



# Crescent Express

## Science news!

### Science Success for Crescent

On the 24th of October Cian McDonnell, and Elizabeth Mulvihill, competed in the national Irish junior science Olympiad. Jack Roche, Catherine Fraser, and Mark Hickey took part in the European Union Science Olympiad. The two events were held in Dublin City University, between the two competitions over 400 people were chosen based on their Junior Certificate results in maths and science.

Cian McDonnell was awarded first place in his competition giving him the opportunity of going to South Korea to compete in the international competition. Cian will be representing Ireland with 5 others from the 2nd of December to the 11th. We wish Cian the very best of luck with his trip.



### Gold Medals for CCC at Science Quiz

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November the Local Education Committee in Our Lady of Lourdes ran a Science themed table quiz in the primary school. Two teams from Crescent took part with a mix of students from first and second year, accompanied by Science teacher Ms Aine Costelloe. One of our teams won the quiz outright and members were presented with gold medals. We are very proud of all who were involved and who repre-

Our photo shows Fumi Ezomo, Darren Stenson, Jeffrey Roche Gardiner and Michelle O'Mahony. Also taking part were Leah Nolan, Alisha Roche, Caitlin Keane and Nicola O'Donoghue.

Well done to all!



AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

## Open night

On Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October many 6<sup>th</sup> class students and parents hoping to be guaranteed a place in the school attended the annual open night in the central area.

The night was introduced by the school vice captain Seamus Finucane. This was followed by a speech from vice principal Ms. Mulcahy. She spoke about the curriculums of the school and the way in which our school runs. Ms. Fleming was the next person to speak, she spoke about how to apply to enter the school and more about the school. School captains then spoke about their experiences in school. After the speeches ended the public got a feel for the school by exploring many class rooms in the school including science labs, home ec rooms, art rooms and many more. Students in the school also showed science experiments to the hopeful students. A hockey demonstration match was played as an example to sport for girls in crescent. Overall it was a great night and we hope to see many of these students in 2016.



## CCC Bank

The crescent bank was launched on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November and was a successful day for all involved. It was popular morning for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> years with over fifty people registering with the school bank. A group of TY students were involved with the bank. These students over the last week advertised the bank and put up posters around the school. The day of the launch Lorne O' Sullivan from Bank of Ireland came in to help out on the day and take the money back to the bank. The students set up the library with balloons and decorative signs. On the first day the bank has brought in a lot of money which helps give funds to TY students for trips etc.

Students who register with the bank will be put into raffles for match tickets and many different things. In two weeks time the people who activated their account will receive an ATM card on the next day of the bank. Who ever has not activated their account please bring €5 on the next day of the bank.



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## History

### First year history projects

The first year History projects are on display in the central area for the past few weeks. There are a large arrangement of projects with a wide variety of historical monuments, villages, houses and others with vast amounts of information. The students had to go into groups or as individuals and craft a 3D model of a historic monument from pre-Christian times. I have no doubt that the first year students will have benefitted from doing these projects and learned a lot in the process. Some of the work that stood out that we have chosen are shown below.

#### **Chris Shanahan, Eoghan O' Connor-Bronze age settlement**



#### **Hannah Dundun- Newgrange**



#### **Peter Mullins-Portal dolmen**





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### A visit out to Fota wildlife park

On Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, Spinola 3rd year class took a trip to FWLP. I must admit I did not have high expectations for 'Fota Wild Life Park'. As an avid animal lover, I find it very cruel to take animals away from their natural habitat and put them in a habitat like enclosure aka a cage. It's a paradox that really got me riled up. So I really did not think Fota would be much different. Little did I know that Fota Wild-Life was about so much more than caging animals for our vain entertainment.

For a start, Fota were assiduous in their efforts to learn and understand about the habitats of each and every one of its residents. Be it in climate, accompanying animals, food, landscape, and over all home.

Secondly they housed a huge amount of nearly extinct animals take the Bison, for example 20-25 years ago there were only 50 or less bison ON THE PLANET!. Fota took about 15 and bred them in the Wild-Life Park. The numbers rose and rose and the bison are no longer an endangered species, a big thanks to Fota Wilf-Life Park. A large buffalo like animal, which travel in herds.

As a group we saw and experienced a lot here. We took a tour in the morning with one of Fota's very own Jess. She informed us on the broad variety of animals such as Wallabies, Ostriches, Giraffes, Cheetah's Tigers, Monkeys, Penguins, Frogs, Fish and loads more. A lot of these animals are endangered in their own home so Fota has taken them in to breed and raise their population!

