



The Crescent Express

 Fielde TY Production

Plenty of pitch action for Crescent's Rugby teams

Editors Note:

- * After six excellent editions of the Crescent Express, standards are at an all time high and as we go forward again, each TY class will be out to improve on their previous edition.
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Next Wednesday the McCarthy Cup and Bowen Shield teams have very important games as they will both be playing in the semi final of their respective competitions.

The McCarthy cup team is the Under 15's team in the school. They will be playing Rockwell College.

Crescent U-15's beat Rockwell earlier in the campaign, with a score line of 29 points to 7, however Crescent will have to be on their toes to over-

come a sticky Rockwell side.

The Crescent side has shown good promise winning 6 out of 7 and the signs are good for a strong junior team next year.

Last year's winners of the McCarthy Cup are now representing Crescent in this year's Bowen Shield team.

They have kept up last years' good form, going undefeated so far in this year's Bowen Shield competition, under the watchful eye of Mr. Conan Doyle .

All that hard work will be for nothing, however, if they don't beat a strong CBC side from Cork.

Both games are kicking off at 2:30pm here in Crescent College Comprehensive on Wednesday 23rd and both sides would greatly appreciate the home support and a strong crowd - it could be the difference between winning and losing!

So come on Crescent, get out there on Wednesday and support our teams!

By Mark Rickard

CCC Swims to Victory!

A Munster Schools Swimming Gala was held in the University of Limerick during the Halloween mid-term, in which Ronan Beatty, Stephen O' Brien, Niall Keating, Maeve Noonan, Rachael Costello and Ciara Joy represented Crescent College Comprehensive S.J.

Two of these participants went on to qualify in the national competition in the New Year: Rachael Costello, who came in third place in the 100 meter Back Crawl with a time of 1:15,

seconds beating the qualification time of 1:18 by a close 3 seconds, and Ronan Beatty, who came first in the 100 me-



ter Back Crawl with a time of 1:07, beating qualification time by 6 seconds. Ronan also

placed first in the 100 meter Butterfly with a fantastic time of 1:03, comfortably below the 1:10 qualifying time.

I spoke with Ronan earlier this week and he told me that to achieve such high levels of athleticism he has to train for one and a half to two hours every morning before school with an added hour and a half

long session on Thursdays and Fridays. This immense amount of training requires a strict diet and great discipline.

On behalf of all of us here at Crescent I would like to wish all of our athletes the best of luck in the coming months and years.

Special good luck wishes to Rachael and Ronan as they continue on to represent us in the national competitions after Christmas!

By Cian Guerin.

St. Munchins Initiative

Hopkin class along with members of Fielde, Arrupè and O'gilvie go to St. Munchins Primary School every Tuesday from 1.30 until 2.30pm.

We work with two junior infant classes, as part of a program that will last for five weeks

Each Crescent student is assigned a junior infant partner.



We play different matching games and draw pictures, the junior infants are all very co

operative and seem to have a lot of fun!

We also take the students to the computer room where we

play different games to improve their computing skills.

An example of such games are sorting fruits into certain boxes and dressing teddy bears to improve their clicking and dragging skills.

The transition year students and their junior infant pupils all enjoyed their time very much and are looking forward to next weeks' teaching slot already!

By Niamh Cronin and Laura Nevin.

TY Students get Sporty!

Last week our Transition Year Co-ordinator, Séan O'Callaghan spoke to us at a brief assembly on some upcoming events going on in Transition Year P.E.

He gave us a number of activities that are not usually part of the Physical Educational curriculum.

These included activities such as squash, judo, yoga and tennis and were being made available for a reasonable price for TY students.

The tennis and squash were a big success among the students. They are located in Catholic Institute who have great facilities, plus the bus journey is only 5 minutes from the school. We highly recom

mend doing these sports!

Judo and Yoga were the other two activities and we heard great news from other students about them. They are located on the school premises.

The activities are going on for an hour over four weeks. If you have never participated in these sports before it gives you a good opportunity to try them out.

We think it is a brilliant experience, and we hope that they will continue for Transition Year students in the future.

Thanks to all involved in setting up and running the programme.

By Conor Deery and David O'Brien

Christmas

Shoe Box

Appeal



Dear readers,

Christmas is only around the corner and we are beginning our Shoe Box appeal earlier this year, so we can reach more children who have no family to share Christmas with.

