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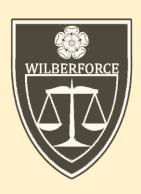
60TH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE





Bramhope schoolchildren and staff lined up for this photograph on a wet day in the 1950s or early 1960s. Among the teachers pictured is headteacher, Charles Sloman. The photograph was kindly loaned to us by his daughter, Mary Spark.











Hello!

Message from Mrs Judd

It has been an exciting term for the Buzz team. We have grown to a team of 13 young editors from Key Stage 2. They have worked amazingly hard to become a really strong team. This issue reflects all that work and excellent teamwork. We hope you enjoy the magazine.

Our focus this term has been on producing an issue of the magazine to mark

our **60th anniversary** of Bramhope Primary School. The team decided they wanted to look at Bramhope primary school past, present and future. The team worked together on a series of interview questions. We invited several past pupils and current staff and pupils to 2 of our meetings. The team took the photos and organised the event.

We have also enjoyed looking at old comic strips from Asterix, Tin Tin, Garfield to the YouTube hit "The Duck Song". The team have gone on to develop a comic book character each. They then created comic strips featuring their character in a series of creative adventures.









A bit of magazine history

Mrs Stewart found some old copies of the Bramhope school magazine. It used to be called the Bramhope Termly and it was 40p. Here is the front cover from winter 1986, 45 years ago.





Look who we found on page 2. Fiona is Frankie T's Mum and she gave permission for us to use this fantastic picture of her at the 1986 school Georgian disco. We think we probably prefer the look of the Buzz, but it is great to think that there was a school magazine all that time ago.

Thank you for the loan Mrs Stewart.









Mrs Laws interviewed by Ava and Eva

Do you like working at Bramhope Primary School?

Yes, because every day is different.

What have you done at school that made you proud?

Teaching in lockdown.

How long have you been here?

17 years. I wanted to be a teacher from when I was 7.

What has changed since you started Bramhope Primary?

Staff and new teachers and more children.

How many people were at the school? 270.

Who was the head teacher?

Mrs Lawson but not the one we know now. She was nice, she dressed up on special occasions

What your favourite subject to teach?

English lessons and creative lessons

Do you like the school dinners and what is your favourite?

Yes, panini because of the sticky cheese.

What has been your favourite school trip?

Robin wood and seeing children face their fears.

Which is your favourite year to teach?

5/6 because they are very independent and smart.

What is the best thing about Bramhope Primary School?

The children say hello and so do the staff and they're so nice and friendly. Team work.

What is your favourite punishment to give out?

Children missing their break.

On a scale 1 to ten how strict do you think you are?

7 out of ten but you have to ask some of the children what they think.

What's your favourite memory?

Doing the school play

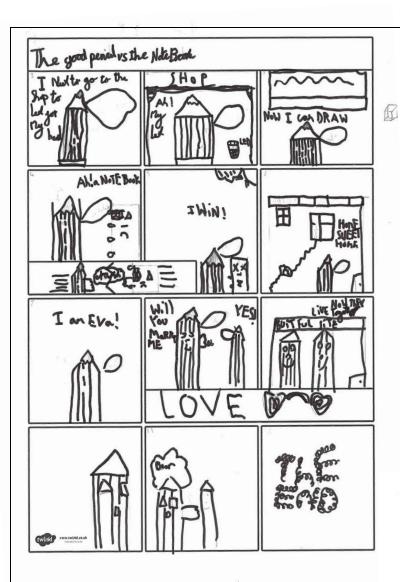
Has anything changed that you want to bring back?

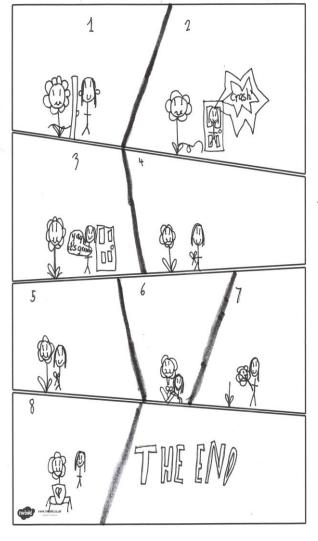
Yes, old teachers and Miss Johnson.

How can you see the school changing in the future?

Yes, more children and 2 form entry school and more classes and technology.







Maya and Alice C interviewed:

Past pupil and current parent Sarah McMurrough

1. When were you at Bramhope?

2. Did you start school in reception?
Yes, I did. I was 4

- 3. How strict were the teachers like?

