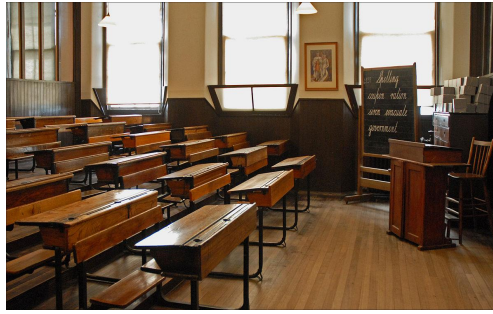


School Days Memories



A traditional classroom in the 1940's ¹

About this topic – *The aim of this session is for the children to discover as much as they can about the older people's school days and for everyone to think about the similarities and differences between the children's and older people's school experiences. The children act as reporters, interviewing the older people and then writing and illustrating a report of what they discover. Additional resources are provided as you may wish to extend this topic over 2 weeks*

Resources for this topic

- Suggested session plan
- School Days Memories Interview Sheet
- Old Photos
- School Days Memories Word Search and Answers
- School Days Memories Word Scramble and Answers

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Suggested session plan (one and a half hours approx.)

Whilst the plan below has been developed for face to face meetings, all the activities can be modified for use in Virtual meetings too. Instead of working in pairs or small groups the children could take turns to ask each of the adults about their school day memories. The Word Scramble and Word Search could be done in break out rooms using the shared screen facility on Zoom. The Photo sheets could be used either in break out rooms or as the basis for a whole group discussion.

1. Welcome and introductions – explain that the topic is school day memories and that the children will be reporters, interviewing the older people and reporting back to the group during refreshments.
2. For this activity it is ideal for one child to work with one adult. If this is not possible divide the adults and children into small groups.
3. Hand out the **School Day Memories Interview Sheets** (preferably on clipboards) to the children. They will need a separate sheet for each older person that they interview.
4. Each child then interviews an older person and writes down their answers to each question. Encourage the children to find out as much as they can from their partner. If there are more children than older people, then two children can take it in turns to ask the questions and write down the answers. If there are more older people than children, decide which older person is to be interviewed first. Do make sure everyone gets a chance to be interviewed.
5. When the children have completed their interview/interviews ask them to write up a short summary of what they have found out. Encourage the older people to help them as required. If there is time, the children and older people may like to draw a picture together of something they have discussed.
6. Refreshments – During refreshments have a whole group discussion about what the children have found out – what are the similarities and differences to the children's school experiences?

7. Depending on how much time you have left, hand out **Wordsearch** or **Word Scramble** or **Photo Sheets** – encourage the older people to talk to the children about the photos – what memories do they bring back?

8. Thankyous and goodbyes - Before the children and older people leave you may wish to say something about the topic or activity you have planned for the next session. This gives everyone the opportunity to be more prepared and, if appropriate, to bring photographs or other memorabilia.

School Days Memories Interview Sheet

1 What was the name of your first school?

2 Where was it?

3 How far was it from your home and how did you get there?

4 What do you remember about your first days/weeks at school?

5 What happened at lunchtimes? Did you go home for lunch or did you have dinner at school? If you had dinner at school what was it like?

6 Did you wear a school uniform? If yes, what was it like?

7 What games did you play at school?

8 What lessons did you enjoy most?

9 Which teachers do you remember?

10 Which friends do you remember from school?

11 What happened to children who were naughty? Did this ever happen to you?

12 What other special memories do you have from your school days (e.g. parties, celebrations, sports day etc)

School Days Memories

Do these pictures bring back some memories?



A traditional classroom in the 1940's ¹



Boys playing marbles ²

This picture was probably taken in the 1870's but the game of marbles dates back many thousands of years



Schoolgirls maypole dancing at a Welsh Carnival, 1941³



A school sports day in the 1950's⁴



Cartoon of boys receiving the cane ⁵

This cartoon was published in 1888 but caning was not completely banned in all schools in the United Kingdom until 2003



Girls drinking their school milk, 1944 ⁶

With thanks to Wikipedia for photos

1 *An example of a traditional classroom in the 1940's*

[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:The_Scotland_Street_School_Museum_\(Glasgow\)_ \(3816540623\).jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:The_Scotland_Street_School_Museum_(Glasgow)_ (3816540623).jpg)

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2 *Boys playing marbles, 1870's*

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3 *Schoolgirls maypole dancing at a Welsh Carnival, 1941*

[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Llanfyllin_carnival_and_maypole_\(7131389767\).jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Llanfyllin_carnival_and_maypole_(7131389767).jpg)

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4 *Harlescott Junior School Sports, 1952*

[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Harlescott_\(Junior\)_School_Sports_\(7041859079\).jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Harlescott_(Junior)_School_Sports_(7041859079).jpg)

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5 *Cartoon of boys receiving the cane, 1888*

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:StateLibQld_1_113036_Cartoon_of_students_receiving_the_cane,_1888.jpg

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6 *Girls drinking their school milk , 1944*

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Girls_at_Baldock_County_Council_School_in_Hertfordshire_enjoy_a_drink_of_milk_during_a_break_in_the_school_day_in_1944._D20552.jpg

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School Days Memories Word Search

Can you find these 15 words related to School Days in the grid below. They may be going forwards or backwards in a horizontal, vertical or diagonal direction.

Exercise Books Friends Playground Dinner time
Assembly Teacher Pencil Case Cane Sports Day Milk
Chalk Homework Uniform Holidays Blackboard

D	M	V	R	Q	U	Z	V	C	K	E	V	F	K	E	Y	E
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School Days Memories Word Search Answers

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School Days Memories Word Scramble

1. AEYLOMP _____
2. ILMOLPLSS _____
3. MLIK OONTMRI _____
4. PKIINSGP POER _____
5. SLOOCH ELLB _____
6. BERZLA _____
7. EHSACTL _____
8. DNIRNE YEOMN _____
9. TROYUNC ANCDGIN _____
10. SHRDISTEEMAS _____
11. TMIYLEPA _____
12. ESULRR _____
13. SEKDS _____
14. AERSTDHMEA _____
15. MEOH MEIT _____

School Days Memories Word Scramble Answers

- 1 Maypole
- 2 Plimsolls
- 3 Milk monitor
- 4 Skipping rope
- 5 School bell
- 6 Blazer
- 7 Satchel
- 8 Dinner money
- 9 Country Dancing
- 10 Headmistress
- 11 Playtime
- 12 Rulers
- 13 Desks
- 14 Headmaster
- 15 Home time