

6. *Dad*: "Son, where are elephants found?"  
*Boy*: "Elephants are so big that they can never get lost!"
7. The bus driver and the bus conductor get on the bus. Three people get on. Three more people get on. One person gets off. Five more people get off. How many are left? *Ans.* Two. Conductor and Driver.

*Iain McNab and Andrew Corcoran (3A)*

*Playing About with Sixty-four*

Sixty-four is six tens and four units. It is the number of quarter-ounces in a pound. Its square root is eight and its cube root is four. Sixty-four is the smallest number with both square and cube roots. The prime factors of Sixty-four are  $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2$ . Sixty-four is sixteen twentyfifths of 100. 2 to the power of 6 = Sixty-four.

*Stephen Burns (3A)*

*The Human Body*

The most important thing about our legs and arms are the joints. Without them we could not bend them. In between the hard shell and the marrow of a bone comes the bone itself. If we sat with our backs bent at the end of a long period we could not be able to sit up properly again. The rib-cage is made up of a number of bones called ribs. The rib-cage contains the heart and lungs. If you sit down with a bent back your heart hangs in the wrong place and the lungs cannot take in enough air to keep you alive, so you would most probably die.

*Janet Rule (4A)*

*My Bird*

My bird drinks water. He is yellow. I had him for my birthday. He likes to be in the sun. My Dad cleans the cage out and I get water for my bird.

*Maxine Leblique (2B)*

*"Journey into Spring"*

Yesterday we saw a film about Spring and we saw lots of birds and nests. Then we saw lots of ants, hundreds and thousands of them and there were lots of rooks too. And there were two moles and they had a fight because they crashed together and that is how the fight started.

We saw a big beetle and it had a fight too. It was after all the tadpoles. And there was a sort of lizard and that was after the tadpoles.

And I liked the wagtail too, it was awfully sweet, and I liked the farmyard. It had haystacks. There were lots of cows too and they were nice and coloured brown and black and white.

We saw lots of eggs. Guess what sort of eggs they were. Frogs' eggs, and we saw lots of frogs too. We saw nine sticky-backs. Do you know what sticky-backs are? They are fish with sticky backs.

There were lots of trees too with lots of leaves on.

*Angela Alderton (2B)*

*Acting*

We were acting some things in the Infant Hall. One was where we went in a cave and when we were half way our lights went out. Some said, "Shall we carry on or go back?" We carried on. We were nearly out of the tunnel and a rock fell.

Another one was about a lady and her dog and a policeman and the lady lost her dog and she asked the policeman to look for it. The policeman said, "Yes but first, what did it look like?" Well, it has got a green collar and it was white and black. "Yes I saw one of them by the dustbins".

And then he set off to look for him and about ten minutes later the policeman knocked on the door and she said, "Thank you very much, Come in and have a cup of tea"

*Virginia Baker (2B)*

**POETRY, PEOPLE AND PLACES**

*Books*

Books can be old and books can be new,  
 Books to read for me and you.  
 Books that are tattered and books that are torn,  
 Books for the young — upon which they swarm.  
 Books for the blind and books for the able,  
 Books that are True and books that are Fable.  
 Books for reading in times of leisure,  
 Giving many hours of pleasure.

*Elaine Linkins (4B)*

*Rescue*

When a ship is in danger it sends a special message asking for help. This message is called an S.O.S. Nearby ships will leave their course to help the ship in distress. A message will go to the R.A.F. Co-ordination centre. Aeroplanes or helicopters will be sent to the rescue. Coastguards will send a message to the nearest lifeboat station. If people are in danger on the ship the lifeboat men will go to help them.

*Martin Bennett (1AJ)*

*Trouble with a Policeman*

One day my daddy and I went to church and parked the car somewhere. When we came out we found that a policeman was giving out parking tickets to all the cars parked where we were. When he came to our car, daddy said that we had just arrived in Malta and we did not know that we couldn't park there. We still had our English number plates too, so the policeman let us off.

