

Last spring, we started a new, special feature called **IN THE SHOES OF...** on the dedicated and inspiring team of educators Sacred Heart School is blessed with. We shall continue presenting them to you through the questions and answers in no particular order. We hope it to be an interesting and an informative read for you and your child/ren, which will help you to get to know the very people shaping your child's education. During the year we hope to include the clergy, the governors and the admin too. As Mr Brading went first, you can read his heart-warming answers in the March '18 Newsletter (pta.sacredheartschoolbattersea.co.uk).

In the shoes of...

Ms Linda McCarry

Q: Can you say a little bit about yourself?

A: I teach 2M and it is my first year at SH. I am looking forward to working with this class and seeing them grow and develop.

Q: What was your favourite childhood book/story and a film/ programme and why?

A: I enjoyed The Secret Garden & The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe as they let my mind travel & be creative. I loved Home Alone movies.

Q: What were your hobbies as you were growing up?

A: I loved cycling, running and handball when I was growing up. I also loved playing Barbies and making up family games with them that reflected my own family.

Q: Did you have a favourite game/board game as a child?

A: I loved the game Cluedo about mystery and investigating.

Q: Did you have a pet?

A: I had a cat called Ginger and two gerbils called Jerry and Whitey.

Q: Do you have a favourite childhood memory?

A: Family birthday celebrations, playing outdoor with friends and my first trip on an aeroplane to Tunisia.

Q: Have you always wanted to become a teacher? What do you love about teaching?

A: Yes, I feel since a young age I always wanted to be a teacher. My childhood in Ireland and my teachers from school inspired me, they always gave engaging lessons & I loved school. I love building a rapport with children and love how they see the world.

Q: What was your first job?

A: I worked at the radio station in Ireland when I left university and although it was great to build confidence, I knew it would benefit me in my teaching career. I also worked at a Jewellery shop as a sales assistant in secondary school as a weekend job.

Miss Hannah Bolton

Q: Can you say a little bit about yourself?

A: I teach Nursery, I have been for 13 years in SH: in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 2. This year I'm looking forward to developing the outside area of the Nursery.

Q: What was your favourite childhood book/story and a film/ programme and why?

A: I have always loved children's books and still get very excited when new books come out. My favourite authors are Janet & Alan Ahlberg, Eric Carle, Julia Donaldson and Michael Rosen is a fabulous author too. My favourite stories were 'Going on a bear hunt', and 'Peace at last'. My favourite films were Disney films, such as The Lion King and The Little Mermaid.

Q: What were your hobbies as you were growing up?

A: I was a big swimmer and trained several days a week. I also enjoyed going to Brownies weekly.

Q: Did you have a favourite game/board game as a child?

A: As I was part of a big family (two brothers and two sisters) we all liked to play card games together. I also enjoyed playing Dominoes with my son.

Q: Did you have a pet?

A: We had many pets: cats, dogs, budgies, fish, guinea pigs, rabbits, hamsters and my pets now include a tortoise, budgie and the school ducks and chickens, oh and some fish too!

Q: Do you have a favourite childhood memory?

A: Going abroad on an aeroplane the first time was a great memory and today I still get very excited when I fly!

Q: Have you always wanted to become a teacher? What do you love about teaching?

A: I have always loved working with children. Both my sisters are teachers too! My older sister became a teacher first and this inspired me to work hard and become a teacher just like her!

Q: What was your first job?

A: My first job was in a sport shop called JJB Sports. It was very exciting because it had a basketball court in the middle of the shop! I loved going to work every Saturday to see all my friends.

Thank you for your time.