



The Infant Nativity Play



The Tale of the By-The-Wind Sailor

INFANTS' NEWS

Last night my Daddy took the go-cart to pieces and he took my desk to pieces and the packers are coming in to our house. They are bringing the crates into our house and my desk is going into the crates. The packers came into my house with some hay to pack up the toys and my train set and my crib is in the crate. The chrysalis came out into a butterfly and it flew away and it is a cabbage white butterfly. We have some flowers. They are very good flowers.

Michael Twyman (Infants 5)

I can skip so can Mummy so can Daddy so can Terry so can Paul, but Genevieve can not skip because she is not old enough.

Rayonne Digby (Infants 5)

I went out on my scooter. I used to go squiggly but I can go better now and I fell down when I went round the corners.

Michael Civil (Infants 5)

I went to Bighi to have my tooth filled and he said to me that I opened my mouth very wide.

Anne Yardley (Infants 5)

I saw my sister and I saw the show and it was a good pantomime. I saw Captain Brissel and he had a sword and I saw a boy and he said "Ol'e". I saw Ian's sister and she had a crown and I saw my friend. The Juniors were singing and I saw all the pirates. I saw a fish and an octopus and a queen with a girl down in the water. I saw a sea horse and it was talking and then it was finished.

Iain Arnott (Infants 5)

I went to the the airfield and I saw my friends and I played with my friends. Then they had to go home. So we wandered around and I started to cry because my brother and my sister hid from me. Then my Mummy and my Daddy came and we went home. We changed into our night-clothes and I went fast asleep.

Tania Emmett (Infants 4)

Last Saturday I went to sleep with my friends and I came home on Sunday. But I had to go to school on Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday and Friday.

Stephen Goodge (Infants 4)

My Mummy likes marigolds best of all the flowers because I think she likes orange. It is her best colour of all.

Beverley Holley (Infants 4)

On Saturday my brother and sister and I had a picnic in the garden. We had apple and cheese and bread and butter and pickle.

Vanessa Foulkes (Infants 4)

I went to the Hospital to have my teeth out. I didn't have anything to eat till Daddy came to fetch me.

Beverley Evans (Infants 4)

Today my fat tummy likes cheese.

Michael Bayne (Infants 4)

On Sunday I went to San Anton Gardens and I saw two monkeys. One was a baby monkey and the other was a Mother monkey.

Chloe Rutherford (Infants 4)

I and my mother went out in the rain. My Mother went first and I went second.

Paul Smith (Infants 4)

I like the dark outside but I do not like it in my bedroom because I think there is a ghost and I just don't like them.

John Mitchell (Infants 4)

Yesterday we bought our tape-recorder, then in the night we played the tape-recorder. I spoke through at it and it spoke back to me.

Gail Dickerson (Infants 4)

On Monday some people came to our house called the Hunny Buns. They had a baby. They were looking after it because its Mother is ill. They think they are going to keep it. My sisters were allowed to hold him and feed him. I made his carry-cot tidy.

Louisa Milton-Thompson (Infants 2)

Going out to Play

Last night I went out to play with Stuart and we played in the rat hole. We are going to make a trap and tonight we are going out to the rat hole.

Stephen Wilkinson (Infants 3)

Last night when I took the maid home a van was in front of us. It was going to B'kara and when we had got rid of the van we saw Doris's farm.

Nicky Popplewell (Infants 2)

On Saturday we came to the place where the buses come to show Daddy the way to school. Then the same day we went to the highest bit of the land in Malta. There we found a cave. It was dark there. Then when we came back we saw a funeral. It had a red cover and gold tassels. We were in our car. It made a traffic jam. On the way home we saw our Christmas tree. It was decorated. We have a Christmas tree at home.

Sarah Parfitt (Infants 1)

Last night we had a kitten and she played with us. She came on the table and she ate the cake and the jam tart. Mummy put her down. She came back. She was a naughty kitten. When we put her in her box she came out again and she miaowed and looked round and went to sleep.

