

Three Generations

The Seventies

By Kathryn Wake

IN 1969 Mr. Simon Wake came to Preston Primary. He left in 1975. Now, 32 years later he is a solicitor and specialises in buying and selling business properties.

When I asked him if he thought his career was successful he replied, "What do you mean by successful?" I answered "I mean you enjoy it and you think you are good at it." So he told me he did think he was successful.

He remembers some of the teachers names: Mrs Stockley, Mrs Burgess who had straight blonde hair, Mrs Allen who was tall, Miss Han-

lon, Miss Lee who taught the top year and retired 1975 and Mrs Kirby who taught music part time. Her daughter, Juliet was in the same class as Mr Wake.

Mr Bullock was the Headmaster. Last but not least Mr Gibbon who broke his collar bone playing rugby.

Mr Wake's favourite subject was maths because it didn't need much thinking about! One punishment in Mr Gibbon's class was that he used to hit naughty boys on the hand with a ruler. At playtime they always played football in the back playground.



PUPILS: Ailidh Watson and Sophie Johnson

The Present

By Alice Fraser and Nicola Riberio

AILIDH Watson and Sophie Johnson are currently pupils at Eggescliffe Comprehensive School. They left Preston Primary last year when building work on the new hall had just begun.

Both of them thought that the new hall was a good idea but that it, "Took away some of Preston's history." Their favourite time was the

Year 6 trip to Kingswood Activity Centre in Cumbria, where they had particularly enjoyed the climbing wall, fishing and dormitories! Ailidh and Sophie admitted they loved their time at Preston and were sad to leave. They are enjoying "the Comp" and still have some of the same friends from Preston days.

"We miss Mrs. Coulthard and would like to see the new hall," they said.



GOVERNOR: Miss Galloway

The Early Years

By Amy Dawson and Katie Ellis

MISS Galloway was a pupil at Preston Primary School during World War Two. She has lived close to the school all her life and has been a Governor for many years. She remembered that the school had a road and a wall at the front and that the toilets were in the backyard.

There was a punishment book and children who misbehaved got the strap. She said she got the strap once for helping some other

children.

The pupils went on a school trip to Whitby on the train every year. The school day was from 9 in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Most children went home for dinner and there was no school uniform.

She liked doing maths best of all and said they also did needlework and knitting.

"Even the boys did sewing. There was no cooking," she said.

Miss Galloway stayed at Preston until she was 15 years old.



PARENT: Simon Wake

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