*Theresa Stackpole (2AS)*

### *Penniless Pirates*

Penniless Pirates have no money,  
Penniless Pirates never live on honey,  
Penniless Pirates never go to bed,  
Penniless Pirates don't use their head.  
Penniless Pirates don't know what,  
Penniless Pirates should be shot.

*Keith Martin* (4B)

### *Football*

I am in the B team. I am right back. I like playing football. I play it every day. On Tuesday our team played against the A team. We lost 1 — 0. I saved two goals; one by my head; one by my legs. Alistair Newman came up with the ball and I was the only back there. All the others were down the other side.

*Bruce Emmett* (3C)

### *The Pillar Box*

There he stands so bold and red,  
With a nice red tammy upon his head,  
With an open mouth that's rather thin  
Through which you post your letters in.

*Vicki Payne* (4A)

### *Little Sisters*

One Saturday afternoon when I came home from shopping I found my baby sister Sarah sitting on my bedroom floor with my ink-bottle. Ink was all over her and on the floor beside her were my English and Arithmetic books covered in ink. I put my sister outside the door and closed it. When I went downstairs I found that Sarah had taken off all the stitches on my knitting. I took it away from her and went upstairs feeling very angry. To cool off I sat in a chair and turned on the radio to relax. Of all the things, the man on the radio was singing, "Thank heavens for little girls".

*Fiona Green* (3B2)

### *Leading Lady — A Film*

One day we were chopping trees down. Two men were doing the job and a man was in the way. He tried to run but the tree fell on him. It fractured his head and made him blind. He went to a blind school. They found him a dog to guide him. It was a good dog. It was a Golden Labrador.

*Julian Nicholls* (3C)

### *A Prayer*

Dear God, I love the little girls and boys and the flowers and the little toys we get from our mummy and daddy. I love all my friends and I love the school we go to.

*Deborah Leach* (Infants 2)

### *The Holy Birth*

One day while Joseph and Mary were busy working Joseph saw a messenger come and put a message on a tree. The message said that Joseph and Mary had to go to the place where Joseph was born. "It's going to take a long time," said Joseph. And so both of them set off. When they finally reached there the guard said, "Who are you and what do you want because there is no room for you to sleep in?" "Oh we have come because a message said that all the people had to go where they were born".

*Clare Lucas* (3C)

### *Topo-Gigio*

Topo-Gigio is round and fat,  
He really is a laugh;  
And Sometimes, when I feel like that,  
I take him in the bath.  
He wears a little football shirt,  
And funny little shorts,  
I'm sure he's very, very fond  
Of playing Summer sports.

*Linda Patterson and Ann Caley* (4B)

### *The Death of William Rufus*

William the Conqueror's son, William Rufus, was a very cruel king especially to followers of the church. The day before his death he dreamt that he went to a surgeon and had some blood taken out of him, but the blood went up to the sun and blotted it out. Then he woke up and told his servants to guard him. The same night a monk dreamt something about the king. The dream was that the king went into a church and tore down the crucifix and ate a bit of it and Jesus bit him back. Then the monk woke up and rushed up to the king and told him. The king said, "I know monks always dream for money. Give him a hundred shillings".

When William had his dinner he had too much wine. Then he made up his mind that he would go hunting with his men. One of his men was called Walter Tirel. While hunting William tried to shoot a stag but only grazed it. Then Walter Tirel tried but he hit the king instead and he fell down and broke the arrow and made his death faster.

William was buried in a tower. Not long after, the tower fell down and people said the tower fell down because he had been so bad.

*Nicholas Andrews* (2AS)

### *The Life of Christ*

Yesterday we saw a film about the Life of Christ. There were twenty coloured pictures. Each picture showed part of the story. The first pictures were about the Life of Jesus Christ and showed the shepherds and the wise men.

*Teresa Warrener (3C)*

Oh hip hip hurray  
It's Spring to-day.  
The flowers are coming.  
Oh hip hip hurray,  
God has sent the flowers to-day.

*Claire Barton (Infants 6)*

### *Friends of Jesus*

In Jesus's days there were two fishermen called Simon and Andrew. They were brothers. One day they got some news about a Baptist called John. He was talking about someone greater than himself. Then he came. The Priest said, "Here comes Jesus". The two friends followed Jesus to where he stayed. Jesus said, "You Simon, now your name will be Peter".

