

1921 A Day in the Schoolroom School Subjects

Morning school will last from 9:00 until 12:00; afternoon school from 1:00pm until 4:00pm. Every day we shall make sure that our compulsory lessons are learnt, before moving on to those which I have decided to teach you. Compulsory lessons are English, Arithmetic, Drawing, Object lessons, Geography, History and Physical Drill. There is also Elementary Science, but that is of course for boys only. Girls – at that time you will attend with the Junior Assistant Mistress for cookery, laundry, and needlework.

Optional lessons are French, Latin, Mathematics, Irish and Instrumental Music.

Our Physical Drill will be performed before the dinner hour as it circulates the blood and helps to foster good behaviour – to do it afterwards would disturb your digestion.

I will teach you children who are in Standards 4, 5, 6 and 7 whilst the Junior Assistant Mistress will take Standards 1-3.

Very soon the District Inspector of our circuit will be making his rounds to inspect the children and this school, so we must make sure that you are well prepared for all examinations this year, both at Easter and in July. Remember also that there are Certificates of Merit which can be awarded – for those of you who are over 13 in the 7th Standard, you may achieve a certificate in English or Arithmetic; for those of you who are over 13 in the 6th Standard, you may achieve one in your technical subjects.

However! All of this can only be achieved with good, hard work. So, let us begin.