



The Crescent Express



A CCC TY Production

Donal Lynch R.I.P

It was with great sadness that the Crescent community learnt of the death of Mr. Donal Lynch, who passed away on Tuesday 14th February 2012. A native of West Cork, Donal joined the staff in 1971 as a Woodwork and Technical Graphics teacher and provided an enormous contribution to the school until his retirement in 2008. He was a hugely popular and respected teacher who provided thirty-seven years of service to the school and indeed, wider community. Donal was responsible for instilling a great love of woodwork to generations of students, and they still fondly remember the gentle teaching style of an inspirational teacher to this day. Donal also had a great love of the outdoors and of nature. In recent years he spent

happy times working on his farm, where he himself grew up, in West Cork and another much loved past time was feeding the birds in his garden in Ballykeeffe and spotting the various species. As result of this love of plants and animals, it was not surprising that Donal also became one of a number of people responsible for maintaining the school and its grounds. Along with Fr. Billy Troddyn (RIP) and P.J. Brennan (RIP), he carefully tended the grounds, planting and planning with care, resulting in the beautiful campus that we have today.

In 2006 Donal became a Year Head. He again brought gentle but firm guidance to the students of whom he was the teacher and always tried to persuade, rather than enforcing, students of their will to be a better,

more well behaved person - it always worked! And even



troublesome students would speak with great respect and admiration for Mr. Lynch. Mr. Lynch is sound, they would say. No better compliment a student could pay! Donal Lynch always worked in the background, he never sought the recognition or the publicity which he well deserved. He was always there to advise and to help with the little jobs either in school or in people's homes, and would often return to school in the evenings to do a little extra work, help a student with a project or prepare for the next day. As a community we, in Crescent, have lost a dear colleague and friend, a man who gave of himself without hesitation and always saw the best in every-

one. A man who was truly unique and will never be replaced. He will be sorely missed. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mary, his wife, his children Denis, Linda, Michelle and Emma, his sons and daughter in law, his grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives, extended family and friends.

By Cliona McCarthy, Sarah Stapleton and Clare O'Sullivan.

Big The Musical!

Limerick Musical Society are presenting the Irish premiere of *Big, the Musical*, on the 8th, 9th and 10th of March at 8.00 p.m in the University Concert Hall. It is a production involving many past and present students from Crescent College Comprehensive S. J. such as the Director, Richie Ryan. Tickets are available from the UL box office. It is the musical adaptation of the 1987, Tom Hanks movie, "Big". Twelve year old, Josh Baskin is tired of being unable to speak to the girl he likes, Cynthia Benson and being seen as an below-average short guy in her eyes. He has always wished that he could be bigger so as to impress her and can't wait until he is older. His wish is finally granted by a

mysterious machine named Zoltar at a carnival. Overnight he turns into a 30 year old man and the only person who believes he is still a twelve year old is his best friend, Billy Kopecki. Billy decides they must go to New York City to find the Zoltar machine and change Josh back but Josh ends up getting a job at MacMillan Toys. He finds himself particularly good at this job, as he still has the mind of a 12 year old, much to the admiration of his co-worker, Susan. Josh soon finds himself falling for Susan and doesn't know whether to go back to being himself or staying 30 with Susan. Limer-



rick Musical Society are now in their 12th year and going from strength to strength, having staged many productions including "The King and I", "West Side Story", "Fiddler on the Roof" and last year, "The Pirates of Penzance". We wish Limerick Musical Society all the very best of luck with this production especially past and present students of Crescent.

By Chirs Young and
Kate Stapleton

Junior Cup Rugby!

