



# Crescent Express

## Hockey Senior Cup Final

Crescent College Comprehensive played against Ursuline Convent Thurles in Munster Senior Schoolgirls Cup in Loreto Fermoy. Crescent have won remarkable 10 Senior Cups in 12 years and we have won this competition for four consecutive years. 2011-1016

Both goalkeepers were busy in the early exchanges of the match, this made for a wide-open, entertaining final but it was Thurles who broke the deadlock after 14 minutes.

Crescent were level within 90 seconds after a fantastic goal from Niamh O'Keeffe. Niamh has finished the season with the admirable record of having scored all six of her school's goals during their Cup run. At half time the score was 1-1.

O'Keeffe continued to look the liveliest in front of goal after the break, with Ursuline's net minder doing well to save a excellent rising backhand shot. However, Thurles got the crucial goal, midway through the half. The goal came from a touch at the far post to slot home.

Crescent pulled goalkeeper Niamh Keyes off who had a great match for the final minutes in favour of extra outfielder, but Thurles successfully kept the Crescent girls away from their circle to record their first success since 1997.





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## u16 All Irelands Basketball

Silver All Ireland medals for our U16A Girls Basketball

The U 16A Girls basketball got Silver All Ireland medals in their U16A Girls Basketball team in the SUBWAY All Ireland Schools Cup final.

In an extremely close and very competitive final at the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght Crescent were defeated by Scoil Christ Ri Portlaoise 38-45.

A close opening quarter showed just how evenly-matched these two teams are. Crescent raced to a 6-0 lead with Lauren Walsh, Laura Stapleton and Eve Nealon but Portlaoise scoring leaving the score 10-11 in favour of Portlaoise going into the second quarter.

The second quarter was just as close and tense, with Portlaoise taking a five point lead early on but again, Crescent Comprehensive fought back with Nealon pulling off a superb jump shot under pressure to tie the game on 17 apiece with just over a minute to play until half time, and Stapleton added two great baskets to put them in the lead 21-19 going into the third.

Some superb rebounding from Aoife Morrissey and superb defensive play from Tara Nealon throughout the game allowed Crescent to stay in reach of Christ Ri. A fantastic 3 pointer from Amy O' Byrne left Crescent losing by 7 in the end. A fantastic achievement for the girls to reach another All Ireland final.





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## U16 Girls Basketball Team



CRESCENT COLLEGE COMPREHENSIVE (LIMERICK): Eve Nealon (C), Hannah Dundon, Sophie Moore, Jilly Edwards, Rachel Buckley, Tara Nealon, Amy O'Byrne, Aoife Morrissey, Lauren Walsh, Laura Stapleton, Lucy O'Brien.

Coach: Tony Hehir Assistants: Michelle Aspelle and Aine Costello



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# Ty Christmas Dinner and Party

## Christmas Dinner

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of December, all Ty students gathered in the dining hall for the annual Christmas dinner. Over 15 students helped Ms Greene in the home economics room to prepared sauces for the dinner, brownies for the dessert and also the garnishes for the table. Some transition years were very busy laying out and decorating the dining hall for the Christmas party. The turkeys were prepared by Bobby Byrne's and the canteen also prepared the vegetables. At the end of the dinner there was also a raffle where prizes were given out. On behalf of all ty students we would like to thank everyone involved in helping with the Christmas dinner.





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## Crescent v PBC Senior Cup Rugby

Pres overcame a courageous Crescent College Comprehensive in the Munster Senior Cup quarter final at Lansdowne. It was a brilliant start by the Crescent boys, who played with lots of passion.

Pres opened the scoring in the tenth minute when they were credited with a try following a five-metre penalty. The conversion attempt was missed and sailed across the face of the posts.

Crescent opened their account midway through the opening half when Mark Shanahan converted a penalty from the Pres' 22. Sloppy passing from Pres in Crescent's 22, great defence from the Crescent boys, and a penalty missed before the break prevented the Mardyke College from extending their lead.

Pres struck again within three minutes of the resumption after Pres' out-half found touch deep in the Crescent 22. The Crescent line-out came under pressure which yielded a five-metre scrum. From it, Pres number eight went down the narrow channel to send their winger in to the corner, making 10-3. Crescent defence was excellent and held PBC out for majority of the second half. At 51 minutes a drop goal made it a two-score game.