In the afternoon we did a workshop on Biodiversity and Conservation We learned about deforestation and habitat destruction, things that reduce animal population and what we can do ,which are very simple such as reusing items, reducing packaging, and recycling items. By doing this you too can help save an animal.

We would like to thank Caroline the education assistant who gave us the talk. We would also like to thank Victor who worked with us in our workshop. Especially Rachel the Education Officer at Fota

We would like to thank our teachers for taking us Eileen ,Fiona ,Leahann., and Joe!!!! Thanks Guys





## Sport - Rugby

### **SCT v Old Crescent u20's**

It was a dark and miserable night in Rosbrien on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November when the Crescent College Senior Cup team kick-started this year's campaign with an emphatic 24-0 win over Old Crescent u20's.

Full back Daniel Hurley got things underway with a penalty under the posts to make thing 3-0. There was no further score until the second half, when out-half Matthew Hanly cleverly found a gap ten metres from the Old Crescent try-line and beat two defenders to dive under the posts for the first five pointer of the match, which Daniel Hurley converted. The second try came from an Old Crescent mistake, fortunately for Crescent College winger Conor Phillips was on hand to intercept and run seventy metres to touch down in the corner, again Daniel Hurley converted. Ten minutes before the final whistle Daniel Hurley outpaced the Old Crescent winger on the outside to run in over the try-line after outstanding build up play from Crescent College's forwards, he also converted.

This is Crescent College's first win of the year and hopefully this can be the start of a very successful year for the Senior Cup Team.

Line-up; Tomas Connelly, Jason Barry, Jack Henchy, Scott Leahy, Mikey Sheahan, Daniel Feasey, Bailey Faloon, John Blake, Mark Edwards, Mathew Hanly, Jake Fehily, Calvin Nash, Bryan Fitzgerald, Conor Phillips, Daniel Hurley.

### **Junior cup Rockwell test match**

Our U16 junior cup team travelled to Tipperary on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of November to play a friendly match against Rockwell College as a practise match in preparation for the upcoming junior cup. It was a high scoring match that ended 38-36 to crescent.

Crescent and Rockwell have met in the past and all matches ended in very close scores and last year we were tied to Rockwell in a McCarthy cup semi-final which our team failed to come out with a win.

#### **Match highlights:**

The morning was wet and rainy but luckily the weather cleared up for the match. The match kicked off at 2:30 and from the start we gained possession but quickly gave it away which led to a penalty that got converted by Rockwell No.10 that resulted to a quick 3 points to Rockwell. Eventually after a few minutes of play, a break from Ben Carew that set Jack Madden through for our opening try for crescent, converted by John Hurley. Quickly after the restart a great run by John straight through the middle led to another converted try for crescent. Foul play from Rockwell got John a chance to get 3 points from a penalty. Another few minutes passed and another run by John and a kick through put Stephen Clein forward for our 3<sup>rd</sup> try which was converted again. Just before halftime another converted try from John to leave the score at halftime 28-3.

The second half opened up by another try by Daniel Larkin produced from quick hands and a kick through from Ben Carew which was also converted. Suddenly we dropped our heads and Rockwell bounced back with 3 quick converted tries and 3 non converted try to get the score to 38-36 to crescent again adding to another close game between crescent and Rockwell.



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## Sport - Hurling

### CCC Hurlers get first win

Crescent sixteen and a half hurlers were out on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> against Hazelwood Collage. After a tough loss in minor the sixteen and a halves had to come out strong to overcome their opponents. Captain Conor Flahive led out the team with the first point of the game . Hazelwood Collage came back straight away with a quick goal. Scores from Conor Lynch and Patrick Kirby kept crescent in the game. With crescent leading at halftime 1-7 to 1-5. The second half commenced and Hazelwood came out strong scoring to quick points making it all level. It was score for score making this match a tight encounter for the final ten minutes. With the addition of Brian Naughton, son of Pat, brother of Sean to the game made crescent feel confident as we know he has great skill with the stick and blinding pace to beat every defender. With minutes to go Hazelwood were on the attack . Baring down on goal a great save from Louie J.Dee but couldn't stop the second shot from going in. This goal put Hazelwood up by one point. A long puck out from J.Dee put into the paw of Conor Lynch, handpassed to flahive who soloed the pitch as the last defender came he dished to Naughton who was open on goal and buried into the back of the net winning crescent the game 2-13 to 2-11. Well done to all players involved.