And we need all the help we can get.

Why don't you bring a little magic into a young child's life by sending a small gift this Christmas?

You could make a child's Christmas by getting involved in our appeal. All that it involves is getting a shoe-box and filling it with some useful goods like gloves, a scarf, hat, colouring pencils and a few goodies of course! It's as easy as that!

Thanking you in advance!

By Elaine Mulcair

Occupy Wall Street

OCCUPY WALL STREET (OWS) is an ongoing group whose aim is to hold peaceful, nonviolent demonstrations.

It began in America on September 17 2011, with an encampment in the Zucotti Park in the Wall Street financial district of New York City.

Inspired by the Egyptian Tahrir Square uprising and the Spanish 15-M Movement they vow to "end the monied corruption of our democracy".

The Canadian activist group Adbusters initiated the first protest, which has since gone on to become a worldwide movement.

The protests have focused on socioeconomic inequality, high unemployment, greed, corruption, and the

disproportionate influence of corporations on government.

The protesters' slogan "We are the 99%" refers to the massive difference in wealth between the wealthiest 1% and the rest of the population of America.

The protesters were dismissed as being "a disorganised group of loosely affiliated people, with no clear-cut ideas or goals", however it is clear that OWS has achieved a large following and has been getting increasing media coverage.

Many news stories have portrayed the protesters as violent criminals, intent on achieving anarchy, however this does not seem to be the case as the protests have been almost entirely non-violent.

Reports of excessive force by police against protesters has been unconfirmed and one hopes that the words of JFK will not ring true: 'Those who make peaceful protest impossible will make violent protest inevitable'.

The use of social media has been extremely prevalent throughout the protests, with protesters using hashtags such as #OWS, #Occupy, and #OccupyWallStreet, to gather information together.

Protests have sprouted up in 1,400 cities across the globe. Even Ireland is involved staging protests in Dublin, Cork, Galway, Waterford, Letterkenny, and Athlone.

On Monday, the 14th of November, at 1.00am the police force arrived at Zucotti Park, under the orders of Mayor Bloomberg.

Bloomberg had called for the eviction of the Occupy Wall Street protesters. The NYPD circled the area armed with police batons and some wore riot gear.

The police evicted the protesters, along with their belongings and allegedly would not allow media into the area.

Mayor Bloomberg cited a health and safety complaint as the reason for the eviction.

A statement from occupywallstreet.org said that "Occupy Wall Street and the 99% Movement Persevere"

If this article has evoked interest visit occupywallstreet.org for regular updates on the movement.

By John Hanley and Tom Carew

Beautiful Brownies!

The Kitchen Hero's Chocolate Brownies

We got this recipe from The Kitchen Hero, Donal Skehan:

Ingredients:

225g good-quality dark chocolate, broken into pieces

225g butter

300g caster sugar

3 large eggs, beaten

1 tsp vanilla extract

75g plain flour, sifted

1 tsp baking powder

Equipment:

22 x 30cm (9 x 12in) baking tin

Method:

This recipe makes really yummy, dense and fudgy brownies - just the way we like them here in Crescent! It's a very simple recipe that you can make in minutes. Just make sure you make enough to share around!

- Preheat the oven to 180°C (350°F), Gas mark 4.
- Line the baking tin with non-stick parchment paper.
- Place the chocolate and butter in a heat-proof bowl and set

over a saucepan of barely simmering water, making sure the base of the bowl does not touch the water.

- Stir constantly until it is melted and smooth.
- With an electric beater, whisk the sugar and eggs together for about 2-3 minutes until pale and light.
- Slowly add the melted chocolate and butter then add the vanilla extract and continue to whisk until

thickened.

- Lastly, add the sifted flour and baking powder and fold in gently.
- Turn the mixture into the prepared tin and bake in the middle shelf of the oven for 30 minutes until the top is firm and the brownies have come away slightly from the sides of the tin.
- Remove from the oven and allow to cool.

We made our brownies with cream and malt-teasers to top it all off, it worked we really well we invite you to try your own ideas! These brownies are a perfect desert to share with all your friends and family!

By Aisling McMor-row, Shirley O'Brien and Jennifer Lynch

Miss Saigon—The Crescent Connection

On the second week of November, three students from Crescent College Comprehensive S.J. took part in "Miss Saigon", a musical performed by Centre Stage Youth Theatre, in Centre Space Studios, on the 11th, 12th and 13th of November, 2011.

