

# My memories of Alves

My first memory of Alves was sitting on the steps talking to Thomas Henderson and playing houses with him. It was quite a cool house! We also used to play drainy-drainy which was a game like tig but the drains were the den. I also remember really wanting to play football with the big ones. I loved going to the pantomime in P1 at Eden court and I also remember at the end of P1 Thomas left to go to New Zealand.

In P2 I remember having to walk around Alves with our class and we went to Cinderella fabrics and had to ask them questions about how to make materials. We played in the sand pit that isn't there anymore and I had a great teacher.

In P3 we did a project on Elgin and we got to visit the museum. It was great fun.

I'll skip forward to P5 when I did a project on Jacobites and we got to visit Fort George and Culloden. It was awesome because we got to see cannons and tons of ammo and we got to do a short sketch about living in Fort George. We also got to wear old fashioned clothes. Then we went to Culloden where we re-enacted the battle of Culloden and watched a video about Bonnie Prince Charlie. It was very interesting and fun at the same time.

In P7 we went on two trips that were absolutely fantastic. One of them was called 'Choices For Life' where we got to go to Inverness Sports Centre and learn about drugs. There were videos about drugs and a game called choices family fortunes, where they told you which were the right choices to take in life. But the best bit of the day was all the songs that the people sang. There was a person who had sung with Cascada, Keith Jack from the tv show, The Nairn Academy Choir and The McDonald Brothers from the X factor! The best was the McDonald Brothers because they sang 500 miles and every one was singing along and jumping up and down!!! Another great bit about the day was the school won £200 because our name was pulled out of a hat and we were all really shocked that we had won. Although I was happy that we won I would have been happier if I had won the signed Caley Thistle top!!!



The last great thing I did at Alves was going on the 4 day trip to Aviemore! We stayed at the Aviemore youth hostel and we did water sports like rafting where we played lots of games and got very wet!! We also went swimming at the Aviemore swimming pool which had a wave machine, flumes and a *great* café outside. We all had tons of fun and we all got very wet!!! We went to an Italian restaurant called La Taverna every night for tea and I had pizza every night!! On the last day of the trip we went to Landmark which was brilliant because I was finally tall enough to go on the Ropeworx. These are just some of my happiest memories of Alves.

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