To their credit, Crescent kept battling and were offered a glimmer of hope when referee Shane Kierans showed yellow cards to Pres flanker and out half for innocuous high tackles in quick succession entering the closing 10 minutes. Crescent couldn't find a way through, however, and Pres bagged the final score with an injury-time penalty from their centre to settle matters. Leaving the score 16-3

Crescent played brilliantly and every individual player played to the potential, the Crescent boys played smart rugby. The team should be very proud of their performance as all of the supporters are extremely proud of them.





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## Focus Ireland Fundraising

Third year class, Rahner raised €400 for Focus Ireland as part of their CSPE action project..  
Siobhan Moroney and students of Rahner class organised a bake sale in order to fund raise.

Luke Burke, a student from Rahner class presented a cheque to Lucinda McNally, the education officer for Focus Ireland in the Central Area before Christmas. Lucinda came in to talk to the CSPE class Rahner on Tuesday the 13th of December.





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## Crescent v Clements Senior Cup

Our Senior Cup rugby team booked our place in the Munster Senior Cup quarter-finals with five tries in Thomond Park on the 25th of January.

While St. Clement's gave everything on the pitch, the result was not to be as Crescent pulled clear to win with relative ease in the end.

played in blustery conditions at Thomond Park, missed opportunities were the theme of the first half. Crescent, who played into the wind, kept the ball in hand early on. Clement's defended well when required, but looked nervy with ball in hand, and after a clearance kick on the back of a five-metre scrum was blocked down, Crescent scrum-half Mark Edwards pounced for the opening try.



After 25 minutes number 8 and captain John Blake crossed for his sides second try after a series of offloads in the '22. Winger Mark Shanahan converted to make it 14-0 and Clement's appeared to have no answer to the Crescent onslaught. But Clements knew what was at stake and after a break from the centre gave his side possession deep in the Crescent half for the first time. Clement's back row got under the posts to make it 14-7 at half time. Clement's came out fighting the second half, but the storm was weathered and discipline on both sides became an issue as the game became a stop-start struggle in the half's opening 15 minutes.

Crescent soon regrouped. And after stringing phases together openside Karl Moloney received the ball just outside the Clement's '22, cut an exceptional line to step the fullback and score in the corner. Shanahan expertly converted to make it 21-7. Crescent were in no mood to let up with 15 minutes remaining. They opted for the corner off a penalty and after a line-out maul was held up just short, they rumbled on through phases until prop Conor Fitzgerald barged over to make it 26-7. Clement's began to run the ball at will with nothing to lose, and the Clement's backrow again went on a rampaging run only to be stopped short of the line.

However, the final say went to Camp winger Aaron Cosgrove as he capitalised on great play from replacement Jamin Hoffman cross for his sides fifth and final try and secure a tie against PBC in the Munster Senior cup quarter-final.





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## Young Scientist

On the 17th of January three students from Crescent Donnacha Hency, Thomas Gomes and Jack Murtagh went to the RDS in Dublin for the young scientist competition. These three Transition years were a part of the twenty percent of applicants that qualified to attend the competition. Over the summer the three TYs got together and brainstormed their ideas, they met with professionals and professors who were experienced in the area they were researching. They signed up in October with their decided project, 'Ireland, the land of a hundred welcomes?'. The project was simply put to see what adolescents' opinions are of refugees compared to their fellow Irish person. They used a compare and an experimental questionnaire. Each involved 9 moral dilemmas with realistic real life scenarios. Micheal D Higgins gave a speech at the opening ceremony at the RDS. There was 3 rounds of judging, 1 on first day, 2 on the second day and the exhibition was open to the public on the second day. Huge congratulations to Thomas, Jack and Donnacha who represented the school very well.



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## Wheelchair Basketball

On Monday 30th of January the transition year students all took part in a wheelchair basketball blitz in the sports hall. Prior to this each class got lessons with a Munster wheel chair basketball champion, Paul Ryan

The day was filled with happiness and awareness building. They all got an insight into the lives of those with disabilities and how they can enjoy sports just like us.