 Like they are now.
- 4. Who was your head teacher?
 Mr Bearcamp and Mrs. Dalton.
- **6. How many people were in the school?** 150 25 per class.



5. What was the uniform like?

Grey skirt/pinafore, elastic tie and a grey jumper

6. Who was your favourite teacher?

Mrs. Tidswell and Mrs. Jeffries.

9. What was your favourite subject?

P.E and Art.

10. What did you do at break? What did you play?

3 playtimes and we played bulldogs charge.

11. What were the school dinners like?

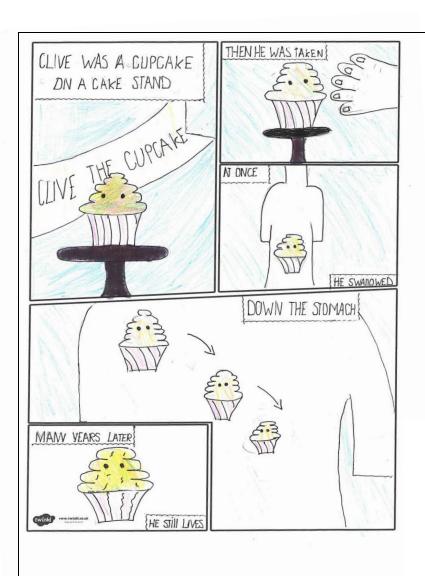
They were nice I liked them.

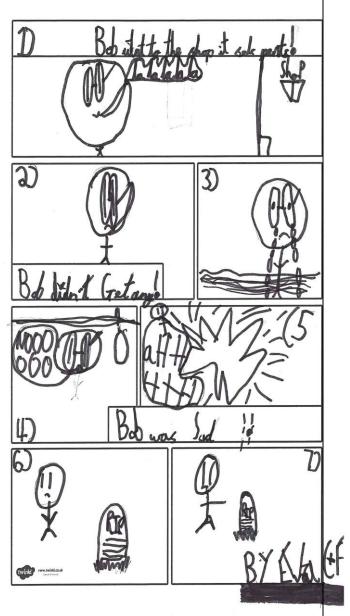
12. What was the same and what was different?

I think everything is the same except the music room has gone.

13. What was your best memory of your time in Bramhope?

Year 5 residential went to Israel for a month.





Alice C and William M interviewed current site superintendent Mr Bradley

1. Do you like working at Bramhope Primary School?

Yes, because it's a nice place to be. I went to Pool primary and then Prince Henry's.

2. What have you done at school which made you proud?

The children started to learn guitar and they played for their parents.

3. What has changed since you started at Bramhope?

Safety has changed, work is much more busy now.

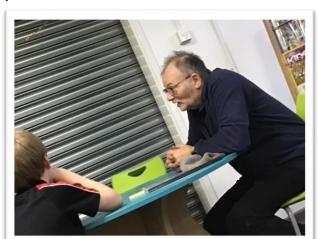
4. How many people were at the school? 180, 2007 Now about 230.

5. Who was the head teacher?

Mrs. P. Lawson

6. What's your favourite subject?

Guitar, I taught myself



7. Do you like the school dinners? And what is your favourite dinner?

Yes, I like the Christmas lunch.

8. Which is your favourite year that you were here?

2020

9. What is the best thing about Bramhope?

Everyone is friendly, good friendships here.

10. On a scale of 1-10 how strict do you think you are?

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11. How can you see it changing in future?

A lot more kids.

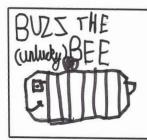
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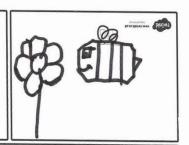
I started in January 2007

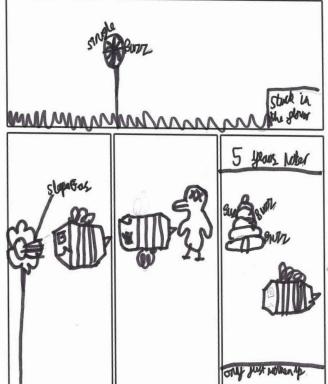
13. What do you like to eat?

