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HALLOWEEN

Halloween is approaching and with that, our school is gonna be doing some Halloween events! Our headstrong committee is working on some potential Halloween events such as a costume contest and Halloween quiz, we're so excited to see all of your amazing costumes!

Costume ideas:

Character from a piece of media you like

Something ironic and funny

Traditional Halloween costume like skeleton or zombie

Original character you've created

Some ideas you can do for Halloween:

Trick-or-treating!

Watch a scary movie with your friends

Do a murder mystery or escape room

Play scary games

Make some Halloween art!

Read a scary story

Make a scary story with your friends, but add a funny twist

Listen to music/have it on the background to make an atmosphere

The 9 million euro question

by Madoc Barnes

From a government that brought you the most expensive bike shed in the world and the world's most expensive children's hospital in the world at 2.24 billion euros, has now brought you a comparatively small expense of 9 million euros on phone pouches for schools.

The recent government budget has a total 96.6 billion so 9 million may not sound like a lot. It is what it represents that is the problem. A government so disconnected from ordinary people, the people that they are supposed to represent and to serve they have failed them. Every euro the government spends should be looked at and assessed whether there are better ways to spend it.

The phone pouches themselves are also a problem. Schools taking peoples' personal property, even just for a school day, in my eyes is a violation of their trust.

There's also the simple fact that it is not an effective way to get young people off their phones. If you see a child on their phone in school, you should be able take the phone for the class and write a note home. However, preemptively taking a child's phone is disrespectful and counterproductive as a student could just give a second phone into the pouch and still bring their phone into the classroom.

If you don't agree with what I've said, just imagine this: money doesn't come from nothing. You could just leave your phone at home, or your parents could take your phone before school. There is no need to waste more money. It doesn't solve anything.

There are simpler solutions to a problem that has been overblown by a government that has time and time again failed the Irish people on the simple principle of looking after their money and spending it sensibly.



Halloween Traditions Around the World



October 31st or halloween is celebrated by thousands of people all around the world. Even though thousands of people celebrate halloween it's not always known as halloween some examples of this are,

- Mexico: Día de los Muertos.
- Ireland and Scotland: Samhain.
- Japan: ハロウィン
- Italy: Ognissanti.
- Guatemala: Festival de Barriletes Gigantes.
- Phillipines: Pangangaluwa.
- Costa Rica: Día Nacional de la Mascarada Costarricense

Many different countries have many different halloween traditions,an example is in Mexico El Día de los Muertos falls between October 31 through November 2, when families can briefly be reunited with the souls of their deceased relatives. It is believed that on the Day of the Dead, the border between spirits and the living,they leave food and gifts on there families graves to honour those who have passed on.