Cathie Sullivan (Infants 2)

An Interesting Walk

On Saturday while Ruth was at a party, Mummy said, "Let's go for a walk along the Attard Railway." So we went for a walk along the Attard Railway. We picked lots of flowers, and after a while we saw a man with a gun. Then just before we got to the end of the railway I saw the head of a goat or a sheep. All the flesh had worn away. Mummy said we could not take it home on the bus. So when we were home we took the car up to where it was and brought it home in the car.

Sarah Parfitt (Infants 1)

A True Story

Once upon a time there were seven men and the Captain of the men was called Captain Scott. He was a good man. They came to the South Pole. It was getting very cold. There was a man called Evans and he died because he had a cut finger. The second person to die was Captain Oates and the day when he died was his birthday, and then there were only three left. They set up the tent and went in but before they went in they had to see if it was all right and then they stuck their skis in the snow outside the tent. They all went inside the tent. Then they went to bed. The tent was getting covered with snow and they all died of cold.

Alan Moore (Infants 1)

In Canada the school is very close to where I live. We do not have to take lunch. Only the people that live on the farm go by bus and eat at school. We had books called Dick, Jane and Sally. My teacher's name was Mrs Kawsmore. She just got married before I left. I had a friend and her name was Marie. We don't have to wear uniforms in Canada. In Canada we do not have infants we have Grades. I was in Grade One when we left. I passed; so when we go back to Canada I will be in Grade Two. In Canada it is different. It snows a lot and it rains.

Marliss Reznechenko (Infants 1)

The Nativity Play

At Christmas we had a Nativity Play for Mummies and Daddies. The Juniors saw the Nativity play as well. Miss Goffe chose a little girl called Elizabeth to be Mary and somebody to be Joseph. Joseph's name was Bradley. There was an Inn-keeper and an Innkeeper's wife. There was the choir and the readers and other characters. We practised many times with Miss Goffe. One day when the play was ready we wore our costumes.

Elaine McCarthy (Infants 1)

Mother frog lays her frogspawn. It is a kind of jelly. It wriggles and wriggles until at last it is a tadpole. The tadpole swims about in the pond. It can breathe in the water. Then tiny legs grow. They grow and grow till the back legs have grown. The back legs are flippers. Then the front legs grow and grow until they are legs for the land. Then its tail disappears and it changes colour till it is a frog, and the frog hops away. It can hop high and it can hide itself. It lays about a dozen eggs. At my other school, in our aquarium, we had six frogs, some shrimps and some fish.

Christopher Cook (Infants 1)

The Reindeer

In Lapland there are lots of reindeer and in other cold countries. In Lapland there are different colours of reindeer and reindeer pull the sledges along the snow and ice. Their fathers go out hunting and they hunt for walrus. The little boys and girls play hunting ready for when they grow up to be good eskimo hunters. They go out hunting in their canoes in the winter. They live in igloos in the summer. They live in their tents and when they move they put all their luggage on their sledges.

Lynne Whitfield (Infants 2)

The Reindeer

The Reindeer's name is a peculiar name because it is two words. Those two words are rein and deer. This animal is called a reindeer because sometimes it wears reins and they are deer. In the winter they dig holes in the snow to get reindeer moss to eat.

Cathie Sullivan (Infants 2)

My daddy looks like this. He has dark hair and brown eyes and he is a bit fat and big. My mummy has yellow eyes, I think and is thin. My brother is a very little bit fat and I am thin and have yellow eyes, I think, and I play jumping a ditch.

Andrew George (Infants 3)

My brother has just come back from camping. I know why he came home; because one of the boys was bad.

Louis Powell (Infants 3)

My daddy is tall and fat and my mummy she is in the house. My sister she is in Greece and I go to school.

