

....I stroll along the tree lined path towards the mind blowing main entrance. The sun is shining off the glass dome and the colours are spectacular. I love school at this time of year. There are already parents and children sitting on the picnic benches by the pond. The children are amazed at what seems to be a new batch of frog spawn. I join them in this marvel before I carry on towards school.....

.....We walk down the outdoor corridor towards “big school”. The light is shining through the domed glass roof so that the room is filled with natural light. It is Mrs Saunders assembly today and she is using the multi media sound system to present it.

....At 8.45 I entered the calm, serene and spacious hall in Big School, marvelling at the quality of light created by the coloured glass panels, even in November. I set up the IWB for my presentation on “School Memories” and booted up the sound system so Vivaldi would play in the hall and along the shared spaces leading to it....

....The clatter of cutlery and the smell of good, wholesome food was wafting across Big School. Arrangements for family group seating ere already set up for children who had school lunch and it was a nice day, so the midday staff pulled back the partitions to enable the children having sandwiches to eat on rugs outside. Although it is November, the overhangs mean it is warm enough for a picnic on a sunny day!

.....The central atrium beckons, creating a striking silhouette against the sky line – glass, light, steel and wooden ribs. I enter via the automatic doors and go to see what the rest of the day holds in store.....

.....The ‘Big’ school is so light and spacious. It is my favourite part of the school. I love the water feature in the centre. It has an incredible calming influence on both myself and the children. It looks at its most beautiful this morning due to the rays of sunlight penetrating the glass dome....