

පිරිවත්ම.. අපි දුක් මගින් වෙලා ඉගෙනගන්න අටපාස් මැරට්ටන් ඔලු පාන් කරගෙන ඉන්න තෙවේයිනෙ.. බලපා අද වෙලා තියෙන දේ.. අට පාස් මැරට්ටා ආචාර්ය උපාධියක් තියෙන අගුරුකිසියාකාරයා ගෙදර යවන්න නමුදු අනන්ත.. අනන්ත අමාත්‍යාංශ ස්ථිර ලේකම් නමින්ම පත්වීම ගන්න අට පාස් දේශපාලක මැරට්ට අංශක අනුවක් දෙකට නැවිලා.. මේම අනන්තාට දකින-කොට උඹලගේ ඇගවල්වල ලේ රන් වෙන්න නැද්ද සාමා..?"

ඇමතිවරයකු අතින් ස්ථිර ලේකම් ලෙස පත්වීම බාරගත් උදෙසා නැව් ඇමතිවරයාට වදින අමාත්‍යාංශ ලේකම්වරයාගේ සේකාරුව පුවත්පත් වල පළවී තිබූ ආකාරය සමඳුරාට නැවත සිහිපත් විය. මිනිසුන්ට මේ නරම් සරළ ලෙස ආත්මාභිමානය පාටා දිය නැතිවුණි එලා සිතුවනුද අද වෙනස් ලෙසකින් නමා කරමින් සිරිත්නේද එම නොවේදැයි සමඳුරා සිතුවාය.

"ඉස්කෝල හොඳටම ඉගෙනගන්න පුළුවන් ළමයි දොස්තරවරු ඉංජිනේරුවෝ වෙනවා.. ඊළඟ මට්ටමේ ළමයි සාමාන්‍ය උපාධියක් කරලා සිප්පිස් කරලා පරිපාලන සේවයට ගිහින් අර දොස්තරවල ඉංජිනේරුවන්ට පාලනය කරනවා.. ඉගෙනගන්න බැරීම මැරට්ටෝ ඉන්නව නේද? මී ලෙවල් වත් පාස් වෙන්න බැරි එවුන්... උක් දේශපාලකයන් වෙලා අර හැම දෙනාවම පාලනය

කරනවා." අදී ශිෂ්‍ය සංගමයේ වාර්ෂික සාදාස ආ ගුණසේකර කී කතාව නැවත සිහිපත්කරන සමඳුරාගේ මුළු නැගෙන්නේ සිනාවකි. එනමුදු මතුපිටින් අසා සිනාසෙනවාට වඩා වැඩි ගැඹුරක් ඒ කතාවේ ඇති බව ඇය දකියි.

"මාව වරදවා තේරුම් ගන්න එපා සාමා.. මේ වෙලාවේ ඔයාල මා එක්ක ඉන්න එක මට ගයියක්.. එක් මම ඔය එක දේශපාලකවලටවත් ඔලු නවන්න ලෙසින් නෑ.. ගැනියෙක් වුණත් එකට මට ශක්තිය තියෙනවා..," නිවාගා කීවේ සිය අත්බැඟය අතට ගන්නා අතරය. "... මම උන් යනවා මිස්ටර් ගුණරත්න බලන්න නොයේපිටිල් එකට.. ඒ මනුස්සය ගුරි කවෙ අපි වෙනුවෙන් උදෙසාමය කරන්න ගිහිල්ලා... යමුද මාත් එක්ක..?"

මතු සම්බන්ධයි



**It's Halloween!**  
*A holiday full of tradition  
 Where children knock from door to door  
 In search of candy as their treat  
 When creatures come to haunt our streets  
 A holiday with a tradition rich in time  
 With rituals which are still used today  
 This is haunted holiday  
 That has been around for years  
 Where a scare  
 Is never hard to find*

When people hear of Halloween you usually think of lollies, ghosts, trick-or-treaters and pretending no one is home because you forgot to stock up on your lollies. Halloween actually originated from the Ancient Celtic festival from 2000 years ago which was called Samhain. Samhain is traditionally called the "Meat Harvest" and was one of the biggest festivals at that time; Samhain was used to celebrate the New Year on the 1st of November where the spirits of the people that had passed away in the last 12 months were allowed to travel to the other world. Halloween which is a very large holiday in America was actually brought to America by Irish people who were immigrating to America fleeing the potato famine from their country. Now I have introduced Halloween to you let me tell you a bit more of this haunting holiday.

