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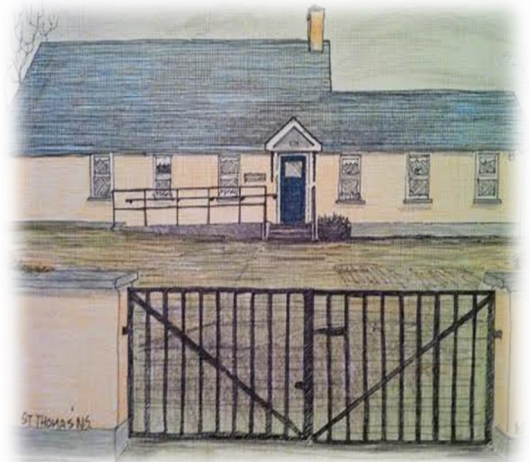
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October 2020 Edition

The Newsletter

A lot has happened in St. Thomas' National School. In this edition we will give you a brief snapshot of what happened since March 2020. Hope you enjoy.



Happy Halloween! *



6th Class 2020

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Back to school- by Skye and Eve 6th Class

This year is different because COVID-19 came. We all had to social distance and change the way we socialized. These are the things we have to do this year to keep us from getting COVID-19.

- Wash our hands for at least twenty seconds
- Use hand sanitizer
- Keep our distance of 2 meters (6 feet) apart
- Keep in our own pod. (A pod is a small group)
- We have our breaks at different times
- The Junior Room and the Senior Room are both bubbles. The bubbles do not mix.
- Each bubble has their own entrance.
- We have yellow markings that we line up at after breaktime.
- In the Senior Room each pod is 1m apart we can mix within our bubble outside but we can't be on top of one another.

These are the things we have to do to keep us safe.

Our teacher has a box around his desk that is at least 2 meters away from our desks.

The teachers and S.N.As wear masks when they have to come close to help us with our work.

We have hand sanitizer dispensers all over the school.

Even though it is different we are glad to be back.



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New Pupils-by Jonathon and Aaron 6th Class

We have four new junior infants. They are called Alex, Elia, Zion and Keeley. The new older pupils are Ethan and Eve in Sixth class and Thomas in Third class. The new students are all happy in St. Thomas' N.S. We are glad to have them and hope they enjoy it here. It is great fun having so many new children in our school.

Seesaw-by Adam and Harry 3rd Class

Seesaw is an app we use to upload work. The teachers put activities for us to do on it. Teachers can see our work that we put up on it. We used it a lot when the schools were closed. This year we have been uploading some of our homework onto it. We can record our reading and send it on Seesaw. If we have a question we can send a picture of what we are stuck on to Seesaw is really cool.



Junior Infants 2020

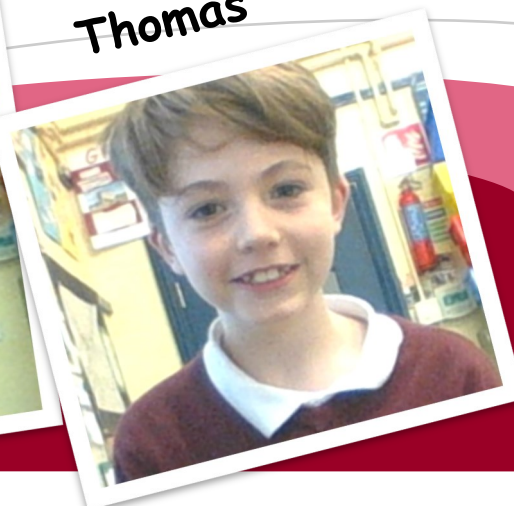
Eve



Ethan



Thomas



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Student Council Elections by Thomas 6th Class

The Student Council elections have taken place this week. We made election posters and a video for the Junior room explaining why we wanted to be on the council. Everyone wants a place on the council.

It's a very close race at the moment. We are waiting for a few more votes to come in before we can announce the result. The new council will meet after midterm.



Halloween Party 2020

by Emma 5th Class

Hello and welcome to St. Thomas' National School! On Friday we will be able to dress up in our Halloween costumes! I am very excited about this and I'm excited about midterm. . Everyone is excited for Halloween! The costumes this year are going to be amazing. I am dressing up as Willow from Piggy Book 2, which is a game on ROBLOX that I enjoy.