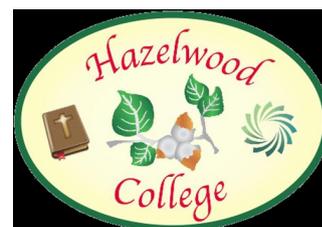
### Crescent College vs Hazelwood College

## Hurling.

**It was a wet, windy day in Limerick on game day. Crescent College were up to face Hazelwood College from Drom-collogher, Co.Limerick.**

**Not the best of days for a hurling game but nevertheless the game went ahead. The rain was pouring down, and the wind was strong but there was a tough battle throughout the first half, both teams scoring a few points. But Hazelwood were edging ahead, the score at half time was 0-8 to 0-9 to Crescent College.**

**Second half started, and Louis Dee made a brilliant save that was nearly definite to go in. Then soon after, Hazelwood scored a goal which won them the match. They held out for the rest of the match. Near the end of the game a late shoulder was thrown and a fight started, most the teams ran in causing a big tussle. The referee eventually split it up and the match was pretty much over. Hazelwood College had won the game against Crescent College. The score in the end was 2-16 to 0-14.**





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## Sport - Rugby

### Day for don

Crescent College Comprehensive SJ celebrated the contribution Mr Don Reddan has made to the school over the past 42 years and to acknowledge the connection between Clongowes Wood College and Crescent College Comprehensive, sister Jesuit schools, in which Don played a major part.

We held a day of rugby celebration in our Dooradoyle grounds on Sat 21st November 2015 when Crescent played Clongowes at two levels McCarthy Cup and Senior, Crescent victorious in both with lunch for invited guests in celebration of Don's contribution to both schools (but more especially to Crescent) Don started coaching in C.C.C. with Dudley Herbert in 1983-84 season, after a full and successful career as a player and senior team captain for Old Crescent; Don had played for Galwegians and Connacht prior to this. Don's CWC connections began earlier when he and his late wife Geraldine sent their two elder boys Donal and Diarmuid to Clongowes for their secondary education, and their younger boys to Crescent. Alan, Eoin and Cian, from which Crescent school rugby benefitted immensely.

Cups for CCC in '83, '86, '89, '90 '93 (Alan in '89, '90) interspersed with Diarmuid's Leinster cup win at Clongowes in '88 were not the only medals haul for the Redden family as Eoin won the Bowen Shield, and as we know from Rugby World cup 2015 has gone on to be one of the best players of his generation to represent Ireland, Munster, Connacht, London Wasps and Leinster.

This tribute to him is long overdue so do please come to our 'Day for Don' on 21st November to see the next generation of rugby players, meet old friends and of course to honour the man himself.





## Sport - Rugby

### Jonah Lomu

One of the finest rugby union players to have graced the game and a favourite son of New Zealand, Jonah Lomu, died unexpectedly in the early hours of Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of November at the early age of 40.

He had arrived back in Auckland from overseas on Tuesday.

The former All Blacks winger, whose imposing physique and often brutal running game provoked in opponents equal amounts of admiration and fear, had suffered from health problems since calling time on his playing career in 2002 due to a rare kidney disease, nephrotic syndrome. He underwent a kidney transplant in 2004 and had been on dialysis treatment for the past 10 years.

Lomu burst onto the international rugby scene during the 1994 Hong Kong Sevens tournament and was widely acknowledged to be the top player at the 1995 World Cup in South Africa even though New Zealand lost the final to the host Springboks. At one time Lomu was considered 'rugby union's biggest drawcard', swelling attendances at any match where he appeared. He was one of the Rugby World Cup all-time top try scorers with 15 tries, a record he shares with Bryan Habana of South Africa—despite never winning a World Cup

Lomu started his career in the forwards, mostly as an openside flanker (no.7), before switching to the left wing in what he describes as the "best move he could have made". He represented New Zealand in the national under-19 side in 1993, as well as the under-21 side the following year.

At the age of 19 years and 45 days, Lomu became the youngest All Black test player as he debuted on the wing against France in 1994, breaking a record that had been held by Edgar Wrigley since 1905.

Despite having just two All Black caps, Lomu was included in the squad for the 1995 World Cup in South Africa. Lomu scored seven tries in five matches, two in the first match against Ireland in Johannesburg, a try in the quarter final against Scotland at Loftus Versfe, and four tries in the semi-final against England at Newlands. The first try in the English match occurred after Lomu received a pass behind him, beat two defenders and then, after a stumble, he famously ran straight over the top of Mike Catt. This reduced one New Zealand commentator, Keith Quinn, to gasps.

