

# THE SPOOKTASTIC OCTOBER EDITION OF THE SCHOOL BLOG



We are sure everyone is very excited for Halloween this year. With sweets and scary movies all around us, it's time we got into the SPOOKY spirit with this issues blood-curdling blog. This time with a story and jokes by Cara! By the way it is not scary!

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In this school blog our top stories will be...

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- ☺ Irish Halloween traditions, activities and cultures
- ☺ Top 9 sweets kids are into nowadays
- ☺ Costume ideas
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- ☺ Spooky walk
- ☺ Halloween Brownies
- ☺ And more...

## TOP 9 SWEETS KIDS ARE INTO NOWADAYS!



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1. Skittles are a sweet that I think nearly EVERYONE likes, or even LOVES. They have a crunchy outer shell and a fruitastic soft middle. It also has LOADS of popular flavours such as strawberry, orange, lemon, lime and blackcurrant. They also have a range of different colours and a range of TYPES, such as Original, Crazy Sours, Tropicals, Smoothie Mix and Wildberry.
2. Maoam is the DEAL for chewy sweets. They also do others, but their chewy sweets reign supreme. Maoam Blox, Joy Stix, Stripes, Stripes Sour and more adorn the list. Pinballs are a popular favourite as well. You can get these in multi-packs and small sizes so you can bulk buy them up for this month's 31<sup>st</sup>!
3. Cadbury and other mini chocolates. Cadbury. Who can go without a Cadbury chocolate in their life? Certainly, I can't, and a lot of kids feel the same on Halloween. You can get these

in mini sizes, and flavours like Double Deckers, Twirls, Flakes, Fudges, Dairy Milk, Mars, Milky Ways, Snickers, Twix and more cover the shop aisles.

4. Chupa Chups are lollipops that come in a range of different flavours such as Strawberries & Cream, Apple, Cola, Cherry and Orange. They are basically a hard-boiled sweet on a stick! What more could you want!? They are crunchy, sweet, flavoursome, tangy, fruity, sugary and more.
5. Dib Daps and Refreshers are old school favourites coming back into style! Refreshers are sticky, chewy sour little strips and Dib Daps are pockets of acidic sherbet and a candy stick to dip n dab! Pair them together for a taste sensation! The sherbet coats the sticky outcome of the Refresher, and it tastes SO GOOD! You could give these two sweets out individually or put them in little bags together for a cool combo!
6. Banshee Bones are a real Irish Halloween favourite. These chunky salt n vinegar puffs are a delight to eat, and they are in the shape of bones! They are a cross between Chickatees and Salt and Vinegar Taytos and have a banshee on the crisp bag, so perfect for the occasion.

**FACT FILE!!!** A Banshee is an Irish folklore witch/old hag that in Irish legend was a female spirit whose wailing warned of a death in a house. They say that if you see a black comb or hairbrush on the road, the banshee will visit you that night...

7. Haribo Mini Multipack Jellies are probably the most popular and handy jellies in Ireland. They have Halloween themed jellies and sour, milky, vegan and more flavours! These are super cheap, and you can get them in 22 bag multipacks, and you can find them in Aldi, Tesco, Dunnes, Lidl, SPAR and more! And as they say" kids and adults love it so, the happy world of Haribo".

8. **Chocolate Pumpkins and Eyeballs** are chocolate shaped balls with eyeball and pumpkin wrappers, filled with vanilla creme. Nothing fancy here, just an easy option! Look out for the net bags in Flying Tiger or your local shop. Prices vary, but please try and shop local to support local business!
  
9. **Popping Candy** is a rare treat for a lot of kids, and we kids usually like to stockpile them up for Halloween. These come in mini bags, are cheap, not too sugary and come in flavours kids love.



## COSTUME IDEAS

If you think you are running out of time to get a costume or even think about a costume you can just look here where we are going to give you ideas so you can impress your friends but most importantly have a costume to go trick or treating!

