

## R.L.S.S. GROUP 1964

The group had another very successful year during which twenty-seven Elementary Certificates were awarded to the children. A very interesting feature of this year's activities was the introduction of a Staff Course, by which one R.L.S.S. Instructor's Certificate and four Bronze Medallions were gained.

This awareness by the staff and children of this school of the importance of having the ability and knowledge to assist drowning persons shows a high standard of civic responsibility and is well worthy of mention. Already plans are being made to continue courses for staff and it is hoped that these will become a regular feature of the Group's activities.

Once again our sincere thanks to P.T.I. Gregory and his staff of Ricasoli Lido for their help and encouragement during the training of the children.

### Awards Gained

#### Elementary Certificate

K. Twidale	T. Proctor	P. Vallance
J. Morley	A. Souter	J. Owen
S. Kirkman	I. Liddle	N. Holloway
L. Powell	J. Binns	C. Jenkins
J. Tipple	M. Young	R. Stevenson
J. Walters	J. Radford	R. King
S. Edwards	E. Walker	R. Holroyd
J. Lambert	S. Clarke	I. Renwick
M. Martin	M. Dewhurst	R. Entwhistle

Andrew Budd deserves a special mention. He attended all the lectures and water training but was unable to take the test because of an ear infection. I am certain he would have been a successful candidate if he had been able to enter the water.

