

SALT FORD SCHOOL



SALT FORD SCHOOL MAGAZINE.
Fourth Edition

SCHOOL REPORT.

I am very pleased to introduce the fourth edition of our annual magazine and to give a brief report on the school. Our numbers continue to rise and we now have two hundred and eighty on the Roll. Fortunately Staff changes have been few, but in January this year I welcomed Mr. J. R. Jones as my new Deputy Head.

Life gets very busy at Saltford - thanks to enthusiastic teachers; indeed the day is never long enough for all we want to do, and many of our activities have to be carried on during dinner hours and after school time. You will find in the contents, reports by the children themselves on some of their various plays - the Chess Club, the Mathematics Club, the Nature Study Club, the Football Team (trained by Mr. Lewis) School Sports, and Area Sports (for which we entered a team trained by Mr. Jones and Mr. Lewis and gained four First Place, 11 Second Place and Four Third Place Certificates)

The children have also been out many times - some to Slimbridge to the Severn Wildfowl Trust, to Berkeley Castle, to Bristol Old Vic Pantomime, to Newton Park Training College, on a Tour of Bristol, and of course, on many, many short Nature walks. At Ellsbridge House, Nature Study, particularly of the birds in that lovely garden, has become a source of inspiration.

I would like also to mention Miss B. Avent's contribution to the music in the Junior School; almost all the top class took part in the Bath Festival of Children Singing, and the two Recorder Groups (with descant, treble and sopranino recorders) would be a credit to any school. Indeed you can hear for yourselves some of the work if you play the tunes in this magazine which were composed, unaided, by her pupils.

I cannot let this opportunity go by without recording my personal thanks to all the Teachers in both parts of the school for their wonderful co-operation in every sphere of school life. My thanks are also due to the school-meals Staff for their hard work and cheerfulness in difficult conditions; to the supervisors for their very great help, and to my Secretary for far more than she realises. We are very sorry to hear that Mrs Pratt will be leaving us at the end of the term. She will leave a gap hard to fill.

We were glad to accept the Rector's kind invitation to a Service in Church during each term - for Harvest Festival, Ash Wednesday and Ascension Day. I am sure the children appreciated this opportunity.

We have a strong Parent-Teacher Association which works very hard for the good of the school, and the kiln which they provided has proved a source of joy to many children. We are hoping for great things of our pottery now. To raise enough money for such a gift is a grand effort, yet Mr. Fisher and his Committee are never satisfied (fortunately) and our latest Jumble Sale this year raised the magnificent total of £61.

Having seen the mud at Ellisbridge House during this wet winter, and having seen the children getting onto the coaches at 3.30 p.m. I realise just how strong the support for the school really is. I have been amazed at the forbearance and understanding of the parents, and I am grateful for it. It is good to see the new building taking shape, and our school Managers may well be proud of a task accomplished.

All the articles and stories which follow have been selected from school work, but the actual production of the Magazine entails much extra labour and Mr Lewis (who edits the magazine) and I are greatly indebted to Mrs Lewis, Miss D.Avent and Mrs Jones for all their assistance.

At the end of the term, thirty children will be leaving - sixteen to go to Grammar School and fourteen to Wellsway. Nicholas Johnson (from Mr. Hoddinott's Class) and Anthony Monks (from Class 1) have gained places at Bristol Grammar School. Wherever they are going they take with them our best wishes for a happy and successful school career.

D.M.R.Hutchcroft
(Headmistress)

The Moon.

Dark and gloomy was the moon,
Eerie and echoing made up a tune,
Evil smells and sandy rocks
And all around were echoes and knocks.
Sea of sand and rocky mountain
Not a drop of water, not even a fountain.
Terrifying insects lingered about
I was here, there was no way out.
My rocket stood but a mile away
But as I looked horrible animals crawled that way.
There were big ones and small ones,
Red, black, brown and blue,
I could only stand in horror.
There was nothing I could do.

Carol Williams. 10.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Flower Arrangement.

Every Monday from one o'clock to half past one we have a lesson on flower arranging with Mrs. Hutchcroft. The first arrangement we did was triangular. We used three or five flowers and made a triangle with them. We kept the flowers in position with pin-holders and wire netting, and we learned how to cover the wire netting, and what containers to use. Once we made a miniature garden. I like making them, and I usually make some in my spare time at home. Yesterday I did a woodland scene and I used bark, moss, some little green plants and trailing ivy. I had a china deer so I used him because a friend of Mummy's said that glass animals do not look so real. I liked doing the miniature arrangements we did last week. Gillian and Janet did theirs in snail shells stuck onto stones. I did two in little brass clogs. I think flower arranging is my favourite subject at School.