Depy Konofaos (Infants 3)

Comments on our dead ladybird overheard in Infants 5

"The ladybird is still here. It hasn't gone to heaven yet."

"Its skin doesn't go to Heaven, only its soul. That's why we can't come back from Heaven — the skin is off us."

Teacher :— "And Jesus said to his friend Andrew - - -"

Keith :— "Oh I know Andrew. He lives up married quarters."

About N.A.A.F.I. pudding :—

"You take a little strawberry, you put some white stuff all round it, and then you put jelly underneath. It's lovely".

About Tartan Stockings :—

"I like the sleeves you are wearing on your legs".

About teachers :—

"Do teachers sleep at school all night, or do they drive the buses home?"

About the Nature Table :—

"Have you brought anything for the Nation table?"

About the Nativity Play :—

"I am a reader in our Activity Play".

Ambitions at 5 years old from Infants 9

When I grow up I would like to be :—

a fireman — Mark

a diver — Martin

a Vulcan pilot — David

a WREN — Kelly

a little girl — Linda B

a mummy — Helen

a Royal Marine — Dean

a daddy — Edwin and Vincent

a pilot — Peter B and Peter S

a soldier — Nicholas

an air hostess — Karen

a doctor — Richard

a magic man — Simon

a pirate — Paul

a teacher — Laura

a lady in an aeroplane —

Caroline

a sailor — Keith and Trevor

a nurse — Lesley B

Hilary

Theresa

Lesley S

Joanne

Jane and Lynn

I went to the Carnival yesterday and I saw King Carnival and Yogi Bear and we wouldn't have seen anything if we didn't go up on the fountain.

Chloé Rutherford (Infants 4)

On Sunday I saw 'Help' and two men were firing a bazooka. They were firing at a tank. There was a man standing up and when the men fired it the bomb missed and the man who was standing up said, "You naughty boy".

Stephen Goodge (Infants 4)

I went to the Carnival yesterday. It was good fun. A Yogi bear took off his head. I got a bouncy ball. One person threw some glitter on my eye and all over me. For a while we sat on the step then somebody pushed me over.

Heather Bailey (Infants 4)

I went to bed. In the night I saw a light and I called out to my Mummy. It was the light of God.

Daytime came and I got up and went to the bus stop.

Peter Leviton (Infants 7)

INFANT STORIES

One day the sun was rising, the baby was singing away, and the cows were mooing away too. The farm was very quiet but the horse was neighing away.

Janet and John woke up, and started to feed the hens. They saw one of the kittens had eaten lots of food, and was sick. So Janet and John ran to the kitten and took the kitten to the house.

Rona Hahn (Infants 8)

The Little Man

When I got to the beach I went for a swim in the water. Along came a whale and opened its mouth. Inside his mouth I met a little man and I had tea with him. I had some meat, some pie, and some carrots. After tea I went to bed, and I lived in the whale's mouth.

Peter Leviton (Infants 7)

Once upon a time there was a Teddy and he had a sister and her name was Debra. One day he had a dreadful accident. He was dirty in the mud and his mummy put him with his dolls by the fire so he could get warm.

Sarah Buckland (Infants 6)

One day there were three monkeys. They were walking along the Garden when a boy who was sitting on a branch of a tree threw a bucket of paint down. It landed on one of the monkeys.

Jillian Green (Infants 6)

Once there was a little girl called Red Riding Hood. One day her mummy said "Your Granny is ill, would you like to take her some cakes?" "All right, Mother", said Red Riding Hood. Her Mother said, "Don't forget your cloak". "All right, Mother." As she went through the woods she sang to herself.

Heather Bailey (Infants 4)

Here is a fair and Sandra and John are there. Sandra wants to go on the horse but John wants to go on the bumper-car. Mummy said, "No, it is time to go home because you have had enough for today".

Beverley Holley (Infants 4)

Janet and John are playing in the Garden. They are in the sand. The dog is there too. He is playing with a bone. John is putting water in the sand. They are making a garden.

