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1916.

Kirkemichael P. School.

14<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>.

Attendance good. Work of Junior Class improving, but still backward.

Part of the day engaged in work by the children in getting up an entertainment for war purposes, to be held in school.

21<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>.

Attendance good.

28<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>.

Some time in afternoon taken up with concert to be given by the children on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup>, the funds to go to war purposes.

2 Feb. 1916. Registers examined & found correct. J.H. Morrison Manager.

4<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Attendance this week very good, the weather for this month so far being very mild.

Grammar I find weak, but will devote more time to it.

11<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Attendance this week down, due to severe weather. Progress in work satisfactory.

88 years

1918.

## Kirkmichael P. School.

4<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>.

This week's attendance good.

School closed to night for two weeks holidays (Potato lifting.)

Oct<sup>r</sup> 25.

School opened on Monday of this week with very poor attendance.

Miss McIntosh was unable to be present on the opening day, but came out for Tuesday morning. The afternoon, and the rest of the week she was absent due I think to "Influenza".

1<sup>st</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>.

Miss McIntosh still unable to be present this week. & with the aid of one or two of the older pupils, I am managing as well as circumstances will allow.

Attendance but fair.

8<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>.

School closed for a fortnight by Dr. Graham County Medical Officer Perth, due to Influenza. Attendance was at a low ebb, only 12 being present on Monday of this week.

1920

Kirkmichael P. School.1<sup>st</sup> Oct.

At last all the pupils have returned. The attendance for the week is 96.5 per cent. and the work done has been satisfactory. New books have been ordered. Letters, exercise books etc. have not yet arrived.

4 Oct.

Checked Register. present - 19  
James C. Mackay

4<sup>th</sup> Oct.

A storm - the worst experienced in this district is raging to day. The river bridge has broken the banks at the playground, and both playground and school garden are completely inundated. Serious flooding has occurred. The roads are under water, and consequently the attendance is very low. The Rev. Mr. Mackay called to-day, and checked the register of attendance. There were only 19 scholars present.

1921

Kirkmichael P. School

18<sup>th</sup> July. To-day the weather is warmer than ever and school work is carried on with difficulty.

22<sup>nd</sup> July. Percentage of attendance for week is 95.7. Weather has been much cooler towards the end of the week. Intimation of the approaching holidays was sent to His Majesty's Inspector of Schools to-day.

29 July. The school closed this afternoon after the distribution of Prizes by Mrs Lindsay Carnegie of Ashintully and Kinblethmont - and will reopen on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. A few have gone on holiday a week before closing for the summer vacation hence percentage of attendance for the week is only 88.

It is gratifying to record that during the past year ending to-day, there has not been a single instance of corporal punishment <sup>being</sup> administered to any pupil in this school.



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1923

KIRKMICHAEL P. SCHOOL.

7 Feb Examined register, and found it correct.

James C. Mackay

8 Feb. Examined register and found correct  
Jas Davidson.

9 Feb. The weather this week has been wild and stormy—  
being particularly severe on Wednesday and Thursday.  
Percentage of attendance for week is 86.3. r

12 Feb. A storm of exceptional severity raged over the  
week end. The river rose fully nine feet, and the  
play ground embankment recently repaired at considerable  
cost has been broken again by the turbulent water.  
Intimation is being sent to the Education Offices to-day.

16 Feb. Attendance for week is 93.1 per cent. Examinations were  
held in History in the Senior Classes and results were very satisfactory.

1923.

KIRKMICHAEL P. SCHOOL.

19 Feb.

As a result of the severe snowstorm which prevailed yesterday walking is a difficult matter - the snow in many parts having drifted to the depth of three and four feet.

23 Feb.

The snowstorm was renewed in all its fury this week, and the attendance was naturally very low. The roads in some places were blocked, while the Kirkmichael to Blackwater road was closed for nearly a week - the snow having drifted in some places to the depth of eight feet. Work has been practically at a standstill.

26 Feb.

On the authority of the Sanitary Inspector four members of one family in attendance at this school have been excluded from further attendance owing to an outbreak of diphtheria in the home.



The supply of stockings was bought at a cost of 26/3 from the balance of the concert in July.

Children from a distance were given hot cocoa at dinner time during the week.

Owing to the stormy weather, school closed for the day at 1.30 today. A double attendance was marked.

1st Nov. 1928.

Nearly every child in the school is suffering from cold, and several have been absent. Av. Att. 87.58%.

2nd Nov. 1928.

Colds are less prevalent. Av. Att. 95.86%.

3rd Nov. 1928.

A red ball outfit has been obtained from Messrs Thornton, Edinburgh, and is being used in the playground. Av. Att. 97.93%.

On Saturday 10th November, school children sold £2-18-7 worth of 'Earl Haig' Poppies.

4th Nov. 1928.

In spite of wet disagreeable weather, the attendance has been very good. The spare stockings have been used again, and the serving of cocoa at dinner-time seems to be appreciated.

School closed during the week at 3.45, a quarter of an hour, being deducted from the dinner-hour.

The seven oldest pupils had a thorough examination. The results were not good, but the work has received a stimulus.

Av. Att. 97.93%.



15<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1929.

