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Welcome to the new School Captains!



The School Captains for 2014/2015 are Croiadh Monaghan and Hugh Fitzgibbon. The Vice Captains are Sinead O'Loughlin and Evan Moloney. Congratulations to all and we look forward to a great year ahead!

Our First School Mass

The first school mass took place on the 3rd of September in the central area, which was overflowing with students, teachers and staff for this special occasion. The mass began with the newly elected captains and vice captains speaking. The mass was presided over by Fr Jim Maher who gave a very unusual homily using Russian dolls as examples. This was to show us that the larger outside doll is the mask we wear for everyone else and its how others see us. The middle doll is our fearful self that we are reluctant to let others see. The smallest inner doll represents who we really are with all our good points and desires. Ideally the smallest doll should be the biggest doll. This really captured the imaginations of the listners. The orchestra and choir provided the wonderful music and singing for the occasion. We would like to thank all those who helped out and participated in this special mass





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Welcome, Accueil, Faite, Willkommen, Welkom, Bienvenidos, Benvenuto.

As we say goodbye to last year's sixth years and our former principal Nicholas Cuddihy (who will be dearly missed) we welcome back all the students and staff. A special welcome to the new acting principal Karin Fleming and acting vice principal Sinead Mulcahy .

Well done to everyone who sat their leaving cert and junior cert last year. We'd also like to welcome the new first years and our new school captains Hugh Fitzgibbon and Croiadh Monaghan and vice captains Sinead O'Loughlin and Evan Moloney.



As the new school year starts, preparations for this year's school show also begin . This years school show will be the musical 'Oliver'. With just a few weeks left till the show in November, preparations for the show are well underway. Auditions for the show were held early in September with many parts going to first year and fourth years students. It was later announced that the role of Oliver will go to Eoghan Castillon-Mann, Hugh Fitzgibbon will play Fagin, Catherine Earlier will play Nancy and Joe Barry will play Bill Sykes . As rehearsals begin, teachers and Ty students are working hard behind the scenes to produce the show with Tina O' Dwyer, John Noonan and Róisín Lavery. Tickets for the show go on sale in November.

Sixth Year Retreat

On Thursday last, the sixth years headed off on their retreats. There were six retreat's on offer, all varying in length and style. The retreats on offer were Yoga, Thurles, Dublin, Portlaoise, Esker and the Quo Vagis pilgrimage. Each retreat dealt with a different theme or topic. Some of the themes included dealing with stress, finding yourself, where you are now and where you are going in the future. The retreat gave the sixth years time to take a step back and reflect.

The retreats begun on Thursday and ended on Friday evening except for the pilgrimage which ended on Saturday. The retreats were brought to a close by mass on Sunday evening in the central area, led by Fr. Maher. The retreats could not have gone ahead without the planning and hard work from Grainne Delaney. It was a wonderful experience and thoroughly enjoyed by all the sixth years.





Hurling - First game of the season

On the 23rd of September 2014, Crescent hurlers took to the field to play St Clements in their first game of the season. Crescent were the better team throughout, and came out on top on a scoreline of 1-18 to 3-10. This was a great game to watch with a dramatic ending. Crescent lead by 4 points at the break, and went further ahead mid-way through the second half. Towards the end of the game, Crescent lead 1-18 to 1-10, but two goals in quick succession left the game in the melting pot. Tensions were high as it was the local derby, and Crescent found themselves down to 14 men with 2 minutes to go. Eventually the referee blew the whistle and Crescent march on to the next round to play Hazelwood College. With Diarmud Mullins, Garry Kirby and Sean Barry at the ranks, we are hopeful for a successful season coming, some are even hopeful of Harty cup hurling in a few years. Crescent take to the field next Thursday to play Clonmel in Tipp Town in the Munster cup.



The Minor All-Ireland Final

On Sunday the 7th of September the Limerick minor hurling team took to the pitch in Croke Park to play in the minor All-Ireland final against Kilkenny. It was an overall great game from both sides, Kilkenny came out as champions. Although Limerick played their hearts out they were always the losing side, only at one point through out the game did the Limerick lads take the lead at a score of 9 points to 8 but the Kilkenny quickly came back and took the lead. Into the half time break Kilkenny had a lead of 12 points to 10 points and a very tight first half ended.

As they jogged out of the tunnel and out onto the pitch, the second half had begun. It was an intense second half as the end drew close. Kilkenny got lucky with two goals to give them that extra edge and they just held out till the end.

Congratulations to the two students from Crescent, Brian Ryan and Conor McSweeney for making the team and representing their school and county!





