

HAGLEY SCHOOLS

HAGLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL REFLECTS . . .

A school log book reveals that Hagley Junior and Infants School came into being on December 4th 1939. The Headmaster, William Baker, recorded the event thus;

"It was opened at 9 a.m. in the presence of many parents and friends. The children present were 65 with their teachers. Evacuated children from Boulton Road Junior School = 71 with their teachers. The children sang the National Anthem and prayers were read by the Headmaster."

Thirty five years later Worcestershire schools were 'reorganised,' Hagley Junior and Infants School 'became' Hagley First and Hagley Middle School. On September 4th 1974 Headteacher, Frank Divall, wrote:

"This school re-opened as an 8-12 Middle School. The new extension had not been completed and we were short of furniture. All members of staff were present."

The school thrived, the extension was completed and in 1980 P.E. changing rooms were added. 1990 witnessed the opening of our Music Suite, subsequently our orchestra has flourished - winning the Worcester Festival Junior Orchestra Cup nine years in succession!

In 1998 Julie Kirkbridge MP opened an Information Technology Suite, sponsored by Halesowen College. Pupils have made excellent use of the facilities and published our first school newspaper in December 1999.

Hagley Middle School is today a highly popular school which owes its success to past and present pupils, parents, governors, staff and headteachers: Frank Divall, Marky Davis, Alan Gilmour and Colin Millett.

As a new millennium approaches we would like to reiterate the hope expressed by William Baker on retiring in 1949 that: "Hagley School may always be a home of happiness, high endeavour and much success."

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