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CRESCENT EXPRESS

School Library



The school library was built offering a quite space where people can read and enjoy books. The English department felt it was being underutilised.

Discussions took place between the librarians and English department coming to the conclusion that the library is being offered to students at lunch times.

The librarians are always there and students are welcome to borrow a book, bring a book from home or bring a kindle.

The focus of this plan at the moment is to encourage students to read and improve student literacy levels.

In the long term the English department are hoping to establish a reading club alike to adult book discussion groups.

The library is only to be used for reading not studying or talking.

Special thanks to Mary Lynch our librarian for all her work. We wish Naimh every success in her new role



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2 ND , 4 TH AND 5 TH YEARS	Lunch time



If you need help talk to our Librarian **Naimh McDonnell**



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CRESCENT COLLEGE COMPREHENSIVE S.C.

WALES TOUR

On the 8th of October the crescent college junior cup squad left for wales at 5.00am. Whiles over in wales the team was set to play two matches one match agents Llandovery RFC and the second match verses Llandovery college all the players on both sides played very well on the day but the too welsh teams where just two strong for the crescent. The junior cup team really enjoyed the experience of traveling internationally. We would like to thank all of the coaches who made it possible to travel.



Senior Rugby

On Wednesday 7TH of September our senior rugby team played Castletroy college in a challenge match. Captain of that match was Bailey Faloon. The boys played exceptionally scoring early in the match. Unfortunately Castletroy came back adding 19 to the score board. Crescents Ansin Thai and Brendan Kelly both came off with concussions. We wish them a speedy recovery on their .The final score in the match was 19-5 to Castletroy. The senior team is playing Glenstal in there next match. We wish them the best of luck.





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CRESCENT COLLEGE CATHOLIC EDUCATION

CCC GOLF

Crescent golfers competed in the North Munster Championship on Thursday the 8th of October 2015 in Ballyneety Golf Club against many other schools from the North of Munster.

Crescent played with Castletroy College and Charleville Secondary School. Four players played for each school and Crescent's representatives were Morgan Hanley, Eoghan O'Neill, Ross Fitzgerald and Darren O'Connor. The conditions on the day weren't easy as the wind was howling and it was lashing rain so we needed every bit of help from our inspirational caddies Hugh Kirby, Kaylum Dwane and Scott O'Brien.

The boys came 1st and won the North Munster Championship by four shots over Ard Scoil Rís, they now qualify to the next stage which will be next March in the Munster Finals as Crescent hope to bring home the Munster Championship and progress the Irish Finals. Five will play in the next stage so our squad of seven will all have a fair chance of playing in the next round.



Mini Marathon

The TY girls went to St Gabriels centre and school on the 7th of October to raise awareness about the upcoming mini marathon the Ty girls are going to do in aid of St Gabriels. The girls are going to do a mini marathon on the 25th of October for St Gabriels

We learned what the funds are going to be used for and what the funds did in previous years. On our trip we saw sensory gardens, the swimming pool and the classrooms. Last year the TYs helped to raise money for the playground and this year we are raising money for the sensory garden. The marathon is 10km long and we would like to wish the best of luck to the TYS on the run and we hope they do





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IRELAND v FRANCE

The game was being played in the Millenium Stadium in Cardiff . Whoever won this game was to play an easier side in the quarter-finals. There was a big build-up for this game as it was very impotant for both sets of teams. They were both very matched sides but within the first twenty minutes Jonny Sexton was subbed off with an injury as he was strongly tackled by Picamoles. Ian Madigan replaced him as the number 10. The match went and still a close game. Closing into half-time Paul O'Connell got injured and needed oxygen. He was on the field for several minutes receiving attention just before the half-time whistle blew and was stretchered off. The score at half time was 9-6 to Ireland.

Iain Henderson replaced Paul O'Connell and Iain had a very big impact on the game when he came on. Ireland put on a lot of pressure and it payed off when good play from Robbie Henshaw set up a try for Rob Kearney. Ian Madigan failed to convert the try so the score was 14-6. The Ireland fans went mad. Much more pressure added for Ireland as Ian Madigan kicks for the French 22. Ireland reached the France 5 as they go driving forward. Murray picks the ball from the base of a ruck and dives at the line, touching the base of the post with the ball. Great knowledge of the game from Conor Murray. Ian Madigan converts the try after missing the last one to make it 24-9. Ireland held out for the last few minutes and finished it off at 24-9. Ireland are to face Argentina in the next round and France will have to play a strong All-Blacks team. Overall the performance was brilliant from all the team but worries for the injured in the coming weeks.