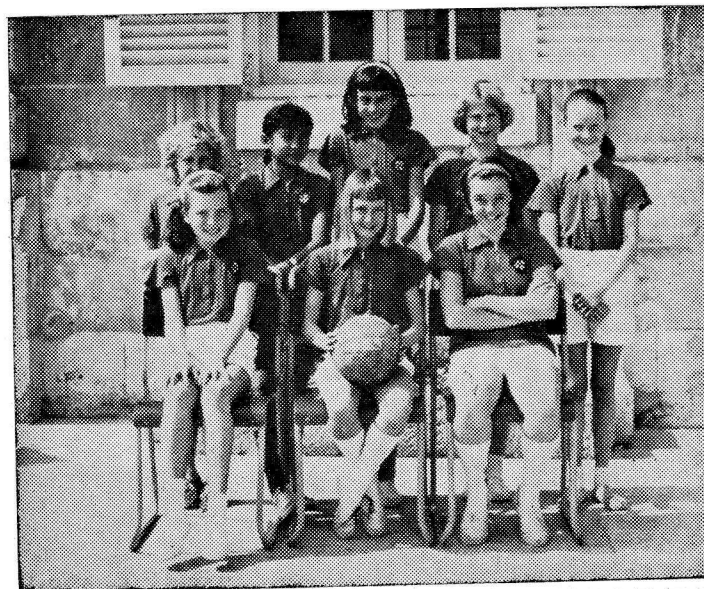
#### Bronze Medalion

Mr. D. Ager	Mr. S. R. Carrell
Mr. J. Ousbey	Mr. C. J. Why

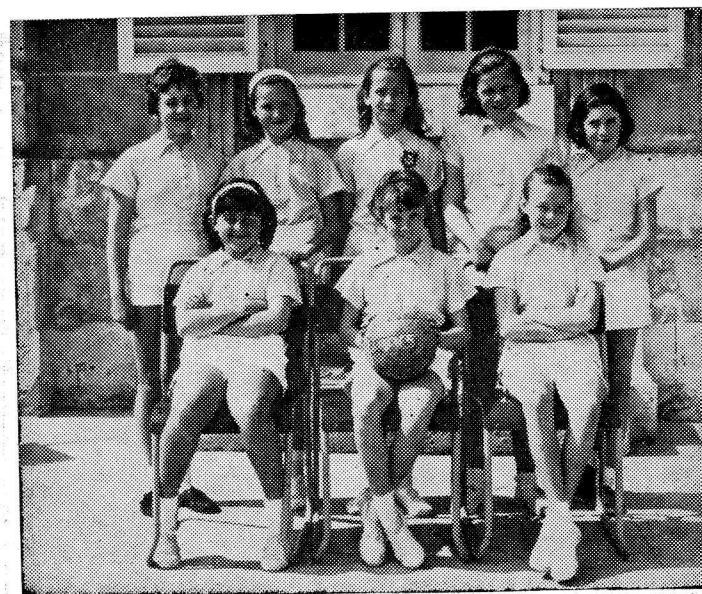
#### Instructor's Certificate

Mr. G. W. King

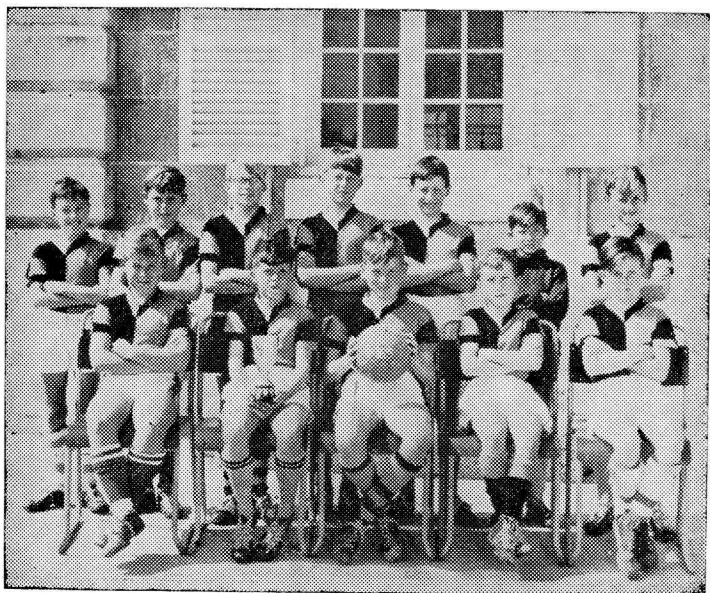
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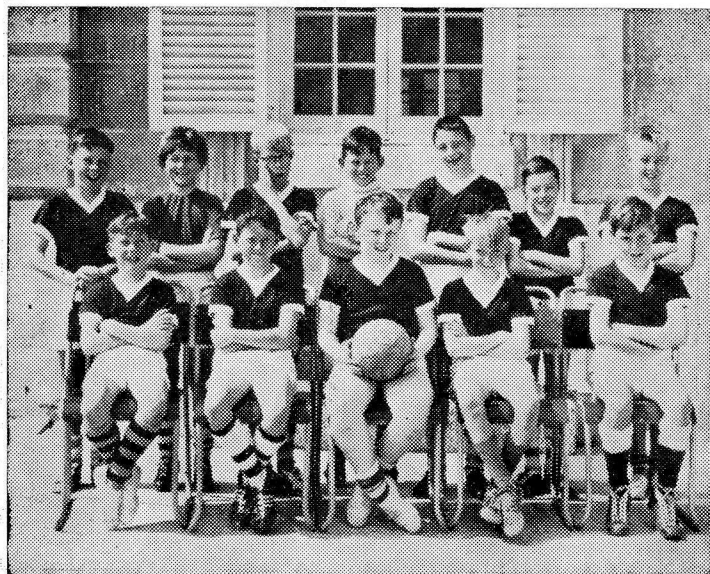
Verdala "A" Team — Netball.



The "B" Netball Team.



The "A" Team.



Verdala "B" XI.

## FACTS AND FIGURES

When I grow up I am going to be a nurse.

*Jane Carrell (Infants 7)*

I am going to be a teacher when I grow up.

*Anne Wyatt (Infants 7)*

When I grow up I want to be a spaceman and go in a rocket and have a space suit.

*Graham Gibson (Infants 7)*

Malta is a very small island and it has two islands near it called Gozo and Comino. There is a big lake called Chadwick Lakes and it has no water.

*Andrew Tebb (Infants 7)*

In Malta there are no trains because it is a small island.

*Wendy McLean (Infants 7)*

Malta is a place in the middle of the sea and it is a very little place. It is the littlest country in the world.

*Philip Davies (Infants 7)*

My sister Anne is sick and she has got a chair to put the bowl on.

*Vivien Chicken (Infants 5)*

My Granny in England has got two robins in her garden and on Christmas Day she put some food out. At dinner time she put Christmas pudding out.

*Janet Cleave (Infants 5)*

It is raining today and the wind is blowing in the trees but the sky is blue. Carole is going to let me borrow her skates.