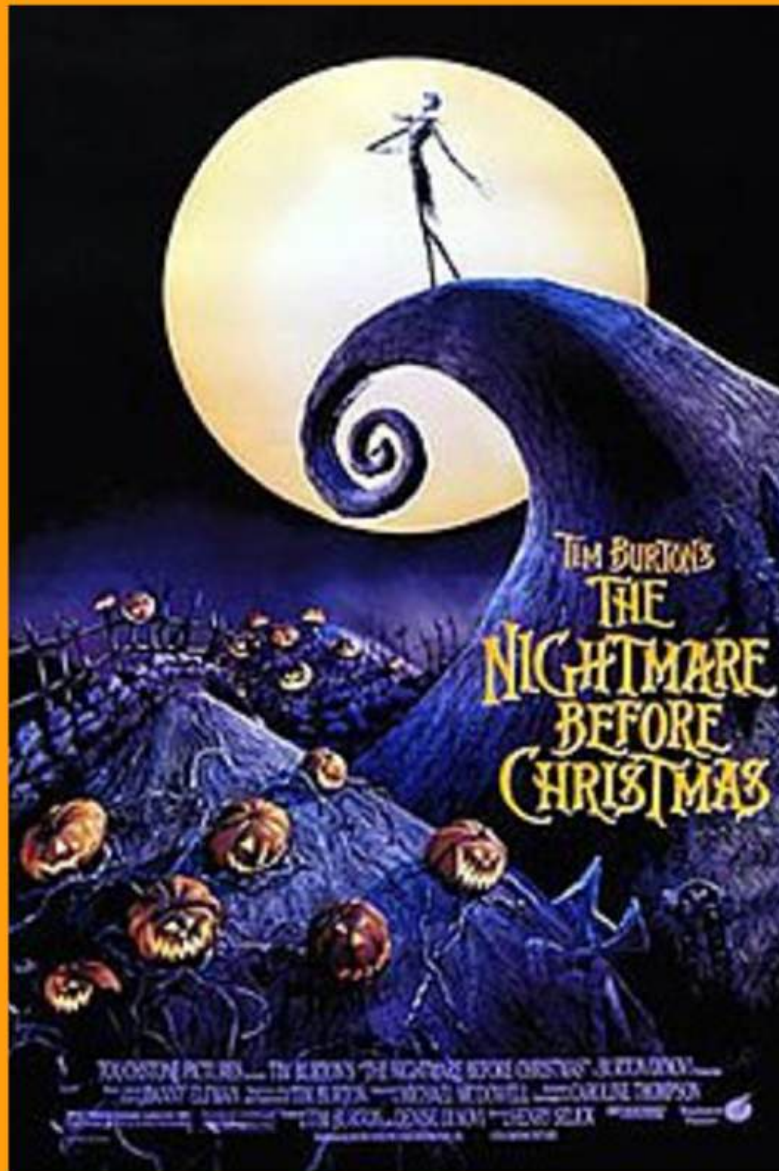
In Italy halloween or ognissanti celebrated on November 1, Ognissanti is how Italy celebrates All Saints Day. Dating back to the 4th century AD, Ognissanti is a day for Italians to honor the martyrs and saints of the Catholic Church. The following day, November 2, is known as Giorno dei Morti, or Day of the Dead. Although this is primarily a time to be with family and attend mass.

In Costa Rica every October 31, Dia de la Mascarada is celebrated throughout Costa Rica. Participants wear large, colorful handmade masks and dance through the streets to folk music - a 200-year-old tradition traced back to pre-Colombian customs and carnival.

In the Phillipines they celebrate pangangaluwa,on this day they express their love and gratitude for their deceased loved ones by offering flowers, candles, prayers, and different sorts of food. Even if Halloween is not an official holiday in the Phillipines, it has become a popular event thanks to parents and children who dress up in elaborate costumes for trick-or-treating.

