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# How did Halloween come about?



Have you ever wondered what Halloween is all about? Well, underneath the fun trick-and-treating and costumes is an interesting story.



The origin of Halloween is unclear, but it is believed to have originated from Celtic harvest festivals, particularly the Gaelic festival, Samhain. Some theories go even deeper, suggesting that Samhain may have been Christianized as All Hallows Day by the early Church. Other academics believe that Halloween began solely as a Christian holiday, being the eve, or period of devotional observation of All Hallows Day. Many Halloween customs were brought to North America in the 19th century by Irish and Scottish immigrants, and eventually spread to the rest of the world through American influence by the early 21st century.



Popular Halloween activities include trick-or-treating, attending costume parties, carving pumpkins, apple bobbing, playing pranks and more. Some people practiced the Christian religious observations of All Hallows Eve, such as attending church services or lighting candles on the graves of the deceased. Some Christians also refrained from eating meat, eating certain vegetarian foods such as apples, potato pancakes, and soul cakes.





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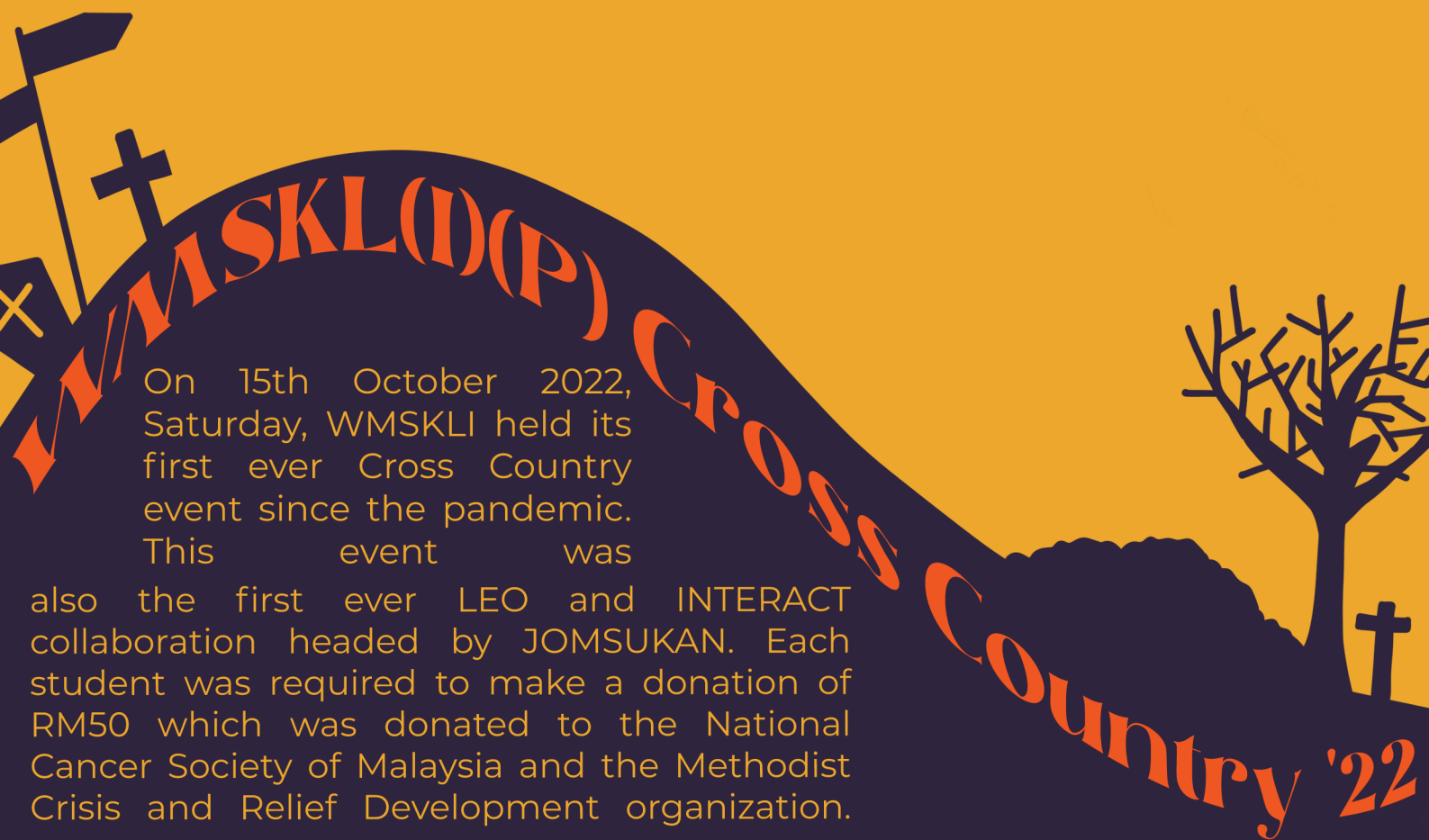
The Cocu Day of Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur (International) was held on the 7th of October 2022 from 1:35 pm to 3:15 pm. Students involved in the preparation were allowed to go to set up during 3rd period.



