

WHEN PRIMARY 3 GROWS UP

When I grow up I think I will be either a nurse or a teacher or a police-lady. I would like to be a police lady because I could arrest people. I would like to be a nurse because I would see everyones babies. I would like to be a teacher because I think it is a good job.

Lorna Macdonald

When I grow up I want to be a nurse because I like babies and I like children. I want to be a nurse because I hate seeing children in hospital.

Marlene Koes

When I grow up I want to work in Gillespies because I can see my friends and I can speak to them.

Margaret Fraser

When I grow up I want to be a scientist because I watch Dr Who. The favourite thing I liked from Dr Who was the Cybermen. The thing I like about science is that you can learn new things every day.

Scott Mackenzie

When I grow up I want to be a Californian Highway Patrolman because I watch the television programme CHIPS.

Gary Henderson

When I grow up I want to be a dentist so I can drill peoples teeth and take teeth out.

Cy Griffin

When I grow up I want to be a council man that works because I like the hydrolic drill. They are heavy drills.

Mark Kennedy

When I grow up I want to be a nurse because my mum was a nurse. I would like to nurse in London.

Naveena Bhatti

When I grow up I would like to be a nanny because I like looking after children, especially babies. I like babies very very much they are cute.

Emma Wickham

When I grow up I want to be an artist because they are good drawers and they can paint famous pictures. You can get lots of money and you can be famous for pictures.

Christopher Kennedy

When I grow up I want to be a policeman because when I go to get my lunch and hear there is a bank robbery I can leave my lunch and get the robber and put the robber in jail.

Steven Forbes

When I grow up I am going to be an Avon Lady because my mum is one. You give people jewellery and hand cream and make-up.

Elaine Munro

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

I came here in the October holidays from Tomintoul. When I walked through the school gates I was really nervous. All I thought about was would they like me? Would they speak to me? When the 3.50 pm bell went I was really glad. But now I like Dornoch. Firstly because it has a great beach which I can't wait to swim in, in the summer holidays. Two golf courses one 18 holer and a little course for beginners like me. I live in the bank house on Castle Street. I like the shops because you can get everything you need to live in them. The school here is better for some reasons eg. you get five minutes less work, more science periods, but worse in other cases, eg. you get more English periods and you get Latin which I never had before.

Iain Wood 1L

I have just recently moved to live in Bonar Bridge. I found it much smaller than Ullapool. although it is much smaller, I soon found that Bonar Bridge has much more to offer in the way of Whist, Badminton and Bingo. The biggest change for me is living in a bigger house and having a nice view from the windows, instead of just council houses. Although I have just moved in I have quite a few relations in Bonar and so I am seldom bored. I am also a keen fisherman, which is pretty handy as I live across from the river. The river is the Kyle, which the bridge crosses over. In the summer the fishermen attract lots of attention from the tourists. The Kyle comes straight in from the sea and carries right on, and splits up into lots of other smaller rivers. In my opinion, in Bonar hobbies are persued and a good time is had by all.

Jonathan Mackenzie 2L

Dornoch Academy ia very much different from Dingwall Academy. For one thing, Dornoch only goes up to second year and has only got eighty pupils. Dingwall is a six year school and has about 1,250 pupils. Second year has at least 200. Dornoch has 9 periods in a day, whereas Dingwall has only six. I quite enjoy 9 periods because you don't have time to get fed up.

The canteens are very alike. They both are cafeteria systems. There are many more teachers for each subject in Dingwall because of the number of pupils. They have three different sciences there, instead of just one main science.

Dornoch itself is quite different from Dingwall. It is much smaller and quieter. In summer, there is no where to go in Dingwall, but here you can go to the beach. In Dingwall there is no "Breakfast Clubs" or choirs. However, they do have a drama club, "Dingwall Players"

Now that I have got used to Dornoch, I like it very much.

Wendy Gunn 2L

HOSTEL LIFE

Life in a hostel is very different from life at home because for one thing you are living with a lot more children than you would be if you were at home.

