

Halloween Party Ideas

It's that time of year when tortured souls get together to party...so why not indulge your inner 'ghoul' with these ideas for a kid's Halloween party.



Decoration

Create a 'fright-night' party theme to rival a blockbuster movie set, with colours, lighting, accessories and novelties to 'wow' your little monsters.

Orange and black have long-been traditional Halloween colours, and make a great backdrop for your ghostly accessories...spiders, bats, cobwebs, eyeballs, skulls, etc...visit www.the-joke-shop.com for ideas.



Invitations

Get your favourite ghosts, ghouls and zombies together by sending out stylish invites...these examples are from www.impressinprint.com



Lighting

Keep the lighting low, and create spooky wall shadows by placing table lamps on the floor and cover the shades with coloured crepe papers or fabric...ensure you comply with safety standards relevant to the items used. For additional shadow effects cut out small 'bat' shapes and lay them on top of the paper or fabric covers.

Halloween-themed string lights give just the right amount of glow for the 'haunted-house' feel...but don't overdo it...you ideally want a dimly-lit look!

Atmosphere

With the guests arriving, it's time to build the suspense with a bit of haunting music...visit www.youtube.com for a great selection to download.

Our top five for starters...Monster Mash, by Bobby Pickett; Thriller, by Michael Jackson; Ghostbusters, by Ray Parker Jr; Time Warp, from the Rocky Horror Picture Show and The Addams Family Theme tune.

Party Food

There's no getting away from it, Halloween party food is likely to contain e-numbers...!

How else are you going to produce such hideous creations that the kid's will go wild for...!!

Think jelly worms and sticky toffee apples...hot dogs and weirdly coloured fizzy drinks!

Let your imagination run wild...and for added inspiration visit www.ourbestbites.com for fun recipes the kids can help make.



Party Games

Take the chance to burn off some of those e-numbers with freaky party games...adapt a few favourites with a Halloween twist.

try 'Pin the Nose on the Witch' or 'Ghost Bingo' where the kid's shout 'Boo!' for a full house!

Plan a ghoulish 'treasure hunt' to find the ingredients for the witch's spell or include creepy creatures in the pass-the-parcel wrappings.

Visit www.halloweengames101.com for lots more ideas.

Halloween themed parties are not difficult, or expensive, to organise.

Much of the preparation is just as appealing to the kid's as the party itself, and makes the whole event more personal.

Don't forget a little party bag, including such delights as plastic spiders and candy creatures, or maybe a simple magic trick...!



Happy Halloween