck to Jessica Lyddy, Cathal McHugh, Denis Doyle and Michael Lynch who are competing in the International Liffey Descent this coming weekend!

Banking Crisis Documented by Crescent Past Pupil

Congratulations to Simon Carswell, a past pupil of Crescent College Comprehensive S.J. who recently published a new book on the economic downturn - The Bank That Broke Ireland.

The book focuses on the Irish bank scandals. The former past pupil documents the rise and fall of the Anglo Irish Bank: "...in a

superbly thorough and measured fashion." "The book is a thoroughly satisfying and compelling read". These quotes were taken from a very satisfied reader on www.Goodreads.com

After attending university, Simon went on to work with the Irish times and has done a range of different television and radio

interviews with many prominent business people.

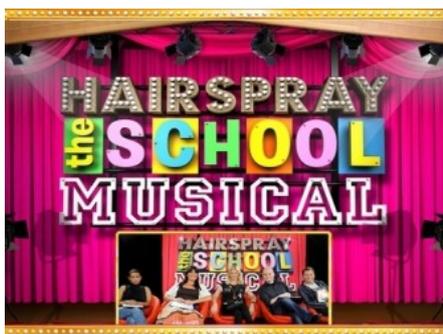
He is a highly regarded writer here in Ireland and after publishing this book we are sure he will go on to gain international recognition. We wish him continued success on behalf of all here at Crescent College Comprehensive S.J

By Conor Deery and David O'Brien

By Ciara Reidy and Cliona McCarthy

It's Time to get your Hairspray on!!

"It's going to be amazing!"



It's that time of year again, the school musical is back - and is bigger than ever. Hairspray has been chosen as the Crescent school musical for 2011.

Hairspray is a West End and Broadway production and was also made into a multi-million dollar motion picture in 2007 starring Nikki Blonsky, Zac Efron, John Travolta, Queen Latifah and Amanda Bynes.

Hairspray is based in Baltimore, Maryland 1962.

It's about a plump and cheerful high school student Tracy, who's dream is to perform on a teen dance show "The Corny Collins Show", it is racially split and only once a month do the "Negros" get to perform on the show.

The movie follows Tracy's struggle to star on the show, make Link Larkin her boyfriend and to make the show multi-cultural so that the "Negros" and the white young dancers can perform together every day, instead of just once a month.

Richie Ryan is directing the show this year and he has informed us that: "It's going to be amazing".

He exclusively revealed to us that "There is a lot of talent in the 120 cast this year and that the show will be as good if not better than previous years."

Auditions are currently being held and students from every year are being encouraged to come out and audition. The show is set to run from the 7th-11th of December 2011.

By Niamh Cronin and Clodagh Moloney

Getting Down to Business!

Last Thursday, the 29th of September, there was a bake sale in the central area next to the library corridor, run by transition years Clíodhna Horan, Kate Stapleton (Hopkins), Eloise Hickey (Arrupè) and Eilis McDermott (Ogilvie).

The bake sale was to raise funds to launch Clíodhna's business, which she wishes to keep secret until she launches it.

All products sold in the bake sale were made by Clíodhna herself, and everything was sold.

Almost every year, the TY's set up bake sales to raise funds for their mini businesses, although sometimes people get funding from parents or out of their own pocket.

A mini business already in operation is "Skull Candy" headphones (David O'Brien, Conor Deery and Luke Ryan, Fielde).

These mini businesses are aimed at getting the students to think of, and generate a business which can offer a service or product, either in the school grounds, or outside of school.

Students can work in groups or alone, and profits may be donated to charity, if the owners of the business so wish it.

The mini businesses can be in operation throughout the school year, and can be set up during school events such as the school talent show and the school musical.

The reason for these businesses being compulsory is that it teaches invaluable entrepreneurial and people skills, as well as accounting as they have to keep track of profit and loss.

TY's, time to get down to business!!

By Sarah Stapleton and Elaine Mulcair

Getting Down and Turkey!!!

Last week Cian Guerin and myself, Liam McMahon, embarked into the unknown when we decided to feed and care for our chickens and turkeys at the back of the school.

We were very excited when we were chosen by our teacher, Mr. Sean O'Callaghan. He was also very kind to give up his time to help our class with our 'Green Team' project that same week.

Our first day was eventful to say the least, as the chickens and turkeys were extremely reluctant to enter their hutches.

Cian and I were finding it very difficult and were nervous about not doing an efficient job.

While we were worrying about getting them into the hutch Sean gave us a good tip in trying to get a few of them trapped into a corner and grab their wings. As animal lovers, we were cautious at first in case we hurt them but after a while we got the hang of it!

As a reward for our work, we



were allowed to get the fresh (free range) eggs that the chickens laid in their nests that were specially made for them. The eggs were delicious and very nice to have the next morning for breakfast!