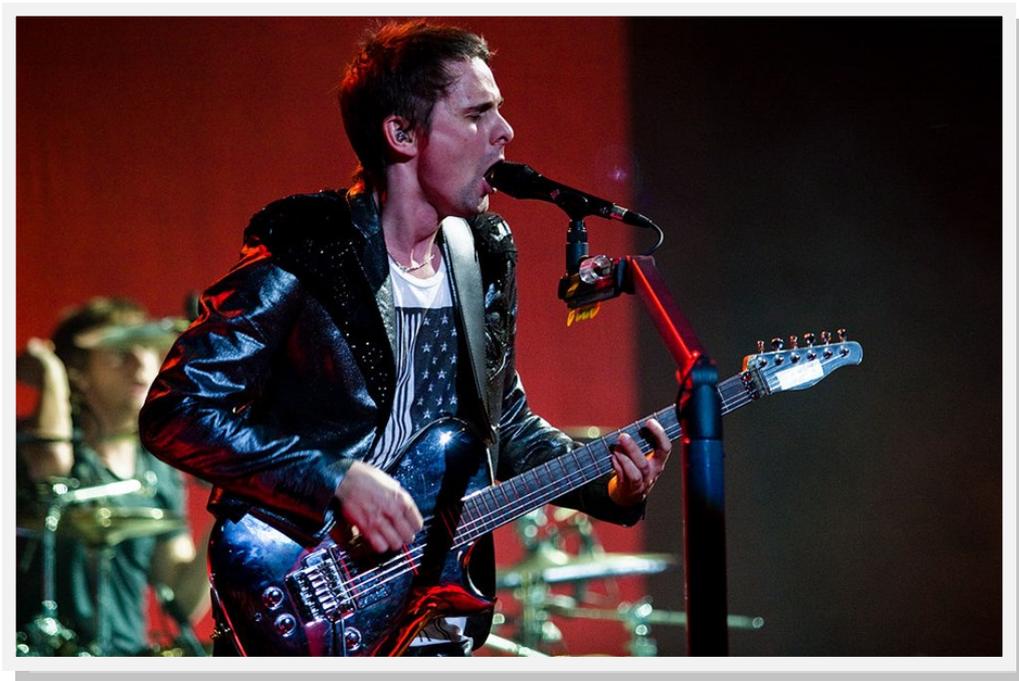
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Muse

Many modern artists tend to stay within the comfort zone of their own music genre whether it is pop, electronic or anything else. This band on the other hand likes to stray away from that comfort zone and explore new genres and styles of music such as space rock, progressive metal and dubstep.

Muse are (most of the time) a rock band, who originated in the town of Teignmouth, Devon in England. The three-piece rock group have been together since 1994 and are still going strong 20 years later with talks of a new album hitting the shelves next year after a 2 year silence since the successful album 'The 2nd Law'.

In the band we have childhood friends Matt Bellamy, Chris Wolstenholme and Dom Howard. Matt is the exceptionally talented, multi-instrumentalist, singer-songwriter of the band and tends to be unpredictable and eccentric while performing, doing things such as deciding to sprint down the stage during his guitar solo or going a bit wild and smashing an amplifier before the song finishes. Matt has been named one of the greatest frontmen in music history by many and I would completely agree. Chris is excellent on bass for the band and is much calmer in his playing than Matt is, except for a few occasions where the atmosphere got the better of him and he decided to throw his bass guitar across the stage into the drum kit. Dom is the man on drums for Muse and always seems to have a smile on his face no matter what the situation is and can be wildly unpredictable in his own way, as he has worn a Spider-Man costume on more than one occasion while playing for no good reason, but it makes the fantastic drumming even more enjoyable to listen to.



By

Darragh O'Flanagan



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Giant's Journey

Limerick was taken over by a giant granny, in one of the centrepieces of this year's city of cultures events. The giant granny has captivated locals and visitors alike. The giant granny stands at 6.4metres and it arrived into the city on the roof of a train. She was greeted by hundreds

of school children and locals. Around 200,000 people went to view the giant grandma over the weekend. The huge grandmother was live on the limerick cities streets for 72 hours and was first unveiled in

Liverpool.

The city was transformed as she rambled through the streets

Transfixing audiences for the weekend. of free entertainment as they watched her eating and sleeping. Over 160

People were involved in the production of "The Giants journey.

It took 27 people to move her at any one time and there were almost 70 Lilliputians



By Kim Harrison



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SANCHEZ VISIT TO THE DONKEY SANCTUARY

On Monday the 22nd of September Sanchez C.S.P.E group went to the Donkey Sanctuary in Liscarroll Co. Cork which is run by the Barrett's. Paddy Barrett and his family have a tradition of helping donkeys. Paddy's grandfather was a police officer in the Metropolitan police who returned to Ireland on his retirement. He kept donkeys on the site at Knockardbane from 1926 and that is now the main donkey sanctuary site, which is open to the public. Paddy's father was a welfare officer in the Irish ISPCA from 1964 to 1981 and worked helping donkeys throughout Ireland. Paddy worked as an inspector for the ISPCA from February 1982 to July 1987 while running a rescue centre for donkeys in Ireland. On 1st August 1987 Paddy's rescue centre for donkey linked up with the donkey sanctuary in Britain.



