Scary Facts about Halloween

Did you know that 'Halloween' as we know it originates from the ancient Celtic 'Samhain' festival? In Celtic Ireland about 2,000 years ago, Samhain was the division of the year between the lighter half (summer) and the darker half (winter). At Samhain the division between this world and the otherworld was at its thinnest, allowing spirits to pass through. It was believed that various supernatural beings and the dead could visit the living, and the living could visit the otherworld.

An raibh a fhios agat go bhfuil fréamhacha na féile 'Halloween' le fáil sa tseanfhéile Cheilteach 'Samhain'? 2000 bliain ó shin in Éirinn, is amhlaidh gurbh í Samhain an deighilt idir an dá chuid den bhliain – an chuid gheal (an samhradh) agus an chuid dhorcha (an geimhreadh). Le linn na Samhna bhí an deighilt seo idir an domhan seo agus an domhan eile an-tanaí agus bhí cead siúil ag spioraid idir an dá dhomhan. Creideadh go bhféadfadh neacha neamhshaolta agus osnádúrtha cuairt a thabhairt ar an mbeo, agus go bhféadfadh an beo cuairt a thabhairt ar an domhan eile.

AVOID BUILDING OR ATTENDING BONFIRES

- Bonfires are bad for our environment — burnt earth on our open spaces takes approximately 18 months to recover.
- Do not leave material in places where it may be accessible and targeted for a bonfire.
- Do not give waste to unpermitted collectors.
- Do not buy, use or supply fireworks.
- Keep pets indoors around Halloween night — they are sensitive to noise.
- Every year Dublin Fire, Ambulance and Rescue Service answer hundreds of calls over the Halloween period.
- Respect the Emergency Services, Council Staff and An Garda Síochána who are already busy fighting fires and saving lives. Bonfires are an unnecessary and avoidable extra burden on them.
- Remember, Halloween can be a dangerous night. Children should be reminded of road safety and take extra care crossing roads, especially in poorly lit areas and in bad weather conditions. Young children should be accompanied by an adult and high visibility armbands / vests should be worn.

Bulbs not Bonfires
is a reward provided through South Dublin County Council's Social Credit Scheme. This initiative provides communities with flowers in the Spring instead of scarred open space throughout the year. Last year in the region of €1,400 was spent by the Council on purchasing bulbs for the scheme and similar will be spent again this year. For more information please contact the office at envawareness@sdublincoco.ie

A Free Pass to Ballymount Civic Amenity Centre
will be provided to every Social Credit applicant / group between 16th October 2018 and 13th November 2018 for a pro-environmental initiative arranged during this time. One pass allows one entry for one car.

In 2017 the Council spent approximately €130,000 on clean-up operations associated with the 388 bonfires which took place. Just think what this kind of money could provide for YOUR community.

€68,000 = A NEW PLAY SPACE!

Electrical Recycling Collections for Halloween 2018

Recycle IT, in association with South Dublin Country Council and in partnership with WEEE Ireland, will host a series of free door to door electrical recycling collection days in residential areas across the County prior to Halloween 2018. These collection days are now an annual event and help ensure hazardous electrical equipment and batteries don't find their way onto seasonal Bonfires.

The Recycle IT teams will be in South Dublin County in the weeks leading up to Halloween to help residents recycle all types of electrical, electronic and battery-operated equipment including old heaters, electronic toys, TVs, washing machines, cookers, kettles, phones and computers, really anything with a plug or battery (including batteries).

Recycle IT is very happy to work with community groups and resident's associations to arrange free electrical recycling collections in October and throughout the year. You can call 01 4578321 or email info@recycleit.ie to learn more and take the first steps to arranging a FREE collection event for your estate or neighbourhood.

Recycle IT is a Not for Profit, Social Enterprise based in Clondalkin.

Visit **www.recycleit.ie** to learn more.

Recycle IT
Community Electrical Recycling

Spooky Halloween Stuff for kids to do!

