



Crescent Express

Bishop Brendan's Visit to Crescent

On Wednesday the 12th of February 2014, Crescent College received a visit from a very special guest, Bishop Brendan Leahy. Bishop Brendan grew up around the area of Crumlin, and was ordained a bishop on the 14th of April 2013 by Archbishop Dermot Clifford. Bishop Brendan met with the school's Prefects and the Student Council in the library, where they had a very interesting conversation. At approximately 10:30, the rest of the school gathered in the central area as usual for assembly. Mr. Cuddihy spoke first, and then introduced Bishop Brendan. He spoke about meeting Pope Francis on his trip to Rome, and how he sent his greetings from the Vatican. He then gave us some very useful and inspirational advice, and was left with a loud applause from the student body and the staff.



Bishop Brendan meets with school staff in the Library

Bishop Brendan addressing the student body.



By Emma O'Neill



AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

CRESCENT COLLEGE, KILKENNY, CO. DUBLIN

On the Thursday before midterm our Ag. Science class went to visit a dairy farm. At 9:00 that morning we got a bus to the farm and when we arrived we took a tour of the milking parlour. It was very interesting to see how it worked and it was a big help to be able to visualise what we had been learning about in school. We then moved on to where the dairy cows were housed. The shed was packed with Holstein Friesians and it was really interesting to see how they lived. We then went through all the equipment used and then a cow was brought out to be shown to us. Everyone got a picture with it and had a go of holding it. Then we went to the calving shed and saw calves that were only days old, this was the most exciting part and everyone was surprised to see how friendly they were and how they loved attention. After a long day we all had lunch before going home and I think everyone would agree it was a great learning experience.

5th Year Ag. Science Trip



BRIT Awards 2014

The 2014 BRIT Awards were held on 19 February 2014. It was the 34th edition of the British Phonographic Industry's annual pop music awards. The awards ceremony was held at The O2 Arena in London, presented by James Corden for his fifth and final year. Fashion Designer Philip Treacy from Ballinasloe, County Galway designed the new glossy black finish design statue this year for the first time. There was a Brilliant line up on the night including an opening from the Arctic Monkeys, performances from Beyoncé, Katy Perry, Ellie Goulding, Bruno Mars, Lorde and Disclosure, Bastille and Rudimental and A huge Finish with Pharrell Williams and Nile Rodgers on the night. Some of the Winners During the Night Included Ellie Goulding for British Female Solo Artist, David Bowie for British Male Solo Artist, Rudimental featuring Ella Eyre for the British Single of the Year, Lorde for International Female Solo Artist and Bruno Mars for International Male Solo Artist. The Arctic Monkeys along with One Direction Won big on the night. Arctic monkeys took home the awards for Best British Group and MasterCard British Album of the Year. One Direction Won the BRITs Global Success Award and Best British video voted by on twitter throughout the night.

By Anna Horan and Hannah O'Sullivan.



Junior Cup Rugby

Crescent College 7

Ardscoil Rís 7

Last year's losing Junior Cup finalists Crescent ensured themselves a home draw for the quarter-final second round despite a draw with Ardscoil Rís at Rosbrien on the day. The fact that Crescent scored the first try in difficult conditions was the deciding factor.

Daniel Hurley was the man who got the significant score, racing in from long-range and allowing Brian Ryan to convert. Ardscoil equalised inside the first half, to leave the game tied at 7-7 at the break. The second 40 minutes failed to show any score as the weather spoiled both side's attacking attempts.

Team: Sean Garry, Micheal Sheehan, Jack Henchy, Scott Leahy, Tomás Conelly, Rory McMahon, John Blake, Mark Fitzgerald, Matthew Hanley, Bryan Fitzgerald, Daniel Hurley, Tommy O'hora, Kelvin Brosnahan, Brian Ryan.

Subs: Mark Walsh, Peter King, Cillian Reynolds, Connor Dennehy, Eoin O'holloran, Aaron Cosgrove, Killian O'shaughnessy, Mark Shannahan



Congratulations to the Junior Boys who won their match against CBC on Saturday at old Crescent, 19-17.



Senior Cup Rugby

Crescent 15

CBC 3

Due to a draw on Wednesday Crescent replayed PBC in Cork on Sunday.

