Crescent Express



Graduation Day 2019

On Friday 24th of May, our 6th years had their Graduation Day in the school. As usual, the central area was looking amazing for this wonderful and special occasion. The day began with mass, which was celebrated by Fr. Jim Maher, SJ, who once more made it a very personal day for the graduates, their families, teachers and staff. The day was made all the more memorable by



the talent of the 6th Year cohort, who played their part; from the readers, the gift bearers, the singers, the musicians and the Eucharistic ministers.

Fr. Jim spoke about how well turned out everybody looked, and how normally he would only see this at a wedding, going so far as to suggest that now that they are all here and dressed up for the occasion, he would be glad to oblige and save them the expense in the future; something next year's 6th years might possibly consider!!!!





Graduation Day 2019

Fr. Jim spoke in his homily about what makes us happy, reiterating it is not what you look like, or what you aspire to, or even what you want that will make you happy; but, rather, how you feel on the inside and how it important it is to simply" be yourself".

The mass concluded with the John Lennon song "Imagine", sung by Jake Murphy accompanied by the extremely talented choir and orchestra, under the direction of Roisin Lavery.



Following addresses by Principal Karen Fleming and the school captains, Emma Waddle and David Ahearne, the special awards were then given out to the students who excelled in different areas. This was followed by the presentation of certificates and jewellery to the 6th year graduate classes by their form tutors.

Finally, the day concluded with light refreshments, served in the central area where the students got to meet with their parents, teachers and staff, as well as an opportunity for some photos to mark the day.





Graduation Day 2019 Memories









We would like to thank everybody who made this day memorable, especially Fr. Jim Maher, Principal Karen Fleming, Sinead Mulcahy, Diarmuid Mullins, Deputy Principals, Helen O'Donnell, BOM, Grainne Delaney, Lisa Bennett Quaid, Roisin Lavery, all the teachers, the staff, Parents Social and Cultural Committee, the prefects and students who helped out on the day.

Finally, the parents and families of the graduates and last but not least the graduates themselves from **Rahner**, **Regis**, **Rhodes**, **Ricci** and **Rodriguez** who did themselves and our school proud once again.

We wish them every success in their exams and in their future lives.



6th year Final Assembly

During the Final Assembly of the school year and given it is the Holy Month of Ramadan, Ola Obasa lead the prayer in Arabic. She prayed the opening words of the Qu'ran and translated the prayer into English. Emma Waddell, school Captain, introduced the prayer and encouraged and prayed for all 12 students in the school who are observing Ramadan







Aoife and Aoife in the School Chapel who led morning prayer this year



Laura Scanlon entertained us with an Avicii medley on piano



Plastic free launch

Everyone assembled in the central area for the launch of the plastic free initiative. The students were greeted by a sculpture that was made by art students to highlight the schools plastic use The assembly started with Ms.Fleming doing the normal announcements then the special guest Mayor Collins was introduced he started off by telling us about the work the council does to reduce the plastic waste the city has he then preceded to highlight the importance of making a change in the way we use plastic and even commended the work the plastic free team were doing. Members of the plastic free team then spoke on the work they had done throughout the year. The different teachers and councils who helped the committee throughout the



year were thanked and Mayor Collins was then presented with a hydro flask. A short video was played showing some images of the work the committee had done. Pictures were then taken by the newspaper. It was a great event that really highlighted the work that had been done







Lake Garda Italy Trip 2019

On April 4th, late Wednesday night, early Thursday morning at 1:30am we set off from the school on our travels. We were all tired but ready for the 4 days ahead. We arrived in Dublin airport for around 3:15am. Straight away we headed to check in desk to check in our luggage and went on through security. After security everyone had breakfast and we waited around for our flight. We boarded the plane and set off to Italy! When we arrived in Italy we hopped straight on the bus after collecting our bags and headed to Sirmione, a small strand along Lake Garda. We were meant to have a boat trip when we got there but due to the wet weather and a choppy lake, it unfortunately was cancelled, instead, we all had a nice long lunch and headed to Verona next. We got to Verona and began walking from the new side of Verona into the old side where Juliet's Balcony can be seen. Verona was very scenic and pretty. We walked through the streets and the square. We visited the Verona Arena and saw the view of Verona's narrow streets from the top of the building. We got soaked because of the rain. We jumped back on the bus, drenched, and set off to our Hotel San Zeno to check in. Then we had our dinner at 8:30pm. Everyone was exhausted and went to sleep early.

The next morning the 5th, we had an early start at 7:30am, we had breakfast and set off on our two hour journey to Venice. We got to the port (Tronchetto) and then had to get a boat

(Vaporetto) across the water to centre of Venice. We had short freetime to look around and met up again in St. Marks Square and headed towards the gondola's. We enjoyed the ride for around a half hour. We went through the narrow canals and saw the many old buildings and apartments as we went. After this, we all had our lunch and met up again for around 3:30pm and went on to visit the Vecchia Murano Glass Making Factory. We then left and got the Vaporetto back to our bus and transferred back to the hotel. We then

had dinner in the hotel and went to bed later.





On the third day, we left the hotel for around 9:30am and took a half hour drive to Gardaland Theme Park. We spent the day ourselves here from 10-6 and enjoyed the over 32 of the rides on offer there. It was a great day out. We went back to the hotel for around 7 o' clock. We had our last dinner here and went to bed for the last time. Looking forward to the day ahead but sad the trip was coming to an end.