*Denise Nancarrow (Infants 5)*

Yesterday I saw a football match and the sides were Verdala and Tigne and I enjoyed it very much. St. Andrews came to watch and the Army children liked it very much. The score was 3 - nil. And the yellow was Verdala and the red and white was Tigne. It was the Juniors that were playing.

*Steven Beattie (Infants 4)*

Volcanoes are like mountains and the lava bursts out and it rolls down the sides. Some people have climbed up to look inside. There is one in Italy and one in Sicily and Sicily is very near to Malta.

*Carl Wood (Infants 4)*

My Mummy told me to go to the shop and I did. When I got back mummy said I could go and play with Jackie, and Tracy came to play with Jackie. We all played together with balls and we made a seesaw with a big log on the sand and then we made it on a rock. It was good fun.

*Patricia Weatherley (Infants 4)*

I made up a song,  
I found a little bird.  
We put it in a cage;  
Every time we train him  
He goes back in again.

*Bradley LeCount (Infants 5)*

Today it is raining and we cannot go out to play, and Rhian and I nearly got blown away and Michael fell in a puddle.

*Elaine McCarthy (Infants 5)*

I went out with my Mummy and Daddy for a big parcel and in the parcel was a big doll with lovely blue eyes, with a lovely red dress and pretty shoes, white hair with a blue ribbon and pretty yellow socks.

*Fiona Moore (Infants 5)*

We went on the Junior climbers and Fiona got stuck and Glynis fell off the Junior climbers and I scraped my chin. I don't know what my Mummy will say when I get home tonight. The Juniors boys' climbers have got no rope on them. We have good fun on them and when I get home tonight me and my Mummy will go down to Sliema to get a new pair of plim-solls.

*Lynn Leppington (Infants 5)*

In Marsa Docks there is a ship getting scrapped. It is called Reborn. In our creek there are some tankers; one called "Charles McLeod", the other called "Empire Gull". There are some Americans coming in soon. In a creek near this school

there is a warship numbered F18. There are no more ships in our creek; no more than the two tankers. Our creek is Sliema Creek.

*Robert Burns (Infants 3)*

On Tuesday I went to the Hypogeum and I saw some bones of people's legs and heads. There was a hole and you put your mouth to it and it made an echo. Then we went to three Museums and we saw some men in armour. The armour was made of iron and the iron was for their tummies.

*Jonathan Rowden (Infants 4)*

### FAMOUS PEOPLE

Once there was a King, a Queen and a Prince. The queen said to the prince, 'You must invite many beautiful princesses to a party and start to rule your kingdom', but the prince didn't want to do that, but he did. He invited all the princesses in the whole wide, wide world, but he didn't want to marry any of them. The next day the prince went to Swan Lake. Suddenly he saw a beautiful girl crying. He went over to her and asked her what her name was. She said her name was Odette. He said to Odette 'Why are you crying?'. Odette said, 'A magic magician had cast a spell on me and made me into a swan girl'. 'Can there be one way to break the spell?' said the prince. 'There can', said the swan girl, 'Only if a man will promise to love me for ever will the spell be broken'. 'I promise, I promise', said the prince. Now Odette is free from the wicked magician.

All night the prince was thinking about the beautiful girl he met whose name was Odette. The next morning he was up bright and early and the prince ran as fast as he could to Swan Lake where Odette was waiting for him. But it was not really Odette at all. The magician wanted his daughter to marry the prince. The prince was overjoyed. He asked the magician's daughter to marry him. She said 'Yes. Now Odette will never get freedom from the magician'. Next morning the real Odette came. The prince said 'Forgive me. The magician tricked me too'. 'My prince, of course I forgive you', said Odette. That very moment they had a wedding and were floating to another home where the magician could never harm them.

*Catherine Butt (Infants 1)*

## MY TEDDY BEAR

I have a nice big teddy bear. I like him so much. I would never give him away. He has a little bed. He has a nice dress. I could not make him any clothes so my sister made him some. I like the dresses she made him.

*Helen Thornton* (Class — Infants 2)

I wish I had a pony. I would call him Tony. I would scrub him and wash him and brush him until he is gleaming. I wish he would go running up a hill and I wish he was good as gold. I would give him oats. But I have got a guinea-pig instead. He is very dirty and is always eating every five minutes or so. When we don't give him some food for about half a minute he starts eating the paper in the cage and I've got a dog called Haggis. He's full of fleas.