SCHOOL PREFECTS

*The prefects got presented their prefect badges on the 7th of October by Caroline Walters.
The new prefects that were selected are*

*Emer O Donnell
Muireann O Dea
Heather Fitzgerald
Aisling Horan
Aoife Lane
Ben McCarthy
Darragh O Flanagan
Conor O Brien
Sam Ross
Sarah Wallace
Ciara McCarthy
Luke O Riordan
Aisling Montano-King
Megan Gallagher
Ciara Cowhey
Amber Birdthistle
Megan Horan
Kimberly Chaila
Tommy O Hora*

*Henry O Keefe
Kevin Le Gear
Jane Henry
Libby Johnston
Tristin Allen
Meabh Hartney
Cian McDonnell
Jennifer O Donnell
Orla Curtin
Daniel Feasey
Aine O Brian*

*Ellen Dundun
Adam McCarthy
Shauna McCarthy
Adam Moroney
Amy Kenihan
Elizabeth Muluvihiill
Conor O Sullivan*

Congratulations to all the new prefects and I hope ye do the school proud!!





Munster Girls Interpros

The Munster under 18 girls team claimed 3rd place at this year's interprovincial blitz. Crescent had two representatives on the team Tracy Collopy (5th year) and Orla Curtin (TY). Tracy has the distinction of this being her second season playing with Munster, however, she also had the honour of representing Ireland this year - when she lined out for the International Sevens team in Belgium.

On the 26th of September the Munster girls faced a 2-hr trip up to Westmanstown in Lucan, Dublin. The team had been training down in Cork twice a week during the months of July, August and September. Munster faced Ulster in the opening match, which proved to be a hard fought victory for the Ladies in red, on a score-line of 10-0.



Munster were very unlucky with the draw and had to play back to back matches (a 45-minute break between the matches was planned for the team, however, this ended up being reduced to just 15 minutes). Munster took on a very strong Leinster in the next game wrecked and exhausted. Leinster got a try in the opening minute, however, the conversion was missed. A superb run by Tracy from the Munster 22 to the Leinster 22, saw Leinster being penalised for hands in the ruck, Munster's Enya Breen kicked the points. Leinster's fought back and got 2 tries just before half time making the score 17-3. Unfortunately, Orla had to come off at half time after dislocating a finger that needed to be popped back in.

Munster opened the second half with a try from Yvonne O'Shea, the conversion attempt was missed leaving the score at 17-8. Leinster answered back with a try of their own. Yvonne O'Shea crossed the line for Munster again. Unfortunately, Leinster proved to be the stronger team and with the home support won with a score line of 27-18.

One week later the Munster girls made the three hour journey to Westport in County Mayo, to play the final game (against Connacht) in this hotly contested series. Connacht opened with a try and Munster instantly answered back. A huge home crowd helped carry Connacht through the first half and they went in at the break winning on a score line of 20-5. Munster picked up the momentum in the second half, alas it was not their day and Connacht held on to record the victory on a final score of 30-17.



Crescent Irish Sevens Representative

The school would like to congratulate Tracy Collopy for recently representing Ireland in a Seven's competition in Belgium. The 12 team tournament took place over two days. Ireland were unlucky with the draw, but finished 6th overall an improvement of four places from last year's finish.

On Saturday the 12th of September Ireland played 3 games the scores were as follows – Ireland 21 - Italy 12, Ireland 14 - Spain 22, Ireland 7 - Wales 10 .

The team then played a cup semi-final losing out to overall outright winners England 46-7. The Irish team were unlucky to have a number of injuries after this game. After this loss the Irish girls took on The Netherlands in a plate final. The Dutch side proved too strong for the injury depleted Irish side and won with a score-line of 31-0.

It was a huge achievement for Tracy to represent Ireland in this Under 18 competition at only 16 years of age! Here in Crescent College Comprehensive we are very proud of her achievements.

Watch this space, as without doubt Tracy will very shortly in her rugby career be capped for the Senior Irish team!





