

# MPJ NEWS



The latest news, views and announcements from the MPJ Newspaper Team.

## A letter from the MPJ News Team

Welcome to the *MPJ Newsletter!*

The newsletter was first established in 2021 by Liliana (Y5), and has now grown into a strong, hard-working team of ten members.

Together, we have been gathering some amazing articles, fantastic reviews and loads more exciting things for you to read!

## Meet the MPJ News Team:

Liliana (Y5): CEO and Writer.

Miss Poole (Staff): Editor.

Owen (Y6): Editor.

Lola (Y6): Science Journalist.

Beaux (Y4): Fact File Journalist.

Richmond (Y3): Quiz Master.

Emily (Y5): Assistant.

Suraiya (Y5): Assistant.

Emma (Y5): Assistant.

Gabriella (Y5): Assistant.

## We are looking for journalists and artists!

We are always looking for new stories, works of art and articles to be placed into our newsletter.

If you want to be published, then please post your work into the letterboxes around school:

Year 3 and 4 - the red box by Mrs Wright's Office.

Year 5 and 6 - the red box at the top of the stairs.



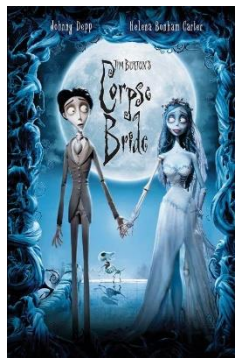
## SPOOKY HALLOWEEN FILMS

Halloween is a fantastic time of year. The trick-or-treating, the pumpkin carving and decorating your house are all fun things to do. One thing I also enjoy doing at Halloween is watching some spooky movies! Here are some of my favourite Halloween recommendations:

### *The Addams Family (animated film - 2019)*

The grim and peculiar Addams family move to a bland suburb in New Jersey, America. However, problems soon occur when their strange daughter (Wednesday) becomes friends with the colourful and popular daughter of a reality show host.

There are many films about the Addams Family, including three live action films. There are even two television shows!



### *The Corpse Bride (animated film - 2009)*

When Victor is practicing his wedding vows in the middle of the creepy woods, he accidentally gets married to a skeleton-like creature called Emily. His new wife then whisks him off to the land of the dead! This film has some great songs in it, and it is a brilliant Tim Burton film! Tim Burton has done many other fantastic films, such as: *The Nightmare Before Christmas* and *Frankenweenie*.

### *Hotel Transylvania (animated film - 2012)*

Count Dracula, who is overprotective of his daughter Mavis, runs a high-end holiday home for monsters. When a human named Johnny enters the hotel, Dracula tries to prevent his daughter from falling in love with Johnny.

There are already three of these films, and a new film is due to be released next year!



By Liliana (Y5)

What are your favourite Halloween films?



A drawing by Izzy  
(Y4)

**Artist Work Wanted**  
We are looking for beautiful pieces of art work to put into our newsletter. Post your artwork into the red letterboxes.

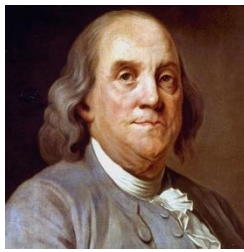
## SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE



Many of us have seen this Halloween image. This image comes from a made-up story about Frankenstein's Monster.

Victor Frankenstein was a made-up scientist who created a new human, by bringing the creature to life using electricity.

To find out some interesting facts about electricity, have a read of the next section.



## Benjamin Franklin

Benjamin Franklin was not the first person to discover electricity, but he was the first person to study electricity in depth.

One of his most important findings was proving that lightning was electrical! In his experiment, he flew a kite during a thunderstorm. On this kite, he had also attached a metal key. When the kite was then hit by lightning, Franklin was able to feel the electric sparks from the key.

Years later, it was discovered that this was a very dangerous experiment as Franklin could have actually electrocuted himself! We now know how dangerous lightning is.

Franklin was also the first person to discover that electricity consisted of positive and negative charges.

By Lola (Y6)

## REVIEWS

**Bad Girls (Book)** ★★★★★

I would really recommend this book, because it is really funny and I loved it.

By Ella-Mai (Y6)

**Matlock Bath (Place)** ★★★★★

Matlock Bath is a great place to visit! It has lots of arcades, fish and chips shops and sweet shops. You should definitely visit The Petrifying Well at Halloween!

By Beaux (Y4)

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If you have a review, please post it into the red letterboxes. Remember to put your name on it!



## HALLOWEEN FACTS

- Halloween goes back more than 2000 years!
- It has many different names. In some countries, it is known as: All Hallows' Eve, Witches Night and even Snap-Apple Night.
- Many years ago, people in the UK were worried that real ghosts would appear to them on Halloween. On this day, they would spend time warding off ghosts.
- The first Jack-O-Lanterns (carved pumpkins) were originally made from turnips.
- The largest pumpkin ever recorded had to be carried by a huge vehicle.



By Beaux (Y4)

## PUZZLE SECTION

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Ghost	Skeleton	Haunted
Pumpkin	Spooky	Phantom
Vampire	Witch	October
Trick or treat		

## QUIZ

1. What Month does Halloween take place?
2. What food ingredient apparently wards off vampires?
3. What colour is a Jack-O-Lantern?
4. What kind of Halloween creature is Winifred Sanderson from the film *Hocus Pocus*?



## ANSWERS:

Post your correct answers into the letterbox by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, and one random child will be selected to win a small prize. (Remember to put your name and class on it!)