



Fyling Hall Matters

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Halloween Around the World

As one of the oldest festivals in the world, there are many countries celebrating Halloween and children play an important role. Children can get sweets by 'trick or treating' while a large amount of sweets or Halloween related products can be sold. However, Halloween is slightly different from country to country.

Ireland is believed to be the birthplace of Halloween, the tradition is still celebrated as much as it is in the United States. The children in costumes visit the neighbourhood, most people attend parties with neighbours and friends. At these parties, many games are played, including "snap-apple," in which an apple on a string is tied to a doorframe or tree, and players attempt to take a bite out of the suspended apple. In addition to bobbing for apples, parents often arrange treasure hunts with sweets or pastries as the "treasure." Children are also known to play tricks upon their neighbours' on Halloween night. One of which is known as "knock-a-dolly," where children knock on the

doors of their neighbours' but then run away before the door is opened.

In England, children dress up in ghoulish outfits like ghosts and carry pumpkins which they carve with a design of their choice. Then they knock on doors and ask for "trick or treat". In the past in some rural areas, turnip lanterns were placed on gateposts to protect homes from the spirits who roamed on Halloween night. Another custom was to toss objects such as stones, vegetables and nuts into a bonfire to frighten away the spirits.

In Canada, Jack O'Lanterns are carved and the festivities include parties, trick-or-treating and the decorating of homes with pumpkins and corn stalks. In Germany, the people put away their knives on Halloween night. The reason for this is because they do not want to risk harm befalling the returning spirits.

Irene Yu

Sixth Form Meal

I'm not a particularly social person. Truth be told I much prefer the idea of locking myself in my room and playing video games to going out with people my own age. However being a boarding school student means even when I do those things they must be done with people my own age. Regardless, I was looking forward to the 6th Form Meal. I enjoyed actually putting some measure of effort into my outfit for once, I enjoyed eating good food; then again I always love eating food, food is wonderful. It was a night well spent.

Getting to the venue and seeing how good everyone looked, one thing I will never take away from my

generation is their abundant sense of style. The food was great. Actually speaking to my classmates was surprisingly enjoyable. I've been getting the picture lately that perhaps being sociable isn't quite so difficult as I imagined.

Fyling Hall is a unique place filled with unique people who are genuinely nice. While I cannot tell a lie and say I have now been converted to the practice of partying every weekend, I can say that I'm not nearly as much of a recluse as I was at the start of term.

Damilare Williams

Words of the Week

This week	Next week
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Tricky:	frightened	attacker
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Trickier:	appalled	plunderer
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Trickiest:	petrified	marauder
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On this day in ...

Throughout the 20th century, many scientists have tried to study DNA. In the early 1950s three scientists: Francis Crick, James Watson, and Maurice Wilkins, studied DNA using x-rays.

One of the scientists produced an x-ray photograph that allowed Watson and Crick to work out the 3D structure of DNA. The structure of DNA was found to be a double helix. In 1962 Crick and Watson, along with Wilkins, received the Nobel Prize on Physiology for their discovery.

Silas Venus-Haslett

Open Morning

Last Saturday, the 15th of October 2016, all pupils had to be in pretty early, before 10, which was probably why everyone was half asleep. I am joking, it was open morning and many pupils came in and tried to present the school as well as possible. The weather made it a bit difficult as it was raining the first hour, but towards the end of the event, the clouds went away and the sun started to shine, making the school look more beautiful. There were quite a few people attending which clearly shows, that the school has raised awareness among the people.

But there were not only future pupils. I had the honour of showing around a pupil who was here more than 50 years ago. She attended school from 1949 to 1953 and was very surprised how the school has changed over such a long period of time. She told me that the school basically consisted of the main house and the stackyard. There was no Ramsdale, Mulgrave, Junior

School or Maths and English huts, not even Wi-Fi! At that time, pupils actually had a tendency to go outside, a concept unimaginable today! They walked until Ravenscar and slid down the hill towards the sports field. They used the Terrace to relax, not their bed and because of the war, they even had to leave school as it was too dangerous to live at the coast.

Today, it's obviously not as bad as I have previously stated and we can feel very lucky about the situation we live in nowadays. But we should not forget about the people who cannot afford to get a proper education and we should carry this thought into our everyday lives and if anyone ever complains about open morning we should remind them about how lucky we are to be able to present such a wonderful school.

Konrad Luedecke

War Song

Form 2 were learning about the Second World War. They learned a few songs here is one that my great granddad sang in the First and Second World War...

*Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag,
And smile, smile, smile!*

*While you've a Lucifer to light your fag,
Smile boys that's the style!*

*What's the use of worrying,
It never was worthwhile so...*

*Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag,
And smile, smile, smile, smile!*

Mabel Instone

Fungi

You can find fungi everywhere and some can be very dangerous. There are more than 3,000 different kinds of fungi in the U.K but only 50 species are good to eat. Fungi feed on decaying material such as leaves or dead or dying wood, making them 'nature's recyclers.'

Fungi reproduce by means of spores, which they release into the air in vast numbers. Trees and fungi have a complicated symbiotic relationship, supplying each other with essential nutrients and minerals; a relationship which has lasted more than 130,000,000 years. As well as eating mushrooms, we use fungi for all sorts of things (such as penicillin and yeast). Some fungi even live on us; athletes foot is a fungus.

Toby Richardson

Inspirational Quote:

"Teachers open the door to success, but you must enter by yourself."

The Week Ahead

Fri 21 st	1:00pm	Half Term begins
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Parent's afternoon
Sun 30 th		British Summertime ends
	2:00pm	Boarders return
Mon 31 st	8:30am	Term begins
Tues 1 st	2:30pm	U13 Rugby v Scarborough College (Away)
	4:00pm	Years 9 & 10 Rugby festival @ Malton RUFC
	4:00pm	District Netball trials
Wed 2 nd	4:00pm	5 a side football @ Malton
Thur 3 rd	2:30pm	U15 Rugby v Scarborough College (Away)
Sat 5 th	2:15pm	1 st XI, U15 Hockey v Ampleforth (Home)
Sun 6 th	1:30pm	Trip to Clip n Climb

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