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Crescent Express

Kate Russell Winners 2015



(left to right, back row) Orla Curtin, Anna Horan, Aoibhin Maher, Aisling Horan, Aine Ryan, Niamh Keyes, Ciara Murphy, Aebhfinn Bourke, Clodagh Coffey, Nicole Power.

(left to right, front row) Jane Kirby, Megan Horan, Bella Murphy, Jenny Clein, Michelle Barrett (captain), Ciara Leahy, Niamh O'Keeffe, Molly Doran, Megan Mawhinney, Meabh O'Sullivan.

This year the Kate Russell All-Ireland Championship was held in NUIG hosted by Salerno Secondary School. The cup winners from each province compete in these finals. The team with the most points after all the matches have been played will be the champions for 2015. The teams competing this year were Salerno Secondary School representing Connacht, Kilkenny College representing the South-east, St. Gerard's College representing Leinster, Sullivan Upper School representing Ulster and finally Crescent College Comprehensive representing Munster. The girls qualified for the competition after a brilliant victory over Ursuline's Thurles, winning 5-1 earlier this month. The girls' first match was against Sullivan Upper after playing excellently throughout the game the girls came out on top winning 6-2. Goal scorers were Aebhfinn Bourke x4, Meath O'Sullivan xl and Niamh O'Keeffe xl. The girls then went on to play what was thought to be their toughest match of the competition against St. Gerard's. The team displayed a high standard of hockey but drew the match 2-2, after a late goal from St. Gerard's. Goal scorers were Niamh O'Keeffe xl and Megan Mawhinney xl.



At the end of the day both Crescent and St. Gerard's were on top with 4 points each. The following day crescent played their first match at 12:30 against Kilkenny College. Crescent were challenged this game after an early goal from Kilkenny college. The girls in blue then succeeded in scoring with goals from Bella Murphy xl and Jenny Clein xl, winning the game 2-1. At 15:30 the girls played their final game, which was their most important match yet. They faced Salerno Secondary School from Galway- the host team. To secure the title crescent needed to win the game by three goals however the girls went the extra mile in this game proving they were ever so deserving of the All-Ireland title. After 12 years coming Crescent successfully secured the title by winning their final game 4-0 with goals from Aebhfinn Bourke x2, Ciara Leahy xl and Bella Murphy xl. This was the first time in Crescent history that the Kate Russell cup came home with our girls. Once back from the Easter holidays we held a celebratory assembly where we proudly welcomed our victorious hockey team who presented their cup to the school. A special thanks to Sean O'Callaghan, Liz Bourke, Cathal Duggan, Brian Collins and Cynthia Murphy who all played important roles in the girls' success along with Brian Cowhey and Peter King whose video analysis helped the girls improve along the way. We are also very thankful to the staff, families and pupils who travelled to support the girls over the course of the competition.

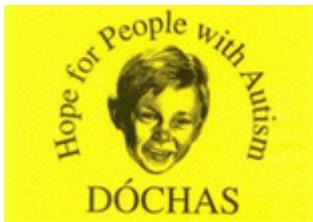
Congratulations girls on your huge success, your names will go down in crescent history!



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TRIP TO TAYTO PARK

On the 16th of April, four of the transition year classes travelled to Meath to visit Tayto Park as part of their business program. They departed the school at 8am. When they arrived in Tayto Park, they were split into two groups; one to begin with the factory tour and one to begin with the tour of the zoo. The zoo included various exotic animals, which they learned about from their tour guide. In the factory, windows displayed the factory workers using the machinery to make and package the Taytos. After the tour, the students were fed in the restaurant. When they had finished eating, the students gathered again to be given one free token each for the theme park. Each token allowed them free ride. There were a variation of different rides, and something that everyone enjoyed. The classes that went gave great reviews about the trip, which excited the other two classes for their trip on the 21st of April. All in all, the trip was very educational as the students experienced how a real business operates, and the trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved.



On behalf of Dóchas (Hope for people with Autism) thanks to all the TY students who took part in the street collections before Easter and for raising the grant total of 1210.70 euros from the collection. This increase in revenue will allow them to purchase much needed equipment for their social clubs for children and teenagers with ASD. Thanks also to Gemma O Donoghue and to all concerned for organising it so's that the students could be involved.



Well done to Saurez class who raised 728.19 euros in a bake sale they organised on Daffodil day, many thanks to all who supported this worthy cause.



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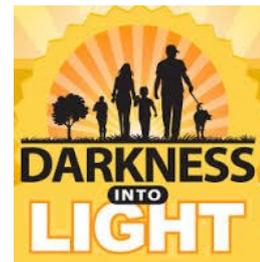
Colours Day

On April 29th Crescent will have their colours day. The theme this year is black and white. We encourage all the junior students to take part in this great day ahead. Its Zeuro on the day for students who take part and all the proceeds will go to Alzheimer's Society and Parkinson's Association our chosen charities. Please support the event .

The Great Limerick Run



The great limerick run will take place on may the 3rd 2015. Now in its 4th year a record number of people registered with over 10,000 crossing the finish line. The event features a 10k run, a half marathon and a full marathon. The various routes will take in many landmarks around Limerick city and county, including King Johns Castle, The Treaty Stone, Thomond Park Stadium, U.L and the Millennium Bridge. Last year the Great Limerick Run attracted many visitors to the Shannon region. Several hundred participants came over seas to represent 22 countries all the counties of Ireland were represented on the day. And an estimated 35,000 lined the routes to support the runners and walkers. Many participated on behalf of charity, including Milford Hospice, Boher, Animal.ie . Samaritans, concern, ISPCA etc. The register for 2015 is now open. We wish everyone good luck on the day!