Stephen Goodge (Infants 4)

A witch has a pointed hat. She flies on a broomstick. She has untidy hair. Once a witch came flying by my window. She has a cat.

Vanessa Foulkes (Infants 4)

The Pirate and the Dragon

Once upon a time there was a Pirate and he was looking for gold and he wanted some jewels because he had not got a jewel. When he was looking a dragon came and he sailed away so that the dragon could not get him. Another dragon came and he had a gun and he shot the dragon and another came and he got caught by a monster and the monster said you shall be killed and the pirate turned round and knocked the monster out.

Ian Marshall (Infants 3)

One day a little girl went out with her mummy and her daddy. While they were out a fox went to their home and ate all the food and bread. Then he jumped out of the window. When they came home mummy said, "I am going to make tea and we are going to have toast". Mummy went to the cupboard and she saw no bread. "Who ate up all our bread?" said mummy and daddy came in and said, "Yes, who has eaten up all our bread?" Then mummy saw a letter and read it. It said, "From mister fox. I ate up all your food", and mummy showed daddy and the little girl.

Angela Waldron (Infants 3)

Pets

Once upon a time there was a little girl and she always wished for a pet. One day on the first of June, 1966 it was her birthday and she got a lovely pet cat. She loved it so much that she gave it a ribbon to wear on its head. When her party time came she showed everyone her cat. Her name was Ann and she was 7 years old.

Elizabeth Kirkpatrick (Infants 3)

Little Princess

Once upon a time there was a dragon and he lived in a cave. One day a little princess was riding through the woods and suddenly there came a crash. Out of the cave the dragon came and the princess said to her horse "Run, run, the dragon will catch us". And they just reached the castle in time as the dragon reached the door.

Stephanie Heyward (Infants 3)

Once upon a time in the zoo there was a lion that escaped. One day in the wood he caught a Zebra and he caught a fox and two cats and two cows. The Zoo man came to the wood and he found the lion in the wood.

Claire Southgate (Infants 3)

The Little Bird

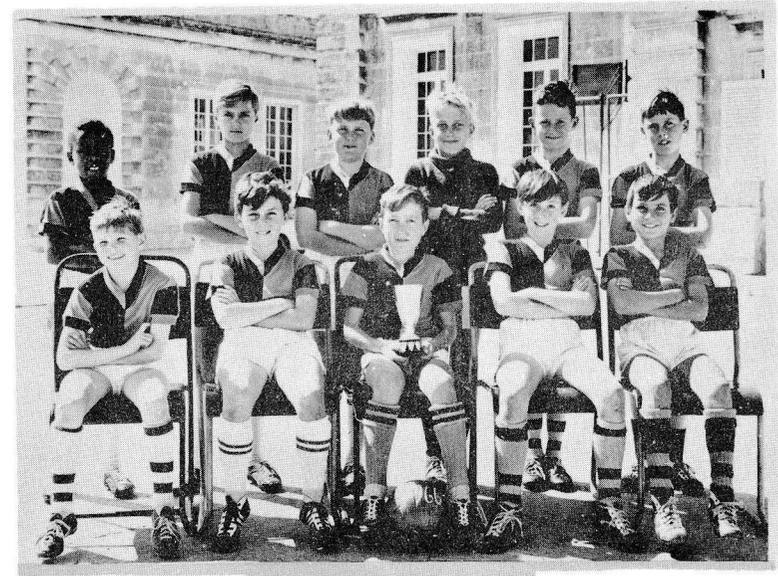
A long time ago there was a little bird in a high tree. It was very lonely. But one day another bird came and said, "Why are you so sad?" "Well, I am very lonely," he said. "I have no one to play with". "Well", he said, "I will play with you. Let us play hide and seek". So they did and they had so much fun that they lived happily ever after.

