

## BOOKS AND THE INTERNET. DIDACTIC RESOURCES.

### Roald DAHL's *Boy. Tales of Childhood.*

Repton and Shell, 1929-36 (age 13-20)

#### INTERNET WEB SITES:

Enter <http://www.repton.org.uk/><sup>1</sup> Now answer these questions:

- ✚ What differences have you noticed between the school Dahl describes in his book and Repton School today?
- ✚ How much do students have to pay for boarding, tuition and games (per term)? We don't know how much R. Dahl had to pay but it was very difficult for his family to be able to afford it.
- ✚ Do they still refer to "fagging"<sup>2</sup> or "boazers" today? What does Dahl tell us about those two topics?
- ✚ Which uniform do you like best? The one Dahl used to wear or the one students at Repton wear today?

Enter <http://www.repton.org.uk/Department.aspx?ID=SPORTS> and answer:

- ✚ Is the game "Fives" still played at Repton?<sup>3</sup>
  - What do you remember about this game?
  - Was Roald Dahl's good at it?
  - Did he practise any other sport? Which one?
  - Who was the captain of the Fives team? What privileges did it involve?
  - What other hobbies did he have, apart from sports)?

Enter <http://www.cadbury.co.uk/EN/CTB2003/>

- ✚ If you click on the "Chocolate Machine", you will be able to make your own virtual chocolate. Do you think Dahl would have liked to do that? Why?
- ✚ Did he use to be a Cadbury chocolate fan? Explain.

Enter <http://www.shell.com/home/Framework?siteId=home>

- ✚ Shell began life in Kenya in 1900 with operations in Mombasa and Zanzibar. Check the history of Kenya Shell at this webpage.
- ✚ Why was this company important in the life of Roald Dahl?
- ✚ Was Dahl ever appointed to Mombasa? Did he want to go there? What did he expect to find there?

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<sup>1</sup> At Repton's web page, you'll be able to check where the Priory Boarding House is (Dahl's House at Repton School) or you may use this link: <http://www.prioryhouse.org/>

<sup>2</sup> If you want to know everything about fagging, check:

<http://47.1911encyclopedia.org/F/FA/FAGGING.htm>

<http://web.ask.com/web?q=fagging&o=8002>

<sup>3</sup> In case you want to learn how to play Fives, this web includes rules, history and pictures:

[http://www.sport.cam.ac.uk/etonfives/the\\_game.htm](http://www.sport.cam.ac.uk/etonfives/the_game.htm)

The rules of Fives at Eton: <http://www.etonfives.co.uk/schools/zuoz.alpinum.html>