Stephanie Comley.
(11 years)

Recorder Playing.

On Saturday 24th June Miss Avent's Recorder Group went to Mrs Groves' house to play some tunes with her Recorder Group. After we had played enough tunes we went to Mrs Hutchcroft's house (which was next door) to have tea. When we had finished a most lovely tea, we played a game. It was Treasure Hunt. Michaela, Julia and I won. We won a picture. Mrs Hutchcroft has four dogs and eight cats. We all enjoyed it very much indeed.

Deborah Vaughan.
(10 years)

The Recorder Group.

I belong to a Recorder Group. We play trebles Monday and descants on Wednesday. I play the treble, descant, sopranino and tenor. On Saturday 24th June we went to Mrs Hutchcroft's next-door-neighbour's house to play. The lady who lives there takes a Recorder Group at Freshford. I played a trio with Deborah. I played the treble and she played the descant. We also played "Polly put the Kettle On" and "Girls and Boys Come Out to Play"

P. Shepherd
(10 years)



A Chess Club Report.

In the Chess Club we have a Chess League. John Carter and I work out the positions in the league like people do with the football league. We have had a tournament in which sixteen people entered. They each brought threepence to enter - the four shillings went for the first and second prizes.

On Saturday April 29th Keynsham Grammar School Chess Players (six in all) came to Saltford School to play six of our school chess club members. The names of the six chess club members are -

D. Cooper	J. Carter
J. Howells	P. Darlington
A. Tait	A. Monks

Three of our players won and three of our players lost. The final score was a draw 3 - 3. On the 3rd June we played our return match with Keynsham Grammar School. This time we played with ten players -

D. Cooper	A. Roland
J. Howells	P. Darlington
A. Tait	J. Boucher
J. Carter	R. Woodberry
B. Rawle	A. Monks

The result was a 6 to 4 win for Saltford.

Anthony Monks
(11 years)

Soccer Report.

We had a good season and won four of our matches. Mr Lewis entered six of our players for the Bath Trials. The six were - J. Howells, A. Monks, N. Butler, J. Carter, A. Boardley, A. Tait. Anthony Boardley went through to the third trial. John Howells and Anthony Monks went through to the fourth and final trial. John Howells narrowly missed being selected for the Bath team. Our best win was fifteen-nil against Bathwick. We never lost by more than two goals. John Carter our goal-keeper played very well in all our matches.

J. Howells	The Team -	
N. Butler	P. Speare	A. Boardley
A. Tait	A. Rowland	A. Monks
R. Woodberry	D. Cooper	H. Cassidy
	J. Carter	
	Reserves -	
P. Hossack	B. Rawle	J. Boucher.

Matches

Chandag 0	Saltford 2
Saltford 15	Bathwick 0
Sutcliffe 1	Saltford 1
Chandag 2	Saltford 1
Saltford 3	Fosseway 5
South Twerton 2	Saltford 1
Saltford 3	Newbridge 0
St. Johns 0	Saltford 6
Southdown 2	Saltford 1

D. Cooper
(11 years)

A VISIT TO THE PANTOMIME.

In January our class went to see "Dick Whittington" at the "Theatre Royal" in Bristol. We all enjoyed going very much. The best scene, I think, was an under-water scene when Dick Whittington's ship had been sunk. The funniest person was Dame Suet the Cook. Bristol's Theatre Royal is the oldest in the Country, and was opened in 1766. Before we went to the Pantomime I asked if we could go back stage, but they said we could not because of the lack of space.

Penny Darlington
(11 years)

A VISIT TO SLIMBRIDGE AND BERKELEY

On the 22nd March we went to Slimbridge and Berkeley Castle. We had to be in school by 8.30 a.m. as the coach left at 8.45 a.m. There was a party of thirty-eight children and Mr Lewis and Mrs Hutchcroft. We all bundled into the coach and soon we were off. In about one and a half hours we arrived at Slimbridge. First we went to the American pen. Out of all the birds I think my favourites were the grey lag geese and the Mandarin ducks. We saw many other pools and pens including the Rushy Pool outside Peter Scott's house. Soon the time passed and we had to go back to the coach. We stayed there for about half an hour and had our lunch. Some people sat on the canal bank and ate their lunch, while others stayed in the coach. In no time at all we were off again to Berkeley. Soon we were driving up the drive-way and were jumping out of the coach. While we were in the kitchen we saw the Spit working. Then we saw the pistols and the boys were very interested. We learned that Berkeley was built during a war against the Welsh. Very soon it was time to go home. We were back at school at 6.30 p.m.

Lesley Podger
(9 years)