*Nigel Allfrey* (Class — Infants 4)

## FUN AND FANTASY

I wish I was a witch and could go up like an aeroplane, and I wish I had a little kitten and a broom-stick. If I had a pointed hat I would go higher than the sky and go over the houses and fly to my home in the woods. I would like to live in the woods and change them into people. I could stroke a fox and play with the foxes and cuddle the squirrels and play with the rabbits and play with all of the other animals, even the snails and slugs and worms.

*Pauline Terry* (Infants 4)

I wish I had a new baby all for my own and I wish I had a dog all for my own. I hope I get what I want for my wish from the Fairy. I hope that when I wake up I find the baby and the dog that I wished for.

*Susan Dew* (Infants 4)

I wish I was a ghost and I stole some gold and silver and then I went to my house. I went to my bed and I hid it in the cupboard. In the night I heard a sound on my door and it was the witch of the land and I did not let her in because she wanted to kill me. I did not let her in and I said, 'No'. She said, 'Let me in,' but I did not open the door.

*Jonathan Rowden* (Infants 4)

I wish one day I would be allowed to go to the woods by myself. Well, one day my Mummy and Daddy said I could go into the woods. I was happy and I went into the woods. Then I heard footsteps; it was a tiger. I was very frightened and I ran home quickly but the tiger ran after me. 'Help', I said. Then some huntsmen came and shot the tiger and I never wanted to go to the woods again.

*John McIntyre* (Infants 4)

I like the sea,  
I like the sun,  
I like to swim,  
I like to run.

*Louisa Milton-Thompson* (Infants 7)

Once upon a time there lived a funny dragon and one day the funny dragon went out and got lost.

*Martin Lock* (Infants 7)

I can see a bumble bee,  
Flying to an apple tree.  
Black and yellow  
Little fellow.

*Kevin Mooney* (Infants 1)

"Off to bed",  
Daddy said.  
"The next day you pay  
For that toy with the boy".

*Anthony Webb* (Infants 1)

Autumn is coming,  
The wind is coming round.  
Autumn is coming,  
The leaves are on the ground.  
Autumn is coming  
The squirrels are scurrying round,  
To pick up all the nuts  
That have fallen on the ground.

*Elizabeth Carpenter* (Infants 1)

Once upon a time, long long ago, in a far off land, there lived a princess who was very lonely. She lived in a palace all

by herself but one day she heard footsteps coming nearer and nearer to the palace and she was very afraid so she hid in the bushes near the palace. She peeped out of the bushes and she saw a fox. The fox was growling to himself. The princess was even more afraid then so she ran into her palace and then the fox was afraid and the fox ran away. The princess was happy and not ever again did the princess see a fox and she lived happily ever after.

*Elizabeth Dunlop (Class Infants 1)*

Once upon a time there was a little girl and she had a garden and she grew some daisies. She had some roses and some michaelmas daisies and she had some tulips. One day the little girl saw her flowers gone and she was very upset and she grew some vegetables. She had some potatoes and she grew some carrots and she had some beetroot.

*Jayne Lock (Infants 1)*

Once upon a time there was a boy and a girl and in the middle of the night the girl and boy thought that it was magic time. One day on Christmas it was snowing very hard and when it had stopped John and Jane came out to play. They made a snowman. John put his scarf round the snowman. Jane ran into the house and got her Daddy's old hat and pipe and she brought them out and put the hat on the snowman's head and the pipe in his mouth. John went and got a carrot for his nose and soon it was bedtime. As soon as they were asleep the snowman came to life. He went out of the garden gate and down the road. Soon he saw a light and he went to it and he saw a man and he said, 'Come and warm yourself by the fire.' Soon he melted and the man thought he had run away and left his nose and his scarf, his hat and his pipe behind. So he looked at the name and it said 'John'. So he looked at the hat and pipe but they had no name in it so he brought them to John and Jane.

*Kevin Mooney (Infants 1)*

One day there was a little girl and a little boy and one day the little girl said, 'I will go and get some apples and some oranges from the tree and I will be home at five o'clock'.

