



HALLOWEEN IN IRELAND



The tradition of carving faces into potatoes and turnips has been long established in Ireland and originated from the story of JACK O LANTERNS. The tradition was to light a candle inside a carved out turnip or potato to ward off evil spirits. The tradition travelled to America by Irish immigrants who used Pumpkins.

As pumpkins are now readily available the tradition continues but with pumpkins which are much easier to carve than potatoes.





At Halloween we remember the HOLY SOULS and it was an old tradition to dress up as a ghost or a ghoul and tell really frightening ghost stories. The tradition has changed to now just dress up in fancy dress.









APPLES

Apples play a huge part in the games and foods associated with Halloween, the apples are in plenty at this time of year and Co Armagh, where St Teresa's PS is situated is rich in apples and as a result is known locally as "THE ORCHARD COUNTY".

Apple tarts were common food on Halloween night. Many years ago apple tarts were baked with money hidden inside. It was a delight to find some coins in your piece of pie. Just Be Careful not to choke!!!!



Dunking for apples

Games played at home during Halloween included trying to take a bite out of apples floating in a large tub of water.

