



Crescent Express

Crescent College Talent Show 2017

On Friday 28th of April, The school hosted the annual talent show . There were 13 acts, with a wide variety of music genres. This year, on the judging panel was: Lorna Murphy, Eileen O' Brien, Rachel Kirwan and Killian.

Congratulations to Shona Cassidy and Robert Bourke who came in 1st place singing Photograph by Ed Sheeran,



Darragh Flanagan in 2nd who sang David Bowies Space Oddity,



Emma Ryan in 3rd place who sang On My Own from Les Miserable.

Congratulations to the following acts for an amazing performance!

Dylan and Luke Sweeny- American Idiot (Green Day)

Rosemary Francis- If I ain't got you (Alicia Keyes)

Daniella Lukjanova, Zuzanne Mroz & Jennifer Meade- When I'm gone (Anna Kendrick)

David Thorne- Magic Card Tricks

Odhran O' Dwyer- To make you feel my love (Adele)

Chloe Daly and Liam Byrd- Re-Education (Rise Against)

Peter Fitzgibbon- Turning Tables (Adele)

Michael O' Connor- To build a home (Cinematic Orchestra)

Olivia Otisi- Writing's on the wall (Sam Smith)



Lucy Bri-like



Tucker O' en- Someone you (Adele)



On behalf of the school we'd like to thank Ms Bennett Quaid for making the show possible, Ms Chalk for hosting it, and Joe Fitzgerald for capturing the acts on camera.

Special thanks to the Judges for the night
Killian, Eileen, Lorna, and Rachel



Isabelle, Lorna, and Pearse on the sound
Brooke and Olivia on Lighting



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North Munster U-14 Final

On Thursday May 4th the first year soccer team set off for University of Limerick to play Newport in the north Munster final. The teams had already met in the first round of the group stages and Newport had come out winners by 8 goals to 3. The Crescent manager however knew that they had been short several players for that game and that the final would be a much closer affair.

Newport were quick to settle and had the Crescent team chasing shadows for the first 10 or 12 minutes. Just as Crescent settled into the game, disaster struck. A poorly cleared shot fell to the Newport number 6 and he rifled a shot from outside the area past an unsuspected Crescent keeper. This only served as a shot in the arm for the Crescent team, and they controlled much of the possession for the remainder of the first half.

A half time team talk by manager Fiachra O'Dwyer served as a reminder that we were still in the game and to keep playing with the passion and commitment associated with Crescent teams.

The second half began as the first had ended, with Crescent having most of the possession, but being unable to breakdown a very negative Newport team. Indeed it seemed at times that Newport had 12 or 13 players behind the ball! With about 10 minutes left a sweeping move started by Paddy Roche saw the ball moved into midfield. A one-two by the Crescent midfielders put Martin O'Leary into space on the right wing. He calmly soloed towards goal and beat the keeper with a solid shot to the bottom left. Game on! Crescent controlled possession until the final whistle but could not breach the Newport defence for a deserved winner, and so the match went to extra time.

In extra time there were a few chances for either team which were all missed, including a great save by the Crescent keeper Joseph Collins. Then came the defining moments of the match. A great through ball by Gavin Cotter put John Lyons through with only the keeper to beat. We held our breath for John to finally put his finishing jinx behind him and his magnificent shot left the keeper rooted to the spot. Before Newport could respond, John found himself through again with a simple tap in to seal the game. Newport scored a consolation goal late on but Crescent were not to be denied a well-earned win.

Limerick FC goalkeepers Freddie Hall and Brendan Clark were on hand to present the trophy to our captain and player of the tournament, Aiden Bill. Congrats to all Crescent players on gaining revenge for the earlier defeat to the same opposition.