Then the little girl went to the greengrocer's for two apples and two oranges and then the little girl went home and they had them for tea.

*Eleanor Ross (Infants 1)*

Once upon a time there was a reindeer and it was not big and it was not small. It was middle sized and the name of it was Kevin, and one day it said to his mother, 'Are you going to go away from me tomorrow?' 'Yes', said his mother. 'I shall be glad', and the next day Kevin saw himself in the mirror like he always did and he had a surprise because he saw that he had little antlers. The next day he saw that he had antlers six inches long and the next day he saw that he had antlers one foot, and that day he charged all around his den six hundred times and he charged round so loud that he saw that someone with a lasso had come. He charged after the man and got the end of the lasso and caught the man instead of the man catching him, and Kevin lived happily ever after.

*Anthony Webb (Infants 1)*

Once there was a spaceman and when he was up in space he saw a monster and he ran back to his space rocket. He started his rocket and he went back to earth. He never went back to space and he joined the Navy and lived happily.

*Peter Jackson (Infants 1)*

### GOD'S PRAYER

Thank you God for the food we eat. And the drinks we drink. And the flowers and trees and grass. And thank you God for the blue sea. And for the mammals and animals and birds and fishes. And thank you for the whole wide world.

*Jonathan Walters (Infants 2)*

Once upon a time there was a kitten. The kitten had milk every morning and fish every morning. The kitten got lost but he was found again.

The kitten was very happy because he was found again. He had his milk again and his fish.

*Clare Mooney (Infants 6)*

Once upon a time it was a cat who had an aeroplane. She could drive the aeroplane. One day she drove the aeroplane and went to Africa and she could speak to the African men. Then she went to America and she said, "Have you got some fruit?" They said, "Yes, we have fruit for cats and animals meat for lions.

*George Tsoulas (Infants 6)*

## THE SWIMMING SPORTS

We took the boat over to the Lido from St. Angelo. There were three boats for the children. On arriving we changed, to find some parents already there. We were told to sit on some seats where we waited until all the parents arrived. The sports began with First Year Girls Freestyle. The winner of this was Jean Lloyd. People who came first got a medal and seconds and thirds got a certificate. There were breast-stroke races and Infants' races. The infants got packets of sweets as their prizes. The diving was won by Elizabeth Latta (Drake) and David Baird (Drake). It was a very close race between the houses. St. Vincent won, with Nelson second, Drake third and Hawkins fourth. The last races were the team races. The winning house of the girls and boys was St. Vincent. Then the medals were presented by Mrs. Trythall and Carol Palmer presented her with a lovely bouquet of flowers. The crowds began to leave. The sports were over.

*Sheila Trudgett (Class 2AS)*

## OUR SCHOOL PANTOMIME

This year's school pantomime was called "Old Hob's Secret". It was about a little town called Bendham Bay. The citizens' children had been attacked by a very serious illness called the "Common Cold". Tom, Mary and Bill try to find out what caused the sickness. They sit in the square and think. They find out that people over twenty-one had not caught it and people under three had not caught it. They end that part of the scene with the song, "Where is the Constable?"

The Constable then comes out and says in a deep voice, "Looking for me?" The children ask the constable (who is called Constable Cuff) questions. The constable goes off and then they have a visitor, the caterpillar.

They follow the caterpillar, who is marching in time to the caterpillar music, to the end of town. Then the children (who are Mary Maybelle, Billy Brown and Tom Marlin) find themselves in a dark cave.

There are six germs who live in the cave and their names are:— Whoop, Croop, Sniffle, Snuffle, Atty and Shoo. The children do not know that the germs live there and suddenly some music is played and the "Dance of the Germs" is taking

place. Mary, Tom and Bill are quite frightened at first but then the germs begin to get friendly.

Tom asked them if they were safe and the bacteria nodded and then shook their heads and Tom said, "Maybe we are and maybe we're not".

Mary asked them where they were and Sniffle said, "You are now in the kingdom of Old Hob". Suddenly they heard the music. In came Lady Spirochaetae and General Germ. The children and bacteria were frightened when they came in. General Germ shouted angrily at the children then he asked them how they got into his kingdom. The children said that they had followed a caterpillar; the one that lights up. The General goes out with Lady Spirochaetae.