Happy Halloween!



Lauren Joins the School

by Mia 5th Class

Lauren is the new S.NA in the Senior room. Lauren is lovely and kind. She really helps us with our work. Lauren makes lovely displays for our art. She is amazing at Art. Lauren is always there to have a chat with you at break time. We are glad to have her in the school!



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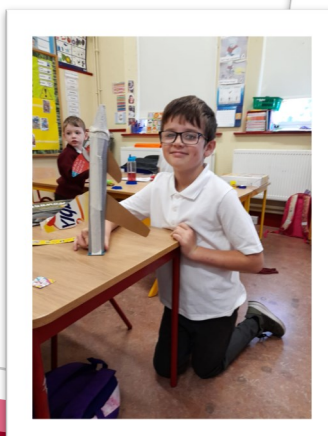
Aistear by Rachel 2nd Class

In Aistear we play and learn. We have a different theme each month. In September we learnt about people who help us. The postman helps us. In October we learnt about space. I made a space ship in junk art.

In Aistear there are three groups. Elia and Savannah are in my group. We have Aistear three times each week. The different activities are construction, role play, literacy, arts & crafts, investigation, water, small world, numeracy, sand, puzzles and playdough.

Art by Tiago 2nd Class *

My favourite subject is Art. Four weeks ago, we made a picture of rockets in space. Then one week later we made another picture of a rocket and we used oil pastels and watery black paint this time. We made pinch pots out of clay and we painted them when they were dry. For Halloween we made a spider in its web.



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A Halloween Acrostic -by Rowan 2nd Class

Hairy werewolves,
Angry ghosts everywhere,
Lollipops being given out,
Lovely costumes but scary ones too,
Orange wrappers on the lollipops,
Where are all the ghosts coming from?
Every house is spooky, *
Every house is the same,
Noooooooooooo, oh it's just someone in a costume.

The New Children by Savannah 1st Class

In September four new junior infants started school. Their names are Alex, Elia, Keely and my brother Zion. Thomas, Ethan and Eve also joined the senior room.



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National Competition Winner - by Skye 6th Class

While I was in lockdown I entered a writing competition about what it was like having sheep during lockdown. When I finished the article, my sister sent it to the Farmers Journal. The prize was €250 voucher to buy sheep in the Blessington Mart. A week later my sister told me I won! I was so happy. The next day I let my teachers know. They were all so proud and happy for me. They sent me well done cards and chocolate.



Virtual Sports Day

-by Skye 6th Class

This year we couldn't have a sports day in school because we were in lockdown. Mr.Hales sent us loads of challenges to do for the week. We had to do an egg and spoon race, sack race, bear crawl and lots of other fun challenges. My favourite challenge was making an obstacle course. My brother Tiago and I set up lots of obstacles and sent a video of us doing it to Seesaw. It was so much fun.

My New School by Thomas 3rd Class

This is the best school! We get lots of help with our work. I would give this school five stars! The teachers and students are so nice. We get to do lots of art. Things are different in school but it's ok. We now use hand sanitizer and the teachers wear masks. I like school. It's good to be back!



Halloween Art 2020

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Rowan's Competition Win! -by Freja and Holly 4th Class

At the end of 2019 we entered a competition about climate action and Rowan in 2nd Class won! The whole school thought he did really well. I hope he is really happy about his win!

Dia de los Muertos -by Claire and Sophie 3rd Class

We learnt about Dia de los Muertos this year. Dia de los Muertos means day of the dead. It is celebrated in areas of North America, Mexico, Ecuador, Guatemala and other areas in Central and South America. It starts on the same day as Halloween and lasts for three days. The festival is about honouring and remembering the dead. We learnt about the altars they make with flowers and food. We learnt about the figurines, toys and food they make in the shape of skeletons. They use these to teach children about death so they won't be scared of it. People wear costumes and dress up as skeletons. They have parades and spend time at graveyards. In art we made Dia de los Muertos skulls. We drew patterns on our skull drawings and stuck them onto black paper. They turned out really well. It was really interesting to see how people celebrated the festival.