Darkness into light

Now in its seventh year Pieta houses Darkness into light is taking place on May 9th 2015 in over 80 venues across Ireland. The Limerick 5km walk/run starts at 4.15am at Thomond Park. Registration is now open online or at the Munster Rugby shop . We would like to encourage everyone to take part



Under 17 North Munster final CCC VS CBS Ennis

Crescent College Comprehensive faced Ennis C.B.S in the U17 North Munster Final on Tuesday 24th of March 2015. It promised to be a great game with both teams having superb individuals. Ennis started the better of the two teams by forcing Crescent to defend very hard early on. Early in the 1st half Jay McKillican suffered a very serious injury forcing him to come off with John Hurley replacing him. There wasn't a lot of time left in the 1st half when Crescent started to play great football which resulted in a brilliant goal by Dan Hurley by turning his defender and placing it bottom corner. The referee John McNamara blew the half time whistle with Crescent going in the happier of the two teams. The second half had a lot more action than the first half. The referee showed a red card to Clyde O'Connell early on in the half for pushing his marker. This was followed by yet another red card for Crescent's Dan Hurley who received a second yellow for diving. After the two red cards Ennis started to show what they were made of by pressing forward and causing Crescents defence a bit of trouble but John Blake and Nevil O'Sullivan kept Ireland U16 international Colm Walsh away from the goal. But still in the middle was Ruairi Casserly pulling all the strings. Crescent defended brilliantly for the remaining minutes of the game with Ennis playing a lot of pressure but Crescent held on for the win. Crescent was now crowned North Munster Champions!! The starting team was as follows in goals Sean McNamara. Right back was Robert Greer and the Centre Backs were John Blake and Nevil O'Sullivan and Clive Healy was left back. The two Centre Midfielders were Mark Shanahan and Clyde O'Connell. Right Midfield was Jay McKillican and Left Midfield was Jack Coyne. Just in front of the midfield was Ruairi Casserly and the striker was Daniel Hurley.

Many thanks to coaches Shane McDonagh and Brian O'Callaghan for the dedication throughout the year. Also many thanks to all the lads involved.

By. Jamin Hoffmann and Colm Quilligan

School's Irish representation

Jack Lyons and Calvin Nash represented the Ireland schools team in the European Championship. They drew against Georgia and the game ended in a dramatic Drop goal competition which Georgia came out on top in. They then beat Scotland and finished the tournament seventh. They represented Crescent well and joined the school's long list of capped players.



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Crescent Parent Realises the Dream!

First year CCC parent and founder and MD of highly successful school lunch business Carambola Kidz, Colm O'Brien, has published his first book 'Feeding Johnny' to great acclaim. Colm tells his inspiring story of the many and varied steps from employee to employer and entrepreneur – Carambola had a turnover in the millions last year – in a manner which, from the very beginning, lets the reader know 'it could be you'. It is a tale of determination, hard work, hope, positivity and faith which cannot fail to motivate and inspire readers. Aspiring entrepreneurs of any age can get their hands on a copy at O'Mahony's, Limerick and all good bookshops now.



We are delighted to have Colm share his expertise and that of his staff through his work with some of our 5th Year students as part of the voluntary Skills at Work programme organised by Limerick Schools-Business Partnership. This is our third year being involved with Carambola and, as students will testify, it has been a most worth-while experience. I, for one, am already looking forward to the sequel...



Easter Egg Appeal

180 EASTER EGGS were donated to Jesuit Refugee Service Appeal

Many thanks to all who made this possible .

We delivered the Eggs to the Provision Centre this week and the staff were delighted with the generosity of all involved.

5th year Students Ross Mc Crann, Ciara Murphy, Sarah Carew, Orla Flanagan and Laura Kerr have all worked in the Provision Centre as part of their Social Placement Programme.





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Under 15 girls soccer Munster final



On Monday the 23rd March the under 15 girls crescent soccer team played against Presentation Thurles in the Munster final. Crescent was dominating in the first half but no goals were conceived by either team. For the majority of the second half, despite huge efforts from both sides, the scoreboard remained the same. With ten minutes to go, Presentation scored putting them in the lead and a lot of pressure on the crescent girls. The girls did not give up until the very last minute when they scored a goal which was heartbreakingly disallowed; this meant that unfortunately for the crescent girls they would not be taking home the Munster cup this year. Our girls were very unlucky and put in huge effort throughout the game. We would like to thank Eileen for coaching the girls and also all the sup-





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Equestrian Winners



Winners (from left to right) : Shannen?, X Maja Zwierzchowska, Henry Duruji, Alan , Dale

Crescent was ably represented at what is set to become an annual inter-school's event at Clonshire Equestrian Centre in Adare yesterday. Seventeen schools took part on the day and the numbers were high in all competitions. The school's two equestrian teams, CCC Equestrian Club and CCC Jockey's, both represented their school with a host of double clear rounds in the sixties, eighties and one metre competitions. The teams, trained by Kayleigh Maher, who also organised the event, showed strength of body and character in fearlessly tackling some serious jumping on the day!

They got 11 rosettes each representing 2 clear rounds by the rider and one first place rosette which was awarded to Aimee BarrWell done to all involved and a very special thank you to Kayleigh for all her hard work and her continued support of Crescent.



Congratulations to Sinead O'Loughlin and Donal MacNamee who won this years school talent show and performed in front of the school during the assembly.



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Thanks Lads!

All the lads who were involved in Cup Rugby this year would like to give a huge thanks to all the school who supported us throughout the year and especially on the days of the Junior and Senior Cup.

A special mention to the ultras who have put a lot into the support of the teams, especially Edwin Wixted and Fionn White who put a big effort on getting things going during all the cup games.

Nevil and all the Junior Cup team would like to thank everybody who supported them during their cup campaign. It really meant a lot to the team.

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