At the end of the day twelve students, six boys and six girls, got chosen to travel to Cork on the 30th March to compete in the Munster wheelchair basketball blitz. At this blitz 24 other teams from schools around Munster will also compete.

All and all it was an excellent experience for the students.

Thanks to our PE teacher Ann-Marie for organising such a worthwhile day for all Tys.



**Students in TY trying out the wheelchairs**





## Crescent v CBC Junior Cup



Crescent met with Bandon in the 2nd round of the Junior Cup on Tuesday afternoon. Crescent started the brightest and had Bandon pinned in their half for most of the half. Crescent winger Gary Kelly broke through the defence with a dummy pass, the winger had men outside him but was too slow and was tackled by Brian McSweeney. Bandon then took a surprise lead. The ball was shoved out the Crescent backline and up came Bandon winger Rowan Palmer to intercept the ball and run it in from his own 22. A great try by the Bandon winger.

From the kick-off Crescent re-gathered their momentum and soon broke over the try line with Crescent winger Darragh O'Shea finishing in the corner. The try was not converted and Bandon led 7-5. From the kick-off however, Crescent went through the phases until the ball fell to Crescent full-back Colm Quilligan, who beat a man and went straight through the middle of the pitch. Sidestepping the Bandon full-back he touched down under the posts on the stroke of half-time. The try was converted leaving the score 12-7 at the break. After half-time Crescent resumed the pressure and it paid off with Darragh O'Shea touching down in the corner once again, but the conversion was missed. Soon later, a wonderful chipped ball in behind was chased and eventually touched down by centre Barry Moore. Crescent added more, with Bandon conceding a penalty on their own 5 meter line – scrumhalf Jake Connolly tapped and went in for a try, but once again it wasn't converted. Crescent rolled on the bench and one of the substitutes scored a try. Indeed, winger David Hickey received a pass on the wing and dived in for Crescent's 6th try of the afternoon. Bandon were outclassed on the day and lost out to a strong Crescent side. Final Score Bandon Grammar 7-32 Crescent College





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**Charity is to give; Justice is to Change**

**Fairtrade Fortnight - 27<sup>th</sup> February to 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

This year Fair Trade fortnight happens on the first two weeks in March. Fair Trade presents a simple opportunity for each one of us to contribute to a more just world by being mindful and making considered choices in what we buy in our weekly shopping.

Fair Trade works to ensure that producers in the poorest countries of the world are not exploited by corrupt systems within their own countries and within Capitalist world markets. It promotes dialogue and transparency in all aspects of trade and works to find the most direct trade routes from producer to consumer in order to achieve a fair price for products such as coffee, tea, fruit, chocolate, cloths and cottons. It protects and empowers the men, women and sometimes children whose labour produces these goods.

Fair Trade gives us an example of how Justice differs from Charity. Charity works to encourage distribution of a surplus of wealth which exists because of corrupt systems. Justice works to dismantle the systems and replace them with fair practices.

This year's Fair Trade theme is Fair Trade in the workplace. As well as switching to Fair Trade products in our own shopping we are asked to look around our workplaces and see what can be changed in our canteens, staff rooms and even class rooms. We are asked, too, to use our voices to ask shops and suppliers to present us with more Fair Trade products. A post card or email to a local shop is an action for justice and will have an impact.

Watch out for Fair Trade posters and events within the school over the fortnight and get involved! Together we can do much.





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## Hockey Senior Cup Under Lights



### Crescent v Villiers

On Tuesday the 17th of January Senior A hockey faced Villiers under lights at 7:30 here in Crescent. This was the semi final of the Munster senior A cup. Crescent was led by captain Jane Kirby. Villiers started off well with the first goal of the match after three minutes but crescent responded quickly with a goal from Niamh O'Keefe only 5 minutes later. Niamh scored a second goal for crescent in the 19th minute due to a fast break and super passing. Just before the end of the first half Niamh scored a hat trick leaving crescent with a 3-1 lead into the second half. Villiers scored in the second half but crescent held the score 3-2 until the end of the match , a great win for Crescent

## 1st Year Hockey Tournament

On Friday the 20 of January our first year girls took part in a hockey tournament against other schools in limerick. There was matches held here in in crescent comp, Laurel hill and Villiers. Transition years in O'gilvie helped out with setting up the pitches and preparing the teams. The matches commenced at 10:20 and comp quickly took over the tournament with their forwards scoring numerous goals and their goalie Ciara Burkely saving and ball driven towards here our girls dominated the tournament by winning almost all of their matches.