The children ask the germs to help try and wake up Old Hob by singing "Will you help us?" When the song is over Mary plays on her recorder "Old Hob's Tune" which awakens him from a two-hundred year long nightmare.

Old Hob wants to reward them for awakening him but he can't because Lady Spirochaetae and General Germ have stolen and lost his stick somewhere. Tom brings out the stick from his coat (he had found it earlier on) and he is rewarded for finding the stick with freedom from the Common Cold.

The caterpillar (the Glocat) is sent for and the people in the caterpillar are able to rest while Lady Spirochaetae and General Germ are put inside it and are sent to Bendham to cure the people and disinfect the town.

The next and last scene takes place in the Bendham Square again. The children come back (because they are cured) to their parents, and the sailors are cured too, and the pantomime ends with the song "This is a Happy Town".

The curtain opens again when the narrator has said her piece. Then only the first verse of the song is sung, with the instrumentalists.

Mr. Ousbey wrote and produced the play. Mr. Why wrote the music. These were the songs in the show:—

"Where is the Constable?"

"This is a happy Town"

"Will you help us?"

"Sixteen simple citizens"

"We have Lost the Little People of our Town"

"A Serious Situation"

"He's lost his Stick!"

*Terry Hamer (Class 3A)*

## A WELCOME VISITOR

Today, 27th January, we all went to the hall to listen to Mr. Patrick Shuldham-Shaw. He came to sing folk songs to us. He brought an instrument with him called a Spanish Guitar. One of the songs he sang was called "Saturday Night". It was very short. He had a footstool so that his guitar balanced properly on his knee.

Folk songs have been sung by people over and over again in many countries all over the world. Our favourite one today was called "A Boy and his Arrow". There was another good one about a young man courting with a lady who was too young to leave home. She was 77 years old! Mr. Shaw sang a Maltese song, too. Miss Candey who has been in Malta a long time enjoyed it very much. On his way out the minstrel sang a fruit-seller's song called "Strawberries". We all enjoyed his visit.

*Janet Rawson and Julia Parsley (Class 2AS)*

I said to my Dad, "How do you make a Maltese cross?" He said, "Punch him in the eye". But I meant the cross on the flag.

*Keith Dowling (Class 3C)*

## 4A SURVEY

Earlier this year Class 4A carried out a survey on the likes and dislikes of the children in all the third and fourth year classes. In the interests of parents and a peaceful home life we have decided to publish the results. For instance, if you wish to have no arguments and upsets at the dinner table parents are strongly advised never to serve cabbage. The unanimous opinion of cabbage is — ugh! Breakfast will hold no terrors for parents if they serve Cornflakes. We will be pleased to accept chocolates and toffees but, contrary to opinion, chewing gum is not popular. We are not very keen on tea but most people like coffee and some like cocoa. As for cold drinks, Coca-Cola is always popular and our second choice is milk. Parents who have named their children John or David, or Anne or Patricia have made an excellent choice, as these are our favourite names. As was to be expected Nelson and Queen Elizabeth I are the favourite characters in history. Our favourite colour? Without a doubt; blue.

Now we come to the cultural part of the survey. On the subject of the most enjoyed book, there was a very wide choice ranging from The Complete Shakespeare, Children's Classics and Goldfinger to Enid Blyton, so it looks as if we all enjoy reading. I wonder if it will surprise parents to know that the first choice for "Who would you like to be?" was, yes, a "pop singer". Second choice was a Member of the Royal Family, and third, a famous sportsman. The favourite "pop group" was — the Beatles who polled 61 votes. Next came the Shadows with twenty-three votes. Did someone mention "The Rolling Stones?" It looks as if the propaganda by parents has been effective — only six votes for them. Following on "pop music" we asked, "What musical instrument would you most like to play?" The majority voted for the guitar. Next came the piano and just one vote for the bagpipes! The girls favourite comics are Bunty and Judy, while the boys prefer Victor and Wham. As regards T.V. programmes, cowboy films are very much favoured, especially "Bronco" and "Maverick". For indoor games Table Tennis and Monopoly are equally favoured and Ludo is the nearest rival. As for outdoor games football and rounders carried the votes. Girls' favourite toys are dolls while boys voted for trains and model cars.

