

Upper 2 go back in time



As part of their Victorians topic, Upper 2 took a trip back in time to a Victorian school. All of the children entered into the spirit by dressing the part, although special mention should be given to Hennie who, by wearing a full-sized crinoline, did more to demonstrate that particular garment's impracticality and the consequent inconvenience caused to a generation of women than any number of books and photographs.

The children experienced rote learning, wrote on slates and in copy books using ink pens (sorry about the inky hands, but it'll wear off eventually). They also learned about how discipline meted out and were able to examine artefacts such as a back-straightener, a cane and finger stocks along with genuine Victorian coins and schoolbooks.

They were then unleashed with a selection of Victorian toys such as spinning tops, marbles, jacks, pick-up sticks and a (hard to learn, even harder to master) hoop and stick. A great time was had by all, and we hope it gave the children an appreciation of how times have changed.

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