☺ Witch

- ☺ Black cat
- ☺ Alien
- ☺ Skeleton
- ☺ Demon
- ☺ Devil
- ☺ Grim reaper
- ☺ Pumpkin
- ☺ Evil scientist ☺
- ☺ Bat ☺
- ☺ Evil killer banana ☺
- ☺ Evil chicken ☺
- ☺ Wednesday Addam ☺
- ☺ Thing from Wednesday ☺
- ☺ Alien ☺

☺ Angel

## IRISH HALLOWEEN TRADITIONS, ACTIVITIES AND CULTURES

It's common knowledge that Halloween first originated in Ireland. Halloween was first celebrated in Ireland to scare off 'evil spirits.' Children dressed up in spooky scary costumes to scare off evil spirits while adults lit candles and gave out fruit and monkey nuts. I have even heard that in a little village in Kilkenny called Clogh, in the 1980s all the kids dressed up in black bin bags as their costumes. If YOU'RE stuck for costumes you can check out our costume ideas article and stock up on cool sweets with our sweets article!



### IRISH HALLOWEEN TRADITIONS

Bonfires are big fires that are usually lit in the middle of towns. People sometimes throw in offerings such as paper, rubbish and anything really as long as its not flammable, you don't want to cause a spreading fire! A bonfire is a big fire where you burn stuff as part of a celebration.

Apple Bobbing is a classic Halloween tradition. It dates back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century and consists of a bucket of water, filled with apples. You try and bite the apples with your teeth and take them out of the water. The person to get the most apples, WINS!

Barmbrack is an Irish sweet loaf filled with dried fruit soaked in tea traditionally, with a glossy syrupy finish. Traditionally you bake a ring into the barmbrack, and whoever got it in their slice, is said to be married first! Here is a barmbrack recipe

<https://donalskehan.com/recipes/halloween-barmbrack/>

Doughnut or apple on a string is where a donut/apple is literally tied to a string! You try and take bites out of the donut/apple with no hands!

# Spooky Halloween jokes by Cara!



What do ghosts wear when their eye sight goes blurry?  
Spooktacles!

Why didn't the vampire attack Taylor Swift? 'Cause she had  
bad blood!

Knock knock, whos there? Getyur. Getyur who? GETYUR  
FANGS OUTTA MY NECK!!!

Why did the skeleton not go to the dance? Because he had no-  
body to go with!

How did the ghost learn to fly? He went to fright school!

How did the skeleton know it was going to rain? He felt it in his bones!

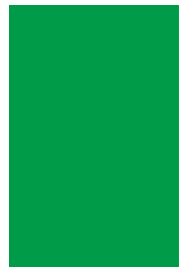
## IRISH SCHOOL NEWS!



### IRISH PODCAST

This year our school decided to try get a new flag. To get the flag they have to try promote Irish within the the school. So one of the things they decided to do was enter a contest where six people will do a podcast! In the podcast the six people have to have a chatty conversation in Gaeilge! Then judges will decide which school wins! Whichever school wins gets a prize!

### IRISH SCHOOL COMMITTEE



Tá bhí ag an scoil seo againne chun bratach na Gaeilge a fháil,

agus ar deireadh fuairamar deis ceann a thuilleamh! Don scoilbhliain seo agus don chéad bhliain eile, beidh coiste Gaeilge ag déanamh ionadaíochta ar ár scoil ar bhratach Ghaeilge Bhratach! Beimid ag obair ar fheabhsú na Gaeilge agus í a labhairt timpeall na scoile le tionscnaimh agus smaointe nua!

Our school has been working it's way to try and get an Irish speaking flag, and we finally got the chance to earn one! For this school year and

the next, there will be an Irish speaking committee representing our school in the Ghaeilge Bhratach flag! There will be a representative from each class. We will be working on improving Irish and the speaking of it around the school with new initiatives and ideas!

## SPOOKY HALLOWEEN BROWNIES

### Ingredients

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200g butter

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200g dark chocolate, roughly chopped

4 large eggs

350g caster sugar

100g plain flour

50g cocoa powder

100g milk chocolate, chopped

100g white chocolate chopped

12 Oreos

12 sugar-coated chocolates

red and black icing pens

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### Method

Heat the oven to 160C fan and line a 24 x 20cm brownie tin with baking parchment. Melt the butter and dark chocolate in a heatproof bowl set over a small pan of just simmering water.

Stir until completely smooth, then leave to cool for 10 mins.