On our final day, we were up early had breakfast and headed to Malcesine, a small pretty village on the lake that was very scenic. We got a cable car from the bottom of the mountain to the top of the mountain that was snow capped and very cold. We hung around for awhile taking in the views and sat and had hot chocolates in the café up there. After an hour we headed back by cable car to Malcesine village and had free time to eat and walk around. At 2:00pm we got our 3 and a half hour bus transfer to Il Centro Shopping Centre in Milan. Unfortunately the traffic going into Milan was heavy so we had less time there but still enjoyed our free time to shop around. We left for the airport at around 7:20pm. When we arrived at Milan Malpensa Airport we checked in, went through security and had a bite to eat and got on the plane. We arrived in Dublin for 12:00am and headed back home after getting our bags. We made it back to the school for 3:15am.



The TY group on this trip really enjoyed every minute and would like to thank all the teachers who came with us, everything was so well organised for us.





UL Access Orientation Day



On Monday 13th May, a group of 2nd year students took part in the Access Office Orientation Day. This day is designed to introduce students who may be the first in their families to attend university the chance to experience what third level life is like.

Students had a science workshop showcasing the latest equipment in wood and materials technology. They then listened to Professor Eoin Devereux who introduced them to Sociology where they learned a lot about social media, research and how they were all free employees of Facebook!!

Lunch in the Stables was followed by a visit to the Analog Devices Bernal Research Institute. Here students had an interactive tour of the facility, learning about chemical composition and manufacture of specialist materials for the aeronautical and other industries. They also learned about the nature of research, which is always trying to improve and innovate, requiring many trial and error experiments along the way.

The day finished with a tour of the campus which was a real pleasure on such a sunny day. Our students were very impressed with the size and scope of UL and with all the opportunities it presents, especially through its commitment to equality of access.

We would like to thank everyone involved, most especially Sorcha Prendergast, second level Access coordinator, for a very informative and interesting day.





Spectroscopy in a suitcase

. On 10 May, a team of PhD students from the Department of Chemistry, UCC, 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 UCC for providing this opportunity to our students.









Walk for the Bus 10th May 2019



Walk for the Bus Sponsored Walk

On Friday, 10th May, a sponsored walk took place in Ballinacurra to raise funds for the Community Bus in Our Lady of Lourdes. This bus takes some of our students to school each day as well as transporting students to various extra and co-curricular activities throughout the year at a very reasonable cost.

Crescent participates in the Local Education Committee of Our Lady of Lourdes, along with the Primary school, Coláiste Nano Nagle and other community groups.

The walk was a great success and the sun shone for the entire time, finally giv-

ing way to one shower of hailstones when we were on Summerville pitch. Thankfully, the management there kindly let us use their clubhouse for the picnic.

In total the walk raised over €1600 towards the cost of replacing the community bus and we thank all families and extended relatives and friends in Our Lady of Lourdes NS and at Crescent College for their contributions.

We would also like to thank the following sponsors for their support:

Our Lady of Lourdes Community Group Scheme, Rosbrien

McGraths Fruit and Veg, Roxboro

Tesco Roxboro

Lets Do Coffee, Roxboro

The West End Youth Centre, Rosbrien

Summerville Rovers FC, Ballinacurra



Sports in Crescent



Jack Delaney presenting his Irish jersey to the school Principal Ms Karin Fleming

Girls Athletics in U L





Boys Athletics winners 2019 in UL



Sophie Moore representing Ireland in August in European Championships u16 in in basketball Bulgaria We wish her the best of luck



Music in the Community



CCC Music in the Community

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

9th April: They performed at Gaelscoil an Raithin who are now based in a new building in Mungret.30th April: Our 2nd performance took place in Milford Hospice/Nursing Home. Our repertoire included:

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 & Kate(5th Year Music) & Excel Bala Ahmed who had a solo rap on Jay Z's "Empire State of Mind" over harmonies from the CCC choir.



Milford Hospice/Nursing Home









Gaelscoil an Raithin Mungret

.."Music in the Community" CCC Orchestra, Choir & Trad. GroupTuesday 9th April 2019 Performance at Gaelscoil an Ráithín



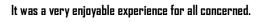












We would like to thank Ms Roisin Lavery, the School choir and members of the school orchestra and Traditional group for giving their time and talents.





No Mossies' In March Campaign



Thanks to the generosity of the Crescent College students ,staff and parents who raised 1'500 euros from the "No Mossies' in March" campaign run in the school. This money was given over to the Jesuit Refugee Services to provide the much needed mosquito nets required to stop the spread of malaria in Uganda.

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.

Thanks to Antoinette Ryan for all her hard work and dedication towards this worthy cause and to everybody who contributed. now Mary and many other children like her, whose parents cannot afford to buy mosquito nets to protect their children

while they sleep can feel safe !!!!







Ballyhass Day

Last Thursday May 23rd Chabanel and Campion Classes went on a trip to Ballyhass Lakes Mallow Co. CorkThe day started off with canoeing, followed by a splash into the water as we jumped off the pontoon. We participated in various land and water based activities throughout the day, including Archery, Zip lining, Leap of Faith. We rounded off the day with a climbing race on the gladiator A great day was had by all, we would like to thank our teachers for bringing us on this amazing day.

Thanks to Lisa, Roci, John, Donal for giving up their time.









Students enjoying themselves at Ballyhass Lake Mallow.

By Eleanor and Karen



Colours Day 2019 1,200 euros raised

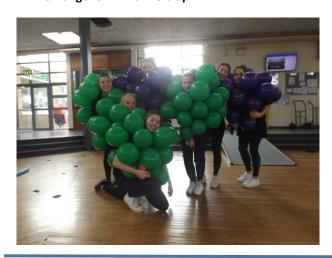


Colour's Day winners 2019

Roller coaster dollies



The Hangover Runners up





"Sorry luv not tonight " Door security person





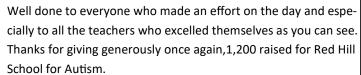


Colour's Day 2019 contd.









Looking forward to next years colours day already

no really!!!!



Schools Coach of the Year







A Year in Crescent College SJ





