The students from Crescent, Kate Stapleton (4th year, Hopkins), Chris Young (4th year, Meyer), Allison McCarthy (5th year Spinola) and Eimear Keyes (6th year) all played chorus members.

These students have taken part in school shows such as "Seussical" and "Jesus Christ Super Star" and frequently appear in CYT (Centre Stage

Youth Theatre) productions.

"Miss Saigon" was written by Claude-Michel Schönberg and Alain Boublil, with lyrics by Boublil and Richard Maltby. A musical based on the opera, "Madame Butterfly", it "tells the tale of a tragic love story of a doomed romance of an Asian woman who falls in love with an American man".

Famous songs from the musical are "Last Night of the World" and "Sun and Moon". It has been performed on many famous stages world wide and represents the 2nd success of Schönberg and Boublil, after "Les Misérables" in 1985.



As of September 2011, *Miss Saigon* is still the eleventh longest-running Broadway musical in musical theatre history.

We asked a member of the audience of their opinion of the show and here is what he had to say on the matter. "Miss Saigon was a wonderful, euphonious soiree enjoyed profusely by all at-

tending. It was certainly not the grotesque, motionless performance I was anticipating,

Rather the contrary in fact; it was a graceful show with glorious lyrical performances by all and graceful dances performed by the "tripudium" group which was performed flawlessly throughout the night.

As they say "a choro tenere saltavit magna eget enim." ("A dance well danced is a dance well done")- John Hanley

By Sarah Stapleton, Cliona McCarthy and Ciara Reidy



AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

Hockey Update

Last Monday, Crescent hosted the first of many Senior and Junior home league matches. The Seniors match was held first and what a game it was!

The match was very intense and Crescent had plenty of opportunities to steal a goal but were narrowly stopped by the Scoil Mhuire defence.

A great goal finally found the back of net after a lovely strike from Róisín Harbison. The game continued to be agonising as time after time the ball was turned over and both teams defence did a great job.

Finally one mistake from Crescent punished them, as the Scoil Mhuire side played a lovely goal into the back of the Crescent, leaving the sides level, as it finished.

The CCC Juniors lived up to their title as Munster champions and stole the show with a fantastic game of hockey.

All of short corners were won from the well trained Crescent side and Megan Mawhinney managed to find the back of net with a super finish from the hit out.

Jennifer O'Malley also managed to find the goals after a great string of passes from the defence.

Over all it was a great day and we hope to improve even more from these performances.

On Wednesday the Junior and Seniors had another match, playing Mount Mercy. The Junior match was played first with a great start.

Five minutes in to the match Crescent won a short corner which was marginally missed but made up for it winning another short corner and a great straight strike by Clodagh Moloney scoring.

Then the goals started pour-

ing in with 3 from Jennifer O'Malley, 1 from Michelle Barrett and 1 from Nicole Power making it 7-0 at half time.

Crescent came out after half time and did not relax, a sign of respect to the opposition! Another great goal by Ciara Leahy and Clodagh Coffey, and one more from Jennifer O'Malley, made the final score 9-0. It is clear that this team have a very bright future ahead!

The Senior match got off to a very good start with Crescent playing all the ball.

Although the Crescent girls had more possession the Mount Mercy girls won their only short corner of the game resulting in a goal.

The Crescent girls reacted straight away and a well-deserved reverse shot from the stick of Michelle Barrett found the goalie wrong footed and the ball in the back of the goals!

This left the two sides even at

half time. It is clear that when the Crescent girls fall asleep for a moment they get punished as happened with the second Mount Mercy goal.

Following this Crescent won an excellent short corner, converted and hit the back board making the 2 sides even. Crescent won another short corner but as the final whistle blew, the ball went wide leaving the second match of the season in a draw!

By Clodagh Moloney and Jessica Lyddy

Dublin Soccer Trip

Last Tuesday the under 17s and 19s travelled to Dublin with Diarmuid Mullins, Aidan Moroney and Shane MacDonagh to see the Ireland vs Estonia Euro 2012 Qualifier in the Aviva Stadium.

We arrived in Dublin at about 2.30pm and first on the agenda was for both teams to play St. Joseph's Fairview. This was a great run out for both sides.

