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A Halloween to Remember: Spooktacular fun!



Wizards and heroes showed off their style,
Exchanging stationery with a smile,
As laughter echoed down every aisle!

BOO!

On October 30th, our school transformed into a festive hub as students gathered in their classrooms to celebrate Halloween. Dressed in creative, colorful costumes, students embraced the spirit of the occasion while enjoying a refreshing spin on traditional trick-or-treating. In line with our commitment to encourage healthier habits, sweet treats were swapped for fun, functional stationery items that left everyone eager to show off their new gear.



Throughout the day, games and activities brought classmates together, filling the corridors with laughter, teamwork and plenty of friendly fun. Celebrations wrapped up on a cosy note, with classmates settling in for shared movie sessions in their classrooms. It was a wonderful day of creativity, connection and lighthearted fun, and a lovely reminder of the vibrant community spirit that makes our school so special.







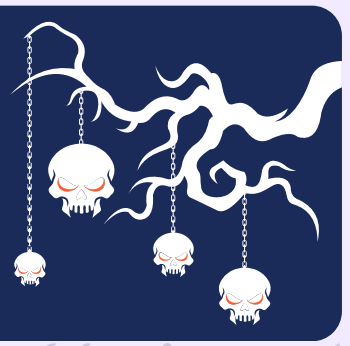


by: Ayman (Y9)





More Than Just Free Candy: The Real Story Behind Halloween



Every October, our neighbourhoods transform. Porches fill with grinning pumpkins, fake cobwebs tangle in the bushes, and shop aisles overflow with fun-size candy. For most of us, Halloween is a night to dress up, hang out with friends and see how much sugar we can collect before midnight.

But if you think Halloween is just a modern invention to sell plastic masks, think again. Its history stretches back some 2,000 years.

It began with the ancient Celts of what is now Ireland and the UK, who marked the end of the harvest and the start of winter with a festival called Samhain on 31 October. They believed that on this night the boundary between the living and the dead grew thin, and ghosts roamed the earth. To protect themselves, people lit huge bonfires and wore animal-skin disguises to confuse the spirits.

Centuries later, as Christianity spread, the church named 1 November All Saints' Day, or All Hallows' Day. The night before became All Hallows' Eve, which eventually shortened to Halloween.

Even our favourite traditions have odd roots. Irish immigrants once carved scary faces into turnips and beets to ward off evil spirits, but in America they found pumpkins were bigger and much easier to carve. Trick-or-treating has a rowdier past. In the early 20th century, teenage vandalism plagued Halloween, and by the 1930s towns wanted it stopped. They revived an old European custom of going door to door singing for food and turned it into a community bargain: give the kids candy, or risk a prank.

Today, Halloween is less about fearing the supernatural and more about creativity, self-expression and community. Whether you're sewing a costume, watching horror films or walking the neighbourhood with friends, you're keeping a 2,000-year-old custom alive. Happy, safe Halloween!

by: Qi Bin (Y11)

BOO! The Little Ghost of Halloween

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万圣节的小幽灵



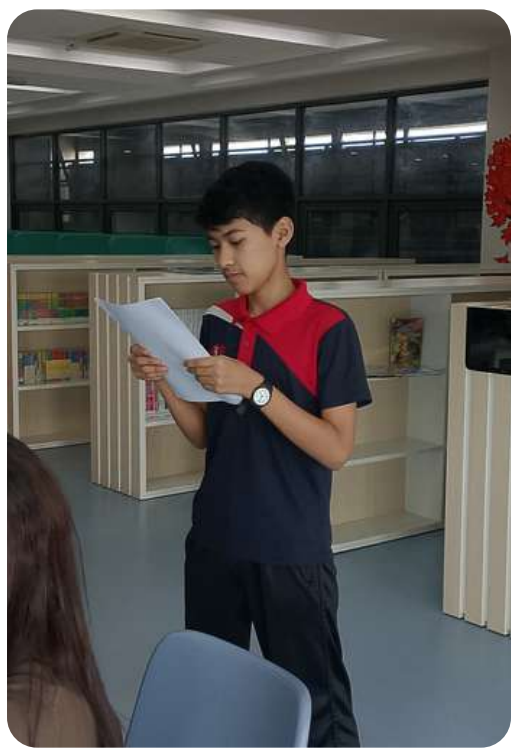
万圣夜的冷风卷着枯黄枫叶扫过小街。十岁男孩里奥披着妈妈用旧床单缝制的白斗篷，提着一盏微光南瓜灯，挨家挨户讨糖果。转角老橡树后，他撞见一个身形漂浮的小身影，对方不仅没有双脚，眼眶里还跳动着真正的幽蓝火苗。里奥虽然心跳加速，却没有逃跑，反而从兜里摸出一块香甜的太妃糖轻轻递了过去。小幽灵愣了愣，欣喜地接过糖果，化作一团暖光钻进南瓜灯里。那一晚，男孩的南瓜灯比街上所有灯火都要温暖明亮。

