



Bradwell Infants School Log, 1918

A school log is kept by the Head teacher and records unusual events as well as the everyday. This one shows some of the food and health needs of children.

Jan 8th 1918 - I, (M.A. Thorpe A.C.P.) commenced duties as Headmistress this morning.

Jan 11th 1918 - under age children

Discovered that while the Certificated Teacher had been in charge before I could take up duty, two under 5 children had been on the over 5 register. I have made the necessary alterations both in registers and summary, in red ink - this will give correct data for quarter end and form IX.

Feb 14th 1918 - illness

School re-opened at 9.30. Attendance this morning 139 with 217 on books, 51 children excluded by Medical Officer, in addition to 5 cases of measles. Other absences investigated by Attendance Officer are due to various sicknesses.

Feb 15th 1918 - Egg collection

By permission of Education Committee, the children of this Department took part in National Collection for Eggs for Wounded Soldiers. 24 eggs and 9/6 were forwarded to Stony Stratford Centre.

April 18th 1918 - children's eyesight

Dr Whyte visited - drew his attention to cross eyes.

April 24th 1918 - Outings

Official approval to request for organised walks.

April 25th 1918 - Bradwell walk

Children of Class 1 A & B accompanied by their respective teachers and myself took part in organised walk up Old Bradwell Rd. Time 2.30 to 4.00 pm.

- Aims
1. Observation of various forms of Nature bearing on Spring talks.
 2. As a basis for further visit to observe nature's development.
 3. To arouse children's interest towards independent observation.



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May 1st 1918 - Nature walks

Official approval to request for organised walks in conjunction with Nature Scheme. Letter of approval from Mr E.C. Streatfield, HM1, for one or two walks per month. Time allowed being 1½ hours including recreation time.

May 29th 1918 - Garden and orchard visit

Children of Class 1 A and B accompanied by respective teachers and myself took part in organised walk and visit to garden and orchard belonging to Mrs Edwards, lady manager of the schools. Permission had been previously granted and everything was done to make the childrens' visit a happy and instructive one. Aims

1. To notice blossoming trees, generally preparatory to Nature's work of "fruit-bearing" later.
2. Creation of class interest. Wonders of Nature, encouraging independent observation.
3. Incidental chats on the way: on floral life, insect, animal and bird life as observed.

Walk taken in morning in cool breeze before sun too overpowering.

Nov 25th 1918

During closure for Influenza we lost two children by death, Horace Watts, age 5 years and Doris Sapwell, age 5 years.

Dec 17th 1918

This afternoon the school was open for parents to visit. The children sang carols and Christmas songs and gave a display of Folk Dances and games from our Physical Exercise Syllabus. A very large number of parents visited - Mrs Edwards spoke a few words announcing a collection in aid of St Dunstan's Hospital [for blinded servicemen] and of our Local Hospital Funds. The sum of £2 was made up. £1 of which will go to each charitable purpose.

The schoolroom and classrooms were prettily decorated for the season - and in each room was a display of presents made by the children in handiwork lessons. These presents are to go to the various homes for Christmas.