*Christopher Wild (Infants 2)*

### *A Prayer*

Thank you God for the Sun, and the blue water, and the coloured little flowers, and the trees which blossom in the daytime, and the little stars that twinkle at me and the yellow moon at night time. Amen.

Thank you God for the houses we live in, and the pets we have, and the pretty coloured little birds singing to you and me, and the parties that we have and the zoo and the circus. Amen.

*Tracey Morgan (Infants 1)*

### *The Shepherds*

When the shepherds had got over the hill and had gone to sleep an angel came to them. At once they awoke and hid down under their cloaks. "Do not be afraid because there is a baby born just over the hill". And then the angel went. The Shepherds spoke for a while. At last one decided to stay behind and watch the flock while they went. When they got there one of the three peeped inside the stable. Inside were two people. One was called Mary and the other one was Joseph. There was a crib and in the crib was a baby.

*John Turner (3C)*

### *Nonsense*

The sun is raining bright and green,  
It is a common sight never to be seen;  
The snow is growing through the ground,  
It grows so silent making such a sound.  
The flowers are flying in the bees,  
And nesting in the birds are trees;  
The butterflies shine on the sun,  
And writing this has been such fun.

*Antony Richards (4B)*

### *The Holy Birth*

The Shepherds were in the field. Then an angel came and said, "Do not be afraid. Go to Bethlehem and you will see a baby in a manger in swaddling clothes". When the angel went away the Shepherds got up and looked about. And then the Shepherds went and saw the baby in the manger and gave their gifts.

*Mary Warrener (3C)*

### *All About my Family*

In our family there are seven. My Mummy and Daddy, three sisters, Christina, Julie, Isobel, and a baby brother Clive and myself. My big sister Christina is in England because she is at college. Christina did not come with us. My daddy is in the Royal Air Force. My sister Julie is at Tal-Handaq. My other sister Isobel is in Verdala with me. We are living at 2, Emri Flats, G'Mangia. My brother Clive does not go to school because he is two years old. I have a grandmother living in London and lots of aunties and uncles and cousins as well.

*Cleodora Sandhurst (3C)*

### *Diary Entry for 1495*

The man is on punishment. They put him in a thing called a pillory and I saw him. I threw a lot of rotten fruit at him and I hit him on the nose. Then they threw rotten fruit and they hit him on the head.

*Stephen Bradley (3C)*

### *I Like Noise*

The roar of a jet,  
The slam of a door,  
The crack of a whip,  
What noise more?  
The rumble of thunder,

*Continued*

The pattering of rain,  
Running for shelter,  
Down the lane.  
The Clank of iron,  
The smashing of bricks,  
The tinkle of glass,  
That's all I ask.

*Church Bells*

Have you heard the church bells?  
They have a lovely ring,  
Calling all the children,  
To come to church and sing.  
Oh, what a happy sound they make,  
So merry and so gay,  
I really wish that I could hear  
Those church bells play and play.

*Michael Sturrock (4B)*

*North Africa*

When I was in North Africa playing in the back yard I saw a big black scorpion. I did not like it very much. I ran to tell mummy and daddy. Dad came down and clobbered it one. Mummy told me not to play in the garage. That was all right because we had two garages to play in.

*Sally Reed (4B)*

*My Plane*

I had a plane  
Which flew to Spain.  
Then my plane  
Came back again.  
It had taken second place  
In a Spanish Flying Race.