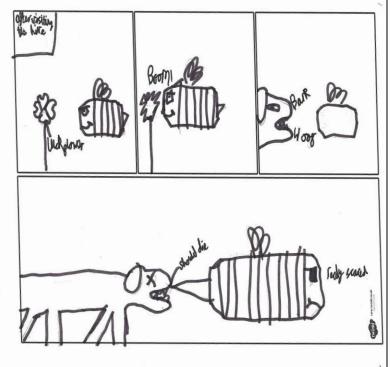
Pork pie and chips

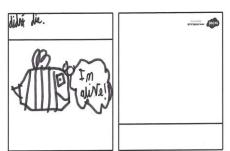


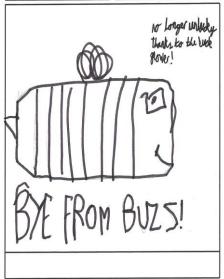












Past Pupil and current parent, Hannah Gray Interviewed by Jake and Dilraj

1. When were you at Bramhope?

1999

2. Did you start school in reception?

Yes, I did

3. How old were you when you went to school?

I was 4

4. Who was the head?

Mr. Bearcamp

5. What was the uniform?

A tie and BPS logo

6. Who was your favorite teacher and why?

Mrs. Bears

7. What was your favorite subject?

History and finding out how people used to live

8. What did you do at break? What did you play

Roll down the hill and play tag and bull dogs

9. What were the school dinners like?

Baked Alaska

10. What was the same and what was different from now?

Not different all same especially the hall

11. What is your best memory of your time at Bramhope?

When a plane flew over and took a photo. Also I loved doing the Christmas play



Mrs. Colburn was interviewed by Zahra H and Maisie W

1. How long have you been here?

5 years.

2. Do you like your job? Why?

Yes, every day is different and this is very lovely school.

3. Do you think you will still be here in 30 years.

I don't think so because I will probably be the world's oldest head teacher.

4. What will change in the next couple of years?

Our school will have a lot more people there will be at least three different play areas

5. Which teacher do you think will be here for the longest?

I hope all stay here for a long time.

6. Will there be a cooking club?

It is going to be tricky to have large groups in the kitchen but I am offering a pottery club.

7. What school trips are you planning?

Year 5 and 6 are going to some new places and year 4 are going to have an overnight trip.

8. Do you think the school will be modernized?

Definitely the building work will start in April

9. Are there going to be more people?

Yes, eventually we will have 420 people.

10.As a teacher what year in the future and what lesson would you teach?

2030 and my lesson will definitely be art, English or History because they were my favorite lessons at school.

11. Will we still have books?

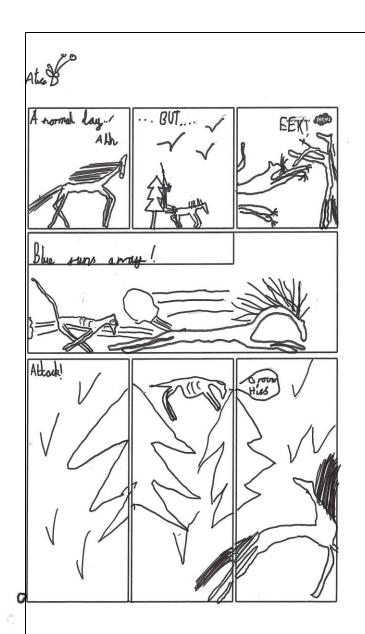
Definitely I love books and we will still have a library.

- **12.Will the school still be on the ground?** I'm not sure.
- 13. Will we have more tech?

Yes, we are getting lots more iPad and a new ITC sweet.

14. What will your office look like?

I'm very excited because in the bigger school I'll get a new office.









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Past Pupil Janet Calvert was interviewed by Bethany L and Sophie H

- 1. When were you at Bramhope Primary School? 1962-1968.
- 2. Did you start school in reception? No, year two.
- 3. Who was your head teacher? Mrs Sloman
- 4. How many people were in the school?

240, roughly.

5. What was the uniform like?

You wore what you liked.

6. How old were you when you went to the school?

5 years old.

7. How strict were the teachers? What were your punishments?

There was a naughty board that people had to sit under.



8. Who was your favourite teacher at school and why?

Miss Mackintosh because she was kind and nice.

9. What was your favourite subject?

English, and art was my least favourite. We didn't learn any languages and had to recite our times tables.

10. What did you do at break? What did you play?

French skipping. Everyone had skipping ropes. Girls and boys the same. We had tennis balls and a climbing frame. We also brought in things.

