

One of my biggest adventures in my life was starting school. When I was very young I did not want to go to school, but when I started school I found it most enjoyable.

I am eleven years old and have been to two schools. The first was a large school and the second rather smaller. I enjoyed my first school although the classes were rather large, and we only had a trip or outing once a year in the summer term. In my second school the classes are smaller and we go on a variety of trips all through the year. During the last year, I have been to London twice. I have also been to a farm to find out about milk produce. I have been down a mine near Morwellham due to a project concerning mining. My school won first prize for this project for the Tamar Valley Exhibition. We also go on educational trips, for a week, to either the Dartmoor Centre, Maker Camp or Beaford. Usually twice a year.

In my school we also do environmental studies. We have two animals in school, being a rabbit and a guinea pig. I look after the guinea pig. We also grow our own vegetables, such as carrots, runner beans, lettuce, cabbage and onions. These vegetables are used in the school kitchen, and the animals get any surplus leaves. We also grow fruit, being red currants, black currants, blackberries and gooseberries, which are also used in the kitchen for pies and such like. We have two compost bins, to which we can donate our household debris that will rot. We also put in mown grass, weeds and leaves from plants from our gardens. There is a chequer-board garden for the infants to look after which is a square plot of ground divided into paving stones and earth alternatively. The infants grow flowers. They also grow tomatoes and onions. We have a pond with a bog area. In the pond and bog area we have toads, frogs and newts, which were given to us by people as spawn. In the pond we have many pond plants which were given to us by the warden at Beaford. We also raise money from the Tuck Shop for buying plants, etc.

The lessons I most enjoy are art, craft, maths and reading. I enjoy writing stories, but I don't enjoy doing nouns and verbs and such like. I like doing physical education with apparatus but I do not enjoy sports day, or even practising for sports day. We have our own playing fields adjoined to the school, where we can play rounders, football or cricket.

The school I am in at the moment is only two years old. It replaces an old Victorian building. I much prefer the old building for its size and atmosphere. In the old building the school dinners were brought in, but in the new school the dinners are cooked on the premises and are of a much higher standard.

I think education is most important, because without it I would not be able to get a worthwhile job. Life would also be very boring without school, although when it is pouring with rain and freezing cold I wish I could stay in bed.