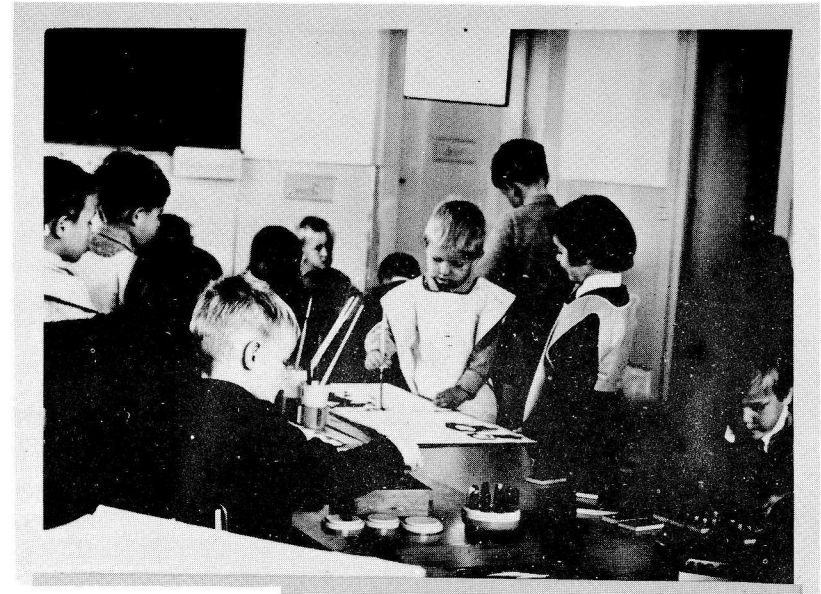
*Exams*

Exams are exams!  
They have got to be done.  
So why should I worry  
Before they've begun!

*Relations*

My brother is a cub,  
And the other is a scout,  
But they make a dreadful din  
When they get together and shout!

