



# Crescent Express

## Kate Russell Champions 2019



On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> the senior hockey team had their final training session of the season. All of us were excited for the three days ahead of us. We were feeling nervous but were inspired after the past captain of the Kate Russell hockey team for 2015, Michelle Barrett showed us her gold medal.

That Wednesday we left the school on the team bus at eleven o'clock. We were all buzzing with the excitement. We were overjoyed with the opportunity we finally earned ourselves, to take part in the Kate Russell final. Once we reached Dublin the exhilaration was overwhelming. We checked in to the Talbot Hotel and headed for training on the St. Andrews water based pitch in preparation for the next two days. After training we settled back into the hotel and later went on to have an enjoyable meal in the Old Punch Bowl. Upon our return to the hotel we had our first team meeting of the tournament we received our new gear thanks to the school and Fiona and Ed Barry.

We had a 7:30am start on the Thursday. We all changed into our gear for our first game at 9:30 against the hosting team who were the favourites of the tournament. The hotel had prepared a large breakfast buffet for all teams which we all happily dug into. We loaded onto the bus and began our speedy drive to the pitch. Nerves were high but we were confident with the hard work and dedication the whole team and coaches had invested all year.



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**Day 1-Game 1: Crescent v St. Andrews (Leinster)**

In the changing rooms before the warm up we had our music blaring to motivate us even more for the game. Cathal came in for a brief team talk and we headed out onto the pitch for one of the most important warmups of the season. All Andrews' supporters were out on the side-line before we had finished the warmup and a group of our own Crescent supporters prepared to cheer us on. Both teams lined out side by side with the Andrews primary school kids before the match tip off. We maintained possession for most of the game missed a few opportunities to sneak a goal but thankfully came out of the first half with a 1-0 lead, scored on reverse stick by Meadhbh MacNamara in the 18th minute. We held our intensity and structure for the remainder of the match. We were delighted to hear the final whistle and receive our 3 points putting us on the top of the table.

**Day 1-Game 2: Crescent v Banbridge Academy (Ulster)**

After a few hours rest back at the hotel, we had a quick lunch and discussed tactics for our next match. We had our second warm up of the day, still happy with our performance from the first match we decided our aim was to keep that same intensity going through to the next game. Unfortunately, we were first to concede a goal from Banbridge's short corner in the 7th minute. We as a team refused to let our heads drop and worked hard for the goal that was to come. 30 seconds into the second half, Anna Horan got a reverse hit at the top of the circle that was saved by Banbridge's goalie but Meadhbh MacNamara worked very hard and got the last touch into the back of Banbridge's goal. The pressure between both sides was held for the remainder of the game leaving us with a 1-1 draw.

That night all teams went back to the hotel and showered and got ready for the banquet being held very kindly by Andrews in their dining hall. Sarah Barry gave an inspiring speech setting us up for the big day Friday despite her jaw injury explained how much this competition means to the team and reminded everyone of how hard we worked to get to Kate Russell. At the end of the day we were all exhausted and ready for bed but had to have a team meeting to go over our matches for the final day.

**Day 2- Game 3: Crescent v Colaiste Iognaid/ Jes (Connacht)**

After our warmup, we got match ready, had our team huddle and the match began. In the first minute of the game Leah Clery had a chance on goal but was taken out by Jes goalie which resulted in a stroke for Leah. She kept her cool, and her eye on the target, scoring a lovely push to the bottom left corner of the goal, giving us the 1-0 lead we needed to settle into the game. We had many more shots on goal and finally successfully scored a goal taken by Sophie Clein giving us our 2-0 lead.

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The next was set up by Aoife Hickey in the 22nd minute, Aoife intercepted the ball in the middle of the pitch finding a direct pass to Nicole Griffin who made a brilliant run into the circle. Nicole was the able to find a pass back to Aoife who was just to the right of the penalty spot which led to Aoife scoring a goal with ease. One minute into the second half, Leah Clery finds her second goal of the game giving us a 4-0 lead. Leah Clery again, sends a quick ball back-post to Clare O'Meara who went on to score a reverse flick into the goal after the Jes goalie slips and takes out one of her own players in the process making it 5-0. Unfortunately in the 17th minute Jes scored their first and only goal of the game, making it 5-1. Lastly, in the 26th minute we have our chance on goal but stopped illegally by Jes player 7 when she stops the ball from going into goal with her hand. She gets a green card and Leah Clery takes her second stroke of the game, scores and picks up her hat trick.