There were many captivating booths that students toured during the last two periods. All the clubs and societies of the school were involved in creating a booth that best symbolised their club. The purpose was for the clubs to attract the new Year 7s to join them. The Year 8s to Year 11s were also allowed to attend any activities or games held by the clubs and societies.

Each club had their own image to create in a short span of time, including planned activities like games or performances and various food sales. All the board members and teacher advisors worked hard in making their booths look spellbinding.





On 15th October 2022, Saturday, WMSKL held its first ever Cross Country event since the pandemic. This event was

also the first ever LEO and INTERACT collaboration headed by JOMSUKAN. Each student was required to make a donation of RM50 which was donated to the National Cancer Society of Malaysia and the Methodist Crisis and Relief Development organization.

Cross country is a sport introduced in the United States decades ago by William C. Vosburgh. At first, the sport was used mainly for training for track and field activities but later originated into a formal sport. Then this sport, originally called hare and hounds, was spread around the world.

The purpose of this event was to help the children in need, win prizes and have fun with friends while exercising. The run started at 8.00am with the lower secondary going first followed by the upper secondary. During the run, students could bond with their fellow classmates and/or friends.

After the run, which lasted from 8am to around 10pm, each student was given a bottle of water and a snack. Prizes were then given out to the various winners and the prize giving ceremony ended around 11pm.

The feedback that was widely given was that there was not enough water at the water stations and the stations were a bit hard to spot. Nevertheless, many students applaud the LEO and INTERACT club whose efforts definitely paid off. Overall, the event was a success and students and teachers alike are looking forward to the next cross country run.





# DEEPAVALI CELEBRATION



The day before the actual Deepavali celebration, my family and I will always travel all the way to my grandparents house so that we can all celebrate together. As a family tradition, we would start preparing all the stuff needed for Deepavali on the day before it, for example the ingredients for the food as well as the fireworks and decoration.



When the actual Deepavali day comes, my family and I would wake up early in the morning around 4 to take a shower. This is no ordinary shower, it is a sacred tradition that consists of 5 different parts. Firstly, we would cleanse our whole body with prayed oil. This is done so that it would remove our bad luck. After that, we would scrub our body with a dark brown liquid to scrub off all the dirt and toxins in our body.







the dirt and toxins in our body. Once done, we will rinse ourselves through a round of showering. Then, we would continue with the normal bathing process where we will put body soap, shampoo then conditioner to fully clean up our body. As part of the tradition, we would always wear new clothes. For girls, it would be saree. As for boys it would be vashti and kurta. When we are all dressed up and ready, we head straight to the temple. My prayer usually takes up to about 2 hours because there will be many ceremonies inside the temple. All the praying usually ends right before lunch, so when lunch comes, we will be eating on banana leaves as a tradition. Any food put on our banana leaf is to never be wasted no matter what, for example, Paneer Tikka, Dhal, Mutton, Varuval Chicken, Idli, Mixed Vegetables and so many more. After lunch, all my relatives will start to come to our grandparents house to visit as well as to eat and pray. This roughly happens throughout the whole afternoon. This would be the time of bonding and fellowship amongst my family as we continue to share dinner together. For the last thing on our agenda, we will finally play with the fireworks until everything is used up.