As unfortunate as it sounds, the chickens and turkeys will be killed around December as they will be used for our Transition Year Christmas Dinner for everyone in our whole year.

Overall, the experience was very enjoyable and Cian and I have picked up some great agricultural tips along the way.

By Liam McMahon and Cian Guerin.

A Happy Mass for a Happy School!

On Wednesday the 5th of October Crescent College Comprehensive S.J. held an opening mass for the school year in the Central Area.

Wednesday was also World Teacher's Day and for this reason the theme of the mass was intended to highlight teaching and teaching organisations world-wide.

At the mass we were reminded that not all teaching and learning happens in an environment as fortunate as ours.

During the mass we took a moment to reflect and give thanks for the teaching staff at our school.

We also honoured Anne Moore, who has been working in the school office for the last 36 years, on her retirement.

Fr. Maher gave a great sermon which was listened to most attentively by the students and the

music made the mass extra special with thanks to the school orchestra and choir and the 6th years who closed the ceremony with a final hymn—all conducted by Ms. Chawke.

On behalf of everyone at Crescent, we would like to thank Fr. Maher, Grainne Delaney and everyone else who helped out, for their work in preparing the mass.

Finally everyone left the mass on a happy note with a quote from the Deputy Principal Ms. Fleming saying: "Well done everyone, you were all very well behaved and should be proud of yourselves." And after a round of applause the congregation broke up for a well earned break time!

By Jessica Lyddy, Cliona McCarthy and Ciara Reidy

Rugby Roundup!

Bowen Shield:

CTC 5-20 CCC

RWC 16-20 CCC

The Bowen Shield team had no match this week but have made a promising start as they have won 2 out of 2 matches against Rockwell RWC 16-20 CCC and Castletroy CTC 5-20 CCC. Head coach Conan Doyle said: "Happy with the start but need to keep it going in order to finish strongly in the competition."

Junior Cup:

The Junior Cup team played Rockwell on the 5th of October in Rockwell. It was a close match where both sides put up a good fight. It was pretty even in the first half but Rockwell pulled away in the second half as the final score was 20-10 to Rockwell.

McCarthy Cup:

CTC 20-27 CCC

RWC 7-29 CCC

The McCarthy Cup team also made a very good start to their competition winning 2 out of 2 in away matches just like the Bowen Shield. Head coach Chris Cullinan had this to say: "Crescent have started the McCarthy Cup very brightly with 2 away wins in hard fought games. They now are at the top of their group."

By Mark Rickard and Sean O'Rourke

Basketball In Brief

Crescent had much to prove in the first regional u16 tournament of the year and were faced with a tough challenge in St. Nessans court. First up was Croom and after a nervy start, a few great outside scores from Luke Ryan and Mark Dillon and strong post work from Cian Reale, saw Crescent in front at the end of the first half.

Croom would not go down without a fight and proved this when they brought Crescents' lead to a mere point after the third quarter. Crescent had to up their game and inspiring

scores from Leo Morrison and great defence from new-comer Will Leonard brought the team together.

A fantastic array of scores from the whole team saw Crescent win by 23 points in the end.

Crescent's second game of the day was against Munchins, who had a lot of strength and depth to their team that day but Crescent proved much stronger.

A tearfully inspiring speech before the match by Nicky Derwin also contributed to

Crescents bravely fought encounter.

There was a great flow to the way Crescent played this match and a remarkable streak of scores from Luke Ryan put Crescent in front by more than 20 points. Crescent held this lead and went on to win the game 62-37.

Crescent also had an u19 tournament where boys from third and fourth year competed very well in their regional matches in St. Nessans.

Even though there were only five players available to play and it was an under nineteen match, we still almost doubled our first opponents, Gaelscoil, score with a very good performance from everyone, playing especially well was Luke Ryan and Mark Dillon who scored loads of three-pointers to help us win.

It was a very successful start to the tournament and to the season.

In the second back-to-back match we were not as lucky, getting beaten by Munchins who had a full strength team. Although we lost the match we still put up a good performance considering the lack of players and our very young team. Overall it a good start to the season.

By Michael Lynch and Luke Ryan

Nevermind—Album Review

Nirvana's breakthrough album *Nevermind* recently had its twentieth anniversary, and returned once again to its rightful place at the top of the charts. Released in '91, its blend of distorted guitars, throbbing bass and pounding drums completely blew away the popular music of the time. It paved the way for 'alternative rock' to enter the mainstream, and contributed to the success of bands such as Pearl Jam and Soundgarden. It is hard to imagine a contemporary album having the same impact or influence *Nevermind* did.