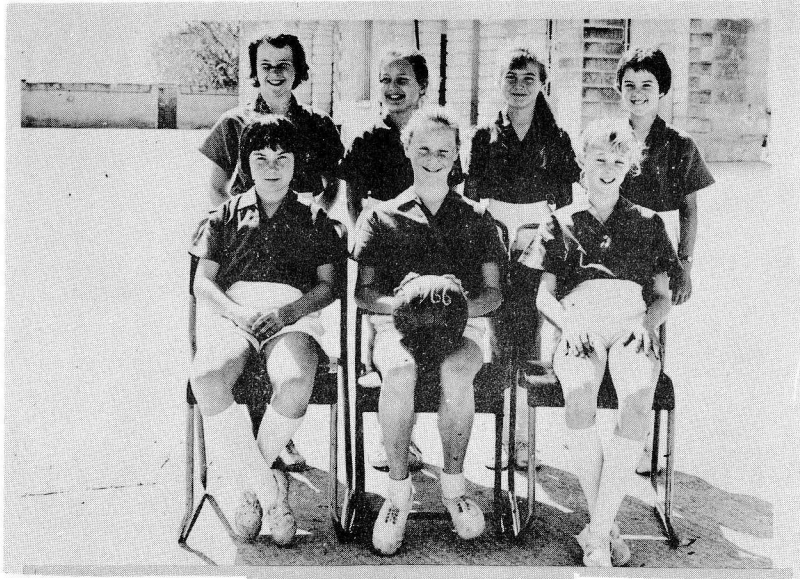
*Clive Gwilliam (4B)*



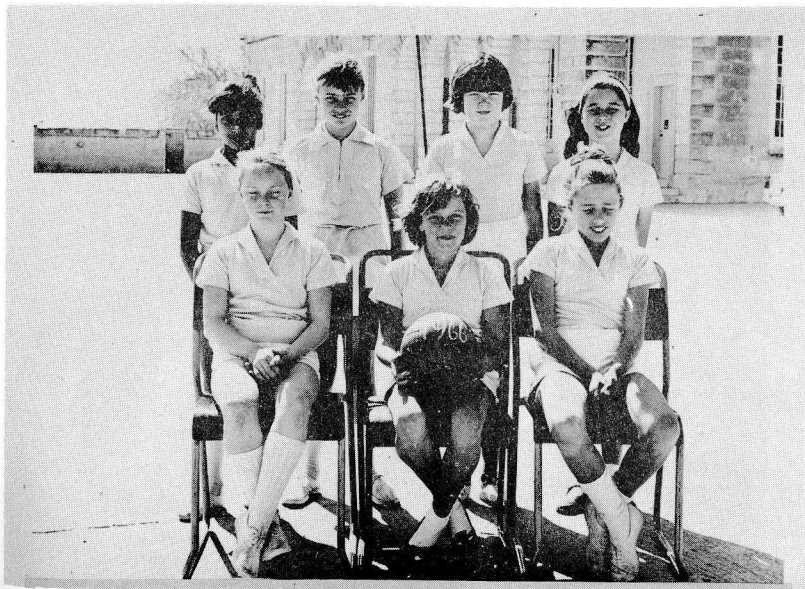
*Brushes and Counters*



*Knives and Forks*



Verdala "A" Netball Team



Verdala "B" Netball Team

One day my dad took me to Balmoral Castle where he was playing cricket. I had my photograph taken by a brass deer and I also did a bit of rubbing on it.

There was a wood there where I saw some stones with the dates of floods engraved on them. There was a hill there which one of the cricketers said had two stones there for a memorial for Queen Victoria's husband.

After that we got on the bus which was laid on and went home.

*Christopher Thomas (2AS)*

#### *The Moon Goon*

It's the year 1999  
 The hot summer day is fine,  
 Then all of a sudden there comes such a clatter,  
 I run from my house to see what's the matter,  
 Right in front of my horrified eyes  
 Stands a big fat moongoon of a gigantic size,  
 What sort of thing is this from the moon,  
 With a face as ugly as a giant baboon?  
 Then with a flash of fire and flame  
 The moongoon returned from where it came.

*Craig Klinefelter (4B)*

#### *In the States*

When I went to the States it took two days to get there. I have an uncle and aunt there and two cousins. Then I have a cousin who is married. The first night we stayed there we didn't know whose house to sleep at. When we got up in the morning we ate out on the patio with umbrellas to shade us from the sun. Then a few days later we went with our uncle, aunt and cousins to another sitting and did some fishing. Then we went outside and watched fire crackers. On the way home we saw the space-needle.

*Holly Reznochenko (2AS)*

#### *Weekends in Cyprus*

Most Sundays we used to go to different camps where my daddy played in cricket matches. We went along with lots of friends. Their dads also played cricket. We took sandwiches and used to sit under the trees. The ground had swings and a sandpit. We played on those and had great fun.

When our tour was over and we left for England we were very sad to leave so many friends and also Cyprus — I wish I could go back there sometimes.

*Isobel Sandhurst (3B1)*

*Little Children*

The children do their best  
And always pass a test.  
They play the games and sing  
Then end up with a spring.

*Donkeys*

I know a little donkey  
He has a little bow,  
Every time I see him  
He says, "My name is Joe".

*Lynn Griffiths (3A)*

*The Party*

Come to our Party  
Bright and gay,  
Lots of fun to be had anyway.  
Balloons of all colours  
White, red and blue,  
And lots of other good things  
For me and for you.

*Paul Johnson (3B1)*

*Torrential Rain*

Boom! The thunder went echoing round the fortified walls of Grand Harbour.  
Malta was having another thunder storm.

My Mother, Father and I were running round shutting doors and mopping up the puddles which the cascading rain had made. My sister, Sarah, was 'paddling' in all the puddles she could find.

I was thinking what it would be like in England. Poor old Mrs Brown (our neighbour) would probably be hiding in the pantry for she is afraid of thunder.

The thunder roared even louder this time and daddy said, "It must be overhead now. Let's hope it stops soon". After about a quarter of an hour Mummy came in and said that it would be best to do the mopping up when the rain had stopped.

There were no more flashes of lightning and the thunder had died away. "What a horrible job in front of us — mopping up all this water," I said, "I agree with you", came the reply from Mummy.

Well that's the end of the storm and I must set about cleaning up all this water now!

*Carole Stevenson (3A)*

*Verdala School*

Were you ever at Verdala school  
Where they've got a swimming pool?  
And they've got a big playground  
Near where the bastion walls are found.  
I bet they've got more than twenty one classes  
In which the teachers are all wearing glasses.  
And where they get their milk every day,  
The children will stay very healthy that way.

*Susan Wood (3B1)*

*My Trip*

When we travelled to Australia we went first to Egypt by ship. Then we got another ship there. We had a very nice time in Australia because we saw our cousins for the first time. Then we travelled on another ship to New Guinea where we saw a boat and boys were jumping in off the boat to get pennies and shillings. Then we went to Italy and flew over to Malta and went to school.