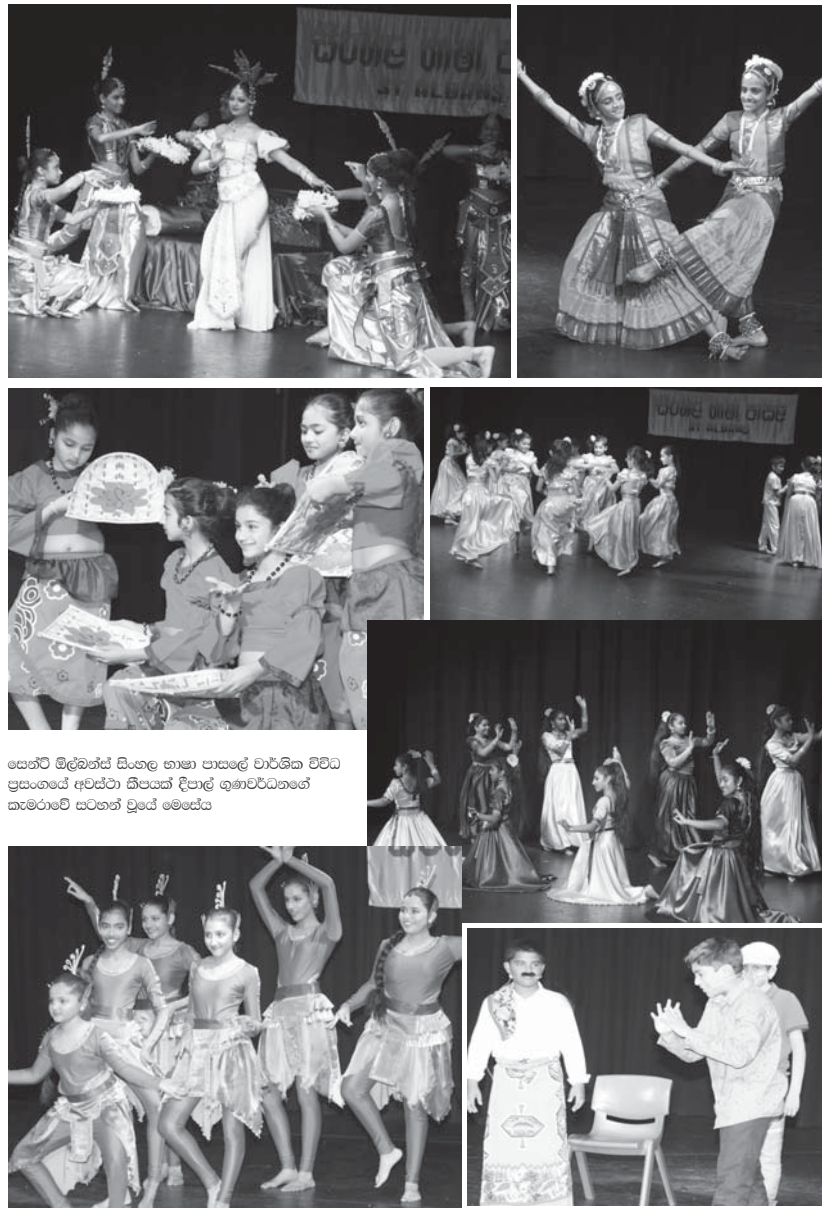
One of the most popular Halloween traditions are pumpkin carving this is called the Jack O'Lantern. The Jack O'Lantern is thought to be a spirit of a man that wanders around in Halloween because it is not allowed to enter heaven or hell. He will forever wander the earth guided by the light of his little lantern, tricking innocent people to follow his light. This belief originated from the story about Stingy Jack. Jack liked to play tricks on people and one day he decided to trick a devil into climbing a tree. When the devil was at the top of the tree Jack tied a cross onto the tree and told the devil that he would only take the cross of the tree if the devil promised not to take his soul after he had died. Once the devil had agreed Jack removed the cross and let the demon escape. Years later when Jack had passed away he went to the gates of heaven where he was refused entry because he was too cruel. He then went to the gates of hell where he met the devil that he had tricked a long time ago. When he had asked the devil to open the gates for him to enter the devil said he could not because of the promise he had made to Jack a long time ago. That Jack ended up wandering around earth guided by his lantern still up to his no good tricks. Did you also know that the first Jack O'Lanterns was carved out of turnips and not pumpkins?

Trick or treating originated from the concept of souling where poor children and their parents went around to different houses in costumes during Halloween begging for food and money in exchange for songs or prayers for the dead on "All Souls" day. Souling was originated in Ireland and Britain where it was thought that souls of the dead would be found. The phrase "trick or treat" actually is the child threatening to trick the owner of the home if they do not have any treats for them. Although trick-or-treating is very common in America it was not until 1934 that the first recorded trick or treat occurred in America.

Dressing up for Halloween was a tradition that was originated by the Celts. They used to lit bonfires and dress up to celebrate Samhain. The costume was made out of animal skin and they also wore animal heads. During this celebration the Celtic people would read each other's fortunes and tell stories around the bonfire. In America it was thought that on Halloween day spirits would rise up from the dead looking for living souls to take back with them. People would dress up as ghosts or other creatures to look like one of the spirits to avoid being recognized as one of the living.

Halloween is not only about lollies and dressing up, this holiday has an interesting history that goes back to the Celtic time. So now that I have told you about Halloween I hope that this year you can enjoy this haunted day even more.

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