We left school by bus and arrived at the donkey sanctuary. When we arrived we saw donkeys. Juliette a volunteer spoke to our class about donkeys and about the care and welfare of the donkeys. In many cases the donkeys are mistreated or abandoned. The sanctuary will drive anywhere in Ireland to save a donkey. Juliette also explained about the other farms. Like the isolation farm and the farm that provides the medical care, she also said you could adopt a donkey for 20 Euro. We went on a tour around the grounds. We saw beautiful scenery and happy donkeys it was a lovely morning outside too. They also showed us a video about how the donkey sanctuary started.

We had a brilliant day. We would highly recommend the donkey sanctuary. We would like to thank, Carol-ann Juliette, Joe and everybody who welcomed us to the sanctuary.



Juliette speaking to the group

By Lauren Cantillon/ Brooke Carroll





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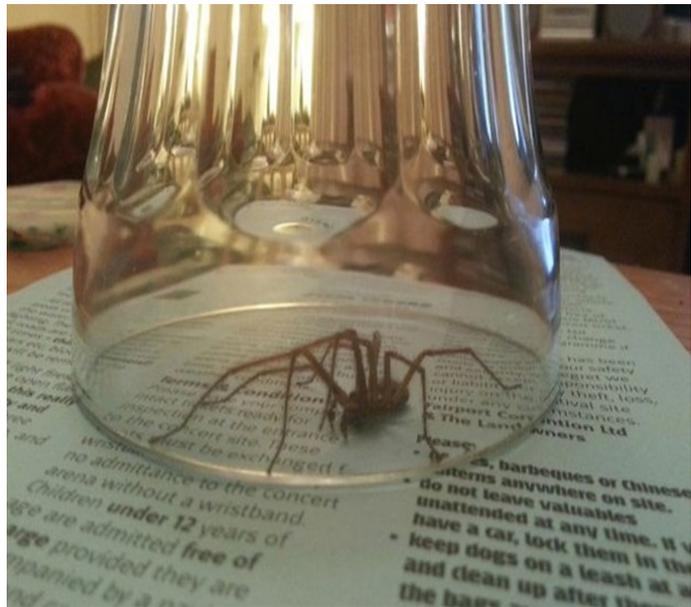
Giant House Spiders

Scientists warm mild weather throughout the summer has led the spiders to grow bigger than ever - just in time for mating season

The giant house spider will be common this autumn, say experts

And with the temperature set to fall, experts have warned the house

spiders will be heading indoors in the coming



This year has been a good one for the insects which spiders feed on, which means the spiders have grown bigger

But Professor Hart said people have nothing to fear as the big spiders will get rid of a lot of pests.

"They often feed on the most common species, preventing a few species from becoming dominant," he said.

Apple's new Iphone

Last week Apple unveiled its latest Iphone all around the World. This was a highly anticipated event which had people on all four corners of the Earth full of excitement. Not only did Apple unveil the Iphone 6 but also a bigger and more expensive Iphone 6 plus. Both the Iphone and Iphone 6 plus boast bigger displays than their predecessors with 4.7 inch in the Iphone 6 and the latter having 5.5 inches. Not only do both phones have larger screens but their software has also been improved upon.



processing power of these two phones have been greatly improved over past iPhones. iPhones are renowned for having excellent

cameras and the Iphone 6 and 6 plus are no exception, the images captured with the camera are exceptionally clear with full of colour and clarity. All of this technology comes at a premium price. The Iphone 6 retails at 699 Euro whereas its larger brother comes in at 799 Euro. Even with these woeful prices Apple are certain to sell these phones in huge quantities worldwide.



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Dingle Trip

Last Tuesday on the 16th of September my class set off on a sunny day on a trip to Dingle. We left school by bus at 8:30 am and arrived at 12pm in Ballyferriter. We dropped our bags off at the Bean an Tí. Then we went to the Blasket Centre and had lunch. After that we went on a two hour hill walk, there was no need for raincoats as the weather was beautiful. It was a lovely walk in the countryside. When we arrived at the Bean an Tí's house, she had a delicious meal prepared for us. That evening on the way to the ceilí we stopped at the museum in Ballyferriter. The ceilí was a lot of fun that included dancing and singing. We stayed overnight.



The next morning we headed to the beach at 8am. We went horse riding and did other activities on the beach. After our activities on the beach we went into Dingle. We all had an hour free time to explore dingle. We all really enjoyed this because we were able to look around Dingle and see what it was like. After we were finished looking around we headed to the aquarium and we also went on a boat trip and saw Fungi the dolphin. Overall it was a great trip but everyone was looking forward to getting home and catching up on sleep after the tiring two days.



by Margaret Culhane and Ben McCarthy



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