

Leuchars Primary School

Memories of Childhood Project

What is the project?

At Leuchars Primary School, we are carrying out a project to collect memories of childhood in Leuchars and we are looking for the whole community to help. We would like people to write a memory they have of being in a child in Leuchars and hand it into school. The memory can be recent or from some time ago. At the top of your memory please write the date or the decade it comes from. On the back of this sheet, Mrs Jess has written a memory as an example. We would also love to receive copies of photos of the school and the local community.

Who can get involved?

Everyone! - Children, Mums, Dads, Grannies, Grandads, Aunts, Uncles, Neighbours, Friends – we'd love to hear from you all!

Memories can be written by current pupils of their own experiences or current pupils can ask a family member or friend about their experiences and write that person's memory for them. Memories don't have to be written by children, though - it would be great if the wider community would get involved as well and we would love to receive memories written by former teachers, former pupils or by other people who grew up in this area so please spread the message far and wide and encourage as many people as possible to get involved. The memories can be of the school or of growing up in this area.

What will happen to the memories and photos?

We hope to collect enough to make a display in week beginning 15th June and we will invite all parents and the community to come in and look at the photos and read the memories. We will then collate all the memories and photos into a book to keep in school as a history of our school and community. This will be a resource for classes learning about the local area in years to come.

How do I get my memory to school?

Children can hand their memory or photo or other people's into their teacher. Anyone can pop into school to hand a memory or photo into the office. If your memory is typed, you can email it to leucharsps.headteacher@fife.gov.uk

Will you return memories and photos?

We won't be able to as we would like to collate them into a book to keep in school. For this reason please give us copies of photos rather than originals. If you bring photos into school we can copy them for you if need be.

Anything else I need to know?

Please hand your memory into school ready to be displayed. It should be on A4 sized paper or card and can be typed or handwritten and decorated if you wish.

Please hand your memories and photos into school by Friday 29th May

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I first came to Leuchars Primary School in August 1999. I was a newly qualified teacher and had just got married. I had changed my name from Miss Kirk to Mrs Jess but I used to always forget and I often confused my P6 class by calling myself Miss Kirk and they didn't know who I was talking about! I had a rather embarrassing experience on my first day. I was wearing a dress over a t-shirt and the dress had thin straps. During the afternoon I sat up on a table and one of the straps burst with the whole class watching. I quickly pulled my jacket on and convinced myself the children hadn't noticed. But I bet they had!

In 1999 we were busy preparing for the Millennium. One day we all went out to the playground and stood in the formation of 2000 and an aerial photo was taken by a plane. We also collected items for a time capsule which is still buried in the school grounds. I remember we put in children's writing and pictures and some coins. I also think we put in a tin of beans, though I'm not sure about that.



I loved Leuchars School from the moment I arrived and have countless memories I could share of my time here but these are first and earliest memories. I think if you had told me in 1999 that one day I would be headteacher of the school, I wouldn't have believed you – but sometimes life surprises us!

Lucy Jess