*Josephine Morley (2AJ)*

*The Pantomime*

We were watching the pantomime and I saw Velella and she was dancing and she was singing a song. I saw Mandy and she was a rainbow fish and Julie was standing next to the Queen and there were pirates. And Michael was a pirate and they caught three people and tied them up to trees. The Queen had a crown on her head and she was sleeping and that's all.

*Anne Williams (2B)*

*Going home to England*

I am going home to England with my brothers and sisters. I have got seven children going home to England. It is snowing in England. There is snow on the pavement. I like to play with the snow. I will like going to England with my brothers and sisters.

*Jill Simpson (2B)*

*The Staff Pantomime*

We saw a pantomime this morning. Our teacher was in it. Mandy Herbert was a rainbow fish. We saw Mr Why dancing with Nurse. And we saw the Headmaster dressed up as a ghost and we had to shout out, "Lampuki!"

When the ghost had gone all the teachers started fighting again. Miss Mutch had a frying-pan and was frying pancakes and she dropped a pancake on the floor. It wasn't a real pancake. Then we saw the dancing.

*Carol Phillips (2B)*

### *Christmas Presents*

I had a lot of things for Christmas. I had a Tressy Doll and I had all the doll's clothes and a bag too. From Father Christmas I had a pencil-case and a reading book and a book to write in. I had a tea-set from my daddy and mummy. I had a big doll from daddy and a small doll from my sister. I gave my sister a bat and ball. I had a nice time at Christmas.

*Susan Mallows (2B)*

### *At the Swings*

I went to the swings with a baby. She went to a swing and I put her in and she did not like it. She put her arms out for me to take her out. It was fun there. I went on a swing and I liked it. I saw Anne but she did not see me. The baby saw a dog. It was nice. She liked it.

*Julie Mead (2B)*

### *Playing Games*

On Sunday I had a doll from mummy and daddy. I call her Margaret. My daddy and I were playing Happy Family and I was winning all the time but sometimes my daddy was winning the game. My mummy was going to play with me and my daddy but she did not want to after all.

*Pamela Newman (2B)*

### *The Week-End*

On Saturday I did my homework. I had five sums, they were lb. and oz. and yd. and ft. Today we marked them and I got them all right and I got two stars. On Sunday we went to church at 8 o'clock and when we came home at 9 o'clock. Lynda, and Loretta took me to church and when I came home from church I had my breakfast. And in the afternoon I took Robin up to Auntie Doris's to play with Mark. After tea I went up to Auntie Doris's to collect him with Debbie. I got some sweets for Debbie.

*Nicola Gilbody (2B)*

### *Camping*

I went camping with my mummy and daddy and my friend and we went by taxi. When we got there we unpacked our things and we went into a cave. We went to get some water with the bucket. Stephen and Graham came back from the fountain and we had our dinner.

*Joy Butt (2B)*

My name is Jean  
And I live in a bean.  
I have a pig  
That wears a wig.

*Andrew Holdcroft (Infants 1)*

### *The Pirate*

Yo diddle ho and a bottle of gin,  
I am a pirate with a double chin.  
— Row me across the water —  
Yo diddle ho and a bottle of sherry,  
This is a sloop and not a ferry.  
— Row me across the water —  
Yo diddle ho and a bottle of beer,  
This isn't a sloop nor a ferry-no fear.  
— Row me across the water —  
Yo diddle ho and a bottle of Cisk,  
I won't row you, no, tsk. tsk.  
Yo diddle ho and a bottle of brandy,  
My nose is red and my legs are bandy.  
— Row me across the water —  
Yo diddle ho and a bottle of whisky,  
It's the drink that keeps me young and frisky.

*Antony Richards (4B)*

### *Acting in the Hall*

We acted about a boy. He was late for school but he didn't want to go to school. Then he saw a donkey running away from his master and he ran after it and he caught it and brought it back to his master. The master of the donkey gave him half-a-crown. He went to the toy shop and it was shut. So he went to the docks and he saw a big ship and he went to a man and said, "Is this your ship?" He said, "Yes it is". "Can I come on it?" "Yes if you pay me half-a-crown".