Firstly the under 19s took on St. Joseph's as the 17s watched on.

The game kicked off with Crescent being put straight on the back foot. However, as they quickly eased into the game they found themselves 1 nil up thanks to a great solo effort from Joe Kennedy as he finished tidily into the bottom corner. St. Joseph's quickly responded as a controversial penalty decision allowed them to get back into the game.

The sides went in at the break locked level. The second half began with both sides showing their attacking intent and displaying some wonderful football.

St. Joseph's went ahead after about 15 minutes with a great strike from 30 yards out by their captain. Crescent did not drop their heads as they continued to attack but could not find the goal they needed.

In the dying embers of the game St. Joseph's scored from a scrappy goal in the penalty area which proved to be

enough to see off Crescent!

As the full time whistle blew for the 19s game, the 17s were on the field ready to kick off their own game.

They got off to a great start attacking the St. Joseph's defence in the opening minutes. On the stroke of half time, a great link-up between strikers David Lowe and Ronan Coughlan ended in a great finish from Ronan.

Crescent were forced to defend as St. Joseph's started to show their own attacking skills. A lapse in concentration from our defence cost us a soft goal which should have been dealt with.

Crescent continued to play in the same manner passing well but unable to find the net for a second time. Crescent lost the game but overall both teams can safely say they played some great football and learnt some valuable lessons for the future.

Ireland Qualify

Ireland advanced to the Euro 2012 finals despite drawing 1-1 with Estonia in the second leg of their qualifying play-off in Dublin on Tuesday.

Although Konstantin Vassiljev cancelled out Stephen Ward's first-half opener, there was never any danger of a comeback as the hosts secured a comfortable 5-1 aggregate win and a place at

next year's tournament in Poland and Ukraine.

After a 4-0 win in the first leg in Estonia, Ireland already had one foot in their first European Championship since 1988 in Germany, and their fans were in great voice before the match had even kicked off.

Robbie Keane should have cranked the atmosphere up a notch after just six minutes when Estonia goalkeeper Pavel Londak spilled Damien Duff's drive straight to him four yards from goal, but Robbie somehow managed to miss.

The match then hit a 20-minute lull, as Ireland controlled possession safe in the knowledge they were under no pressure to push for a goal.

However, left-back Ward eventually broke the deadlock in the 31st minute when he burst forward from defence to win a corner, and he then went one better by ramming home from close range after Londak failed to gather Kevin Doyle's header from Duff's corner.

The first half then petered out, with the fans in the Aviva Stadium providing more entertainment than those on the pitch by starting a Mexican wave as their party started to get into full swing.

Before the celebrations could begin there was another 45 minutes of football to be played.

However, it was the visitors who finally gave their own fans something to shout about in the 57th minute. And it was inevitable that captain Vassiljev would be the man to do so.

Although the manner in which he scored was something of a surprise as his speculative 25-yard shot evaded the grasp of the normally reliable Given, who should have saved.

The goal spurred Ireland into life, and Doyle and Richard Dunne both forced Estonia goalie Londak into fairly straight forward saves just after the hour mark.

However, by then it was all irrelevant as the job had been completed in the first leg, and the Ireland players knew it as they cruised to a 5-1 aggregate victory which secured their place in next year's tournament!

By Johnny Keane and Nicky Derwin

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Munster v Northampton

On the 12th of November 2011, Munster faced Northampton Saints in the first pool game of the Heineken Cup. Munster supporters were anxious at first when the team was named with Denis Leamy and Donnacha O'Callaghan both starting on the bench. Kick off was 18:00.



The match started off very well with Munster player Damian Varley crossing over the line from a driving maul in the 2nd minute which was converted by Ronan O'Gara. Unfortunately just 6 minutes later Chris Ashton crossed over the line with a counter-attack by Ben Foden who had a great game. Ryan Lamb also converted the try from the corner.

He continued his kicking tally to score two more penalties to make the score 13-7. Just before half time Doug Howlett went under the posts with a dodging step past the Saints fullback which Ronan O'Gara converted to make the score 14-7 going into the 2nd half. A question of crossing from Danny Barnes.

The 2nd half got off to a great start with Munster scoring a penalty in the 41st minute. Three minutes later Ryan Lamb also kicked a penalty to make the score 17-16. Northampton started to put on the pressure with Northampton's winger Vasily Artyemyev knocking on the ball with the

line at his mercy, this moment would be the defining moment of the game.