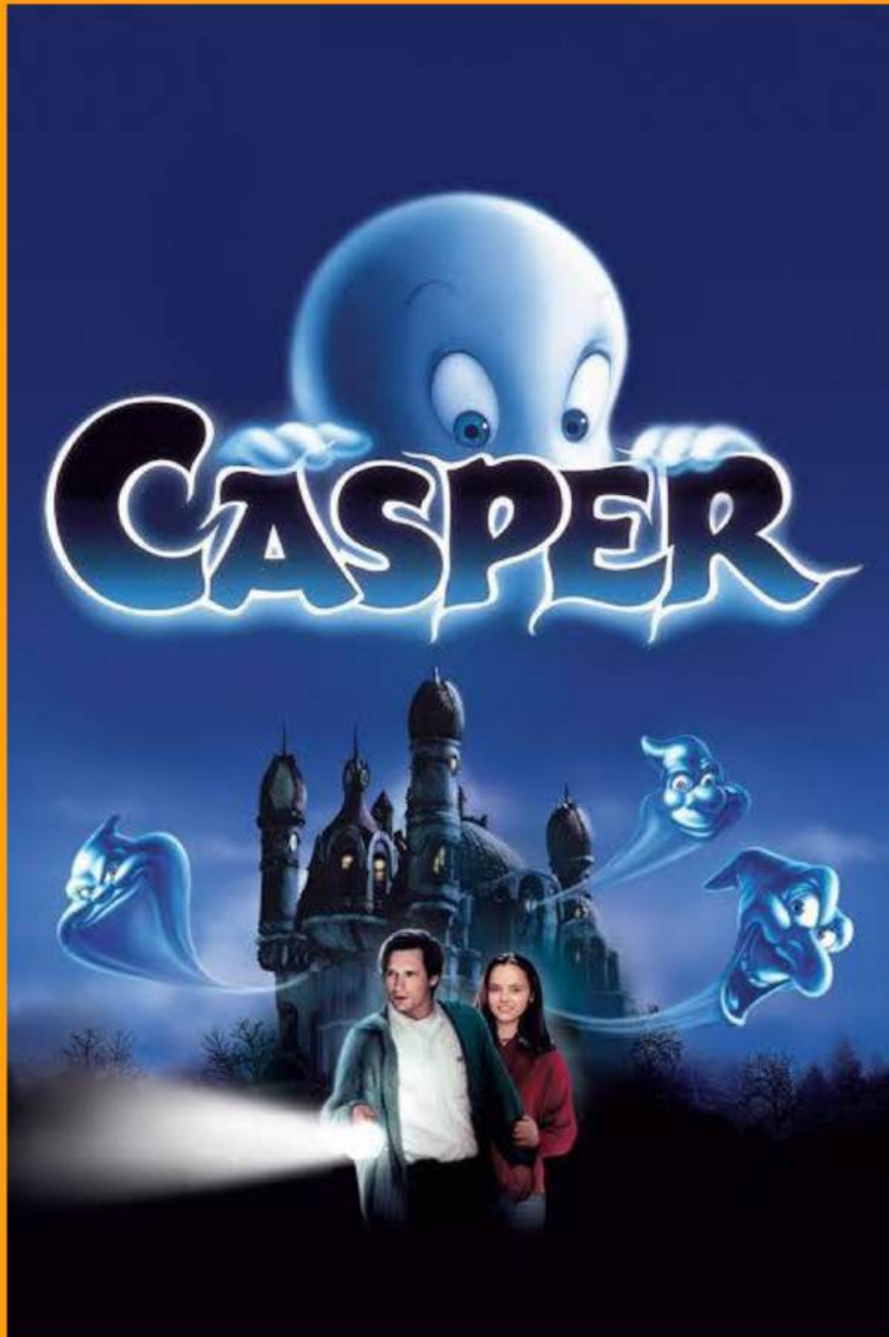


Eoin's Halloween Film Recs



The Nightmare Before Christmas tells the tale of Jack Skellington, the leader of Halloween Town, who, one day, stumbles into Christmas Town and schemes to take the town over.





Carrigan Crittenden hires a paranormal expert Dr Jamer Harvey to exorcise the ghosts from her mansion. The situation changes when Harvey's daughter befriends Casper, a friendly ghost.





The spirits of a married couple Adam and Barbara continue to live in their house. When Barbara's sister sells their home to new owners, they try to make them leave.





3 young teens stumble upon a house owned by an old man which turns out to be haunted. They try to warn everybody but no one believes them and they must other kids from entering into the dangerous house.





This story follows Laurie Strode on Halloween night as she is pursued by iconic serial killer Michael Myers.



Elections of '24

So, unless you live under a meteor, you would know that this year is 2024. This is also a year for the US to have their presidential election, this'll be the third election to end in the number 24 so I thought I'd go over them to see what people thought 100-200 years ago

2024

Beginning with now. The current two candidates are the Republican businessman and former president Donald J. Trump, back for his 3rd presidential bid at age 78 after winning in 2016 but losing in 2020. Trump is a charismatic speaker with a set plan for the country, his running mate is the 40 year old Ohio senator JD Vance. The democrats have nominated Vice President Kamala Harris, a progressive democrat and no nonsense girl. She is also a charismatic speaker with a snarky side and a way with young audiences, her running mate is the 60 year old Minnesota governor Tim Walz. Some issues this election are the genocide in the Gaza Strip, president Biden's age, inflation and project 2025 and what falls under it. Project 2025 is a manifesto made by the Republican Party and will be signed into law which will ban things like abortion, hormone replacement therapy, gay marriage and kids transitioning amongst other things. As of now the election is extremely contentious in the electoral college, last I checked, it was tied. The popular vote however seems to be in favour of Vice President Harris. The main third party threat was Robert F. Kennedy Jr, however he has dropped out and endorsed former president Trump. I wish good luck to both candidates and I shall go back 100 years!

