

BRIDGET Yvonne Johnson Akili's Childhood

Family

My name is Bridget Johnson Akili

I am 9 yrs old and I was born on 7th October 1903. I lived with my dad Johnson and mum Blandine and 1 brother on Elizabeth Fry Road Heigham. Our house was quite small with only 2 small, tiny bedrooms upstairs and a kitchen and a living room down stair our toilet was outside and bathroom. me and my brother we have to share 1 room and we had to sleep top to tail. my mum worked as a Carer and she had to work for 14 hours for a day. And my dad worked as a teacher at & also he had to work for 24 hours in one day.



School

Me and my brother we had to go to School which called Nelson Street School. In our class we had wooden desks with the lids. Boys sat on the corner and girls would sit other side of the classroom. Our teacher was tall and strict ^{his} name was ^{her} Miss Matilda.

At breaktime girls would have small playground and boys would have the big one. We were not allowed to play with boys but on a weekend we were allowed to play with them. Boys would play football and girls would play skipping ropes. If we were naughty we got punished by being smacked with a ruler or slipper.



Flood

When I woke up I started reading my book upstairs in my room. My ^{mum} called me to come and see what was going on. I saw people calling for help I saw children crying. I asked my mum what was going on. My house was full of water I didn't know how to swim so I jumped over the window I was so scared to have lost my favourite books and toys. I heard water splashing and children swimming in the dirty flood. So I had to play with them. I heard ~~sh~~ I heard children were horified and playing with each other. I saw the ^{swan} Swimming club were swimming down my road.

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