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Colours day 2017

On Wednesday the 17th of May the annual school colours day took places . The whole school got involved and sixth year all dressed up for a competition hosted by Chris Cullinan and judged by Lorna murphy , Conan Doyle , Clodagh Barry and Deirdre O'Sullivan . We raised over 1200 euro for Enable Ireland summer camps which will do a lot . Congratulations to the winners **Scoobydoo**





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Pictures from colours day





Achill 2017

Hopkins, Oglivie and Meyer recently went to Achill, from Tuesday May 2nd to Sunday May 7th. Accompanied by Sean O'Callaghan, Lorna Murphy, Pdraig O'Sullivan and Eileen O'Brien we left the school at 2 o'clock on buses driven by our activity company, Achill Surf. After a 4 hour bus journey we finally arrived at the campsite. We got a quick breakdown of the weeks plan and then were given our first task: building our tent. This took many tries and was very frustrating, however when the tent was finally up it felt like a great accomplishment. After this we took our first trip of many to the local pub, Master-sons. We arrived back at our tent around midnight and had our well needed sleep.

On the first day, we did three activities: surfing, hillwalking and kayaking. It was a very tiring day but we all really enjoyed it! On Thursday we did surfing and kayaking again. That night Ms O'Brien and Pdraig had to leave us so we were joined by Niamh O'Shea and Donal Ryan instead. On Friday we went on a 42km cycle from Westport to Achill on the Greenway cycling trail. This was the highlight of the trip for many people, and we all enjoyed the lovely day and amazing scenery.

On Saturday morning we had the choice to go hillwalking up Sliabh Mór and sea kayaking around the coast. These were both enjoyed by everyone. Then we went coasteering, where we walked along the coast and jumped off ledges into the sea. That night we went to the hotel across from our campsite and had a sing song and held the finals of our pool tournament. We were all challenged to write a verse for a song about the trip that the teachers created. We went back to the campsite at around 2am, exhausted. We left the campsite at around 9 on Sunday morning and arrived back in the school at 2 o'clock. It was a great trip overall and on behalf of all the student on the trip I would like to thank Jim, Russell, Cathal, Daire, James, Tom and Iarlaith from Achill Surf who made the trip so enjoyable.



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Pictures from Achill 2017





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U15 Hurling Schools County Champions

On the 18th May 2017, in Mick Neville Park in Rathkeale, Crescent hurlers were victorious against Hazelwood College in the under 15 Schools County Final. Prior to the final Crescent College had wins over St Munchins College, Ard Scoil Ris and Kilfinane. The final score of the game was 1-13 to 0-7, the score line didn't reflect the close nature of the contest.

There were tremendous performances all over the field from Crescent College but especially from John Kirby up front who scored (1-8) and from Odhran O' Dwyer and Patrick Kirby in defence.

This was a team effort and all the players should feel very proud of their display. Having missed some early chances at the start of the game we soon settled and found our rhythm. A goal in the first half by John Kirby settled any nerves that were there and Crescent became more accurate in front of goal. Darragh O Hagan was superb in goals and his saves and puck outs were immense throughout the game. The full back line of David Hassett, Odhran O' Dwyer and Pearse Gavan were first to every ball, our half backs were a driving force behind this win and never gave up. John Burke and Brian O Meara won the midfield battle and gave great distribution of ball into our full forward line.

Conor O Malley, John Lyons and Liam Lynch were immense in the half forward line and were a real thorn in the Hazelwood defence. Ciaran "the killer" Kenny led the full forward line with great heart, determination and skill, while David Griffin had an excellent game as our third midfielder. Eoin Ryan presented the cup to captain Odhran O' Dwyer at the end of the game. I would like to thank all the players involved for their time and effort throughout the year. I would like to thank Peter Nash, hurling development officer with Limerick GAA for all his hard work with the players. I would also like to thank, Chris "tactical genius" Dunford, Diarmuid Mullins, Gary Kirby, Kevin O Hagan, John Horgan and all the parents who supported the team along the way.