After the game, England captain Will Carling said: "He is a freak and the sooner he goes away the better". In 2002 the UK public voted Lomu's performance #19 in the list of the 100 Greatest Sporting Moments.

At the end of 1995 Lomu was diagnosed with nephrotic syndrome, a serious kidney disorder. His rugby union career went on hold whilst the disorder was treated. In May 2003, the NZRFU announced that Lomu had been put on dialysis three times a week due to deterioration in his kidney function. Side effects of Lomu's dialysis treatment led to severe nerve damage in his feet and legs; his doctors warned him that he faced life in a wheelchair if a kidney transplant was not performed soon. At the end of July 2004 it was reported that Lomu had indeed undergone a kidney transplant on Tuesday, 28 July, in Auckland, New Zealand. The kidney was in fact donated by Wellington radio presenter Grant Kereama.

Lomu's death was preceded several months earlier by another former All Black and teammate Jerry Collins.





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## Sport - Hockey

### SENIOR HOCKEY

The Senior As played Ursuline Thurles on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November in Ursuline. It was a league game and Crescent needed a win to retain their place on the top of the league. There were wet conditions on the day of the match which presented a fast paced game. With the Junior As and Senior B's games over, Crescent wanted a good win to finish off the games. The first fifteen minutes were very even, with neither side dominating the game. Crescent got into the game and were well on top for the majority of the game. The highlight of the game was a one on one with Jenny Clein taking on the goalie and putting the ball in the back corner. With a final score of 7-1, Crescent had an outstanding game and are on top of the league. On 19<sup>th</sup> October, Crescent are playing Bandon Grammar in their next league game

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November the Senior As played their final league game against Bandon in Grammar in an away game in Bandon. Crescent needed a win or draw to win the Senior A league. It was a tough game, and it was 2-0 to crescent at half time. Crescent still hadn't fully settled into the game.

With a good thorough talk at half time, the girls came out and scored another two goals in the next 10 minutes, securing a win against Bandon. They had seven matches since September for the league. They won all seven, and are undefeated. They scored 37 goals altogether, and have conceded only 3 goals. We are Senior League champions and are looking forward to cup starting.



### JUNIOR HOCKEY

On the same day, our Junior As played Bandon Grammar in their 5<sup>th</sup> league game this year. They had a great start and were 2-0 up at half time. They knew they needed to get the first goal in the second half to secure a win. They succeeded and ended up beating Bandon 4-0. The highlight of the match was a deflection goal by Muireann Mc Carthy. They have won 4 out of 5 matches so far, and have three matches left to play. The Juniors are playing Bandon again in the first round of cup so it was great to see a strong win over this team. Overall, it was a very successful day for Crescent with two excellent wins over Bandon.



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## Puppet Show

TY class Meyer put on puppet shows for the 1<sup>st</sup> class of Gaelscoil Raithín on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October. TY students designed the puppet stage by painting bats, ghosts, pumpkins and witches. With the help of Mrs Butler the class performed four Halloween themed shows. The class split up into four groups and over the course of two months brainstormed deciding on plots, wrote scripts and practiced our puppeteering.

The library was filled with 50 very excited children from the Gaelscoil.

# CCC Golf

CCC golfers had to replay their North Munster Championship again due to a controversial decision the first time it was played. They played in Ballyneety on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November. The conditions were horrendous, freezing cold, lashing rain, howling wind and there was even hailstones towards the end of the round.

It was a team of four and Crescent's representatives were Hugh Kirby, Scott O'Brien, Morgan Hanley and Eoghan O'Neill. The boys played with CBS Charleville and Castletroy College. Other schools played such as Ard Scoil Rís, St Flannans College and St Caimins.

Crescent came out victorious as they beat CBS Mitchelstown by 1 shot as it was a very close affair. Crescent are now North Munster Champions and they have qualified for the Munster Finals and will represent North Munster there. The next stage will be in March and the boys will be giving it their all to win the Munster Championship and hope to progress to the All-Ireland Championships. In the next stage 5 will play for each school and the format will be Matchplay. Best of luck to the team on the day!





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## Crescent Irish basketballers

Crescent school would like to congratulate Nathan Moore and Ronan Cregan on making the Irish development squad this past month. The lads were on the south west team this year and were spotted at this tournament. They then went to trials in Gormanstown where they played very well. With all the hard work they put in during the off season has paid off. These 2 players come from Limerick Lions Basketball Club where they have been coached to their potential by the coaches of this club. The boys will represent Ireland in various different games throughout the year. Well done to both players.