Hilary Newby (Infants 2)

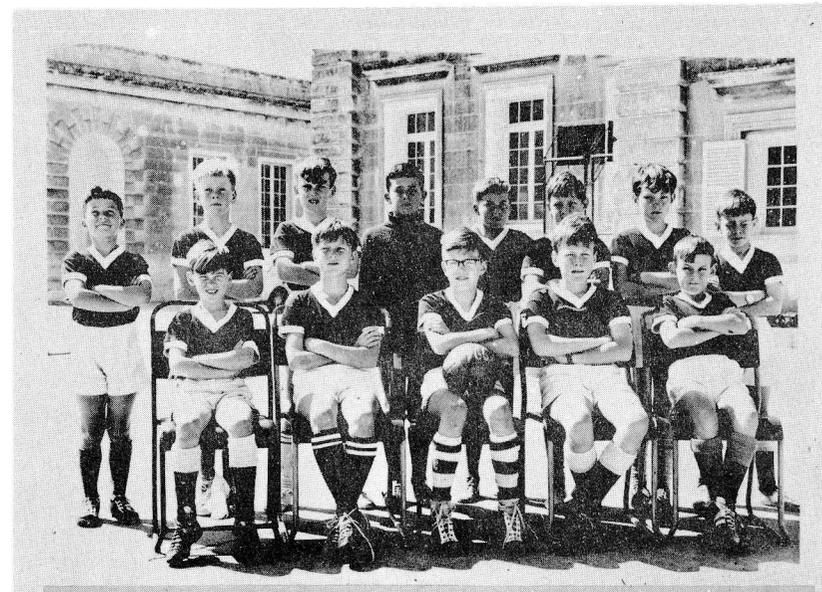
An Eskimo Story

In the far away lands of Eskimos there lived a father and a mother and a boy and a girl and an Eskimo baby. They lived in a little round house. It was made of snow with a little window made of ice. The house is called an igloo. The igloo is built from blocks of snow. The Eskimos had a big sledge and there were ten big dogs to pull the sledge. But there was one little puppy who did not pull the sledge. He sat at the back of the sledge with the Eskimo mother and father and the boy and girl and the small Eskimo baby. One day father said, "We shall go for a ride on the sledge". Soon they were ready and they got on the sledge and the sledge went over the snow, over the snow. Soon the dogs stopped to rest. They went home and went to sleep. In the morning the boy and girl went out to play with the puppy. And they lived happily ever after in the little round house.

Tracey Morgan (Infants 1)



Verdala "A" Football XI



Verdala "B" Football XI

Mathematical Appreciation



Artistic Concentration



A very long time ago there lived a very little fairy. Her name was Batelle. She lived in a golden tree and the leaves were silver. The little fairy was magic herself. She was a kind little fairy and she tried to help anyone who was sad and lonely. She had some friends. One of her friends was the meadowmouse. He was a clever little mouse because one day when the little fairy had injured her wing the little mouse knew straight away what to do. He got a little bottle of glue and got the other end of the little fairy's wing and glued the wing on the fairy. The little fairy thanked the mouse lots of times. The next day the fairy gave the little mouse a gift to show how thankful she was.

Julia Smyth (Infants 1)

Once upon a time there was a poor boy called Steven. He went round houses and he did not have a father or mother and he only had one pound. He said, "I will save up". And he saved up for two pounds. And now he is the richest man in the world.

Nicholas Pengelly (Infants 1)

Once upon a time a man had an experiment set. One day he made an experiment and he made some purple powder. He put some of this on his hand and then he rubbed it on his head and he went small. He went smaller and smaller until he was six inches tall. He thought he was in an African jungle then he heard a sound. It was an army of ants. It gave the man a fright. The man's name was Dr. Choochi because he was an experiment man. Now when the man was still small a bird swooped down and picked him up. The man had a drop of the experiment left so he put some on his hand and rubbed it on his head. He went big and he went bigger and bigger until he was huge. At last he had enough of being huge so he asked the wizard to return him to normal so the wizard gave him a spoonful of red powder and Dr. Choochi was normal. He lived happily ever after.

