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CRESCENT COLLEGE COMPREHENSIVE S.J.

Dear Parents

As we move quickly through our final term all of our students are continuing with a range of different focuses for the remainder of our school year. Our first year students are busy preparing for their first house examinations and wondering where the year has gone! The second year students are busy completing classroom based assessments and also have a range of house exams later this month. Our third years continue revising and completing coursework in preparation of the sitting of the Junior Cycle Exam for the first time in two years. The transition year classes are all travelling to beautiful Achill for a week of outdoor pursuits. While at senior cycle our fifth years have house exams to concentrate on and our sixth years are preparing for the leaving certificate exams in June.

It is a busy time and I think the most important role at this time as a parent is to support your son/daughters learning during this period of time. Also, make sure to take time to ask how they are feeling during this busy period, it is important that every student can do their absolute best without putting themselves under extreme pressure to succeed. A few minutes of a conversation and a kind word of support can mean a lot. Our mission statement in Crescent supports the development of the whole person and their attributes. Let's keep that central to our own way of supporting each other in this busy time.

Some Updates:

Crescent 5km Good Friday Run

Well Done to all our past pupils and current pupils who supported this annual run. All monies raised went to the Jesuit Refugee Service and their Ukrainian appeal.

Leaving Certificate & Junior Cycle Examinations 2022

These exams for Leaving Certificate and Junior Cycle students begin on Wednesday 8 June. Exam timetables will be sent via the school app to all parents in advance of this date. The timetables are also accessible on the S.E.C. website.

School Calendar

Please note classes **will finish at 11.55 am on Wednesday 25 May to facilitate our Sixth Year Graduation.**

Graduation 2022

Graduation for our class of 2022 will take place on 25 May at 1pm in our Sportshall. The ceremony will be for graduates only and parents will be able to join us for some light

refreshments outside at 2pm. I am looking forward to a very enjoyable occasion for all our graduates to enjoy.

Colours Day 2022

Colours Day took place on Wednesday 11 May. It is always a day of great fun and imagination. Our chosen charity this year is the Peter McVerry Trust. The student body collected over 1,000 euro in aid of this important Jesuit work. As always our sixth years led the way in this important fundraiser.