Leaves

By Elsie N. Brady

How silently they tumble down
And come to rest upon the ground
To lay a carpet, rich and rare,
Beneath the trees without a care,
Content to sleep, their work well done,
Colors gleaming in the sun.

At other times, they wildly fly
Until they nearly reach the sky.
Twisting, turning through the air
Till all the trees stand stark and bare.
Exhausted, drop to earth below
To wait, like children, for the snow.



AUTUMN

A season of falling leaves
And hibernating trees
Of gathering and hoarding
Of frosty, sparkling, misty mornings

A season for crunching and munching
For chestnut roasting
And crumpet toasting
For bonfire flames dancing
In the midnight air

A season for listening
To racing winds whistling
Through sleepy undressed branches
And for children chasing the host
Of whirling, twirling fallen leaves

Compiled entirely by
the children in class JJ





World Food Day

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As past pupils of Our Lady of Lourdes school we were delighted to be invited to take part in a special mass in Our Lady of Lourdes parish to celebrate World Food Day. World Food Day reminds us to be grateful for the good things we have and to think about those people in the world who struggle to get the basic things they need such as food, water, shelter and safety. We listened to a talk by Aideen from Doras Luimní about the problems facing refugees from Syria and other troubled places when they come here. She reminded us how a smile and a welcome can make such a difference and this is something we can all offer.

We sang three songs at the mass which we chose because they were about sharing what we have and caring for the world we live in. The songs we sang were Christ Be Our Light, From a Distance and Heal the World.

Sr Delia who worked very hard to help Our Lady of Lourdes to become a Fair Trade Parish thanked us for taking part and invited the group to be part of a monthly Youth Celebration in the parish from now on.

We hope to bring our knowledge of Fair Trade to Crescent over the coming months so watch this space!

By Alisha Roche
Dale Hannon
Caitlin Keane
Leah Nolan
Nicola O'Donoghue
Adam Ryan
Darren Stenson
Glen Kelly
Victoria Daniels
Michelle Kelly
Jake Murphy



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Halloween 2015

Haunted Halloween



BATS	GOBLIN	OCTOBER
BONES	GRAVEYARD	OWL
BOO	HALLOWEEN	PUMPKINS
CAULDRON	HAUNTED	SCARE
COSTUMES	HAYRIDE	SKELETON
CREEPY	JACK-O-LANTERN	SPIDER
FRANKENSTEIN	MONSTER	SPOOKY
FRIGHTEN	MOONLIGHT	TRICK-OR-TREAT
GHOSTS	MUMMY	©2012 Karen Hester



Halloween Costumes

- Ghost
- Witch
- Pumpkin
- Princess
- Scarecrow
- Clown
- Zombie
- Vampire
- Ballerina
- Rock Star
- Ninja
- Super Hero
- Animals
- Angels
- Devil
- Cowboy
- Pirate





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CRESCENT COLLEGE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Halloween 2015



Toffee Apples for Halloween

5th year students made toffee apples for Halloween today in Home Economics. We learned about the properties of Carbohydrates and the caramelization of sugar.

Ingredients

8 Granny Smith apples

400g golden caster sugar

1 tsp vinegar

4 tbsp golden syrup

Method

1. Place the apples in a large bowl, then cover with boiling water. This will remove the waxy coating and help the caramel to stick. Dry thoroughly and twist off any stalks.
2. Push a wooden skewer or lolly stick into the stalk end of each apple.
3. Lay out a sheet of baking parchment and place the apples on this, close to your stovetop.
4. Tip the sugar into a pan along with 100ml water and set over a medium heat. Cook for 5 mins until the sugar dissolves, then stir in the vinegar and syrup.
5. Set a sugar thermometer in the pan and boil to 140C or 'hard crack' stage. If you don't have a thermometer you can test the toffee by pouring a little into a bowl of cold water. It should harden instantly and, when removed, be brittle and easy to break. If you can still squish the toffee, continue to boil it.
6. Working quickly and carefully, dip and twist each apple in the hot toffee until covered, let any excess drip away, then place on the baking parchment to harden. You may have to heat the toffee a little if the temperature drops and it starts to feel thick and viscous. Leave the toffee to cool before eating.
7. You can add extra toppings such as nuts or sprinkles. Place the topping in a bowl and dip the toffee apple in while the toffee is still hot and soft.