### Day 2- Game 4: Crescent v Kilkenny College (South East)

For our last game of the season, we had to make the most out of our last warmup to make sure we made this game count so we can try get the champion title. The game started and was one of our toughest games yet, Kilkenny held up a very physical side, leaving Aoife Hickey with an injured ankle and Elle Sorensen with a blow to the face. The match ended with a 0-0 draw. Leaving us hoping that our goal difference from our Banbridge match would bring us to the top of the leaderboard. We patiently waited for the last game's results between Kilkenny College and St. Andrews a few hours later, waiting patiently we watched the Jes and Banbridge match, Banbridge needed to win by 6 goals to win the tournament. They only won by 4 in the end so we watched eagerly the St Andrews and Kilkenny game. Kilkenny needed to beat Andrews 4-0, they unfortunately ended up losing 2-0. When the final whistle blew, the celebrations began. Our supporters went crazy we felt proud to be from crescent, it was overwhelming.

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After the last match, the presentation of the medals and trophy took place. St. Andrews came third, Banbridge came second and Crescent came first. The team lined up and Amy Ahern and Claudia Griffin went up to give a speech. Amy gave the speech and Claudia called out the names of the girls on the team receiving their medals. After the whole team had received their medals, we were officially handed the Kate Russell trophy. We took pictures with it and everyone couldn't wipe the smiles off their faces







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We left Dublin and headed home, all delighted with what we had achieved for the school. Everyone was so proud. We got a garda escort from the Birdhill exit on the motorway until we arrived home at 10pm. We got a guard of honour of students, staff and parents.

### Thank You!

The Senior Cup Hockey Team would like to especially thank our coaches from 1st year to now. They include Sean O'Callaghan, Brian Collins, Reg Bennett, Roisin Upton and most importantly Cathal Duggan and Gary Kirby. Without their time and effort we wouldn't have made it to where we got this year. Thank you to all the teachers that let us leave class and helped us catch up after. Thanks to Aine Costelloe and Chris Cullinan, our sports officer for organising everything. Thanks to the school and our sponsors for funding our Kate Russell experience, we were spoilt! Thanks to Emer Nugent and Fiona O'Boyle who were our best supporters over the tournament. They provided entertainment. To all the staff and supporters who left the school at 6am both days, we appreciated it a lot. To our parents who brought us to and from trainings, however late and early, without you we would not have been able to succeed. Apologies if we forget anyone but thank you!!





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## So Hockey Senior Cup Final

On the 27th of February 2019, the Munster Senior Cup hockey final took place in Garyduff, Cork. On this day, Crescent took on their biggest rival Mount Mercy in what was bound to be an incredible test. The two teams have been each other's biggest competition since they met in last year's Senior Cup final, which resulted in a replay. In the replay Crescent lost out narrowly and have been training hard ever since to win back the cup for the first time since 2016.

The only other time the two teams met this year, was back in November for a league match. Crescent lost this match 3-2, making them the outright underdog for the final. This gave the Crescent side more determination than ever. The team worked harder than ever before to reach the standard of a winning Senior Cup team before the final, including a trip to Kilkenny and Dublin for a three-match series over midterm.

In the first five minutes of the final, Mount Mercy snuck an early goal putting the Crescent girls to the ultimate test. The Crescent side showed no sign of fear and kept their calm. At half time Mount Mercy were still winning 1-0. Encouraging team talks from their coaches Cathal Duggan and Gary Kirby at half-time helped the girls re-focus on the prize for the second half. Early in the second half, Crescent showed their character more than ever when they settled the score with a crucial goal from Leah Clery. The full-time score was 1-1 after an incredibly tense and exciting match.

As a result of the full-time score, five girls from each team would take on their rival goalie in a 1 V 1 shuttle. Anna Horan, Sarah Barry, Aoife Hickey, Leah Clery and Elle Sorenson showed their brave characters when they stepped up to take a shuttle. Mount Mercy scored one from five shuttles on Crescent's Goalie and captain Amy Ahern, while Crescent scored two from five shuttles with super goals from Leah Clery and Elle Sorenson. This resulted in Crescent being crowned Senior Cup champions 2019 and booked them a place at the Kate Russell All-Ireland tournament in St. Andrews of Dublin on the 20th and 21st of March.

On behalf of all hockey players in the school, we would like to give a huge thanks to everyone involved in making this happen, especially our hard-working coaches Cathal Duggan, Sean O'Callaghan, Gary Kirby, Reg Bennett, Brian Collins, Mo Kelly and Roisin Upton. We would also like to thank our sports coordinators Aine Costelloe and Chris Cullinan for their help throughout the year. Lastly, we would like to thank our super supporters who travelled on the day.