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Short Story Competition- by Sophie 3rd Class

Mr. Hales ran a short story competition during lockdown. Everyone enjoyed this competition when the school buildings were closed. I wish I could have read everyone's amazing stories. We have a lot of good writers in St. Thomas' N.S. It was a fun thing to do during lockdown. When we came back to school the winners received their prizes. I loved the short story competition. Congratulations to everyone who entered.

Prize Winners

5th & 6th Class

1st Sinéad

2nd Jonathon

3rd Thomas

4th Ethan



3rd & 4th

1st Emma

2nd Adam

3rd Mia

4th Holly

Junior Room

1st Sophie

2nd Harry



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Witch Art -by Mary 5th Class

Our teacher read The Witch by Jack Prelutsky to us. We had to draw a witch based on the description. It was so much fun. My witch disappeared for a few days which was spooky. She reappeared and is now hanging on the wall. I think they turned out really well.

Being Back at School! - by Freja 4th Class

Due to Covid-19 schools were closed from March to June. We were really, really, really happy to be back. We have to keep separate to the Junior room. I was happy to see my friends in the senior room

Zoo Web Cams- by Mary 5th Class

One of the activities we had on See-saw when the schools were closed was looking at the Dublin Zoo webcams. It was really cool to see what the animals were up to live. We felt like zookeepers. I would check in everyday to see what animals I could spot. We could find out information about the animals on the website. It was a fun activity.

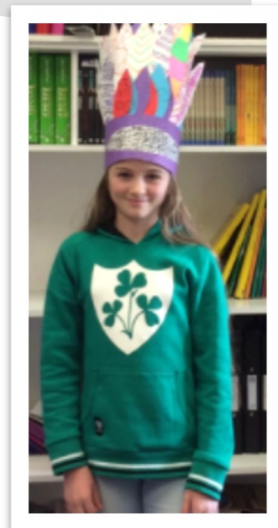


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Aztecs -by Adam 4th Class

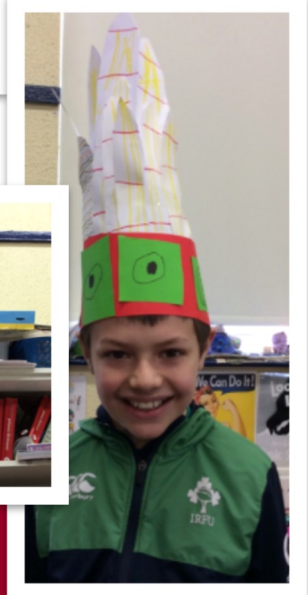
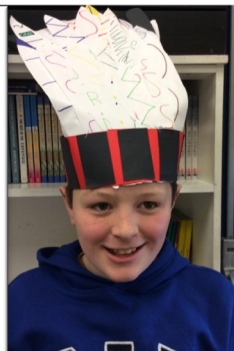
Before the schools closed in March, we were learning all about the Aztecs. We made mind maps and wrote lots of facts about them. We also did a lot of Aztec Art. We made Aztec head-dresses. We cut a piece of paper to fit around our heads. We then cut and designed feather shaped pieces of paper to stick around it. We also did Aztec style drawings.



My Not so New School -by Eve 6th Class



I think St. Thomas' N.S is a very caring, nice and positive place. I moved schools and came back to St. Thomas' and I'm very happy I did. I have improved in all my subjects especially Maths and English. I have made nice and lovely friends that encourage me all the way. We do lots of sport and sometimes we get to plan the day. Mr. Hales is my teacher and he is funny, entertaining and helpful. Over and out!



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Mind Maps by Setanta 3rd Class

We make mind maps to help us remember what we have learnt in lots of subjects like History, English and Geography. Our last mind map was in History. 3rd and 4th did a mind map on The Bronze Age. 5th and 6th did a Mind Map on Timbuktu and the Mali Empire. Mind maps are a fun way to remember lots of facts.

Good to be back by Setanta 3rd Class

It's good to be back because I get to see all of my friends again. We are now doing lots of fun stuff in school like P.E., History, Geography, Maths and English. Break time is one of my favourite times of the day. We have so much fun in school.

Seán Planned the Day by Seán 5th Class

On the 14th of October 2020 I had 300 Dojo Points. As a reward I got to plan the whole day! For Geography we explored places all over the world on Google Earth. In English we played word tennis. We played Buzz in Maths and played rounders for P.E. It was one of the best days I have ever had in school.