11. What was the same and different from now?

The safety and we had animals, like sheep, which we fed for the day. We had rabbits in the courtyard. There was only one hall and a poetry day, plus we didn't have houses. The pegs in 3/4 are the same pegs that we had!

12. What's your best memory from your time at Bramhope?

Having friends that you still have today. It was a happy school

13. What were the school dinners like?

They were good, amazing, brilliant. We had vanilla sponge with hundreds and thousands. We would go home for lunch or have school dinners. Sometimes we got double puddings.

Eva C-F and Ava W interviewed:

Current pupil Archie M.

1. Who's your favourite teacher?

Mrs Harrison.

2. Do you like school?

Yes, because it's fun.

3. What have you done at school that made you proud?

Winning the colour run.

4. What do you think about the school rules?

They're good.

5. Have you ever done anything naughty? What was it?

No

6. What's your favourite subject and why?

Art because I like making things and P.E.

7. Do you like school dinners?

Yes.

8. What had been your favourite school trip?

The trip to Abbey House.

9. Which is your favourite school year?

1/2.

10.Do you like assembly?

Yes, only not long ones.

11. What is your favourite topic?

Rock and soils in science.

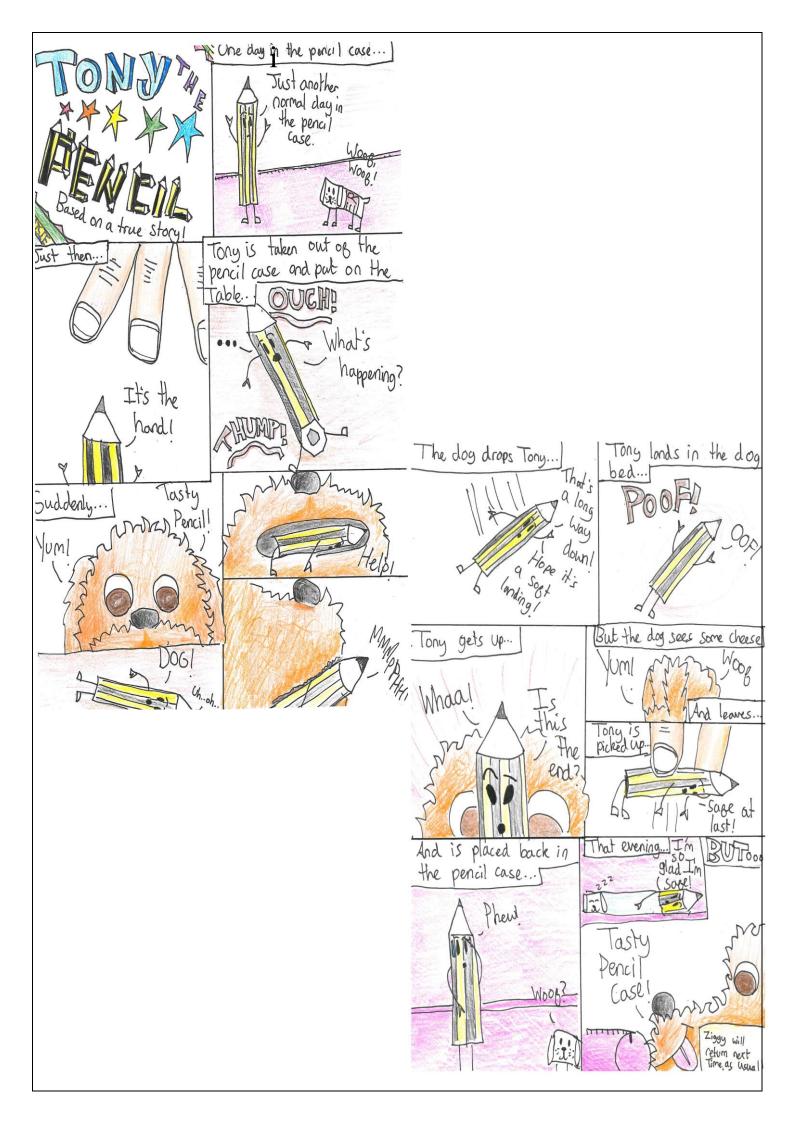
12. What is the best thing about Bramhope Primary School?

School.

13.Is there anything that ould make it better?

Yes, no lessons.





Eva's Interview with past pupil Rachel Bush



Q1) When were you at Bramhope?

I started Bramhope in 1986 and stayed until the end of year six before leaving to go to high school.

Q2) did you start school in reception?