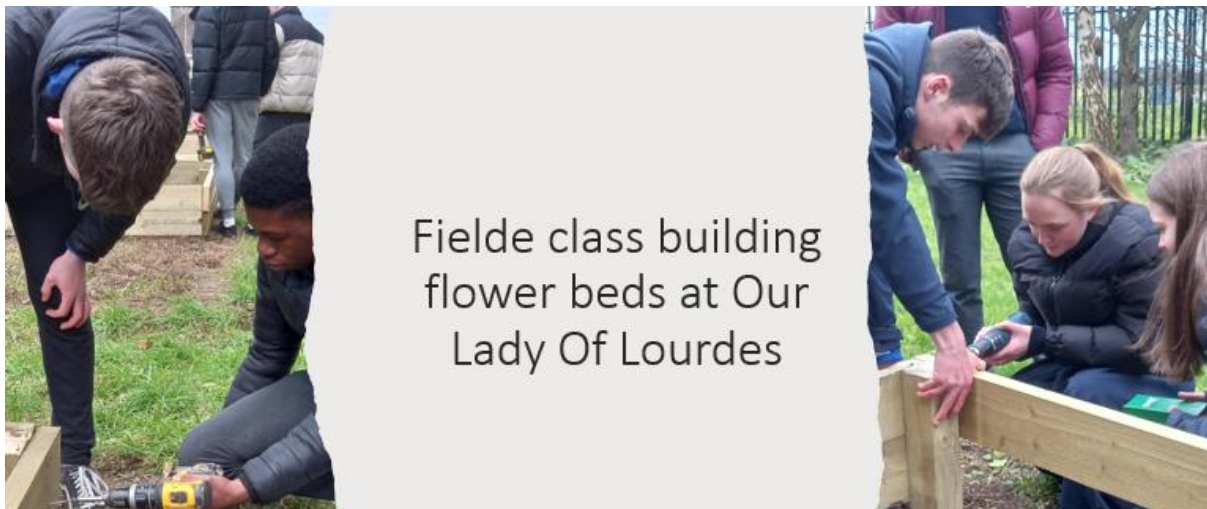


Green Schools Committee

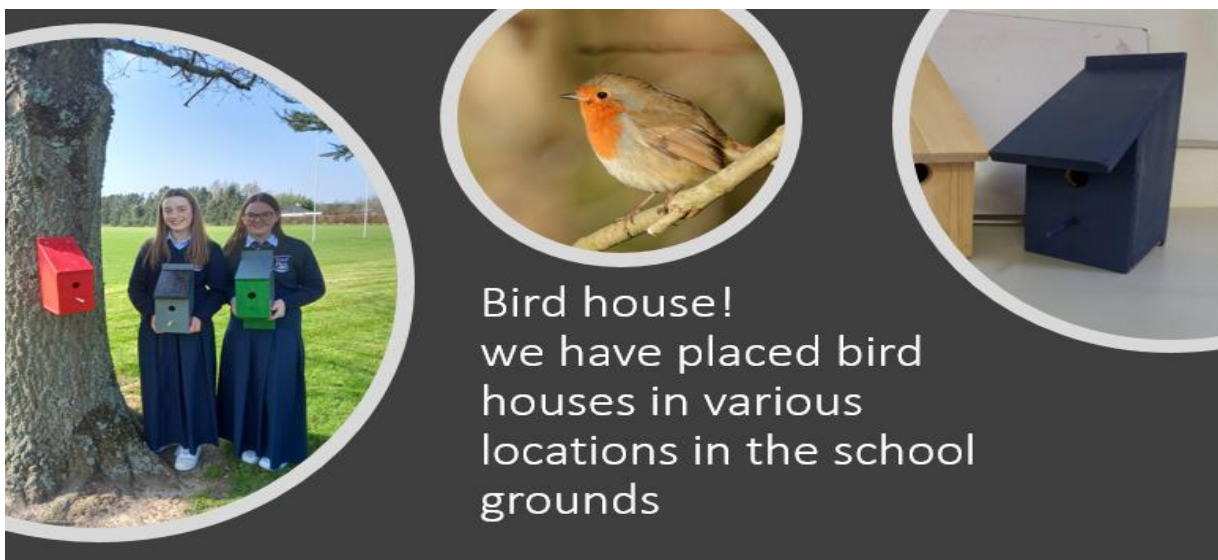
Over the past few month members of the committee have been very busy getting a poly tunnel up and running in time for spring. Many hands make light work and it was great to have so many enthusiastic students involved. The work began with preparing the soil, making raised begs, setting up an irrigation system with a timer and planting vegetables. The students are now reaping the rewards of their hard work with a great variety of plants to enjoy.



Coinciding with this initiative Transition year students travelled to Our Ladies of Lourdes to plant raised beds so that the teachers there can sew and grow vegetables with all students.



To increase biodiversity Transition years designed and made birdhouses which they hung around the school.



The Green schools committee have just been awarded with their latest green flag for water conservation. They will be awarded with this at the awards ceremony on the 25 June.

Congratulations!



As part of this process, they placed water fountains around the school which monitor water use and cut off after a bottle is full. They designed, purchased and sold over 300 reusable school crested thermal bottles to help reduce the single use plastic. They also organised a day of action which was a “Walk for Water”, this entailed all third year students walking over 1km with books and bags to signify the distance families travel daily to obtain water in third world countries.



House Exams Timetable

The exam timetables for first, second & fifth year exams have been circulated to all students. It is important that students familiarise themselves with their exam timetable and are in time for all of their exams.

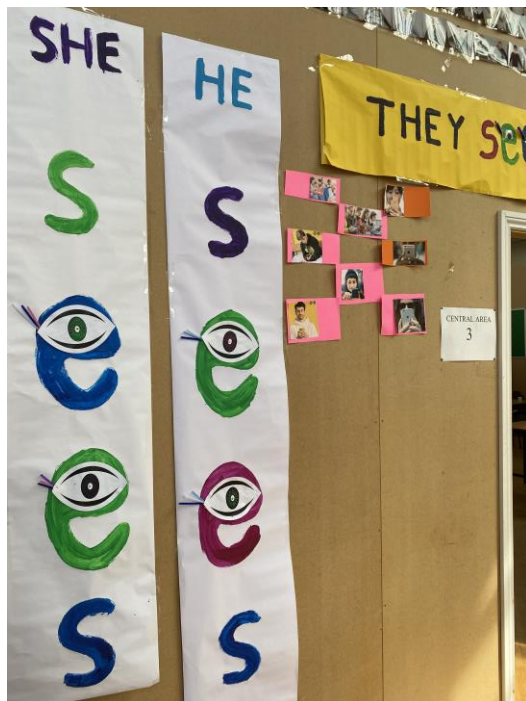
Student Council

The Crescent College Student council have been hard at work, with numerous projects on the go.

They are pleased to have been able to engage with outside agencies this year again, cooperating with the Office of Ombudsman for Children, the Limerick County Councils research on a local community centre, the Irish Secondary Students Union, to name a few.

Student Council with Paul O’Raw community consultant giving the student view on a new community centre in Dooradoyle.

They have worked with various school initiatives including the library committee, the ethos coordinator, the One Good Schools project and the Mobile Phone Usage work that is ongoing. They have run competitions to design the student inspired sculpture for out the front of the school, and the current competition for the ‘Do you SEE?’ Campaign which encourages young people to be mindful they are getting enough sleep, eating well and exercising regularly ensuring good habits are forming instead of wasting time on aimlessly on their mobile phone.



Athletics

Well done to all our athletes who competed this week in the North Munster Track and Field. Rory O'Callaghan, Lily McMahon, Junior Okafor, Alan McCutcheon and Jimmy McMahon all claimed medals.



Junior Okafor 3rd place in the Inter 100m Sprint

Music in Crescent

Over the last number of weeks our choir and orchestra have been very busy. Our choir and orchestra visited Milford Care Centre to perform for the residents. This was a beautiful performance which helped to lift the spirits of the residents in the care centre. This week we hosted a visiting choir from Atlanta Georgia and had a great afternoon of performance. Thanks to Róisín Lavery for organising these events.



Key Dates for the remainder of the year

- Transition Year 2022/ 23 Work Experience Information night – Tuesday 24 May – School Library
- School for T.Y. students 2022/ 23 concludes on Tuesday 24 May at 1.55pm following Graduation
- Sixth Year Graduation at 1pm. School concludes for all other students at 11.55am on Wednesday 25 May
- Thursday 26 May – Fifth Year Exams begin
- Monday 30 May – Second Year Exams begin
- Monday 30 May – First Year Exams begin
- Wednesday 1 June – Summer Holidays for Fifth, Second & First Year students
- Friday 3 June – Summer Holidays for Third Year Students at 12.35pm
- Wednesday 8 June – Start of Leaving Certificate & Junior Cycle Examinations

Take care

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