Games in The Yard, Diary of a Senior Room Kid- By Ethan 6th Class

We play lots of games out in the yard. Here are a few of my favourites.

JAIL TAG

- ✦ Three people are selected to be on.
- ✦ Those people have to catch all the others.
- ✦ Whenever someone is caught they go to jail.
- ✦ Other people can free them.
- ✦ Once everyone is caught the catchers win and new people are selected.

THROWING BALLS This is what people play when the grass is wet and nobody wants to play tag. Basically, people throw balls together and sometimes kick them.

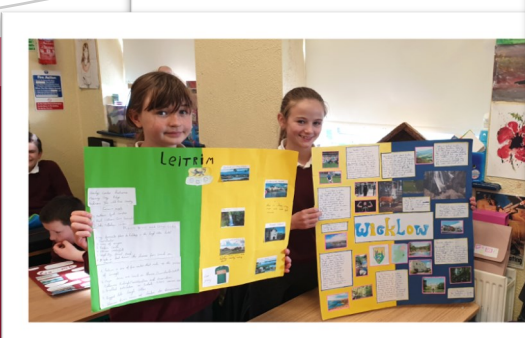
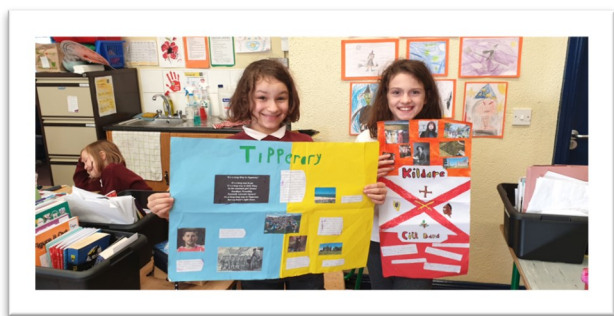
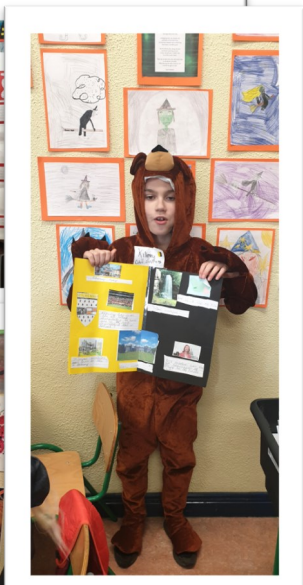
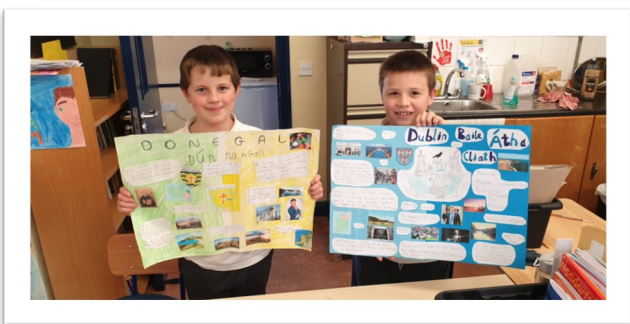
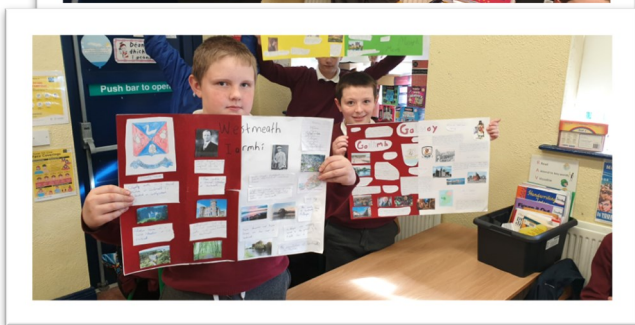


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County projects- by Aaron and Jonathon 6th Class

This year we are doing county projects again. We each chose a county in Ireland to study. This is one of many projects we do every year. Doing projects in primary school helps you for secondary school. It is good practice. We really enjoy doing projects because we get to learn lots of new facts. When we have finished our projects, we present them to the class. We can't wait to see what project we are doing next.