# Senior Hurling Title

Crescent 2-11

Hazelwood 0-9

On the 14th of December our senior hurlers played in the Munster schools hurling final. The match took place in Ballyagran on a wet, cold Friday morning. However, the Crescent boys were not fazed by such conditions as Seamus Hurley put the ball in the back of the Hazelwood net in the first minute of the game. A struggle ensued as both teams wrestled for the lead for the next 10 minutes, Crescent being kept going from the free's of Liam Lynch. Crescent then struck with a goal once again from the stick of Seamus Hurley. We went into the break 2-4 to 0-7 ahead.

After a rousing set of speeches from Donal Ryan, Diarmuid Mullins and captain Daniel Larkin, the boys were ready to go once again. After a slow start from Crescent they were helped by an inspirational score from Brian O' Meara. The game soon turned into a dogfight after Hazelwood realised the game was out of their reach and attempted to goad a crescent player into getting sent off. One such incident involved a nasty tackle on star man Patrick Kirby. Crescent kept going and finished them off with a great individual score from Crecora-Manister man Donnacha Connolly. There was jubilant scenes at the final whistle as Dan Larkin accepted the Shane Hourigan memorial cup on behalf of the team and thanked Hazelwood for a great game.

The team on the day included: Darragh O'Hagan(Mungret), Padraig Byrnes(Crecora-Manister), Patrick Dwane(Mungret), Thomas Shanahan(Crecora-Manister), Billy Molyneaux(Mungret), Daniel Larkin (Mungret), Shane Barry (Mungret), Brian O'Meara(Mungret), Odhran O'Dwyer(Mungret), John Bourke (Fedamore), Donnacha Connolly(Crecora-Manister), Patrick Kirby(Patrickswell), Liam Lynch(Mungret), Seamus Hurley(Mungret), Cian Fitzgerald(Patrickswell)

Subs on the day: John Kirby(Patrickswell), Tom Morrison, Eamonn Flahive, David Hassett, Conor O Malley, Harry Page(All Mungret), Richard Murphy, Jack Dalton, Chris Shanahan(Crecora-Manister), Tim Lyons, John Lyons(Croom), Pearse Gavan, David Griffin(Dromin-Athlaca)

Management: Donal Ryan, Diarmuid Mullins and also Aidan Moroney who was unavailable on the day due to an important trip to Lapland.

Physio: John O'Donnell

Umpire: David Barry

Water: Ciaran Kenny







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# No Mossies In March

For the month of March in Crescent there is a campaign to buy mosquito nets for the children in a Jesuit school in Uganda.

A teacher in our school, Antoinette Ryan started this campaign after her visit to Ocer Campion Jesuit College in Uganda during the October midterm last year.

The campaign began when students and teachers began to notice images of mosquitoes which were displayed around the school. The students were curious when they saw these images and wanted to find out more.

The reason for the mosquito pictures was revealed when Ms. Ryan spoke at the Ash Wednesday Mass last week. Ms. Ryan told us about her trip and how she met a girl called Mary and many other children like her, whose parents cannot afford to buy mosquito nets to protect their children while they sleep. Mary is shown in the picture below.

Over 50% of the children in Mary's school are sick with malaria and a lot cannot afford medicine. Malaria is a disease which is carried by mosquitoes and is transmitted through their bite. Malaria is the leading cause of death in Uganda.

Crescent students have been asked to get involved by buying mosquito nets costing €5. There was a model of a bed constructed with a mosquito net in the



central area by students in the school to give us a visual representation of what we would be buying.

It is hoped that everyone will get behind this campaign and support this cause.



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# Ash Wednesday Mass

On Wednesday the 6th of March the whole school had a mass for Ash Wednesday. Students and staff gathered in the central area to celebrate mass and receive ashes.

Fr. Jim Maher was the celebrant and led a great mass and reminded us that ashes are a symbol of our faith and what we stand for. The orchestra and the choir gave a fantastic performance. This made the mass very special.

Students read reflections, reminding us that lent encourages us to do something different. Some students even gave ashes and communion as Eucharistic ministers.

Ms. Ryan spoke about the importance of supporting the “No Mossies in March” campaign and encouraged the students to donate their five euro from the money they save during Lent.

We are always grateful to Fr. Jim Maher for delivering such a great service and to Mrs. Lavery for giving so much of her time and effort into rehearsing with the choir and orchestra which make the occasion special. We would also like to thank all the teachers and students who gave up their time to prepare for the special day.

Morning Prayer is open to all students every morning in the chapel before school during Lent.







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## CCC vs South Africa

Last Friday, the 22nd of March, CCC Senior Rugby Team played a touring South African side in the school and beat them 33-0. It was a great day and gave both teams an experience they will remember.