The Cleaner resumed her duties on Monday. This has been an extremely cold week. The maximum readings on the thermometer at the back of the senior class-room were  $37^{\circ}$  F. on Monday,  $40^{\circ}$  on Tuesday,  $37^{\circ}$  on Wednesday. The time-table has had to be modified to allow the children to sit close together near the fire. Extra drill and games have been given.

Attendance was low all week, and on Friday a severe snowstorm kept nine of the ten "Ashintully" children at home.  
Temp. ( $24^{\circ}$  to  $40^{\circ}$ ) Av. 78.18%

20<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1929.

A family of three children have been excluded from school, owing to scabies.

22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 1929.

Maximum Temp.  $40^{\circ}$  Av. Att. 90.03%

1<sup>st</sup> March 1929.

A snowstorm on Sunday and Monday accompanied by strong winds reacted once more on the attendance. During the whole week, only one of the six most distant pupils was able to attend. The Ashintully road was opened today.

The plumber was called in last week but the cistern is again frozen this week. 63.63%

8<sup>th</sup> March 1929.

Five pupils have been enrolled. The weather is much better, and apart from the family excluded for skin trouble, attendance is almost perfect.

Av. 90.65.



Session 1939-40

26th Sept. '39 School re-opened to-day after the Summer holiday with a roll of 28 - 14 local children and 11 private evacuees

On Sat. 2nd Sept. the school was used to receive a party of evacuees 200 strong from Glasgow. These evacuees, mothers, and children, were billeted in the neighbourhood and though a large number have returned to Glasgow three classes are meantime receiving instruction in this school under Glasgow teachers. The Glasgow children started lessons on Wed. 20th Sept. following a medical examination on 18th Sept.

29th Sept. '39 The local school has closed to-day for potato lifting.

Roll 28. Attendance 96.43%

13th Oct. '39 School re-opened on Tuesday. During the week attendance was reduced owing to rain storms. Roll 28. Attendance 84.53%



- Headmistress had leave of absence as from 10.30 a.m. to attend a funeral.  
Roll 33 - Attendance 90.9%
- 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1945. School re-opened to-day, one new pupil being enrolled from Lurriff Aberdeenshire.  
During the holiday the school was occupied by Potato Harvest Camp, boys from Allan Glen's Glasgow. Nurse Dodson examined pupils  
Roll 34. Attendance 94.1%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 1945
- 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1945 One pupil enrolled from Gifford, East Lothian. Roll 35. Attendance 89.4%
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1945 On Saturday the children made "Poppy Day" collection. £6.16.0.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. David Howat.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1945 Roll 35. This week, following a visit from Dr Chison, several pupils have been included suffering from Scabies. Nurse Dodson has continued to visit. This has reduced attendance to 82.9%.  
To-day Mrs Anderson visited the school and signed the register.



7<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1944 School re-opened to-day. As numbers are reduced Mrs Menzies has not returned and both divisions are once more in one room.

8<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1944 On Tuesday there was a considerable fall of snow which along with 'flu has spoiled attendance.

Roll 21. Attendance 66%

Yesterday the dining-room was put in order and is ready for the first lunches on Monday. The room has still to be painted and a new heating stove built in.

9<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1944 The excellent dinners have this week been greatly enjoyed. Fourteen children take them. The above mentioned stove has been received and looks quite useless, certainly it will not keep food hot. This has been pointed out to Works Dept. and a plea made that present range be retained.

Roll 21. Attendance 92.1%



24<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1947

Nurse Dodson called to-day. There was nothing to report.

On Monday coal was delivered.

Roll 21. Attendance 94.1%

31<sup>st</sup> Jan 1947

Roll 21. Attendance 95.4%

4<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1947

This week has brought the worst storm of the winter but thanks to the provisions of transport pupils from a distance have been able to attend. There has been a good deal of sickness however.

Roll 21 Attendance 86.9%

14<sup>th</sup> Feb 1947

This week was the cars ~~have~~ been deflated by the weather. Roads have been blocked and the storm has continued more or less all week.

On Monday the school dinners failed to reach, but since then there has been no hold up.

Roll 21. Attendance 68.6%

21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 1947

Attendance improved as all roads are now open. Roll 21. Attendance 96.4%

28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1947

This week the worst storm for many years has been experienced.



- 25th Jan. 1952 This week classrooms have been very cold, seldom reaching  $40^{\circ}$ .  
Mrs Martin's appointment as dining-room attendant terminated to-day.  
Roll 43. Attendance 85.8%.
- 28th Jan 1952 Mrs Forsyth to-day took up duty as dining-room attendant.  
During the weekend class-room doors have been re-hung to open left in place of right with a view to making the rooms warmer. This seems quite useless as we do not sit with open doors. In spite of fires having been lit yesterday afternoon this morning temperature only reached  $24^{\circ}$  in both rooms.
- 1st Feb. 1952. During the whole week the class-rooms have remained very cold seldom reaching  $42^{\circ}$ . Stormy weather has reduced attendance and colds have resulted from the cold rooms.  
Roll 43. Attendance 84.2%.
- 8th Feb. 1952 Miss Lurgusson's term of duty here ended to-day. Roll 43. Attendance 93.9%.  
Temperature higher this week as less frost.
- 11th Feb 1952 Visit from Mr Murray Stewart.