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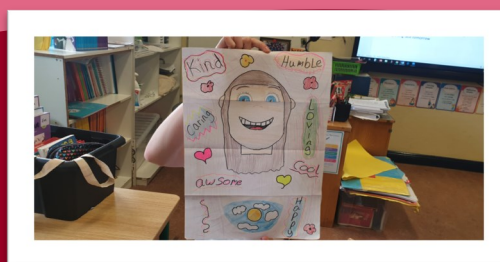
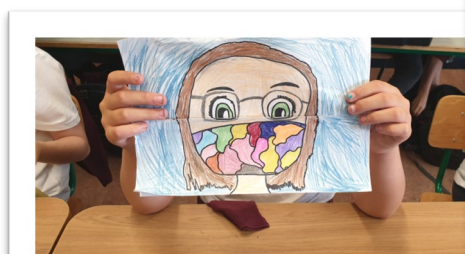


Face Mask Art by Thomas 6th Class

In school we made face mask art. We drew ourselves wearing a mask. When you lifted the mask down there were positive words that described our personalities. They turned out really well.

Graduation 2020- by Thomas Finn

We're sad to say goodbye to Seán and Sinéad, At the end of the school year Mr.Hales put together a video for 6th class because they were leaving. Seán and Sinéad wrote poems about their time in St. Thomas' N.S. The video included messages from all the pupils and staff and memories of their time in St.Thomas' N.S. We hope Seán and Sinéad are enjoying secondary school.



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Mrs. Thompson's Poster Competition-by Holly 4th Class

We were all a little bored during the lockdown but Mrs. Thompson cheered us up with a poster competition! The competition was to design posters that highlighted the importance of one or more of these:

- ◆ Keeping a safe distance
- ◆ Covering your cough or sneeze
- ◆ Disposing of used tissues correctly
- ◆ Washing your hands correctly and often

The Poster Competition Winners:

- ◆ 1st Mary
- ◆ 2nd Sophie
- ◆ 3rd Setanta
- ◆ 4th Jonathon

Highly commended:

Hayley, Adam, Aaron, Harry, Thomas C, Emma, Seán B, Walter, Adam & Thomas F



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The Man with The Black Hat That Looked Like A Cat by Ethan 6th Class

Once there was a man with a black hat. The hat looked like a cat. I heard loud meow from his house. I went there to investigate and what I saw it was like a nightmare from the underworld. It just barely looked like a cat, but it had long legs and sharp long claws. It saw me and I ran to the big living room to hide. I hid underneath the sofa but that thing didn't see me hide. I peeked out from the sofa and to my fright it was right behind me! In a terrifying voice it said, "I found you!" It devoured me. I was in a dark room then I saw a bright light I ran towards it. When I woke up I was delighted I was alive. Then when I looked at my hands to my surprise they were paws! I looked at my feet they were paws too! I had a tail! I had fur! I had pointy ears! I had whiskers! I was a cat! I looked at the hall and I saw that monster turn into the man with the black hat that looked like a cat. Now I am stuck here forever. I am immortal with some others who had the same fate as me. Now I live with that monster. *TO BE CONTINUED...*

The Family by Eve 6th Class

Once there lived a family that was quite unusual. They never would step a foot outside because they would melt to pieces. They would only step a foot outside on a dark frosty night. The only reason they would go outside on a dark, cold night is because ...they were vampires! They liked to drink lovely red blood. They liked to scare people and make them run away. The unfortunate souls who couldn't run would have the blood sucked out of their bodies. Then one day, another family, quite like them moved in next door. They lived next to the scariest home but didn't seem to mind in the slightest. They would also go out on the cold dark nights. More vampires!

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ZOMBIE INVASION - A Halloween story by Walter 2nd Class

It's 3.01 am and there is a meteorite heading for Earth. Everybody is watching around the world. The TV crew are filming the event. For some reason the meteorite is shaped like a shoe. It's about to crash. BOOM! The meteorite crashed into the Empire State Building.

The explosion woke up 256 graves. Now it's 3.09am and there are 449 zombies. Five hours later half of the U.S.A. is wiped out. The zombies then reach Canada. Eight hours later Canada and the USA are nothing but zombies.