Bradley Le Count (Infants 1)

The Apple Tree

One day Mr Apple Tree was mad. He could not grow and he was very mad. All day long he jumped up and down. The earth shook and ants wriggled away. A horse was so frightened it fell down.

Stephen Goodge (Infants 4)

St. George

Once there was a great dragon who had the strength of a hundred men. When a princess came the dragon spat fire. One-day a knight came and the king said, "Will you kill the dragon?" "What dragon?" said the knight "The dragon in the wood", said the king. So off went the knight. When the knight saw the dragon with his lance he killed it.

Simon Alderson (Infants 3)

Once upon a time there was a Knight and he lived in a big castle and one day the Knight heard something roaring. So he commanded his men to open the draw bridge. So the men heaved and pulled. The draw bridge opened. Then the bravest Knight went out of the castle and just around the corner there was some fire. So he looked around the corner and what do you think it was? He cried, "It's a Dragon!" So all the Knights charged out of the castle and a big fight started. The dragon roared and the Knights shouted. Soon the dragon was dead. The Knights went back to their castle to eat their dinner.

David Oliver (Class 1)

HOBBIES, PETS AND INTERESTS

My Dog

I have got a dog at home whose name is George. He is white all over and he is very woolly. In the morning he wakes up my little sister and I and plays on our beds. At night time he cuddles up on my bed and goes to sleep but Nanny calls him down stairs and he goes with her to sleep by the nursery fire. Usually he wants to go in the garden to chase cats because lots of cats come in our garden.

Amanda Troubridge (2AJ)

My Budgie

My Budgie's name is Micky and he has a doll and he plays with it all day long. He can talk. He can say "Mucky Micky from Msida". and he says, "Budgie Budgie, boy". He puts his doll in the seed box.

Janet Asbury (4C)

Star Hobby

My hobby is astronomy. It deals with stars and heavenly bodies. I thought you may be interested in star "groups". First you have to find "The Great Bear" which has a double star. So then from the double star across to the "Pole Star" and find a group like a worm called Cassiopea. It has fairly bright stars and is a kind of "starter". South of the "Pole Star" is "Orion", which might be found without stress. It has three sloping stars called the "Belt of Orion". Below this is the "Sword". It is an enormous gas cloud thousands of millions of miles away. Now across the belt up in the sky is a reddish star. Try to make a V out of the stars near it — "The horns of Taurus". Two stars sloping to the left may be Pollux and Castor, part of Gemini and a very bright object is the planet Jupiter. Well three stars of Orion's belt point to Sirius, quite a bright star and a mysterious star which turns around Sirius called "Pup".

John Morgan (4A)

My Pets

In Wales I have a dog. He is a poodle. His name is Sooty and he is black and has got curls in his hair.

I used to have a cat but when we went to Malta my Granny said she would only keep the dog, and so we had to give the cat and kittens away free. We gave one kitten to a friend and the others to another friend and we gave her the cat as well.

Before we went to Malta my Granny said that if my dog died she would take me to the kennels and let me choose a new dog.

Fiona Edmonds (3C)

The White Stallions

The White Stallions
Gallop over the moor,
Belonging neither to
Rich nor poor.
Everyone wants to own them
But try as they will,
None will ever catch
A White horse on the hill.

Yvonne Boobyer (4B)

The Jellyfish

I will tell you how a jellyfish moves. There is a part called the bell and there is a part called the tentacles. The bell has muscles. When the muscles pull they squirt water from the bell and push the jellyfish along.

Graham Butt (3C)

Our Budgie Pip

Pip as you can see
Is our pet Budgie.
He whistles, he chirrups, he sings
And has beautiful coloured wings.
When up to him we walk,
He begins to chirrup and talk
"Pretty Pip", he says, "Pretty Pip",
And flies over to peck my lip.
Pip's tail is a bright royal blue,
His plumage a beautiful hue.
Without him we never would be,
He's one of our family.

