



## Presidents Christmas Message

As you will read in this Santa Zine there is much activity in the club over the Christmas period.

Christmas came early for our U 10's who had the honour of playing in the Aviva Stadium during the half time interval at the recent Ireland V USA International. I hope you enjoy their match report in this Ezine. You never know, the next time one of those U10 players play in the Aviva they could be toggling out for Cork Con in an AIL Final or for Ireland in a grand slam decider.



As 2018 comes to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those hard workers around the club who give up their free time to help make Cork Constitution a successful club, both on and off the field of play.

May you all have a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and best wishes for a happy New Year.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

John O'Mahony

President Cork Constitution

## Santa Claus is coming to Con



Dear Parents,

Some people say it's the Late Late Toy Show that officially starts the Christmas period, but it's really the Cork Con Kids Christmas party, which is being run this Saturday morning

- Parents can enjoy complimentary mince-pies and finger food in the main bar.

- Kids get to meet Santa in his grotto in the front bar. Brothers and sisters all welcome.

- We are supporting St Vincent de Paul again this year.

### What YOU need to do?

For the U7 and U8 age groups, please bring a pre-wrapped gift for a child your own age (write 'girl' or 'boy' on outside of wrapping).

Representatives from St Vincent de Paul will collect the presents and make sure they are distributed to local children in-need, in time for Christmas. Vouchers for local shops are also most welcome (please place in envelope and write 'Voucher' on outside).

For the U9, U10, U11, U12 and U13 age groups. We are supporting the effort to raise much needed funds to ensure that St Vincent De Paul can continue their great work.

So we are asking the boys and girls to donate one week's pocket-money toward this very worthy cause ... or a present/voucher if they would prefer.

This is one of the most enjoyable days in the Club every year ... Don't miss it!

### Schedule of Events

**U 7's** Training at normal time at 9.30am. Santa Visit 10.15 am .

**U 8's** Training at normal time at 9.30am Santa Visit 10.15 am .

**U 9's** Training at normal time at 9.30am Santa Visit 10.45 am

**U 10's** Away fixture V Terenure (best of luck lads and enjoy)

**U 11's** Training at normal time at 10.30am Santa Visit 11.45 am

**U 12's** Training at normal time at 10.45am and stop at 12.00 noon when each boy will be given a selection box in front of the club house.

**U 13's** Training at normal time at 10.45am, finishing at the normal time of 12.15 pm when each boy will be given a selection box in front of the club house.

## Christmas Events

### Club Office

The office will close on Friday 21 December 2018 and re open on Wednesday 2 January 2019.

### Club Shop

The Club shop will be open on Saturday 15TH December from 9:30 Am to 12:30 Pm

Stock available Club Hats, Ties, Bow Ties, Pens, Half Zips, Jerseys, Shorts and Socks.

A complimentary 125 Years of Cork Constitution will be available to all members in the Club Shop and Bar while stocks last.

### St Stephen Day Cork Constitution V U.C.C.

Cork Con will play U.C.C. in the annual St Stephen's Day match for the Starry Crowley Cup on Tuesday 26TH December at 16.00 PM.

As this is a shared gate an entrance fee of €10, (OAP & Students €5) is payable. School children free. Please note members will not be entitled to free admission.

**Juvenile training recommences Saturday 5 January 2019**

## Cork Con U 10

### At the Aviva



On Saturday 24th November last, 12 lucky players from the Cork Con U10's were given a golden opportunity to play at half time during the Ireland v USA match at the Aviva. They were accompanied by 20 additional U10 parents and kids not playing on the day.



All the players arrived at the Aviva suited and booted ready to rock, where we were met by the referee for our match to get a rundown of the rules and how to ensure we played flowing rugby for what was going to be a very quick 7 minute match.

We were then shown to our seats and watched an enjoyable 30 minutes of the first half of the Ireland match. Then it was time for the U10's to prepare for their own big match!



In front of a full house four U10 teams readied themselves to proudly represent their clubs - Cork Con were to play Blackrock and Galwegians to play Old Crescent. We all headed to the tunnel, a few photo opps and then right on the half time whistle all the kids ran onto the pitch to a rapturous applause from the crowd – it was hair-raising stuff!!



The total game time was only 7 mins, but the rugby was superb from both sides. Cork Con played Blackrock and from the kick off there was plenty of rucking, tough tackles and some super running rugby displayed.

The margins were tiny in a close game with both sides pushing each other.



Once the game was over the referee lead the teams on a lap of honour around the stadium to great applause from the Aviva crowd!! Then it was back to our seats in time to watch the second half of the Ireland game.



Blackrock asked us for a series of home/away games on the back of what they saw to be a great talent in Cork Con squad and super talent being matched on both sides. All in all it was a memorable night for the kids (and coaches) and Ireland ran in a few tries of their own to top off a great day.



Thanks again to Aviva for the invitation and fantastic hospitality.