Community Services will be actively assisting a number of small local community based Halloween celebrations, organised by Community Centres / Groups across the County. A full list of these events can be obtained by contacting the Community Development Team and will be advertised on the Council's website and social media in the coming weeks. Visit www.sdcc.ie

HALLOWEEN@SOUTH DUBLIN LIBRARIES

CLONDALKIN LIBRARY
01 4593315

Spooky Dress up storytime and craft
Tuesday 30th October, 3.30pm
For ages 3 – 6 years, no booking required

Harry Potter Sorting Ceremony
Come along and get sorted into your house and participate in the Harry Potter Quiz in your house teams. Suitable for ages 8 years upwards.
Tuesday 30th October, 6.30pm
Booking essential through www. clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com

Halloween Arts and Crafts
Wednesday 31st October, 3.00pm
For ages 8 upwards, booking required

PALMERSTOWN LIBRARY DIGITAL HUB
01 4678909

Halloween Bedtime Story Time
Children attend ready for bed in PJs with cuddly toy, for some gentle spooky stories!
Tuesday 30th October, 7.00pm
Suitable for ages 3 – 5 years, booking required

Halloween LED Card making workshop
Make your own Halloween card with battery-powered lights for extra scariness!
Wednesday 31st October, 2.30 – 4.00pm
Suitable for ages 9 – 12 years, booking essential

BALLYROAN LIBRARY
01 4941900

Build a Haunted House with Lego
Build the scariest haunted house you can imagine using Lego! Lego provided. No booking required, just drop in throughout the morning. Creations will be on display in the library afterwards.
Tuesday 30th October, 10.00am – 1.00pm
Suitable for ages 5 years upwards

Make your own Scary Comic
Wednesday 31st October, 11.30am - 12.20pm
Suitable for ages 7 years upwards. Booking essential on www.ballyroanlibrary. eventbrite.ie from 15th October

Spooky Storytime
Come along in your Halloween costume for spooky stories with Helen.
Wednesday 31st October, 2.00pm
Suitable for ages 3 – 6 years, no booking required

Spooky Storytime, Games and Halloween Disco
Halloween fun and games!
Suitable for 5 to 8 year olds. Halloween costumes encouraged! Booking essential at www.ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.ie from 15th October. 31st October 2.30pm – 4.30pm.

Halloween STEM workshop – make spooky potions and slime!
Thursday 1st November, 11.30am
Suitable for ages 7 – 11 years. Booking essential on www.ballyroanlibrary. eventbrite.ie from 15th October

Halloween Crafts
Thursday 1st November, 3.00pm
Suitable for ages 5 – 8 years. Booking essential on www.ballyroanlibrary. eventbrite.ie from 15th October

COUNTY LIBRARY, TALLAGHT
01 4620073

Movie: Paranorman
Tuesday 30th October, 12.30pm
Children must be accompanied by an adult, all welcome

Halloween Lego Workshop
Make a scary Halloween Story out of Lego and turn it into your own comic.
Tuesday 30th October, 3.00 – 4.30pm
Suitable for ages 8-12 years. Booking essential on www.talib.eventbrite.com from 19th October

Movie: Hocus Pocus
Wednesday 31st October, 1.00pm
Children must be accompanied by an adult, all welcome

Halloween at Hogwarts
Make a scary Halloween Story out of Lego and turn it into your own comic.
Wednesday 31st October, 6.00 – 8.00pm
Suitable for ages 7 – 12 years. Booking essential on www.talib.eventbrite.com from 19th October

Movie: Casper
Thursday 1st November, 1.00pm
Children must be accompanied by an adult, all welcome

LUCAN LIBRARY
01 6216422

Halloween Story Time, Colouring Competition and Pumpkin Carving Competition
Scary stories and scarier pictures! Bring your carved pumpkin to the library. Great prizes to be won!
Wednesday 31st October, 3.00 – 4.00pm
Family event

Break the Code in the Halloween Break: Camp Spark AND Camp Ignite
This four day camp is designed to give children and teens an introduction to and an understanding of the world of code and computational thinking. The camp members will attend for four consecutive days. The camps will be facilitated by the Academy of Code.
Tuesday 30th October to Friday 2nd November, 10am-1pm (Friday 10am-12pm) Camp Spark (suitable for ages 8 – 12 years) 2-5pm (Friday 2 – 4pm) Camp Ignite (suitable for ages 13 – 16 years)
Email: lucan@sdublincoco.ie
Booking essential. Booking from Monday 22nd October, 1.30pm via www.lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.com

STAY SAFE AND ENJOY HALLOWEEN

www.sdcco.com

FIX YOUR STREET