Yes, I started Bramhope in reception in 1986. Lower school was situated in the Upper School building then, and my first classroom was in today's 3/4HL classroom.

Q3) how old were you when you went to the school?

I started aged four and left aged 11.

Q4) Who was your headteacher?

When I first started we had Mrs Dalton but when she retired we had Mr Bearcamp.

Q5) how many people were in the school?

We just had 30 children per year group so no more than 210 children in the whole school.

Q6) What was the uniform like?

We didn't have a uniform as such but the tie was red and orange stripes. The school logo, that has just gone, was designed when I was at school. The photo is attached an example of the uniforms and also the school budgie.

Q7) How strict were the teachers and what were your punishment?

I remember the teachers being fair but I was well-behaved. If some children miss behaved they had to stand outside the classroom or go to see the headteacher.

Q8) Who was your favourite teacher and why?

We had a teacher (she was training with us) called Mrs Bush and I remember having such fun with her!

Q9) What was your favourite subject?

Oh that's a tricky one! But I think it was maths as we had some little booklets to write I also really enjoyed music classes.

Q10) What did you do at break time and what did you play?

We had dinner ladies who came into school just for our lunchtimes. I remember one lady called Mrs Ford and she would always bring a huge skipping rope with her to do skipping with us all. We also used to play bulldogs and horses.

Q11) What were school dinners like?

We always liked the school dinners.

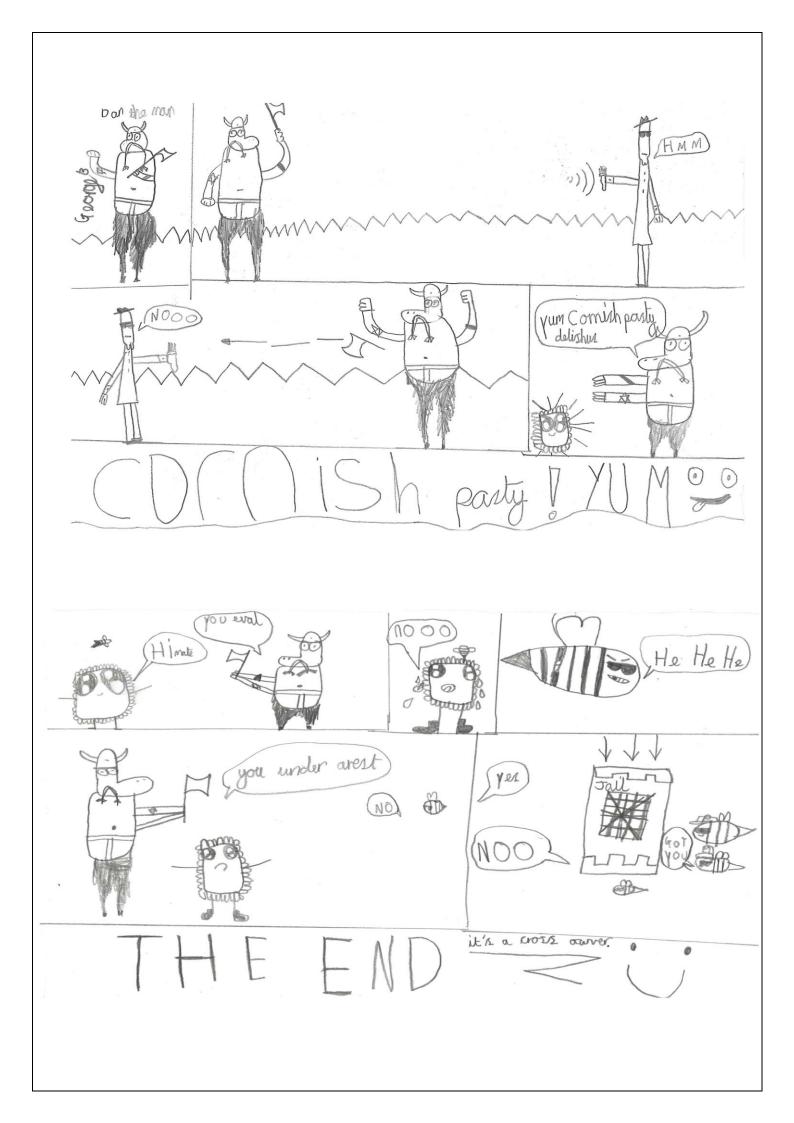
Q12) What was the same and what was different from now?

