



Moments, Wishes and Dreams

(A Mead Community Poem: composed by 50 poets aged 4-70+)

Moments in school...

My best moment in school was singing in the choir,
My best moment was playing Alice in Wonderland
My best moment was when I stood in front of the world singing in a show: I stood in the floodlight and sang my heart's dream
My best moment in school was when I was in charge of lighting the school musical
My best moment in school was when I stood in front of the class in Maths and explained how to solve a problem that no one else could!
My best moment was when my landscape was displayed on the wall
My best moment was when I captained the football team
My best moment was when we were coached by Zinzan Brookes the All Blacks rugby player
My best moment in school was when we hid from our PE teacher in the fog for a whole lesson!
The best moment in school was when we made pizza in apprentice week
The best moment was when it snowed and there was no school
The best moment in school is when I go home!
My best moment in school was when I jumped out of the boat and got soaked at Plas Pencelli
My best moment was going to a new school and getting 'star of the week'
My best moment in school was winning a medal in assembly
My best moment was when I won the Pride of Rivermead Award
My best moment was putting my pen down in my very last exam
My best moment in school was making new friends
My best moment was when I met my best friend,
And finally I felt I fitted in
My best moment in school was the day I started as a teacher

I remember a time in school when you got the cane
I remember the horrible toilets that were outside –
They were cold and dark and dank

I remember a time we were getting changed for dance and the fire alarm went off!
I remember a time when we came back after school
when it was dark to look at the stars -
we saw the Little Bear and the Big Bear
and I drank yummy hot chocolate
I remember a time at school
when we threw Blue Nose Friends up a tree
at Golden Time and got them stuck - on purpose!

My worst moment in school was when,
having waited on the cold damp hockey field for an hour,



I missed the ball! - and my shorts looked so stupid
I didn't really like school, but I loved lunchtime
and running up the field to the big conker tree!
My worst moment was when the cruel maths teacher
threw a board duster at my head
My worst moment was being put in detention – for a month!
My worst moment was having to stand in front of the class to recite my times tables – and I
still can't remember them properly!
My worst moment was getting zero on my Spanish test
My worst moment in school was when I was the only girl
in all the years to have the cane – six of the best!
My nerves were a mess, the cane on my hand was a stingy pain
My worst moment was when I fell over and cut my head
My worst moment in school was falling in a hole
with my face planted in the ground
My worst moment was when I broke my arm
Mine was having to go to hospital when I fractured my ankle
My worst moment was when I slipped off the little bridge in the playground and grazed all
around my face – I was in pain!
My worst moment in school was having to go to see the headteacher – with my son!

Wishes...

If I had a wish ...
I'd want all my wishes to come true
If I had a wish, I'd be the headteacher of all the classes
and I'd tell them to 'Go and have fun!
I wish I had all the toys in the world, I wish I could have £100
I wish I had a little puppy, my own puppy
I wish I had a unicorn, a pet unicorn
I wish I had a pony, I wish I had a horse
We both wish we had a riding stable called 'Rising Stars Yard'
I'd wish I was a Cooper Trooper knocking over Goombas
If I had a wish, I'd wish I was a mermaid
swimming in the sea. I wish I'd win the running test
If I had a wish it would be to fly and have beautiful wings -
I would be up in the blue
If I had a wish, I would wish for proper funding for the NHS
I would wish for equality for hidden disability
I would wish that every day people will wake up smiling
I wish to be surrounded by all of my friends –
and they'd chat to me
I wish all my family could stay alive –
and that my family had sweets for me!
I wish I had all my family around me – all my big family
If I had a wish, it would be to come back to the Mead

And dreams...

I had a dream that I was back in school
I had a dream that I was living alone



On a desert island – and the sun was drowning me
I had a dream that I lived with elephants
I had a dream that I was late for work
and when I arrived at work I forgot to put my trousers on!
I had a dream that there was a secret garden
that was beautiful and bright - one day I will find the key!
I dream that mental health is funded
to the point that life is preserved and people
are recognised for their worth, not their illness
I had a dream that there was happiness throughout the world.

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