Mr Lunn



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Team and Panel

Darragh O Hagan, David Hassett, Odhran Dwyer, Pearse Gavin, Eamon Flahive, Patrick Kirby, Billy Molyneaux, John Burke, Brian O Meara, John Lyons, Conor O Malley, John Kirby, David Griffin, Liam Lynch, Ciaran Kenny, Subs, Brian Molly, Tom Morrison, Luke Armstrong, JJ Harrington, Fionn O Dwyer, Kenny Pierce, John O Donnell, Michael Murphy, Harry Paige, Sean Fitzgerald.



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Visit by Minister of State for Tourism and Sport

On Friday, 28th April, the school was delighted to receive a visit by Patrick O'Donovan TD, Minister of State for Tourism and Sport. Minister O'Donovan addressed the whole school at a special assembly and got to see the many trophies of our many successful sports teams this year.





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Minister of Sport and Tourism Visit Continued

He spoke about the path to him becoming a minister and that he had been in numerous positions before becoming a minister including a teacher.

He also spoke about sport and how he believed everyone should get involved in it because it's vital for our physical and mental health.

Captains from the basketball teams then proceeded to present their sports trophies to Ms Flemming.

Calvin Nash and Jack Lyons, both past pupils from Crescent also presented their Irish Jerseys to Ms Flemming.

Minister O'Donovan was then given a school's fleece by the school captains to remember this special occasion for Crescent





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Crescent Athletes Add to Sports Successes

Congratulations to school athletes Sally Dixon who achieved first place in the minor 100m, to David Hickey who won 2nd place in the intermediate 400m and to Shauna Ryan on achieving 3rd place in the Long Jump Intermediate at the North Munster Schools Track and Field event in Ennis on 9th May.





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First year science projects

First Year students carried out investigations and completed either individual or groups projects as part of their Science Programme. There was a diverse range of topics, among them the aerodynamics of flight, effects of social media, soundtrack in film, science behind touchscreens and many more. 20% of the end of year results are allocated to these projects.

Two finalists qualified from each class group and the overall winner was selected by external adjudication. This year's winner was Fionn O'Dwyer for his project Death of an Orange (an investigation into Algor Mortis). Congratulations to Fionn on the imaginative design and his careful exploratory techniques.





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Scifest 2017

This year, twenty seven students, mainly from first year, represented the school at the Regional Scifest Competition which took place at LIT on 27 April. Schools from all over Limerick, Clare and North Tipperary competed at the event. Participation in science projects is of immense benefit to students and helps to develop their skills in critical thinking, statistics, scientific method, logical thinking and independent learning.

We wish to congratulate all our students for their huge efforts over the past few months and for their enthusiasm on the day. Thank you to their teachers and parents for the support they provided and without whom it would not have been possible to have such wide participation in the event.

The Newstalk Best Communicator Award was presented to Stephen Parkes for his project on Mass –explaining gravity and the God Particle. The runner up for this award was also one of our students: Kallen McCarthy for his project: Eliminating Bacteria from the Mouth.





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Spectroscopy in a Suitcase

On 9th May, a team of PhD and Post-Doc students from the University of Limerick visited the school and delivered workshops to our two groups of fifth year chemistry pupils. The workshop, Spectroscopy in a Suitcase, is sponsored by the Royal Society of Chemistry and it gives pupils the chance to learn about spectroscopy techniques through hands-on experience. The team brought with them infra red and ultra violet spectrophotometers which the students were able to use to carry out investigations.

We wish to thank the RSC and the team from U.L. for providing this opportunity to our students





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CCC Jockeys 2017

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Our Jockeys club continued throughout this year with fortnightly lessons. We had lots of beginners in this year's group and progress has been fantastic over the year. All riders were put through their paces at their last lesson in April and each received a certificate from Clonshire to mark their achievements and competency. We finished the year with a trip to Tralee Equestrian Centre, located in a lovely spot up in the hills just outside the town with a clear view all the way to the bay. Our Jockeys joined with the Equestrian girls for this trip which included a two hour lesson, a meeting with a feisty stallion and lessons in proper exercising and care of horses.