On Wednesday 29th February, Crescent marched out in Annacotty Rugby pitch hoping to defeat Castletroy College and progress to the Junior Cup Semi Final. The team comprised of a majority of 3rd year students but was captained by Michael McGann, TY. Castletroy kicked off at 4.30pm. They made an immediate impact on the game by attacking the Crescent defense and winning themselves a penalty in front of the posts, which they converted. Shane Eades then

had an opportunity to put Crescent level and he didn't disappoint. Castletroy kept persisting, however, and eventually they scored a try in the corner which their reliable out-half managed to convert. The first half ended and the score was 10-3 in favour of Castletroy. The second half kicked off and the game became visibly slower. Injuries started to occur and players on both sides were substituted. Crescent drove Castletroy back into their own line but the ball was turned over and kicked to the safety of touch.

Crescent knew they needed to score and they did just that. A simple move across the backline allowed Glenn Dickinson to offload to Gary O'Sullivan on the blindside and he used his blistering pace to cross over the Castletroy whitewash. However the celebrations were short lived as Shane Eades was unlucky not to convert by a matter of inches. For the rest of the game Crescent didn't look like they had the ability to score again. Castletroy managed to turn over a lot of Crescent ball and soon Gary O'Sullivan was dragged into touch and the

game was over. Castletroy progressed to the Semi-finals of the Junior Cup and Crescent left the pitch with heavy hearts but proud of what they had accomplished in the competition. Hopefully they can win the Bowen Shield next year but for now they must focus on training and coming back better and stronger than ever!

By David O'Brien and Sean Ryan

CCC Basketball Goes For Glory!

Crescent won out in all three games in their recent all-Ireland playoffs. They beat Kilkenny, Tuam and Mallow - putting them straight through to the All Ireland Schools Semi-Finals. Crescent will travel to Clonmel to play Clonmel CBS, while Kil-

dare will face Ballincollog, Cork. Crescent will be favourites to win their game as they have an exceptionally talented and strong squad this year. The Crescent U16 team are undefeated in all competitions (having already won the North

Munster Cup and Limerick Schools Tournament this year) and will be looking to continue this run heading into the big match on March 16th. Captain Luke Ryan will be responsible for pushing on his team to beat Clonmel and hopefully go on to win the final. Vigorous training

is held for an hour & a half every Thursday after school, where players prepare themselves so they can bring home the cup to Crescent. The final will be held in the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght!

By Luke Ryan



AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

Joy and Heartbreak for CCC Hockey!

Crescent Senior Hockey team successfully beat Ursaline Thurles in the semi-final of the Munster Senior Cup on Wednesday 22nd February. Crescent led from the start with a skillful goal from Lisa Barrett, set up by Roisin Upton. Ursalines were afforded opportunities to score but goalie, Eloise Hickey, saved all attempts successfully. Credit must be given to the whole Crescent team as they played strong throughout despite the wet and windy conditions which made play difficult. It was a tense match, however Crescent supporters came out in their hundreds and with school colours were flying high the atmosphere was electric. Both teams put up a good fight but Crescent held out till the end, garnering a 1-0 victory and progressing to the last round.

Unfortunately luck wasn't on their side for the final! It was held in Catholic institute on Wednesday 29th of January. This time round Crescent took on Bandon Grammar, Cork. The support was phenomenal, buses were full to capacity and there were high hopes for another victory in the Senior Cup. Both teams played incredibly well and fought for every play of the ball. The match was tense as half time approached and the score was still 0-0. Crescent came back strong and held possession for the majority of the second half. Unfortunately as the final whistle blew the score was still even and extra time was ahead.

Both teams were under pressure! Despite this pressure both teams played well, but failed to score so it was still a draw when extra time ended. The match then went to penalties. Each team scored 5 out of 5 goals each, so it ended 0-0 again. The match then commenced to sudden death which meant if one team missed and the other scored, they would lose straight away. Unfortunately for Crescent they missed the second of these penalties and Bandon Grammar scored. The final whistle blew and Crescent had lost. Tears were shed and there was plenty of joy for the visitors from

Cork but heart break for Crescent. Hard luck to the girls, but Crescent had nothing to be ashamed as they played extremely well. The Junior hockey will now begin their campaign to retain their title.

By Jessica Coyne and Orla Dallman



Crescent News—Bite Size!

