

Playground Games

Games

Some of the games that are played at school today involve football and soccer. Back near the 1920's and 1930's, they wouldn't have been able to do these things because they didn't have footballs and soccer balls! However, they did play games like cricket, tennis, "Buttons" and "Bedlam". They also played knucklebones, leapfrog and "fly". Most of these games were made around the time of the great depression, close enough to the 1930's.

Old Fashioned Games

Bedlam is where two teams are made. One group has to run to the other side of a square. If they made it, they were safe. If caught, one of the captors would shout "Bedlam, Bedlam, one, two, three" and drag the prisoner back to the starting point.

Buttons is also where everyone takes off their buttons and throws them towards a line. Whoever got the closest could lick their thumb and pick up as many buttons as they can with their thumb and keep them. After that, there would be lots of people trying to hold up their pants!

Fly is where a row of six sticks are made. People have to try tip-toeing over the sticks without touching them. Whoever won the game could set up the game next time.

Knucklebones were made from boiled sheep's knuckles.

Leapfrog is also where everyone crouched down like a frog and jumped over one another.

Most of these games were played during recess sessions. They did have a couple of sport monitors to keep an eye on the younger students and to help them with their games.

Playground Equipment and Grounds



The back of the school in 1932



The front of the school also in 1932.



The current school playgrounds.

There is a large difference between the school environment today and those of the original schools. These photos display some of the difference in what is available for students to use today and the black and white photographs show a very bare and barren school setting.

Many different changes have been made to the facilities and equipment used by students. Parents, staff and students have all contributed ideas, resources and energy into creating a fun and safe environment for the students. Just a few examples are swings, tennis courts and cricket pitches, ovals, forts, adventure playground, netball/basketball courts and the undercover area.