



NEWSLETTER

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Halloween Edition

BOO! That's right folks, Halloween is officially upon us, and what better time to celebrate it than with the Halloween Edition of the Thrive Newsletter, chock full of goodies such as your favourite games, interviews and news 🧡 Spooky stuff! 🧡🧡



So without further ado, let's dive right in! 🧡

Jakester

What's been happening at Thrive?

Of course it just wouldn't be Halloween without our very own Halloween Party, on the 4th November from 3:30 – 6:30pm, complete with food, games and a disco. If you have not received a letter with more details yet just let a member of staff know 🧡

In other news, we have two staff anniversaries: Anthony with 1 year, and Tom a whopping 3 years! 🧡 So let's give it up for them both 🧡



Question Time



This month
our very own
Iconic Ian

How long have you been working at Thrive?

This is my sixth week I think

What do you enjoy most about Thrive?

Working with the guys and the team

What would you say to someone who's interested in joining or working at Thrive?

Give it a try, see if you like it. I guarantee you'll like it

What do you feel you help bring to Thrive?

Odd sense of humour and eagerness to teach

What's your favourite emoji?

Probably this one 🤪

What is the spiciest food you've ever eaten?

Probably ghost chili chicken

Fun Facts

The record for the world's heaviest pumpkin is over 2,000 pounds!

Halloween began as a Celtic festival called Samhain (pronounced sow-ain)

According to a folklore superstition, wearing your clothes inside out and walking backwards at midnight on Halloween will cause you to see a witch in the night sky!

The Irish originally carved turnips, not pumpkins, for Jack-o'-Lanterns

The BBC banned the song 'Monster Mash' when it was first released in 1962 for being too morbid

The fastest pumpkin carving only took 16.47 seconds!

Jakester's Jokes

Why don't ghosts like rain? Because it dampens their spirits

Where does a ghost go on vacation? Mali-boo

Are any Halloween monsters good at math? No, unless you Count Dracula!

Why are zombies so hard to understand? They're very crypt-ic

Are any Halloween monsters good at maths? No—unless you Count Dracula!

Why didn't the scarecrow eat dinner? He was already stuffed

Wordsearch

This month's theme is: Halloween (of course)

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J W J M R K U N U E
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F R M R W A N E Q P
F L N K O S W K N G
V A M P I R E S K W
W N A E L K C A L B

Pumpkin

Orange

Black

Sweets

Skeleton

Fright

Vampire

Spot the difference

Can you find all 10 differences?



Answers in next month's newsletter

Quiz Time

What fruit do people traditionally bob for at Halloween parties?

What is a group of witches called?

What are 3 things are vampires afraid of?

What are the last names of the 3 sisters in the film Hocus Pocus?

What is the name of the famous ghost ship that is said to haunt the seas?

What singer recorded the song "Ghostbusters"?

Riddle me this

What makes skeletons strong and black cats purr with delight?

I have a head and no body. My smile lights up the night. What am I?

Look in my face, I am somebody. Look in my back, I am nobody. What am I?

What's harder for a werewolf to catch the faster he runs?

I have a straight back and sharp teeth that bite. What am I?

Answers in next month's newsletter

Answers to last month's puzzles and games

Wordsearch

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X	U	P	H	N	O	X	F	T	N
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Spot the difference



Quiz Time

Pink Ladies and Granny Smiths are what types of fruit? **Apples**
What was the original name of Mickey Mouse? **Mortimer Mouse**
In Star Wars, what kind of creature is Chewbacca? **A Wookie**
What country invented French fries? **Belgium**
What is the largest ocean on Earth? **Pacific Ocean**
Which metal is most commonly used for electrical wiring? **Copper**

Riddle me this

Who has married many women but was never married? **A priest**
What is it that no one wants to have, but no one wants to lose either? **A lawsuit**
What do you buy to eat but never consume? **A plate**
What jumps when it walks but sits when it stands? **A kangaroo**
I row with four paddles but never leave home. What am I? **A turtle**
I have no beginning, middle, or end. What am I? **A donut**

Alas, we reach the end of the Halloween Edition of the newsletter. Hope everyone has a great Halloween with tons and tons of sweets and fun



Til next time

Jakester