Beat the eggs and sugar with an electric whisk until thick and pale – the mixture should double in volume and leave a trail when the beaters are lifted. Pour the cooled dark chocolate mixture around the edge of the bowl. Sift over the flour and cocoa, add the milk chocolate, and gently fold everything together with a spatula or large metal spoon. Pour into the prepared tin and bake for 35-40 mins. Meanwhile, make the 'eyeballs'. Melt the white chocolate in a heatproof bowl over the pan of just simmering water.

Stir until smooth. Dip each Oreo into the chocolate to cover one side. Stick a chocolate in the centre of each, then leave to set. When the chocolate is fully dry, pipe a pupil and red veins onto each eyeball using the icing pens. Remove the traybake from the oven, and immediately





push the eyeballs into the surface in even rows – do this gently, so they're just pushed in slightly. Leave to cool completely. Cut into 12 squares.

## **SPOOKY WALK!!!**

The annual METNS Halloween Spooky Walk is again being held in the university ground garden area on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October @ 7.30pm (see email for more details) You can walk with your friends in your spooky costumes and Halloween hair/makeup, have fun and bring along some glowsticks to light up the dark! Everyone will get a Spooky Walk treat bag in school if you're ghoulishly good...



The PTA hold this event and would greatly appreciate donations towards the spookiest walk of the season. Also they would really like if you could donate some

sweets and biscuits or chocolates for the treat bags. **NO NUTS PLEASE!**

## SPOOKY STORY!!!!!!



**Caution: if you do not like spooky stories we recommened you don't read this story. Just in case.**

### ENJOY THE STORY

Once, there was a little girl called Jane. Jane was a happy-go-lucky girl who enjoyed reading and watching horror books and films. One day she was reading a creepy book about a boy who got trapped in his own nightmare. He tried to get out but couldn't, and there was a zombie and a skeleton chasing after him in the dead of night. 'I'm glad that's not me,' thought Jane worridley. The next day, as she was eating her toast and Nutella at breakfast time, Jane noticed some whiskers of hair just below her chin. It was barely noticeable, but Jane was confused all the same. 'It must be some of my hair', she said, trying to brush it off. But it **WOULDN'T COME OFF...** At break at school, during a game of football, Jane's friend Rebekah said her teeth were looking very sharp. She felt a hand to her lips and noticed her teeth **HAD** got alarmingly pointy, and the hairs were still there and spreading. Something was happening, and Jane didn't like the look of it. Jane was tossing and turning in her sleep that night. She woke up very early and went downstairs to watch some TV. Her younger brother

was already downstairs. As she walked into the living room, her brother turned around and SCREAMED. 'A Werewolf!,' he shouted, running away. 'Mam, there's a wolf in the house, quickly get it away! AAAAAAAHHHHHHH!' he screamed. Jane was alarmed at all the commotion. She ran into the bathroom and looked in the mirror. The reflection on the other side was frightening. SHE was the werewolf. Jane started crying. Her mum came rushing in with a stick and when she saw Jane she started comforting her. She said this had happened to her before as well and it could be fixed. They went to the doctor and got some pills, vitamin gummies and medicine to fix Jane's appearance. Soon Jane got better, but just be warned...

## School football

This year Tom, Robert.L, Clare and Hannah have worked together to make boys and girls football teams.



The boys football team had great qualification games! Except for a very unlucky game on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of October losing 9:0 to the other team. That was their last qualification match but everyone is

pretty confident that they made it to the quarter finals.

The girls football team have also had a successful two games with one more to play, unfortunately losing their 3<sup>rd</sup> match 4:2, ending in an exit from the 11 a side league, though they displayed a great performance!

In both games they drew. In the first game they drew 2:2 and in the second game 1:1. Hopefully the girls can pull a win in their next game.

Which means the girls have two points and the boys have six.

Maybe the football teams will be as successful as last year!

**THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO OUR SPOOKY SCARY EDITION OF THE SCHOOL BLOG!**

**OUR NEW EDITION TO THE SCHOOL BLOG WILL BE SOME THEMED JOKES!**

**WATCH OUT FOR OUR NEXT NOVEMBER BLOG, FOR MORE FUN AND GAMES!**

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