Two days later there are only four humans alive. They are between 17 and 21 years old and they have a base. It was originally a school but they built walls around it. They saved themselves from the zombies but they are not done. The four humans are called Jayden, Emily, Harry and Eddie. They have swords and a car. Eddie is 17, Harry is 19, Jayden is 20 and Emily is 21.

They have trapped lots of zombies. They defeated the boss zombie who was called Blobber. They have saved the world and they have decided to repopulate the world.



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On Halloween night by Aaron 6th Class

On Halloween night,
With no one in sight,
I was strolling down the street,
When I saw some teeth,
It was a werewolf,
A werewolf not like a real one,
He had four teeth, *
And one ear,
He was hopping on one leg,
He could talk and he said
'I will get you,'
I ran home and told my mother,
She said you must be day dreaming,
I woke up and it was all a dream

The laughing Child by Holly 4th Class

There was a girl that lived down the street
A little girl you wouldn't like to meet
You might hear her throughout the night,
Her laughing causes such a fright,
The 31st of October was creeping faster and fast-
er,
All people could hear was the little girl's laughter.
The little girl we cannot find,
We just hear her laughing in our mind.
Or at least that's what we think.

Monster, Monster by Adam 4th Class

Monster, monster in the night,
Monster, monster give them a fright,
Monster, monster stay out of sight,
Monster, monster give a big bite,
Monster, monster don't go to the light.

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Werewolf by Mia 5th Class

Human by day, werewolf by night,
I make people scream, and then I bite.
They say I'm not scary,
I'm only big and hairy.
They try to put up a fight,
I show my fangs and cause a fright.
They scream and shout,
But I don't swoop out. *
I snatch or eat,
Yum ... meat!
Then in the morning,
It's very boring,
I'M NOT A WEREWOLF ANYMORE!

Chico? By Mary 5th Class

One day, on a Halloween night,
Chico a beautiful bichon frise,
Decided to take flight.
He spread out his bone wings and
held his breath,
As he got ready to see the colour of
death.
He set his plan to bite as well,
And all it did was start a brawl.
In the morning, we were all in our
bed,
And the dream hurt all of our heads.

Mr. Stitchy by Emma 5th Class

He roams around the countryside,
If you see him you must hide,
I saw him in the newspapers,
I was his only friend,
But when he learnt of my disease,
He ran off towards the trees,
And I never saw him again.

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Pumpkins Pumpkins by Setanta 3rd Class

Pumpkins, Pumpkins all around the house,
rolling in the hallway,
up and down the stairs all night long.

You better not carve them with fangs
or they'll bite you in the arm!

Halloween by Thomas 3rd Class

There was a boy who lived in a house.
No one liked the boy who lived in the house,
because people said he will suck your blood.
He went out every night to suck blood.
One day, I ran out to get onions.
I hid under my bed and saw his white teeth...

The girl who wouldn't stop laughing by Sophie 3rd Class

There was a girl named Dolly.
She laughed all through the night.
When people asked why she wouldn't stop,
they would go plop.
You could hear her laughing for miles and miles around.
But one day, when they woke up, she didn't make a sound and she never has.

Night of Death by Harry 3rd Class

From the night,
Make some scary light.
With a bit of creepiness,
And a bit of death from some thief man of candy
To start the scariness,
Of the night.

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Halloween by Adam 3rd Class

Halloween is so fun,
Always get some sweets.
Lollypops are so nice,
Lollypops are so sweet.
Only magic is the best.
Why are you so scary?
End with a big fat
sweet.
Ending with a big big
fright.
Never as good as
Christmas.

Trick or Treating By Skye 6th Class

On Halloween night I go trick or
treating every time.
I go with all my friends,
but when that night ends,
it's all very sad.
Some even get mad!
At least we have lots of sweets.
One night we decide to go trick or
treating on the streets.
It was well worth it, but scary.
We were all very wary.
It was all for the sweets and the
fun,
but then a man jumped out with a
gun!
We thought he was going to kill us.
So, we threw some of our sweets at
him and ran all the way home.
And that's the end of my poem.