On Sunday a supporters bus and a number of students drove to the Mardyke, Cork to watch the replay of the quarter final.

Playing with the aid of the wind in the first half John Poland opened the scoring with a penalty for Pres' after thirteen minutes.

Slowly Crescent began to take control with Cormac Blake making a series of breaks from the base of the scrum and Mike O'Donnell and Liam McMahon were also making their presence felt in the forward exchanges.

The visitors' backline were seeing more of the ball and JJ O'Neill and Will Leonard were posing problems for the Pres' defence with some surging runs, but the Cork side's defence held firm as Paul Kiernan was putting in some big hits in the middle of the park.

Five minutes before half time the game swung in Crescent's favour when winger Calvin Nash gathered the ball inside his own half and raced to the line to score to give the Limerick side a 5-3 half time lead.

Three minutes into the second half Nash embarked on another darting run from the middle of the park following a lineout which David Fitzgerald won, to score his second try in the corner. McGibney added the extras to increase his side's lead to 12-3.

Crescent put the game beyond the Mardyke College's reach ten minutes from time when McGibney converted a penalty from outside the Cork side's 22.

Crescent will go onto play Castletroy College this week in the semi final.





AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

Crescent Charity Cycle

In aid of St. Gabriels and as part of our transition year course a group of t.y's are partaking in a charity cycle to raise money to help St. Gabriels in the purchasing of a new underwater bike for their hydrotherapy pool. The cycle will take place on Monday the 31st of March and Tuesday the 1st of April. We plan to cycle as a group from Limerick to Doolin, get the ferry to Inis Oirr where we stay the night and return the next morning to Doolin and cycle back to Limerick. In preparation for this cycle there have been 4 training days planned building up difficulty as we progress.



Talent Show 2014

This year, Crescent's annual talent show will be taking place on March 7th, Friday evening at 7:00 pm. Every year, the Talent Show displays a wide variety of performances and talents from the students and teachers of Crescent. This year is no exception with twenty different acts being displayed. Over the years, the Talent Show's performances have ranged from singing, dancing, instrument playing and even stand-up comedy!

The money raised by the Crescent Talent Show is always in aid of a charity. This year the show's funds are going towards the charity Tipperary, Limerick, Clare for Cystic Fibrosis (TLC4CF). The TY Cycle Committee will also be running a shop on the night during the interval where the money collected will go to St. Gabriel's School & Centre.

The Talent Show is always enjoyed thoroughly by the audience and performers alike, and is in aid of a good cause. It is an event that promises for an evening filled with entertainment!

By Aoife Murray



AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

Cansat Winners

CanSat is a competition organised by the European Space Agency. It aims to promote space science amongst European teenagers.

Each team consists of 4 students and must construct a satellite within a soft drinks can.

There are two missions – primary and secondary. The primary mission is compulsory for all teams. Every team must have a thermistor to record temperature and have a pressure sensor.

The secondary mission allows us to be creative. Here, we can add anything we want. At the moment we have a GPS and a humidity sensor. We are currently exploring other options: space debris, flooding, sound etc.

Another element of the competition is to bring the can safely down to the ground after it is launched. Therefore, we have built a parachute which is specific to the dimensions of our can.

Public Outreach is also important – the ESA wants us to promote the project. We have a Facebook Page (CCC Cansat), Twitter (@CansatCCC) account and a blog (www.cccsjcansat.blogspot.ie).

PLEASE Like, Follow and Read!

The competition is divided into three stages. The first stage is the Regional Competition. Nine schools competed in the Munster Competition this year. On Saturday, 15th February, Cansat travelled to Cork Institute of Technology to launch our can, obtain data and present our project to a panel of judges. At 5pm it was announced that two schools would be going through. Douglas Community School and Crescent College won on the day and we will be travelling to Birr in March for the National Finals. If we win in Birr, we will represent Ireland in Norway in June!

Exciting times ahead and with your support, we CAN do it!

By Hugh Fitzgibbon





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L.G.M.C. Visit To Crescent College

The Music Department brought Limerick Generation Music to the school to bring 100 years of music to the students, teachers, staff and passers by who were entertained by the wide variety of talent and genres on display. Great to see Conor J Ryan a past student of Crescent and now a member of Leading Armies back to entertain. Well done to everyone who took part or attended.

If only every Thursday could be a Music Thursday!!!!