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## Ski Tour 2017



In the early hours of New years eve 2017, over 90 students and teachers from Crescent College set off on a long journey to Marilleva 1400, Italy where we stayed in hotel Sole Alto for the following week until the 8th of January. Our week was full of skiing, ice skating, singsongs and even swimming!



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On Wednesday the 25th of January 3 TY Students interviewed a German exchange student, Lea Marie. We asked her the following questions :

.Where in Germany are you from?

"I am from Lower Saxony"

What is the difference between the English and German schools?

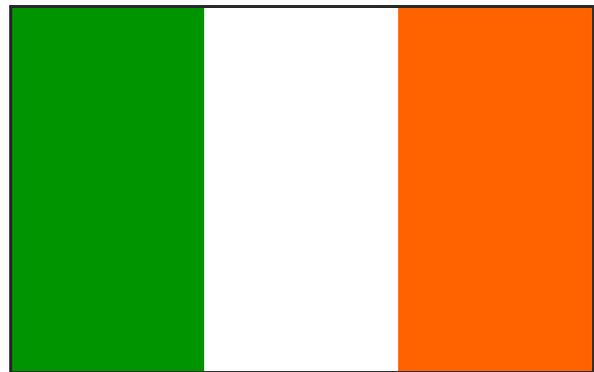
"The school here in Limerick is extremely different from my school back home. There is no transition year, the school day is longer here. We don't wear a uniform and the school here is not as strict.

What do you like about the school here?

"I like the way you have subjects like P.E and religion where you don't get graded because in Germany in every subject we get graded. I also like the central area there is nothing like this at our school and not being graded on oral participation in class"

How is the school day?

"I find the school day here very long the normal school day in Germany is 6 hours .Although I do enjoy the half day Wednesday"





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## Senior Soccer Match

On the 23rd of January Crescent's senior cup soccer team played Borris. The boys played exceptionally scoring early in the match. This match took place in Regional United F.C. The boys were strong throughout the game, at half time they were 3 goals up. They scored 2 exceptional goals in the second half Patrick McDonagh scored a hat trick and a fantastic finish by Cian Cusack and James Deery scoring the last goal of the match leading them into victory over Borris.





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## Munster Junior Cup Quarter Final

Crescent College cruised past Rockwell in the Munster Junior Cup quarter finals. Rockwell entered the match as favourites according to Munster Haka but Rockwell were no match for the strong Crescent side.

Rockwell kicked off the first half but were soon to be dominated by the Crescent boys. The game had everything, except a score. Jack Delaney soon changed that after a Rockwell kick went into the hands of Crescent's number eleven Seamus Hurley, he made a quick off load to Colm Quilligan. Quilligan who was quickly tackled by the Rockwell winger fortunately got the ball to the Crescent's fly half Jack Delaney who ran from the halfway line, stepped Rockwell fullback Nickolas Kennedy and dived in for the first try of the afternoon. This was brilliant play from the Crescent backs.

Crescent restarted their progress as they again found a breakthrough when the ball was given out the backs, winger Gary Kelly cut inside, drifted through and made it into corner. The conversion was also missed leaving the score 10-0. Approaching halftime and the game had slightly died out. Rockwell put real pressure on the Crescent boys for the first time in the match, after great defence from the Crescent side they got the ball out of play leaving it 10-0 at the break.

Crescent kicked off the 2nd half. Jack Delaney kicked 2 penalties for the away side to leave the score 16-0. A moment of controversy then occurred however, Crescent winger Gary Kelly chipped the ball through, Rockwell's John O'Sullivan dove onto it but Kelly committed a slide challenge on his Rockwell opponent. The referee let him off with a warning, which angered the Rockwell fans. Rockwell eventually found a breakthrough when their scrum-half touched down in the corner with 5 minutes remaining but the conversion drifted wide. The home side soon tried to build on their comeback but a tap & go penalty on their own line led to a fantastic intercept from Seamus Hurley who completed the scores for Crescent.



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