The Northampton scrum dominated for most of the game with loose-head Soane Tonga'Uihia and tight-head Brian Mujati really showing their strength and class. The strength and conditioning of the Northampton players was beginning to tell when the pressure became too much for the Munster players and ex-Munster man Stuart Downey bust his way through two Munster defenders and crossed over the line. Ryan Lamb would miss the conversion.

With the score 21-20 to the Saints with less than 10 minutes left, a penalty was rewarded to Munster just next to the touch-line outside the 22 metre-line. The Munster supporters thought that this was it. Ronan O'Gara stepped up to take the kick and

blew it miles off to the left. Heads started to go into hands. The Munster supporters began to think that this was it but there was still time left! The Saints were given a 22 metre drop-off after the failed penalty kick from Ronan O'Gara.

In the 79th minute there was a scrum for Munster which they kept well considering the way their scrum was going for the majority of the game.

Phase after phase, the boys in red kept battling on looking for a gap through a strong Northampton defence. 20 phases had passed and Munster were still pounding their way at the Saints defence hitting hard-lines but the Northampton defence just would not budge.

The Munster players kept their discipline, making sure to not give away any penalties and likewise for the Saints defence. Ronan O'Gara stepped back in the pocket where he was given a sloppy pass by one of the forwards. He made the right decision in not going for the drop-goal but passing it inside to his team-mate Doug Howlett who made a great run to the 22 metre line.

The Munster players kept on trying to find a gap through the Saints defence making ground nearly every time. Ronan O'Gara stepped back in the pocket, he



was given the pass by Denis Leamy who came on as a substitution. He took a look at the posts and drop kicked the ball. The ball seem to hang in the air for a minute, but it was making its way towards the posts.

A roar could be heard getting louder and louder as the ball got closer and closer to the posts. When the referee blew the whistle to verify that the drop-goal was successful, a roar went up that I have never experienced before in my life.

Being inside the stadium, you could feel the ground shake. On RTE radio, commentator Michael Corcoran described the last 5 minutes as 'The match of a 100,000 phases!' A slight exaggeration, but I think the All-Blacks would be proud to go through 41 phases and then score a winning drop goal from it! **STAND UP AND FIGHT UNTIL THE FINAL BELL INDEED!**

The way the Munster players performed was with pride and passion. There was 'fire in the belly' which we haven't seen from them in a good while. This was the type of match that you could brag to your mates saying 'Yeah, I was there that day!'

By Liam McMahon

Student Protest over education cuts

Up to 20,000 students protested in Dublin against the possible increase of college fees in the budget similar to the protests that happened before the budget last year.

If the fees were to be increased it would mean that college registration fees would increase to €2,000 for undergraduate students and to

€5,000 for masters students, starting next September.

The students are protesting because the Minister for Education backtracked on a promise to not increase college fees and cut student grants.

This would affect both current college students and students

coming to college from next September.

Rory Quinn also said that there is no chance of a loan system being put in place to help students pay for fees, because there was a high chance that students would

leave the country and not repay the loan.

This means many students will not have sufficient funds to get through college if the cut in grants go through. This will also have a backlash effect on the workforce in years to come because there will not be as many qualified workers.

Cuts to special needs assistants are also believed to be on the way in the budget.

By Michael Lynch



As 2012 is approaching us, talk about the Olympics seems to be more and more everyday.

Excitement also grows as there are talks about the Olympic torch coming to Dublin and Northern Ireland.

Dublin has not been announced as one of the places that the Olympic flame will visit in the run-up to the start of the London 2012 Games, "We are in

advanced conversation" over the issue.

If the leg in the Republic goes ahead, the torch could be brought to Dublin on June 6th after a symbolic border crossing at Newry marking the peace process.

Several areas in Dublin could be included in the projected torch route including the Garden of Remembrance and Croke Park.

The relay runs from May 19th to July 27th, 2012, with the torch travelling about 8,000 miles, culminating in the lighting of the cauldron at the Olympic Stadium

in Stratford at the opening ceremony.

People nominated to carry the torch will be contacted with a conditional offer in December and the final 8,000 places will be confirmed from February.

This news has been very exciting for all of Ireland and its sportspeople.

By Sean O'Rourke and Luke Ryan



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