

Breaking News!

- 1990—Hubble Space Telescope launched
- 1991—World Wide Web is created
- 1992—Euro Disney opens in Paris
- 1993—Buckingham Palace opens to public
- 1994—Channel Tunnel opens
- 1995—Yahoo! Founded by David Filo and Jerry Wang
- 1996—Dunblane Primary shooting
- 1997—Scientist s clone Dolly the sheep
- 1998—France wins the World Cup
- 1999— Scottish Parliament opens



Toys in the 90's

Toys in the 90's were limited with technology although this did not mean that they weren't fun. Toys in the 90's were great fun and some newer versions are available today. The first and most currently popular toy of the 90's was Pokémon cards, lots of us P4's love trading these cards today. Virtual pets were a popular trend of the 90's, Tamagotchi's were virtual pets and the average lifespan was around 7-12 days, people had to feed them, clean them and play with them to keep them alive. If the pet died it turned into a haunted ghost! In the 90's digital pet's did not stop there, the Furby, originally released in 1998 by Tiger Electronics, it looked a hamster or owl-like creature and required people to train it to speak, eat and sleep. It could speak 24 different languages! If you enjoyed getting creative, saving money and cooling down on a hot day a Mr. Frosty machine was great for you, it helped you to make ice lollies and slushes. In 1998 the Gameboy colour was released by Nintendo, it was released in 5 colours and was the most technologically advanced hand held game at that time.



1990s

Music

Music in the 1990s ranged from rock to pop to dance. Some popular artists included the Spice Girls, Oasis, Backstreet Boys, NSync and many others. Scan our QR codes to listen to some 90s playlists compiled by Primary 4!



Fashion

In the 90s popular fashion was: bright colours, chunky trainers and long skirts. Another fashion trend was called grunge. Grunge was a rocky sort of fashion. This included Doc Martens, dungarees, baggy clothes and dark colours. Doc Martens were big boots with long laces. Some children had their own fashion accessories including inflatable bags, bum-bags and butterfly clips. Within the last few years 90s fashion is making a comeback.



Many popular movies were released in the 1990s. These ranged from action and adventure to comedy and romance. Popular releases include; Home Alone (1990) , Aladdin (1992), Jurassic Park (1993), The Lion King (1994) , Jumanji (1995), Toy Story (1995), Matilda (1996), Men in Black (1997) , Titanic (1997), The Mummy (1999), Here are our top picks!

Jurassic Park Star Rating



Jurassic Park was released in the 90's. It featured a park where Dinosaurs still lived and walked with their own feet! Did you know that the T-Rex in the movie was probably the biggest and most advanced animatronic in the world at that time? Jurassic Park became so popular that the producers and directors went on to make several different other ones, the latest one released just last year in 2019. It is a great movie for Dino lovers and kids who want to become archaeologists. So head down to your

Aladdin

Star Rating



I will be reviewing Aladdin from the 1990's. It all starts with a boy who was a street rat. Also, he had a cheeky monkey called Abu who stole food, gold and very expensive things. Aladdin falls in love with a princess called Jasmin who is not allowed out of her durable palace because her mum died so her family are very protective. It is a very fabulous and romantic movie and the music is everything! So, don't waste any time, get yourself down to the local Blockbusters now before it is too late.

Lion King

Star Rating



The Lion King was made in the 90's, they had to make it durable and as high tech as possible so that it lasted long. It is an excellent movie for animal lovers as it has lions, birds, meerkats and waterhogg in it who can talk! It is an exciting, funny and sometimes gross movie when the animals eat bugs. The Lion King was very high tech in the 90's and cost a lot of money because it was new. Last year a new version of The Lion King was made as it still remains a popular movie.

Home Alone

Star Rating



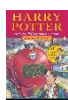
The movie Home Alone was made in the 90's. What it is really about is an eight year old boy who is quite naughty and his mum and dad accidentally leave him at home when they go on their Christmas holiday. The boy is extremely smart and he tricked burglars. The burglars always fell for it and went to jail. This movie is great to get you into the festive spirit! Pop down to your local Blockbusters or send away to Netflix now!

1990s Book Club

The 1990s was a superb decade for new book releases, particularly the start of series that we just couldn't put down! Some popular titles include Goosebumps series, Captain Underpants series, Harry Potter series and The Rainbow Fish (1992) . Read our reviews below!

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Star Rating



Harry Potter is written by J.K. Rowling. The book is about a boy called Harry Potter who discovers he is a wizard when he was 11 years old. If you are interested in magic, mystery and adventure then this is your type of book. What is even better is J.K. Rowling continued to make more of these books which you can go onto read if you enjoy this one. Head to your local library today to pick up your copy!