Meyer class went on a Walking Tour of Limerick with John Kennedy on Thursday the 1st of March. It was a beautiful day and everyone really enjoyed the experience - thanks a million Mr.Kennedy for organising!

By Courtney Ryan &
Stephanie Leamy



After a fantastic performance Conor Ryan, Crescent past pupil (2010) was unfortunately voted off 'The Voice Of Ireland' after an incredible song battle against Richie Hayes. Hard luck Conor but we know you will go on to continued success.

TEFL courses took place in Crescent last week with over 40 students participating. Each student thoroughly enjoyed the course and now will be able to teach English as a foreign language in both Ireland and abroad

We are very proud of David Brosnan and all the Crescent students who took part in the 'Shave or Dye' campaign. Funds are still being raised so please contact David if you wish to contribute or go online:

Louise Hession of Meyer class Transition year has amazed everybody with her impeccable organisation skills. Louise has managed to keep the same pen since September and use them everyday. Louise's family and friends are all very proud.

The First Aid training has begun for our Transition Year students, this is a two day course and is of great benefit. We are hopeful that everyone achieve their certification.

Crescent's Got Talent is happening on the 23rd March! The standard is very high this year and the judges Nora Cafferkey, Seán Moloney and Diarmuid Mullins will have a very tough time picking a winner. We hope to see ye all there! See future editions of the Crescent Express for more info regarding ticket prices and where to purchase.

First Year Science Projects!

The First Year Science Project competition ran from the 6th - 10th February, in the week before the mid-term break.

Every first year student had to submit a science project and the judging team spoke of the very high standard and difficulty in awarding marks, the projects were so good.

Students from Ogilvie, TY, made up the judging team: Ellis Mc Dermott, Martyna Zwierzchowska, Grace Mc Evoy, Bryan McNamara, Cormac Flanagan and Luke Rohan. The judges decision was final, and in this case head of the judging panel was Ms. Anne O'Dea.

There were a lot of really interesting projects, such as: investigating the type

of crisps with the most amount of fat, the best brand of sliothar, there were a few on the heart and also there was one project which investigated centrifugal force.

The judging team called the students out of class in groups of four and the first years had to display their project in the central area.

Members of the judging team asked them why they chose to do the project on the topic they did and other relevant questions.

All together 150 students took part, the top four from each class received a small trophy but the overall winner was Karl Maloney, Castillo. He did his project on how a chickens diet affects the size of their eggs. Well done Karl!

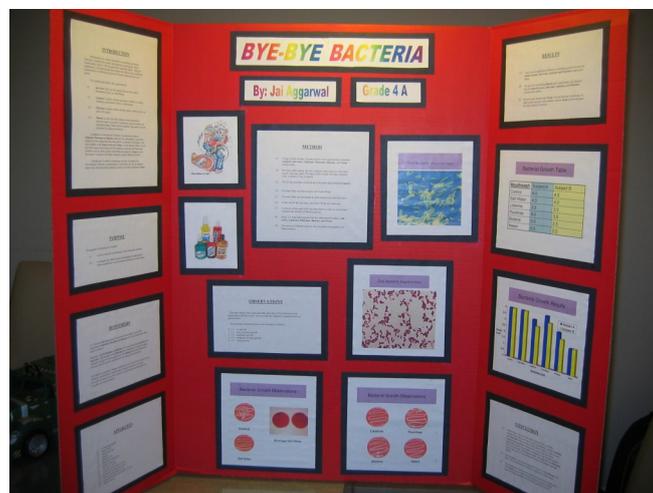
On the 2nd May there is a SciFest on in Limerick Institute of Technology to find the best science project in Munster. 15 projects from Crescent will be submitted.

Last year we had three winners from Crescent

in the SciFest so best of luck to everyone participating this year!

Also on a final note the judging team reported that the first year students were very polite, hard-working and attentive, and that the projects were very inventive. Well done to all involved and a big thanks to the teachers in the Crescent Science Department as without their organisation and support, the competition would not have happened!

Elaine Mulcaire





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Science Competition Winners



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