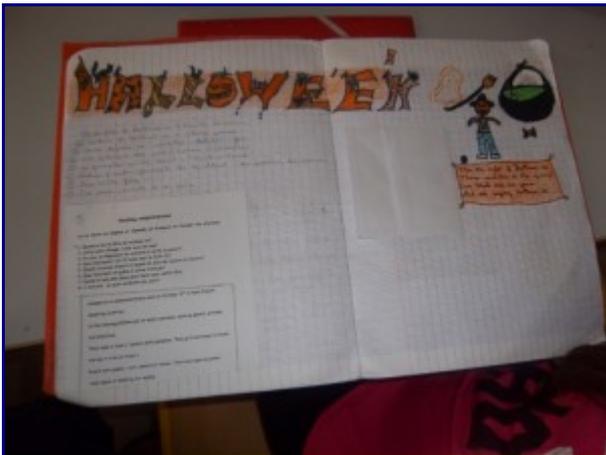
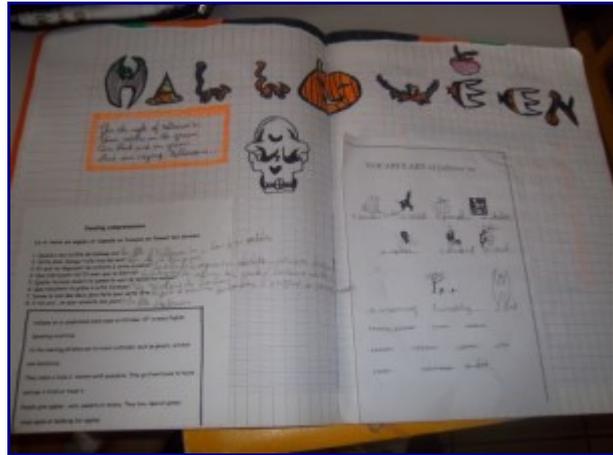


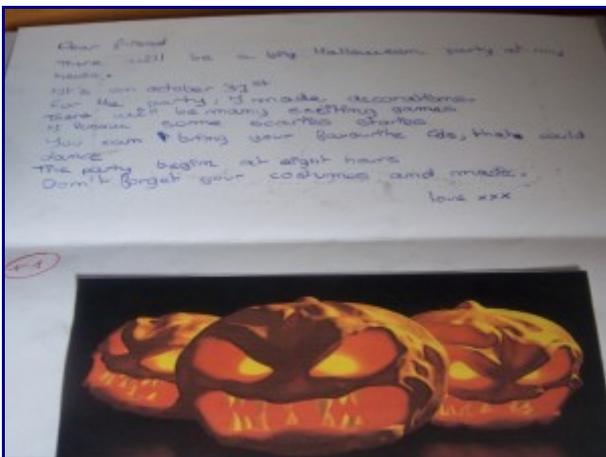
Halloween 2012

Last October 31st 2012 , we celebrated Halloween at school . The day before, Thomas and Marc from 5C decorated all the classroom 27 with their English teacher Mrs AYADI . In class , we put on costumes , we learnt many things on Halloween. We also learnt poems by heart .At night, many pupils went from house to house in the village to say “trick or treat” with their parents or friends. We really had a great time!!! We are looking forward next year!.....

The most nicely decorated English copybooks from 6A/6B/5C



Will you come to my party? Nice invitations from 4D





The nicest costumes





The nicest graffiti



By Guillaume Attila from 6ème A

The origins of Halloween. (text studied by 4D)

Do you know where Halloween comes from? No !! so read this text.....

HALL WE'EN

The origins of Hallowe'en go back to the ancient Celts.

The Celts lived in the British Isles during ancient times .They were pagans .They believed in the gods of nature.

There were two important festivals on the Celtic calendar. One was called Beltane .It marked the beginning of summer. The other was called Samhain .It marked the end of summer, on October 31st.Samhain was also the last day of the year on the Celtic calendar.

Samhain was the Celtic god of death. The Celts were afraid of winter. They associated it with death and evil spirits.

The Druids were Celtic priests and teachers. They were very important in Celtic society. They were respected .They practiced magic and religious rituals.

October 31st was an important day for the Druids .They made big fires to frighten the spirits of evil and death. They predicted the future.

The celtic people dressed up in scary costumes to frighten the evil spirits. They dressed as witches, ghosts and skeletons .They also played games to bring good luck in the new year. The Celts believed that on the night of October 31st, ghosts came out of their tombs and the spirits of the dead returned to earth.

After the Roman invasion in 43AD, Samhain also became a harvest festival called Pomona . Pomona was the goddess of gardens and orchards. Nuts, fruits and apples were part of the Samhain ceremonies. Apples were sacred and lucky. The colours of Hallowe'en are orange (for the harvest) and black (for death) .

After the Roman invasion, Christian rites substituted pagan rites.

The first day of November was the day of all saints for the Christians .It was called All Hallows'Day (the day of all saints).The evening of Oct 31st was All Hallows' Eve. This was shortened to Hallowe'en.