Halloween 2015



Ingredients

- 1 cup of butter
- 1 cup of sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
- 2 2/3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon of baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup almonds
- 1 tube red decorating gel



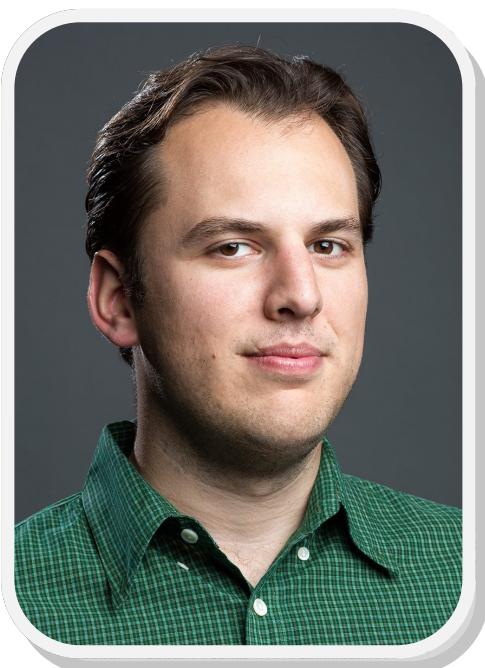
Directions

1. Put the butter, sugar, egg, almond and vanilla extract in a bowl. Use an electric mixer to mix. Add the flour, baking powder and salt. Mix again and put it in the fridge for 30 minutes.
2. Preheat the oven to 165 degrees Celsius. Grease the baking sheets.
3. Scoop 1 heaped teaspoon of dough and roll into a thin finger-shaped cookie. Press one almond into one end of each cookie to look like a long fingernail. Squeeze cookie at the tip and centre to look like knuckles. Place on baking sheets.
4. Bake in oven until the cookies are golden in colour (20 to 25 minutes).
5. Take the almond from the end of each cookie and squeeze some red gel into the cavity and replace the almond. The gel will ooze out around the tip of the cookie to look like blood.



The Annual Web Summit will be taking place from the 3rd-5th of November the event will be taking place across 3 days in various venues. The main venue will take place in RDS. Any students interested in going to the event there will be a form on the school website

(www.crescentsj.com) there will be 50 places available, so get on quick to submit your form. This is a brilliant opportunity for any students who have an interest in coding and engineering. Many of the world's biggest companies and social networks will have people speaking such as Mike Krieger (Co-Founder of Instagram) Sean Rad (Co-Founder & CEO of Tinder) If any students have questions about the event they can contact John Gavin.



Mike Kreiger (Left), Sean Rad (Above)



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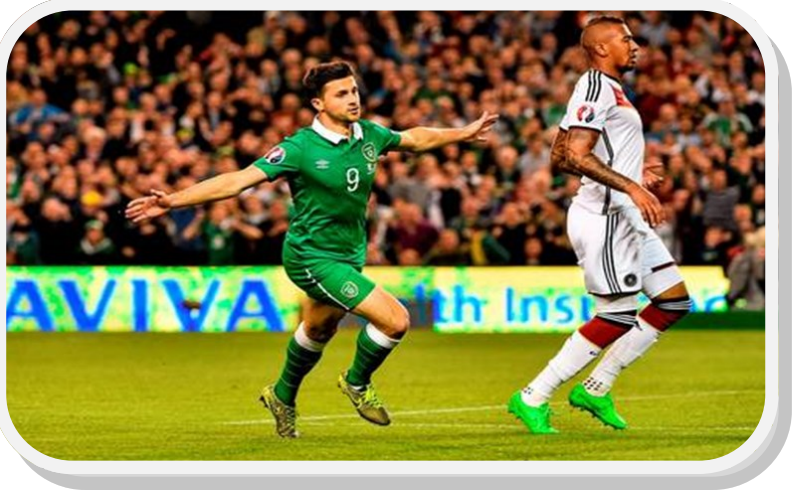
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Ireland Vs Germany

Ireland Vs Germany qualifier was held in the Aviva stadium on Thursday 8th October. Ireland were hoping for 1 point out of two games or Poland to beat Scotland. All Ireland wanted from this game was a draw to get a play-off. There was a thrilling atmosphere around the stadium and streets.