Jacqueline Stafford (3A)

Darts

Darts is a game in which any number can play. Each player has a set of darts. In a set there are three darts. Men play from eight feet, women play from seven feet and children play from about five feet. If you look at a dart board you will see that there is an outer ring and an inner ring. You can also see that there are numbers all the way round. Well, if you get it in the outer ring you double the score, and if you get it in the inner ring you treble the score. You have to get a double to start. It does not matter what number you get as long as you get a double. These are not the rules, just basic facts.

Clive Gwilliam (4B)

The Stables

Midnight, Twopence and Whisky are my favourite horses at the stables. I like all horses but these three are my special favourites. I used to go riding on Wednesday but now I have a music class after school so I go on Saturday. As well as riding I help to groom, feed and saddle. At the stable there are twenty-six horses altogether. Sometimes I go down to polo at four o'clock and come back at five or half-past. Sometimes if I am lucky I am allowed to ride back. When I get back home I go straight to bed and don't get up till eight next morning which is Sunday. If it wasn't Sunday I would be in trouble because I would miss the school bus.

Jennifer Rowden (3A)

Horses

Horses frolicking in the fields,
In the sunny May,
All eager to have their meals,
At the right time of the day.
Horses you can ride,
Horses that pull carts,
Horses that can guide
And content our hearts.
Horses that can work,
Horses that can play,
Horses used for sports,
Sometimes every day.

Carole Emmett (4B)

In England

When I go back to England I am getting a dog called a Collie. I'm going to call him Timmy. I have to share the dog between my family. We have turns taking him out for a walk and into the woods for walks. My dad is getting a car. I think it is called a Zodiac car. It is a big car. It fits at least six people in at once. We can go to the beach to have a picnic on the rocks.

John McGillivray (3C)

Arithmetic

Most children groan at the sound of that word, but where would the world be without it? The answer is, "Nowhere". Many Primary school children never think of what lies ahead in a Secondary School. For example, there are Algebra, Percentages and so many other things that you could fill a page with, and as a matter of fact we are learning the area of a circle = πr^2 . I like Arithmetic and so do many other children in our class and I enjoy working out the sums.

Mental Tests are a competition between you and the test, by trying to do better every time.

Most sums are not difficult providing you have listened to all you have been told.

Andrew Morley (3A)

My Hamster

Once I had a hamster and his name was Hammy. One day, which was on Friday, I went to feed Hammy and when I lifted the cage top he bit my finger then he ran away as fast as he could. He ran right round the garden and I caught him then put him back in his cage. I fed him.

Michael Dawson (2AJ)

My Pets

I have two pet budgies; one is called Timmy. He has a blue beak, and Topsy, the other budgie, has a white beak. I once had a kitten but he ran away and was never seen again. Topsy, the girl budgie was vicious when we first got her but she is getting tamer now. Timmy was tame when we first got him and he lets us pick him up. Timmy is mine and my brothers, Topsy belongs to Judith and Delia, my sisters.

Eric Hamill (2AJ)

Jokes and Riddles

1. *Tongue twister*: Four tall broad-shouldered soldiers.
2. Why don't elephants wear striped braces? *Ans.* Because they don't wear trousers.
3. What does a female Zebra have that no other animals have? *Ans.* Baby Zebras.
4. *Boy*: "Dad, what is the biggest mountain in the world?"
Dad: "I don't know, son".
Boy: "How many miles is China from England?"
Dad: "I don't know, son".
Boy: "Sorry to have taken up so much of your spare time, Dad".
Dad: "That doesn't matter son. You won't learn anything unless you ask questions".
5. *Teacher*: "I am not satisfied with your work, sonny".
Boy: "Why don't you fire me then?"