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# Fairtrade in the school

Our school participated in the Fairtrade fortnight from the 25th of February till the 10th of March. Everyone was encouraged to take part in the project which means purchasing products with the Fairtrade symbol on it.

Fairtrade Fortnight is an annual promotional campaign which happens once every year, organized and funded by the Fairtrade Foundation to increase awareness of Fairtrade products.



Fairtrade means better pay for the farmers in the underdeveloped countries. There are 4500 Fairtrade Products for sale. The amount of farmers producing Fairtrade coffee has increased by 12% since 2012. 71% of consumers use the Fairtrade mark to decide whether a product is ethical.

The Fairtrade mark is the most widely-recognised ethical label globally. Lots of companies have gone Fairtrade over the past few years.

## FAIRTRADE COFFEE:



## FAIRTRADE CHOCOLATE:



## FAIRTRADE BANANAS:





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## Eve Nealon receives Scholarship

We are delighted to announce that Eve Nealon has just been offered a full academic scholarship by the Hill High School for the 2019 to 2020 season.

We are delighted for Eve and wish her the very best of luck in what promises to be another chapter of her outstanding basketball career. Eve has put in huge work over the past few years and we are all looking forward to seeing her return from injury in September and showcase her skills in the American High School league. The very best of luck to Eve from everyone at Crescent.



Eve in action





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# The Climate Change Walk Out

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of March the green schools committee joined many other schools in a nationwide walk out to promote the importance of global warming.

The committee left the school at around 11 and began marching to the courthouse where the protest took place.



The protest got a lot of attention with big news channels like RTE interviewing students. Around sixty schools participated in the walkout Ireland.

The inspiration for the walkout came from when a Swedish student called Greta Thunberg staged a lone strike outside the Swedish parliament last august during school hours.

Now they are calling for walk outs that will take place every Friday during the month of March.

As well as Irish students participating in the walkout students all over Europe have been walking out in order to promote this important issue.

While there is no official guidelines on how schools should handle the strike actions teachers in schools generally support the movement and have been encouraging students to participate.

The goal of these strikes is to get the government to declare a state of climate emergency and promote the seriousness of the problem





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## First Year Hockey Blitz

On Monday 14th January, 58 first year hockey players left Crescent at 6:30 and began their journey up to Mount Anville. Once arrived the players got into their teams and began their warm up. There was five teams of 8 players and one team of 9 taking part in the blitz. Six transition years went up to coach each team.

Each team played 3 matches and overall the outcome for Crescent was very successful. Each match was 20 minutes long and the girls did very well and the rest of their season is looking very promising for them.

Once the blitz had finished we left to go to Dundrum shopping centre for 2 hours. Which was probably the highlight of the girls' day.





## HOPE Advent Photo Competition

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Crescent School, Crescent Road, Crescent, Co. Wick

The Kairos retreat has been running at Crescent for 10 years. To celebrate the retreat and Advent a photographic competition was held for the students. The theme for the photos was Hope.

There were many entries from the students with excellent photos. The photos ranged from sunsets to animals to sporting grounds. The photos are now being displayed in the central area for everyone to see.

The standard of the photographs entered was very high and showed the students different visions of Hope.

The winner of the competition was Rachel Riddler who entered a photo of a landscape.

In 2nd came Oran Coleman with a picture of a sun setting over a landscape

In 3rd was Brian Kenihan who entered a picture of Thomond Park.

We are very grateful to Fr. Liam O Connell who judged the competition as an avid photographer. We know he must have had a very tough time deciding on the winners. We also want to thank Crescent Shopping Centre who provided the winning prizes and especially Dermot Cowhey for setting up the competition.

The competition was a popular success and it would be a great thing for students to have the opportunity to do one every year.







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CRESCENT EXPRESS COMMUNITY

## Transition Year Inglot Masterclass

On Monday the 11th of March transition year students were given the opportunity to take a masterclass in makeup at Inglot in the crescent shopping centre.

At the masterclass the students learned how to apply makeup by watching a demonstration by a professional makeup artist called Ciara Quigley at Inglot. It was useful for students who may consider makeup as a career in the future.

Many students who don't know much about makeup found it very useful and now can practice a new skill.

Overall the masterclass was a success and we are very grateful for this opportunity





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## Choir and Orchestra News



### **Ash Wednesday Mass:**

6th March 2019

Chamber Choir & Orchestra performed for mass

The Choir sang Not Too Far From Here - a song that highlights the suffering of those right beside us. The Choir & Orchestra performed Cliff Richard's Millenium Prayer(Our Father), & the lively Jazz Cantate.