Everything is a routine, up at quarter past seven in the morning, breakfast at a quarter to eight and then off to school. When we come home from school we have our tea. It is after tea that we get time to ourselves to go down the street or whatever we wish. We finish our tea at about five o'clock and prep doesn't start till half past six so we have nearly an hour and a half down the street.

After that we get one hour prep until 7.30, then supper at eight and lights out at half nine, so from prep till supper, then from supper till lights out we can watch the telly or table tennis, or anything we want but we are not allowed to go down town in this time.

But although life is all set in a routine, it is not boring, including prep of course! We have a very good television, we can also play table tennis and board games for indoors, we also have a piano. We can play football, hockey, tennis, badminton and netball outdoors in the summer, so as you can see there are a variety of things to do.

In the winter we have snowball fights and snowmen competitions and in the summer terms we get sent on treasure hunts and contests to see who can find certain objects first, for these competitions we have to go down town and so they are quite good fun.

We come back to the hostel on a Sunday night, we leave Durness at 6.15 and reach Dornoch at about 8.45. The bus journey is long and boring but we stop in Lairg for about half an hour to buy sweets in the restaurant. At first the weeks seemed to drag past but when you get used to staying in a hostel they seem to pass quickly, even though I've been in a hostel for nearly two years I still look forward to Fridays, because it's nice to be home.

Bernadette Keith 2L

I live in Earls Cross Hostel, Dornoch. I have to leave my home at 6.00 pm on Sunday to go to Scourie to catch the bus which leaves at 6.30 pm for Dornoch and Golspie. In the winter I have to leave at 3.00 pm to reach the hostel at about 5.30 pm.

Usually when we go in we wait till all the buses arrive then we have supper, usually about 9.00 pm and go to bed about 10.30 pm.

Once safely in the hostel the routine is pretty regular. We get up at 7.25 and have breakfast at 7.50. We leave for school at about 8.15 and come back for tea about 4.30. We have to do an hours prep every night usually from 6.15 to 7.15 except on Wednesdays when we do prep from 6.00 till 7.00 so we can go to cadets.

There are about 32 people in the hostel. Our warden is Mr Bill McMillan but Mr Mackay the gym teacher sometimes helps.

Staying in Earls Cross is pretty boring and the food is pretty terrible but we eat it because if we didn't we'd starve.

Alec Wood 2L

LIFE ON A CROFT

In Sleastery there were over 100 crofts; now there are only 30 to 40. It is very strange that people leave crofts and go somewhere else and let the croft go to ruin.

I think living on a croft is great. You can see things you have never seen before, like little creatures which live under the ground. The doctor says that it is healthier living in the country than living in a city. It is great when your mam or dad let you milk a cow or try to catch the sheep and lambs. I like calves the best - they are really beautiful.

When I help to pick the tatties, I get very dirty. Picking turnips is great fun.

On Sundays you can relax. If you have horses, you can go out on them or groom them.

In summer holidays I help to lift the bales of hay onto the trailer. In autumn I watch the combine harvester going round the field. Winter is the hardest of all, especially if any animal is having any young. We have to keep them warm. Then Christmas comes but for us it is just the same - we work at the croft.

Katherine Soszka 11

LIVING ON A FARM

It is a good life to be living on a farm out in the country.

The cows have their calves between October and December and the ewes have their lambs between March and April.

On our farm at Coull, there are many machines and the International 955 is the biggest tractor on Cambusmore Estate. Cambusmore Estate has four farms - Coull, Skelbo, Cambusavie and Torboll.

They sow the barley about the middle of February. The potatoes get planted about the end of April and the turnips get sown in May. They cut the harvest in September, keeping 40 tons of barley for feeding and selling the rest.

From December to April, the cattle are wintered indoors. The cattle are fed in the morning and again at night. There are three bales of silage out in the feeding rings for them during the day. At Coull there are 50 cows, 50 calves, 1 bull and some stots to be kept through the winter.

There are about 275 acres of working ground at Coull and about 1700 acres of grazing land on the links and up in the wood.

John Mowat 11