by: F.Zixuan (Y10)

Auditions: Our Stars Step Into the Spotlight!









Auditions for our upcoming school production took place on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th November. After school, students performed before a panel of teacher judges and school administrators,, who watched with great interest and offered plenty of encouragement.

Enthusiasm was high throughout. Students were excited about the roles they had signed up for, and each one gave their best, bringing energy, confidence and a good deal of heart to their performances. It was wonderful to see so many of them stepping out of their comfort zones and seizing the chance to shine.

The judges now face the tough task of selecting the final cast. To all who auditioned, we wish you the very best of luck!

by: Shah (Y10)

Assembly Highlights: Awards and Coffee Morning



"Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching."





Monday 26 October began with a school assembly that put values and achievement in the spotlight. Our Year 1 students opened with a thoughtful presentation on integrity, where they sang a song that reminded all of us of how important integrity is in our lives.

Next, there was the presentation of awards to students who took part in the International School Sports Association of Perak (ISSAOP) competition. Our secondary students competed in football and our primary students in futsal. Congratulations to all our participants!





The morning continued with a Coffee Morning for parents in Legacy Hall, titled “Raising Children of Character: A Parent Workshop on Building Values at Home.” Led by our Deputy Principal, Mr Tristan Brendon Tann, the workshop introduced the school’s new character education initiative and shared practical ways for families to nurture these values at home too.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us. When home and school work together, our students are well placed to grow into young people of character.









Kindness Takes Centre Stage and there is more...



Our assembly on Monday 2 November introduced a new Character of the Month: kindness. Ms Fazila led the session, encouraging students to be kind not only to one another, but also to animals and to the environment we all share. Whether it's a friendly word, a helping hand or a small effort to look after our planet, every act of kindness counts.





Imperial International School congratulates two of its Squash Warriors. Ghaneesha won First Place in the Boys Under 18 category at the national-level Kinta Junior Squash Open 2026, while Loganetraan was crowned Champion in the Boys Under 15 category at the Perak State Closed Squash Championship 2026. Well done to both on their dedication and sportsmanship!



The assembly also gave us a reason to celebrate, as we marked the birthdays of our October babies. The whole school joined in to wish them a very happy birthday.

Happy birthday to all our October stars, and here's to a month full of kindness ahead!

Character of the Month: November

Kindness

Is the world unkind?



That's why every kindness matters



Kindness is the genuine desire to uplift, support, and care for those around you through thoughtful words and actions.



It isn't an innate talent or something you only show when conditions are perfect—it's an everyday habit. You practice kindness whenever you choose patience over frustration, or when you decide to help someone even if you won't get any recognition for it. That quiet consideration is where real character shows.

When you act with kindness, you make a conscious decision to make someone's burden a little lighter. Whether it's a simple smile, listening without interrupting, or offering a hand when someone is struggling, every gesture carries real weight.

In a school, kindness takes shape in the small, everyday moments: holding the door for someone behind you, standing up for a classmate who's being left out, or offering encouragement before a big test. Small actions like these build a community where everyone feels safe and supported.

Fun fact: Kindness triggers a biological reaction called the "Helper's High"—your brain releases feel-good chemicals like dopamine and oxytocin, meaning helping someone else literally boosts your own happiness and lowers your stress levels!

by: Dahlia (Y8)