**Scenes from the recent Basketball Game**



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### Crescent College Comprehensive S.J

#### Celebrates its Jesuit Ethos with a Full Staff Day

One of the Characteristics of Jesuit Education - Striving for Excellence (The Magis ) was teased out By Best Selling Author Christy Kenneally when he emphasised working ' **smarter not harder**' (Barton T Geger S.J , Regis University, Colorado). He reminded the staff of the importance of relationships, and reassured staff that without friction there is no spark! He encouraged them to enjoy the work they are doing, so that the mornings and evenings of the day are good quality too.



Brid Dunne Development Education Co-Ordinator (from The Jesuit Mission Office) led a workshop focusing on the unequal starting point for countries. The teachers were put back into the student's places in the classroom and found themselves trading scissors and protractors for sheets of paper to enhance their

country's wealth. This followed a poignant presentation from Jen Condon on her return from Ocer Campion, a Jesuit School in Uganda, where, with her colleagues from other Jesuit Colleges Nationally she led a Workshop for staff on the Characteristic - a Faith that Does Justice. The process of engagement with Ocer began last year when Science teacher Donal Ryan worked there during the Easter Break, and it continues next Easter, with 5 more Colleagues returning to Ocer.



'We are ready with 6 areas of interest' , Fr. Eamonn Fitzgibbon told the staff . He is Co-ordinator of the Limerick Synod due to take place in April 2016. Eamonn, together with Bishop Leahy and many Delegates from every section of Limerick Life, engaged in a listening Process over the last 18 months and so the Limerick People have set the Agenda for this exciting Church meeting, which is largely lay led and lay driven. Eamonn had an animated Question and Answers Session with the staff during which he announced the 6 Topics of : Community, Family, New Models of Leadership, Liturgy and Life, Youth, Faith Formation and Education.





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## Ethos Day Continued

Crescent Staff ended the day by being offered Opportunities to Engage in Jesuit Ethos in Informative and Formative Ways. Grainne Delaney, Co-Ordinator of Ignatian Ethos encouraged staff to take the Journey, 'In The Footsteps of St. Ignatius,' in his Birthplace in Loyola, Northern Spain, a retreat Pilgrimage which is being led by the Jesuit Province next March. A number of staff members have walked these footsteps to date leading to a more Convincing Witness to the Spirituality of St. Ignatius. Deirdre O' Sullivan, Irish teacher, agreed that the Pilgrimage was certainly a 'retreat' experience and that the three separate days focusing on St. Ignatius Birthplace, Pilgrimage, and the City of Pamplona, had elements of the unexpected. Staff can also do a Leadership Course, an Online Course and attend further staff Induction with the other Jesuit Education later this year.





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A BIG **thank You** to all who took part in the Women's mini marathon well over 1300 euros has been raised for St Gabriel's, here we see the Transition Year girls enjoying the Zumba warmup

### Berlin history trip

Before midterm twenty six leaving cert students travelled to Berlin on this years history tour. On the first day they visited the D.D.R museum which gave an insight into life in East Berlin and East Germany prior to re-unification of Germany. On Tuesday they travelled to East Berlin for a suicide tour of the Reichstag, Russian war memorial site, Hitler's bunker and the Holocaust memorial site. In the afternoon they visited Checkpoint Charlie and the Berlin Wall documentation centre. On the final morning they travelled to the Nazi labour camp, where the guide gave an insight into the brutality associated with this camp. It was a life changing experience to see the level of depravity that people can face.

The sixth years would like to thank Diarmuid, Antoinette and Chris for organising the tour. Colin Moran on behalf of the sixth year presented a book to the school library from Berlin for reference purposes.

### .Traditional music

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year traditional music members attended a trad master class and workshop on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup>. At this workshop there was a performance by two members of Altan. Ciarán Tourish played the fiddle and Martin Tourish played the accordion.

Altan is an Irish folk music band formed in County Donegal in 1987. They brought Donegal's rich collection of Irish language songs and instrumental styles to audiences around the world, and they remain the world's foremost Irish traditional group with over a million records sold. Following their performance Ciarán and martin gave a workshop on the history of Irish music.



**Thanks to all the Transition Year Students who contributed to, wrote articles for and arranged this newsletter You know who you are !!!!! Well Done**

**Please keep sending your articles, pictures, news items to crescentynewspaper@gmail.com**

**Don't forget the 6th Year Sleep out for St. Vincent de Paul 18th Dec give generously!!!!!!!**