The Púca by Claire 3rd Class

The Púca is a creature in the
night.
It stops at houses.
He wails at your door.
If you don't come out he will
destroy your home.
But if you come out, he won't
break your home.
You can if you dare.
He will take you to a magical
place.

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Monster by Thomas Finn 6th Class

Scary poems make me scream,
they should make you too!
However, I am out of ideas,
So, I'm going to write about you!
You are a terrible being,
you really make me cry,
You send all the children fleeing,
like a dangerous Russian spy!
I wish you would go away, *
and take all your scariness with you.
For if you don't perhaps we'll turn ,
Well take pitchforks and torches to
you,
and throw you out of our town!

Zombie by Freja 4th

I haven't got any sweets, go away and
don't come back.
Another day, she would say, the dogs
barked, the wolves howled then I start-
ed to g-g-growl.
I looked at my arms and they were
green.
Oh no! I'm a zombie.
The world is so mean.

Halloween poem by Jonathon 6th Class

This is the poem that made Mr. Hales cry,
It will be better than fresh mash and pie,
We think there is a vampire or a ghost,
Or a big huge parcel sent by post,
There are screeches and howls after school,
And some kids think it's cool,
But they shiver and jump when they go to the boiler
room,
Because they might just be sent to their tomb,

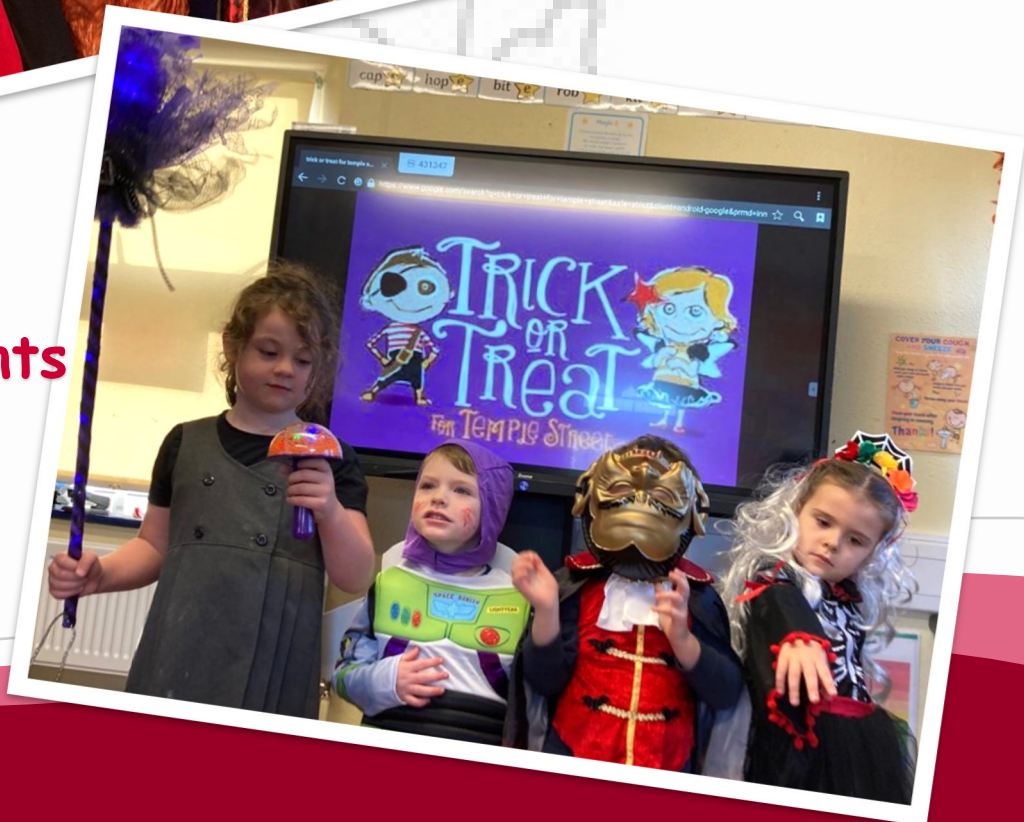
ZOMBIE by Seán 5th Class

Out in the night.
Not a sinner in sight.
I was walking.
Not doing any talking.
I looked around.
And heard a sound.
A zombie bit me.
And the walking dead hit me.

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Happy Halloween