As I mentioned, Upper School and Lower School were the other way round! We also had school pets; we had a budgie and a rabbit and you could volunteer to take these home for the weekend. I remember having the budgie for a few weekends and really enjoying it.

Q13) What is your best memory of your time Bramhope?

Definitely the friends I made. I also loved the school trips, of which we went on many. Also I was the Snow Queen in one of the Christmas productions, where I forgot my lines but really enjoyed wearing the dress!





Archie G and Will G interviewed by George and Alice B

1. Who is your favorite teacher?

Archie: Miss Frier Will: Mr. Mckweon

2. Do you like school?

Archie: yes as I can learn more

Will: As I can see my friends

3. What have you done in school that made you proud?

Will: getting better at work

4. What do you think of the school rules?

Archie: learning rules

Will: stupid rules (unfair)

5. Have you ever done anything naughty? if so what?

Archie: messed around with his jumper

Will: yelled lets have a party when the teacher was not looking

6. What's your favourite subject and why?

Archie: playing with lego

Will: art as its free

7. What is your favorite school dinner?

Archie: pizza day

Will: I have pack lunches

8. What has been your favourite school trip?

Archie: not done one

Will: Armley mills

9. Which is your favourite year?

Will: 3/4HL because more activities

10. Do you like assembly?

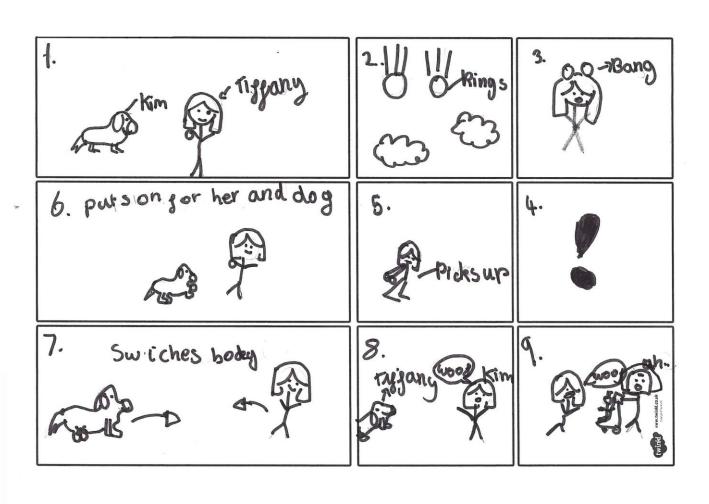
Will: Yes when I get a certificate

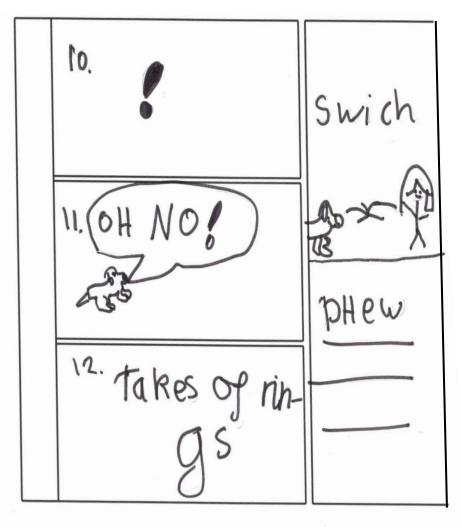
11. What is the best thing about Bramhope

Archie: lego and welly walk

Will: friends







Miss Naylor, interviewed by Mya Collinson and Alice Brown



- 1. When were you at Bramhope? *I started in 1987.*
- 2. Did you start school in reception? *Yes, I did.*
- 3. How old were you when you started at Bramhope? *I was five years old.*
- 4. How many people were at the school? 276 (Estimated).
- 5. What was the uniform like? It was a grey jumper with the old school logo across the front.
- 6. How strict were the teachers? What were your punishments? *Strict.*
- 7. Who was your favourite teacher at school? *Mrs. Bears*.
- 8. What was your favourite subject? Geography, and my favourite topics were Climate and Tectonic Plates.
- 9. What was the same and what was different from now? Some things were the same. The layout and reception was different.
- 10. What did you do at break?

 British Bulldogs (Bulldogs Charge), but it was banned! We also skipped and chatted
- 11. What were the school dinners like? The dinners were gross, but we had nice puddings.
- 12. What was your best memory of your time at Bramhope? *Residentials and doing the maypole.*