When first released, Geffen Records (Nirvana's label) were optimistically hoping to sell 250,000 copies, as the bands' first release, *Bleach*, generated little interest. It later went on to sell 30 million copies. The high sales are a

real testament to its quality. Opening with the anthemic 'Smells like Teen Spirit', *Nevermind* boasts a heart of pop sensibility blended seamlessly with heavy instrumentation. Songs like 'On a Plain', 'Come as You Are' and 'Drain You' are all examples of the bands signature style; hard rock, laden with hooks.

The album is also quite diverse musically, with 'Something in the Way' gently floating on cloud of acoustic guitar and cello, and 'Breed' leaping out at you with speed and aggression. Possibly the only flaw to be found with the album is its pitch-perfect pop production, sometimes its studio finish detracts from the raw power of the music. Nirvana were a band best enjoyed live.

Nevermind was one of the best albums released in the '90s. It is still relevant today, twenty years later. It has inspired and continues to inspire countless bands.



Put simply, it essential listening for anyone even vaguely interested in rock music. Buy it today, and you will not be disappointed.

By Tom Carew and John Hanley.



Fast Friends Forever!



Our class Fielde, are doing a program called Fast Friends. This means that we are paired with a school called St. Gabriels in Dooradoyle. The ages in the class that we are paired with range from 12-17.

The 1st Wednesday, 14th September, we visited their school and got introduced to the students and teachers. They came to us for the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday.

We meet in the Crescent P.E hall and play different

games and activities. We have great fun together.

Last week the 1st year hockey blitz was on and we took the students out to watch the games, they had never seen a proper hockey match before and were very interested.

Our class really enjoys spending time with them and we look forward to every Wednesday.

Every week the connection between the Crescent and St. Gabriel students grows stronger. We are thoroughly happy we have been given this opportunity to interact with teenagers with disabilities who are our age.

All the girls in Transition year in Crescent are participating in the Womens Mini Marathon which takes place in UL on the 16th of October. We are raising awareness and money for St. Gabriels Centre.

By Aisling McMorrow and Laura Nevin

Crescent KO Clements: Soccer Update

Last Tuesday Crescent hosted St.Clements in a second warm up game following a 6-4 defeat in the previous game. Diarmuid Mullins was not impressed following the defeat and the team knew they would have to up their game!

The game began with both sides setting out with attacking formations. Crescent making the better of the starts with some good early possession. However on the 23rd minute some defending errors left Clements

with a chance to go ahead and they took it with the Clements striker finding the back of the net. Madden seemed shook and the team was in shock to discover he had broken his finger in the defence.

Diarmuid Mullins, quick on his feet, got Johnny Keane to warm up. Immediately after the restart, Gary Fitz earned a free kick on the left hand side. Gary swung a beautiful ball in only to meet Ronan Coughlan's left foot and the ball whistled into the top right hand corner.

Clements launched waves of attack, only to be prevented by the now on-form Crescent side. Clements were now getting frustrated. In the dying embers of the game, Crescent right back Nicky Derwin earned a corner. The crowd were on their feet. This inspired Keane to enter the Clements box for what was to be the final play of the game. Derwin swung in a peach of a ball only to be met by the big head of Johnny Keane. The ball flew into the bottom corner and left the Clements boys in total heartbreak. In the end, this was a well-earned victory by the North Munster favourites Crescent College.

By Johnny Keane and Nicky Derwin



And Finally.....



Food Fever Hits Crescent!

Here at Crescent College Comprehensive S.J., Master Chef Ireland has been the talk of the school since it hit our screens!

We have come up with some spectacular tips on how to give Dylan McGrath and Nick Munier a run for their money as Halloween approaches!

Halloween cupcakes:

175g/6oz self raising flour
125g/4oz caster sugar
125g/4oz margarine
2 eggs
2 tablespoons cold water

Method:

1. Ensure oven is fully pre-heated to 200°C/400°F/Gas 6.
2. Next, put bun paper cases into bun tray.
3. Put flour, sugar, margarine, eggs and water into a bowl. Beat all ingredients together with an electric mixer or wooden spoon until the mixture is smooth.
4. Put heaped teaspoons of mixture into each bun case.
5. Place in the oven on the top shelf and bake for about 15 minutes until golden.
6. Cool on a wire tray. When cold, decorate as liked!

Decoration Ideas:

Make some glaze icing and pipe into a web on the cupcake!

Roll out some marzipan and cut into discs the size of the cupcake. Cut the top of the cupcake to level them if necessary. Spread on some apricot jam and place disc in place. Melt some chocolate cake covering and pipe a spider design on top!

Roll out some ready made icing. Cut rounds, about an inch larger than the cupcake, place over the cupcake like a sheet. Use chocolate or smarties to form eyes and cakes resemble ghosts!

By Shirley O'Brien and Jennifer Lynch

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