Election of 1924

Welcome to 1924! The economy is booming and the 20's are roaring! President Harding passed away in 1923 however his corruption was exposed after his death and all the love for the former womaniser has gone to now-president Calvin Coolidge! It'll be tough for anyone to beat him, but it's worth a shot. The democrats were in a contentious battle between nominating William Gibbs McAdoo, the son-in-law of former President Woodrow Wilson but also the former secretary of the treasury and New York governor Al Smith, the man with the boring name but a fun mind. Prohibition was the big issue with McAdoo being for it and Smith against, McAdoo was also for the Ku Klux Klan. So, with this insane divide, did the democrats go for the racist or the wet? Neither, they found former UK ambassador and West Virginia senator John Davis, rocking an even more bland name than Smith. Davis was a compromise nominee and as boring as they come, and worst of all, he was just a democrat mirror of president Coolidge. However, understandably, some people were upset with the candidates being too similar and wanted a 3rd option, for them, Wisconsin had an answer: Senator Robert "ighting Bob" La Follette of the progressive party. La Follette campaigned for things like draining the swamp (getting rid of special interest in Washington) and a passive income tax amongst other things. And I have just received the results! Buckle up, this is on the radio because you are about to see who wins...

Calvin Coolidge

John Davis

Robert La Follette

With 54% of the popular vote and 382 electoral votes, president Coolidge wins re-election in a landslide! Senator Davis got 130 electoral votes and only 29.9% of the popular vote, a record low! Senator La Follette only won in his home state of Wisconsin, gaining 13 electoral votes and 16.6% of the popular vote! Now dear listeners, I must depart back another 100 years, thank you for listening!

Finally, welcome to 1824, a good time to be alive, the era of good feelings, and President Monroe is stepping down like his predecessors! We have 4 very strong candidates! We have war hero, senator, governor and representative, the man with too many titles, Andrew Jackson! Now we have our Secretary of State and the son of the 2nd president, John Quincy Adams! Now, for the speaker of the house from Kentucky, Henry Clay! And last, but not least, secretary of the treasury, William Crawford! 4 experienced candidates who all want the job! There appear to be no real issues this time around so let's just hop right into the results! Horses get ready to depart to spread the word because the winner is... oh! There is no clear winner! Andrew Jackson has the most votes in the popular vote and electoral college but he doesn't have a majority! Jackson has 99 electoral votes! Adams has 84! Crawford has 41! And Clay has 37! This is going to the house folks, but this time, NO HENRY CLAY! I'll be back once the vote has gone through!

Okay, the house vote has happened! John Quincy Adams has won! Andrew Jackson has been left enraged, he is accusing elect Adams and speaker Clay of striking a deal! We shall see the story develop over Adams

Should BJJ become an Olympic Sport?



Since 2014, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu has been in contention for becoming an Olympic sport but has failed to appeal to the Olympic Committee and get certified. These appeals have been made by UAEJJ which is not the biggest organisation for BJJ. It doesn't have the most popular rule set or the most viewership. These appeals have brought into question whether BJJ should even try to become an Olympic sport, if it would be good or bad for the sport and it's athletes and whether it's even possible?

Let's take an example from a grappling combat sport that has an Olympic cycle where training and competition is based around the Olympics, Judo. The IJF are the organisation that run judo competition and are of the highest prestige. Judo doesn't have any other organisations that challenge it or that offers a different rule set at that level so athletes need to work within the IJF and the Olympic cycle to get acclaim in the Judo world.

While in BJJ there are many organisations that present differing levels of prestige and prize money and offer so many rule sets which offer differing levels of action, competition and "watchability" so pinning down one and saying "this is THE organisation to compete in/watch" is nearly impossible. The IBJJF is arguably the highest prestige organisation, but it's matches are often decided on points and risk management, rather than exciting submissions and crazy stand up segments so it's watchability is severely lower than other organisations. To add insult to injury, the IBJJF have also publicly stated that they will not appeal to the IOC for Olympic certification so seemingly that avenue for BJJ going to the Olympics has been closed off.

There's a few more organisations that would bump up the watchability factor, but due to being smaller or being a private company/organisation with professional pay for winning athletes and not having GI divisions like the ADCC, CJI etc. they would not fit the IOC standards.