Instrumental music by the orchestra included the O'Carolan composed "Eleanor Plunkett".

Some 5th Year music students played solo piano. These were Amy Fehily, Cliona Roche & Kate O'Farrelly.

It's not an easy task to perform in front of the whole school but the girls did very well.

The last piece for the mass was John Lennon's "Imagine" with Óran Curran Coleman (5th Year) singing the solo here accompanied by the orchestra.

### **Seachtain na Gaeilge**

Assembly :12th March 2019

Members of CCC Traditional Music Group played a slow air called "An Gaoth Aneas" at the start of assembly.

The musicians are from 1st - 6th Year and include Fiddles, Flutes, Banjo, Tin Whistle, Concertina & Bodhrán.

Intercom performance : 15th March 2019

The Trad Group could be heard performing 2 Irish Jigs - "The Liling Banshee" & "The Kesh Jig" over the intercom on Friday 15th March

at 10.30am. The musicians all sat in Ms Fleming's office and played the tunes fluently & without fault.

This was a first for Music in Crescent. We hope to hear more live music over the intercom airwaves in the near future!!

### **CCC Music in the Community**

This is a new initiative where CCC Choir, Orchestra & Trad Group will be performing an hour's recital in two venues in April 2019.

9th April : There will be a performance at Gaelscoil an Raithin who are now based in a new building in Mungret.

30th April : Our 2nd performance will take place in Milford Hospice/Nursing Home.

Our repertoire will include:

Choir: Bridge Over Troubled Water, Only You & The Cranberries Hit "Analyse"

Orchestra: Rhapsody in Blue, Spread a Little Happiness, Rock Around the Clock & Imagine.

Trad Group: Selection of dance tunes & airs.

Special performances by Dylan & Luke Sweeney-Crehan, Cliona, Amy & Kate(5th Year Music) & Excel Bala Ahmed who will

rap Jay Z's "Empire State of Mind" over harmonies from the CCC choir.



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## TRANSITION YEAR CINEMA TRIP

### First Man

On Tuesday the 5th of March the Transition years went to go see the movie: FIRST MAN in the omniplex cinema.

First man is a 2018 biographical drama directed by Damien Chazelle and written by Josh Singer. The movie is based on the book First Man: The Life of Neil A Armstrong by James R Hansen

The film stars Ryan Gosling as Neil Armstrong along with Claire Foy, Jason Clarke, Kyle Chandler, Corey Stoll, Ciaran Hinds, Christopher Abbott, Patrick Fugit, and Lukas Haas, and follows the years leading up to the Apollo 11 mission to the Moon in 1969. Steven Spielberg serves as an executive producer.







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# SAG Awards



The SAG Awards happened on the 27th of January in the Shrine Auditorium and Expo Hall in Los Angeles. The awards were hosted by Megan Mullally who is an American actress, comedian and singer.

The winners list included:

**Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Leading Role:** Rami Malek, "Bohemian Rhapsody"

**Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Leading Role:** Glenn Close, "The Wife"

**Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Supporting Role:** Mahershala Ali, "Green Book"

**Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Supporting Role:** Emily Blunt, "A Quiet Place"

**Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture:** "Black Panther"

**Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Television Movie or Miniseries:** Darren Criss, "Assassination of Gianni Versace"

**Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Television Movie or Miniseries:** Patricia Arquette, "Escape at Dannemora"

**Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Drama Series:** Jason Bateman, "Ozark"

**Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Drama Series:** Sandra Oh, "Killing Eve"

**Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Comedy Series:** Tony Shalhoub, "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"

**Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Comedy Series:** Rachel Brosnahan, "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"

**Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series:** "This Is Us"

**Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series:** "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"

**Outstanding Action Performance by a Stunt Ensemble in a Comedy or Drama Series:** "Glow"

**Outstanding Action Performance by a Stunt Ensemble in a Motion Picture:** "Black Panther".



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# School Bank

What is school banking?

School banking is when:

- You have your own Student Account
- Visa debit card
- Mobile banking
- Free account transaction fees

You can apply through your school bank.



4 steps to setting and reaching your money goal:

1. Set your money goal.
2. Make a plan to get you there.
3. Use a budgeting tool.
4. Start early.

## MONEY TIP!

Always get a receipt when you buy something whether you're using cash or a debit card. And add up what you. Is it more or less than you expected?



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## All Ireland winners



**Congratulations to Amy and Claudia on achieving All Ireland glory in their final year in Crescent College Comprehensive**



**Tom Morrissey**

**Limerick All Ireland hurler visits school with Liam Mc Carthy cup**