Last but not least we enquired about school subjects. Surprisingly perhaps, Arithmetic is the favourite subject followed very closely by History. Unfortunately perhaps, for parents who thought their children were born students, 53% are definite that they dislike homework. However, as 47% do enjoy homework, your child may be included in the latter.

*Arthur Husk (Class 4A)*

I am living on a small island called Malta. It is very, very hot here. We have a swimming pool in summertime when it is hot. It is safe to go swimming at any time because there is no tide. Malta is a Naval Base and for its bravery it was awarded the George Cross in the last war.

*Christopher Barton (Class 2BJ)*

On Monday I went to the Ceramics factory, the shoe factory and San Anton Gardens. At the ceramics factory Mummy bought me a dghajsa and in the gardens we saw a peacock. In the shoe factory Mummy ordered me a new pair of sandals.

*David Jones (Class 2BJ)*

I live on a small island called Malta. Malta has no snow because it is too hot. In winter the flowers come out and in summer they don't. In Malta there are not many trees or grass. Our school is a fortress because they had a lot of battles in Malta. On the coast of Malta there are a lot of watch towers.

*Terry Hammond (Class 2BJ)*

### MY HAMSTER

I had a hamster. Our uncle gave it to us. We called it Hamie. When we came to Malta we gave it away.

Hamsters live only for two years. When he gets his food he stores it in his pouches and goes back to his house. His house is a cage and when he gets home he takes his food out. His food is hamster seed.

Hamsters only came out at night. They don't come out in the daytime. They like running around.

*Philip Hobden (Class 1BJ)*

### THE HEDGEHOG

Last week we found the skin of a hedgehog. A hedgehog eats worms, frogs, snails, and waste food. The hedgehog's home can be in a hedge or a ditch or wall. The size is about a tea plate. He has a snout to go under the soil and brings up worms. At night the hedgehog comes out and sleeps in the daylight. Once we had a hedgehog and everytime we touched it it curled up in a ball.

*Duncan Smith (Class 2AS)*

### THE PICNIC

Saturday was the day we were waiting for. Mother was going to take us for a picnic in the wood. On Saturday my sister and I helped pack the basket. In it we put some ham sandwiches, a fruit cake and buns. When we got to our destination we played games and had fun with a small squirrel until tea time. We had tea and afterwards we played some more games. Then mother called us because it was time to go home.

*Lorraine Green (Class 3B)*

When I was a baby I slept in my cot. About one o'clock I used to wake my mother up and my daddy used to make me my milk in my bottle.

*Susan Back (Class 3C)*

### CAMPING

Last summer we went camping at Armier. We got there at half past four. I helped Dad put up the tents then got the food out of the car. Dad told me to get a camp bed out for a table. Then we ate our tea. Linden, Andrew and I built stones round a rock, put some sticks, wood and a lot of paper on and soon had a fire. When the fire was nearly out we went in the tent and got in our sleeping-bags. We went to sleep. In the morning we got up. Linden and I went down to the sea to fetch some water. After we had breakfast we went down to the sea to have a swim. We stayed there on the beach all day.

When it was getting dark we put all the paper and wood on the fire, lit it, put paraffin on it and let it burn.

In the morning we got up, had our last swim and then packed the car and went home.

*Robert Pannell (Class 3B)*

### ME

Antony Richards is my name,  
I do not hang in the hall of fame.  
I go to school from morn till night.  
My case is always packed so tight  
With books to learn, with food and drink,  
Pencil, rubber, pen and ink.  
When I come home from work and play  
It's straight to bed until next day.

*Antony Richards (Class 3B)*

### CUBS

I am a cub in the First Home Pack. I am a sixer and I have my leaping wolf. To get the Leaping Wolf you have to pass two stars and get three badges. One of them has to be guide, house-orderly or first-aider. In both stars you have to learn how to tie knots. In the first star you have to tie a reef-knot and a sheep-bend, and in the second star the bowline and round turn and two half-hitches. I have seven badges. We go to cubs on Tuesdays and we have good fun. I teach younger cubs things such as Highway Code, knots, fire-lighting and other things. When cubs are eleven they go up to the Scouts.

*Ian Walsh (Class 3A)*