

LIVING IN THE MOMENT

Featuring Hannah and Maeva Lewis

FRED

Hello. I'm your photographer, Fred. May I take your name?

MAEVA

Maeva Lewis.

FRED

Delighted to meet you. What school do you go to, little Maeva?

MAEVA

Um, Dosbarth Derbyn.

FRED

Oh, that sounds like a Welsh school.

MAEVA

Yeah.

HANNAH

It's Dosbarth Derbyn, Ysgol Gymraeg Melin Gryffydd.

FRED

And what's the name of your teddy bear?

MAEVA

Pikachu.

FRED

Pik-a-chu. Hmm. Unusual name.

MAEVA

He's yellow with red cheeks.

FRED

Lovely. Could you tell me about what you are wearing today and why you have chosen it?

MAEVA

I have gold party leggings on.

HANNAH

Yeah, your party leggings. I think everyone loves your party leggings.

MAEVA

Yeah.

FRED

You are going to look great. Hold still.

Camera flash

FRED

What kind of parties do you like going to?

MAEVA

My school.

FRED

Who are your friends you like to go to parties with?

MAEVA

Stefan.

FRED

Who is your best friend?

MAEVA

Stefan Jones.

FRED

And why is that?

MAEVA

Because he said, um, he's my best friend.

FRED

What do you like playing with Stefan?

MAEVA

Ninjas.

HANNAH

And you go to ninja club together, don't you? Yeah.

MAEVA

And Oscar.

HANNAH

And Oscar.

FRED

What happens in ninja club?

HANNAH

You do balancing?

MAEVA

Yeah, and kicking.

FRED

What do you think you might want to be when you grow up, Maeva?

MAEVA

Erm, a vet.

FRED

Oh, lovely choice.

MAEVA

Because I love animals.

FRED

What's your favourite animal?

MAEVA

A dog. Because they're cute and cuddly.

FRED

And do you have a dog?

MAEVA

Yeah.

FRED

What's his name?

MAEVA

Rocco.

FRED

And what kind of doggie is Rocco?

MAEVA

Um..

HANNAH

Staffordshire Bull Terrier

MAEVA

Staffordshire Bull Terrier.

FRED

What do you like doing with him?

HANNAH

Um, we go down to the green, don't we?

MAEVA

Run around.

FRED

Mum, who are these pictures for?

HANNAH

Um, family. Yeah, family. Nice gift for Christmas and birthdays.

FRED

What do you do for a living?

HANNAH

I do nails. I'm a nail tech.

FRED

How long have you been doing that?

HANNAH

Oh, my God, about 20 years.

FRED

Is it your own business?

HANNAH

Yeah, I'm just self employed now. Yeah.

FRED

Have you done Maeva's nails yet?

HANNAH

Yes, at Christmas. What did we do on your nails at Christmas?

MAEVA

Um, candy canes.

HANNAH

Candy canes! When we went to see Father Christmas.

FRED

Maeva, do you go down to Mummy's nail salon?

HANNAH

I just work from home. Yeah, I do mobile and from home. Yeah, but when I worked in the salon, you come in, didn't you? Yeah.

FRED

Do you have a favourite nail colour or pattern?

HANNAH

Oh, I like a bit of everything, but Sage Chrome at the moment is my favourite. It's like metallic nails in a sage colour.

FRED

Sage?

HANNAH

Yeah. Like really pale green. Yeah.

FRED

How's business?

HANNAH

January's quite quiet, but, yeah, it is quite busy.

FRED

And are you born and brought up in Cardiff?

HANNAH

Yes. Yeah, Cardiff born and bred.

FRED

It must have changed over the years.

HANNAH

It's changing, yeah, it is changing. Town centre is. Lots of shops are closing. It's not as busy or as clean as it used to be. Yeah. So it has changed quite a lot. It's not as smart as it used to be in town.

FRED

Why would you say that is?

HANNAH

I don't know. It was getting like it before the pandemic, I think. But, yeah, it did get worse with that. There's lots more homeless around. It's more mixed. It's a bit more multicultural.

FRED

Do you still like living here?

HANNAH

Yeah. And it's not too big, it's not too small. I think it's a nice size. Well, that's, I guess, my opinion. Yeah. It's quite a nice, mixed, multicultural city, I would say.

FRED

What's your favourite area of Cardiff?

HANNAH

I do like town. I do love it, even though it's, you know, it's not as it used to be. I do like town. I like seeing all the different people. And we like Bute Park, don't we? We walk over Bute Park. Yeah. And we have a coffee there and we get, we get toys, don't we, in town? So. Yeah, so I guess town is nice just to. Yeah. See lots of different people and yeah.

FRED

It must be a nice city to bring up kids.

HANNAH

Yeah, I think it's nice. It's, you know, there's lots going on, this seems, over recent years. There's lots of things for children. Loads of things for children, actually. Now there's constant things for us to do, constant clubs to go to. We're quite out, I guess, on the suburbs in Whitchurch. So it's not too busy there.

MAEVA

A bit busy.

HANNAH

It's a bit busy, yeah. We live on a busy road, don't we? So, yeah, so it is. It is good for kids. Yeah.

FRED

What do you think Cardiff will be like in a hundred years from now?

HANNAH

Oh, maybe flying cars, do we think?

MAEVA

Yeah

HANNAH

Yeah, there might be flying cars. I think it'll be a lot more online. Yeah. I think there'll be less shops maybe because people are shopping online. Yeah.

FRED

In a hundred years time, what would you like people to think who are looking at your photo we are taking today?

HANNAH

What do you want people to think when they look at our photos?

MAEVA

Brilliant.

HANNAH

They are brilliant. Yeah, they are brilliant. To show that, I suppose. Yeah. To show that, you know, we're a small family, we've got a big extended family. Yeah. And where, you know, families come in all shapes and sizes and. Yeah. So we're just a loving, small family.

MAEVA

Yeah.

FRED

And finally, do you have any messages you'd like to pass on to the future?

HANNAH

Just to follow your heart, be your authentic self and be happy. Live in the moment as much as you can. Enjoy every moment.

FRED

Maeva, what about you? Any messages for the future?

MAEVA

How's their day?

HANNAH

Yeah, how is their day? How is it where they're living? Because it's going to be very different. So how was their day?

FRED

Thank you so much for contributing your photo to our collection.

HANNAH

Exciting. It's a pleasure to be a part of something like this, isn't it? Isn't nice? Yeah.

FRED

Wonderful. Here's my card. Your pictures should be ready next week. Drop by any time.