Goosebumps

Star Rating



Do you like creepy things? Well do you know the books Goosebumps? These books are the ones for you. They were released in the 1990's and full of slime, spookiness and adventure. Get your copy now, don't miss out.

Captain Underpants

Star Rating



A very popular and funny series of the 90's was the Captain Underpants series, its popularity is still going strong today! The author of this series is David Pilky, he got into some troubles in his school and all the teachers saw him making books. The books include a couple of mean boys and their principle, the boys get up to all kinds of mischief. These books are absolutely hilarious and family friendly, get your copy now!

Technology



Hubble Space Telescope

Key Facts

The Hubble Space Telescope was named after Edwin Powell Hubble. He was born in 1889 and died in 1953. Edwin made some of the most important discoveries in modern astronomy. NASA invented and launched the telescope on 24th of April 1990.

What did it do?

The Hubble Space Telescope orbits the earth 340 miles above the Earth. It travels at 17,000 miles per hour which is faster than the fastest car. Cars usually travel between 30mph and 70mph.

Importance

The Hubble Space Telescope is important because it shows us what is going on in space and lets us find out more about our universe and other galaxies.



World Wide Web

Key Facts

Technology was used in the 1990s as well as in 2000s and beyond but it wasn't used in the same way as it is today. The World Wide Web was created in the 90s by Sir Tim Berners Lee. He was born in London in 1955. We know the World Wide Web (WWW) as the internet but they are not quite the same thing. The first webpage was launched in 1991. The first website ever launched is <http://info.cern.ch>.

What does it do?

The WWW was used for research and finding information. People have been upgrading the internet ever since it was created. The internet is used to let us find out things, play games, access websites and communicate with people but it can't do that its self it needs instructions to do all those things.

Importance

Sir Tim Berners Lee created the internet to help businesses and universities share information and scientific findings. This made sure that we could also share information. Today we use the internet all the time to communicate with each other and to share information. Without Sir Tim Berners Lee our lives would be very different...

Web Browsers

In the 1990's web browsers were introduced, some of which we use today. Examples of web browsers are; Google Chrome, Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox and Safari. Ebay and Amazon, global online shopping websites were also launched in the late 90's which some of us use regularly today.

Mobile Phones

People these days couldn't live without phones. They're really very important and back in the day people could live without phones easily. Although phones were made in the 1970's they gained more popularity in the 1990s. They were however used mostly for business, not for social uses like they are today. Phones in the 90's did not have cameras on them and the internet was not fully functioning on mobiles until 1999.

The 1990's saw phones reduce in size, increase in speed, functioning and multi-purpose usage. Did you know that phones today have more powerful computers than the computer that sent the first rocket to the moon? Scientists reckon that an iPhone computer is 120,000,000 times faster than the computer on board the Apollo spacecraft.

90s Phones

- phone calls
- text
- play games (snake)

Phones Now

- video calls
- phone calls
- text
- snapchat
- WhatsApp
- YouTube
- play games
- access internet
- create documents
- take pictures and videos
- listen to music

St Francis Xavier's News

Mariners Day Queen

Every June the streets of Camelon and Tamforhill would come to life with creative arches, colourful flags and magical floats created by the local primary schools. Each primary school took turns to elect a Mariner's Day Queen. In 1990 St Francis had their very own queen, Kerry Notorangelo. We asked her what she thought of the event.



"I felt very proud and honoured to represent my school as Mariner's Day Queen." said Kerry.

She then went on to explain how disaster struck and all the effort her family and neighbours had put into decorating her house had been ruined by a rogue gust of wind! "when I got home I discovered that the castle that my friends, neighbours and relatives had helped to build had blown away. I was devastated...By some miracle though we managed to get the garden (complete with a castle) looking like a film from Walt Disney.

Kerry looks back on the day with fond memories and describes it as a truly wonderful experience.

Kerry is pictured with other members of the retinue and in her full regalia.



Television Stars

In 1999 Primary 2 became television stars after running a successful 'Lucky Bag' enterprise with their class teacher Mrs Carey. The BBC came to interview the children to find out about what made them so successful.

In 1998 Primary 2 decided to undertake an enterprise in their class after reading a story. Primary 2 made and sold lucky bags each week to make a profit. Each lucky bag was sold for 20p with a few lucky ones containing a prize of 50p.

The children had to take on different roles in running the enterprise including market research, advertising, production, purchasing and selling. Children had to use their skills to make this a success.

Miss King recalls being part of this project and said "it was great fun but very hard work! I was on the selling team and I had to make sure I knew how to count money and give the correct change!"

New Head Teacher

In 1998 a new headteacher took over in St. Francis Xavier's Primary School. Mr Frank Doran took over from Mr George Valentine. Mr Doran had many happy years at St. Francis and staff and pupils remember him fondly.