Great fun and learning was had this year and both clubs would like to offer a sincere thank you to Kayleigh Maher for all her work in keeping all things equestrian going in the school. Best of luck with the Rose of Tralee too,

Kayleigh, our Limerick Rose!!!





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Our Lady of Lourdes Local Education Committee Annual Table Quiz

Building on our link with Our Lady of Lourdes National School some of our First Year students took part in the annual table quiz organised by the Local Education Committee of which CCC Student Support Worker is a member.

This year's education theme for the committee was Food and Nutrition and many events were organised to support this over the year, including a Recipe competition, talks by a nutritionist from Limerick Sports Partnership, a cinema trip and the annual table quiz.

Each round of the quiz had a food related question such as 'is a tomato a fruit or a vegetable?' and 'what is the main ingredient in guacamole?'. Our students surprised us with their food and general knowledge! The teams were mixed with students from the primary school, CCC and Colaiste Nano Nagle at each table. The winning teams are pictured below:



1st Place Rosemary Francis, Kate Roche, CCC, Colaiste Nano Nagle and Liam Judge, Dean Nolan OLOL

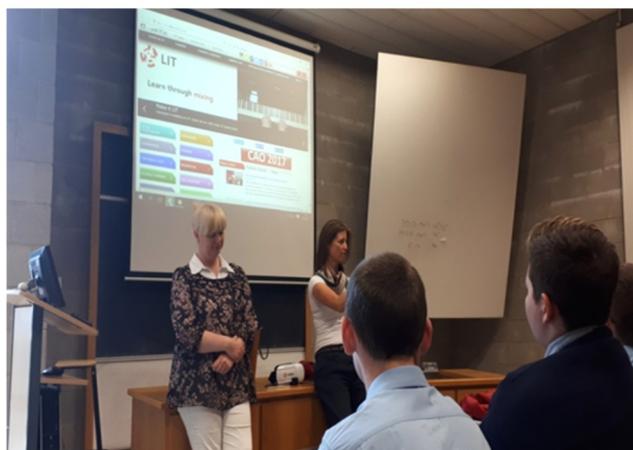


2nd Place Darren Dazie, Excel Ahmed, OLOL and Arentino Ahmed and Henry Ezomo, CCC



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Introduction to Computer Programming Classes, Limerick Institute



On 10th May a group of 1st and 2nd year students traveled to LIT to hear about an Introduction to Programming class in which they will be taking part, along with students from St Munchin's College, over the next two weeks.

Janice O'Connell, head of programming at the college and Sharon Byrne, lecturer, met our students for an introductory talk about the vast array of career possibilities for students of computer programming in the current climate. New technology is being developed every day and each new item brings further problems which need to be solved and more options for development. Every business also needs its own programmers as IT is a core element to any business nowadays and the college runs courses which link Business and Programming. Those with artistic talents can study Multimedia and Programming and other options include Computer Networks and Games Development. The group heard some interesting stories about hackers and came to realise how vulnerable we all are online. They also got to try out some virtual reality games, as our photos show!

Our students will join with students from St Munchin's college for two, two hour programming sessions over the next two Wednesdays, with the hope of continuing with a ten week programme early in the next school year.

We are very grateful to LIT, especially to Janice and Sharon, for coming on board for this initiative and we look forward to building on our links with the college in the coming year.



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6th Year Graduation

Congratulations to the class of 2017 who graduated on Friday 26 of June, what a wonderful occasion it was for themselves, their families their teachers, and all of our staff here at Crescent.

We wish them well and hope they will achieve all they deserve





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Under 16 Ladies County Final

The first ever ladies team to represent Crescent took to the field as rank underdogs in this final. The form book was soon torn asunder however as the Crescent ladies seemed to score at will while defending like lions throughout the whole game.

This was a great team effort, no one girl could be singled out, so well done to all the girls.



Well done to girls and a big thank you to their coaches !!!!!

Thanks to everybody who contributed to this Crescent Express Newsletter

Especially to the Transition Year students who created this May edition

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