And he gave him the half-a-crown and went on board the ship. First he went down to the engine-room and slipped on some grease. He had had enough so he went home and had two smacks; one for getting all greasy and another for not going to school.

*Phiip Hobden (2B)*

### *Fishing*

We went to see a film and we saw a crab and some fish and one of the peculiar fish was a dogfish. When I went fishing I caught a dogfish and I cut it up and used it for bait. And I caught an eel.

*Paul Bacon (2B)*

### *The Moon and the Stars*

The moon is bright,  
And shines at night,  
Like a crystal ball,  
The stars hang silently above us all.

*Glynis Cornock (2AS)*

### *The Baby*

On Sunday a baby came to my house. We played with the baby and she crawled up the stairs and when the baby got to the top she crawled into my sister's bedroom and then she stood up.

*Ingrid Dickerson (2B)*

### *My Mask*

One day we made a mask in school. First we had a bit of paper. We cut the eyes, mouth and the nose, then we had it clipped. After that we painted it any colour we wanted. I painted it green. The nose was pink. After that the teeth were cut out. Most of us had yellow teeth.

*Virginia Baker (2B)*

### *My Picture*

I made a picture of a dream. It was green men and it was horrible. It had trees. It had one monster and two snakes on the trees and there were hands peeping from the trees. And it was dark and they could not see in the dark.

*Jacqueline Daly (2B)*

### *The Week-End*

On Sunday I went to play with my friend and her name is Kay. We picked flowers for her aunty. And at night when I was going to bed the lights went out.

On Friday I saw, "Bewitched" on T.V. with my sisters, brothers and my daddy, mummy and aunty Jane. And we saw, "77 Sunset Strip".

*Martin Barr (2B)*

### *A Destroyer*

On Saturday we went Christmas shopping. And on Sunday we went on a destroyer. We saw two anchors and we saw some guns and we saw some kind of eight-gunned thing and it moved by radio. And we saw the inside of a helicopter. On Saturday there was a power cut and it was very dark.

*Mandy Herbert (2B)*

### *My Bicycle*

I had a bicycle in England and I went riding on it and I charged into a ditch and I cut my leg. There was blood running down my leg and the doctor came to put a bandage on my leg. I didn't charge again.

*Michael McGillivray (2B)*

### *Carnival*

Carnival is here,  
Everyone's excited.  
Carnival is here,  
Everyone's glad.  
People crowding everywhere,  
Big balloons and fancy floats,  
Ugly masks and painted boats  
Aren't they loud the big brass bands?  
There's a man standing on his hands!  
Sugared almonds; fancy dress,  
Paper streamers, what a mess!  
Hip, hip hurray for Carnival Day.

*Stephen Why (1AJ)*

### *Acting*

We were in the Infant Hall and we did some acting about a burglar and a policeman. My three partners were Anne, Angela and Jackie. We acted as burglars and we tip-toed to the wardrobe and the dressing table and took out the jewels.

Then we went down the stairs and opened the front door and went out. The ground was rather noisy. We got on our bikes and off we went.

On Saturday I went to ballet. I am a herald. We have to wear yellow tights and we do a dance and blow our trumpets. We have black ballet shoes.

*Christina Alderton (2B)*

### *Adventure*

On Saturday I went to play with the lads in our street and a boy had boxing-gloves on and I didn't. And we had a fight and guess who won the fight? I won the fight.

Yesterday I went to see, "Jack and the Beanstalk" I liked Jack's mum. Jack's mum had football boots on and when the witch came on I jumped out of my seat. And the man got his trousers ripped in the beanstalk and the lady sewed it up.

*Angela Alderton (2B)*

### *A Party*

At the Dockyard Club last night I went to a party to have tea. We had films and we saw Daredevil films and cowboys and Indians and Woody Woodpecker. Father Christmas came on his sleigh and he gave out our presents and I got a gun and holster.

*Peter Platt (2B)*