This brings me to whether the Olympics would be good for BJJ or would damage the sport by centring it around the Olympic cycle and how it would potentially harm its athletes. A lot of money has been put into BJJ and high paying organisations like the CJI and ONE FC who put on BJJ super fights that always deliver in entertainment. The athletes who compete under these organisations would get hit in their wallets by this shift in the sport's focus. Many countries do not pay near the amount that these organisations pay for winning smaller competitions than the Olympics and this shift would put more BJJ athletes on the poverty line than there are now. So why would big names like Gordon Ryan or Craig Jones (the guy who runs CJI which has a \$1 million payout to the winner of the competition) go into Olympic cycles training for a rule set that they have never competed in for less money than they would have if they competed in the ADCC finals or CJI finals.

The Olympic cycle is a gruelling process that reaps less rewards than other competitions that happen more often that will offer higher levels of competition if it were introduced to BJJ. And even right now it doesn't look like it will get to Olympic certification due to inability to nail down a rule set or an organisation willing to provide one that fits IOC standards.

In conclusion, BJJ in its current state is unable to attain Olympic Certification and its athletes and organisations would lose from such a situation, so I feel that it does not need to be an Olympic sport and if it does anytime soon it would possibly push BJJ into a bigger audience. However, at the same time it would isolate and divide enjoyers of it more than they are now.

By Scott McCann

In Photos: First Half-Term at DCC







Senior Trip to Strasbourg





Interview with our First Years

What do you like most about our school?

Brooklyn said the thing she likes most about our school is his inclusive it is. Callum likes woodwork the most. Katelynn likes all the teachers and doing her favourite subject, art. Savannah said she really likes maths.

Is there anything you found difficult?

Brooklyn says that there really isn't much that she finds difficult. Callum finds that history can often be a difficult subject. Katelynn says that she finds maths a bit difficult because it's slightly different then the things she learned in primary school. Savannah finds that the school day is a bit longer than primary school so she's tired after school sometimes.

How have you found the first month of first year?

Brooklyn finds that her first month of secondary school has been good, but Callum states that he finds it nearly the same as 6th class, just a tiny bit harder. Katelynn finds that the first month of first year has been great because her and her friends all stayed together and Savannah likes it because it has been good so far.

Is there anything that you found surprising?

Brooklyn found that she was kind of surprised with the teachers and how they acted, they were nicer then she expected. Callum is surprised about the amount of people that came to this school in first her alone compared to his primary school. Katelynn doesn't really think she was surprised by anything. Savannah is surprised on how they switch around after every 40 minutes, but overall it's fine.

We wish our First Years well as they continue to settle into life in DCC!

Interview by Kellieann King and Luke Best



Our Student Council



1st Year:

Fionn McDonald, Wendy Ujoodha

2nd Year:

Francesca Penev, Jamie Wiggins

3rd Year:

Jamie Schaefer, Grace Collins

Transition Year:

Ava Gaffney, Stanley Nwodo

5th Year:

Adam Foley, Andrei Turdeanu

6th Year:

**Rory O'Mahony, Eamonn Madden,
Grace Barker, Sophie Byrne, Jessica Hannigan**

Interview with our Student Council



The new student council elections took place in September 2024. We interviewed several current council members to learn about their future plans, whether they would go back in time to rejoin the council, and what they enjoy about being part of it.

Ava Gaffney, a current 4th-year student council member, expressed that she would gladly rejoin because she finds it genuinely fun and appreciates the opportunity to connect with people she might not have met otherwise.

Stanley Nwodo, another 4th-year member, mentioned that he would likely rejoin as well, primarily because it enhances his CV. He added that being on the student council helps build his confidence and improve his speaking skills. He enjoys gathering insights from his peers and addressing the challenges students face with the teachers.

Sophie Byrne, one of the 6th-year council members, says that she enjoys being part of the student council because it allows her to engage with teachers about student concerns and propose ideas to make the school a better and safer place for everyone.

Rory O'Mahony, a 6th-year council member, noted that he cannot disclose his plans for his year group just yet, but there are exciting initiatives in the works for the 6th years. He emphasized his desire to make a difference in the school and the importance of representing the student body.

Overall, the insights from these student council members highlight their passion and commitment to improving the school environment. Each member brings unique perspectives and ideas. As they work towards their goals, it's clear that they are dedicated to making a lasting impact on their peers and the school as a whole.

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