We started the match off brightly with good pressure but as you'd expect Germany were the better players and had much more possession but Irelands defence stayed strong until half-time even though Germany had a good few goalscoring chances to go 1 or 2 goals up. Just before the half-time break Shay Given took a kick-out and twisted his knee, he played on and eventually couldn't go on any longer and he asked to be taken off. Randolph, a new goalkeeper was put on as a replacement.

Second half started, nothings changed, Germany mainly dominating and Ireland working hard retain possession and do their best. At the 65th minute Shane Long came on to replace Daryl Murphy. He made an immediate pact as Randolph, the goalkeeper

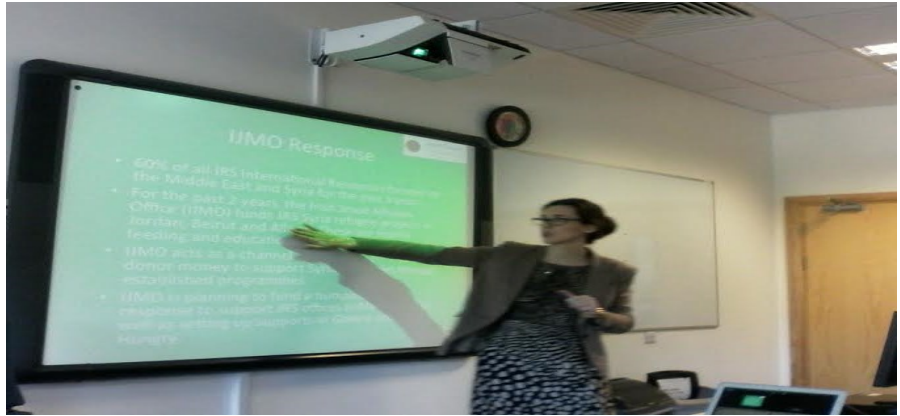


kicked the ball down the pitch as Long ran onto it behind the German defence. He then took a impressive touch to put him through and brilliantly finished the ball into the back of the net beyond Manuel Neuer. The home crowd went wild. For the remainder of the game Ireland parked their bus infront of the Irish goal as Germany attacked. There were a few close encounters like the shot from Mueller which almost went in but Ireland held it strong until the final whistle blew and Ireland won the game 1-0. The man of the match was given to Wes Hoolahan but Shane Long was the hero.



TY Refugee Workshop

On the 13th of October our TY students went across the road to the Limerick Educational Centre for a workshop on refugees. The workshop was organised by Grainne Delaney and



The workshop started with some basic questions like what the difference is between a refugee and a migrant and then moved on to a roleplay exercise where we became families who were trying to escape our country. This exercise was very good as we could get a taste of what refugees have to go through and all the sacrifices they have to make.

The workshop ended with a few final questions which Brid answered and we were given a few minutes to have a cup of tea and reflect on what we learned before we went back to school. The workshop was very interesting and we all left with a better understanding of the refugee crisis.



The shoe box appeal is on again this year all donations are welcome. All students should get involved.



Kairos Retreat 2015

By Claire Parsons, Darragh Reale, Maeve O'Halloran, Aoibhe Murtagh and Eoin Cosgrove

Thirty one 5th Year students travelled to Esker Retreat House in Athenry for this year's first Kairos retreat last Tuesday, the 6th of October. It was a big success and I think we all got a lot out of it. Kairos is basically a series of talks centred around who we are, as people. We spoke about each talk in groups and I think it is fair to say we became very close to the other members in our groups.

Four Sixth year students from Newry, Down joined us on the retreat. It was a great opportunity to share this amazing experience with them. They were all lovely and they fitted in with us straight away on Tuesday. We bonded really well as a group and many of us are still in contact with them.

During the retreat, we got the chance to experience a yoga and meditation class with Triona Butler, this was a great experience for the whole group and I think we are all well on our way to becoming yoga experts now.

We had recreation time from 2 to 4 every day. This was a time to relax and have a break. We used this time to walk around the beautiful grounds in Esker. Some of us had a puck around and played a bit of rugby. Thankfully the rain held off. I don't think it rained the whole time we were there, actually.

On our last night we had a sing song. John Jennings sang a beautiful rendition of 'The Flower of Scotland' and everyone loved Stephen O'Brien's take on 'Is she really going out with him'. Great fun was had all round that night and throughout the retreat.

