

Gallery

This section contains the many photographs of people and places which we could not include in the main report *Bumblebees, Bicycles and Tilley Lamps: Killesher Schooldays Remembered*. The report details the history of early schools and provides a fascinating insight into a way of life and memories of schooldays by former pupils who attended some of the schools in Killesher in the decades between the late 1930s and the early 1960s.

Thank you to everyone who has shared images and stories of schooldays, and we hope you can add your own Killesher school memories.



Druminiskill class photograph, possibly late 1930s or 40s with Mrs Hill on the left



Aerial photograph of Druminiskill School



Mrs Hill and family at Druminiskill schoolhouse, possibly pre-World War 1 (their accommodation was on the right). There is a porch at the school entrance, absent in later years



Florencecourt class photograph mid-1950s with Mr Bobby Thompson and Mrs Vera Gibson

Druminiskill and Florencecourt photos courtesy of Basil Chambers

Claddagh memories



Identified by some local residents as the original site of the old 'Cladah' school, it was built by Lord Enniskillen. In its time it has been an Orange Hall and is now an agricultural building



The internal dimensions are very close to those cited in official reports of the early school, so this may well be a view of the classroom.



The last pupils at Claddagh school which closed in 1958

Front row (L to R) Muriel Wilson, Sylvia Brady, Margaret and Essie Sheridan, David Wilson. Back row (L to R) Miriam Latimer, Desmond Reid, Raymond Latimer, John Wilson, Jim Wilson, Agnes Deans (teacher) and Sylvia Latimer

Photograph courtesy of Jim Wilson



The final Sunday School class in Claddagh school in the early 1970s, with John Price, Sunday School teacher; the school name plaque is on the wall behind

Photograph courtesy of Irene Brady



Pupils at Claddagh Public Elementary School, possibly late 1920s/early 1930s. Extreme left is Master William Spiers and extreme right is assistant teacher Georgina Kells



Class photograph taken at Enniskillen Technical, September 1948. Former Claddagh pupil Alicia Wiggins (then A. Crozier) is seen here third from the right in the front row

Photographs courtesy of Alicia Wiggins

Drumbrughas schooldays



The painting of Drumbrughas School which now hangs in the restored schoolroom

Photograph courtesy of Ann & Brian McTeggart



Drumbrochas P.E. School, Group, 1928.

Front.. Hugh Magee, Frank Keenan, Kevin Drugan, Dessie Drugan, Patsy Leonard, James Martin, P. J. McManus. (Willie John, Simon, Harry & Ritchie Beatty). Pat Costello, Mick McCormack.
2nd.. Paddy Curry, John Magee, Katie McCaffrey, Anna McConneil, 7,7,7, Bernadette Drugan, 7, Maggie McManus, 7,7, Fred Moore. ?.
3rd.. Rose McManus (Marlbank) Assistant Teacher, Matthew McHugh, Teddy Owens, 7, Eileen McManus, 7, Rosie Leonard, May Berry, Maggie Drugan, Cissie Curry, Rosie Goodwin, Maggie McCaffrey, Owen McCormack.
Back.. Mary Bridget Martin, Lillie Monaghan, Elizabeth McCormack, Molly Owens, Annie & Tessie Drugan (Twins) 7, George Berry. (The Principal Teacher [Not in Photo] Mrs Doty Drugan, Drumbrochas, nee McHugh, Swad.



Drumbrochas P.E. School 1948.

Front seated. Tom Carron, John James Murphy, Cahal Leonard, Frankie McManus, Angela Heavey, Bridie McManus, Kathleen Murphy, Patsy Heavey.
 2nd Row. Gerald Leonard, Moira Owens, Bridget Murphy, Seamus Cassidy, Maggie Curry, Bob Beatty, Patsy Carron, Herbie Beatty, Maggie Heavey.
 3rd Row. Brendan Leonard, Feilix Reilly, Alice McManus, Mary Murphy, Bridie Owens, Philomena Leonard, Philomena McCauley, John Carron, Andy Maguire.
 4th Row. John Donegan, Mary Heavey, Bridie Cassidy, Kathleen Heavey, Moira Cassidy, Patrick Murphy, Tony Curry.
 Back. Patrick McCormack, Jim McManus, Terence McCormack, Tommy Cassidy, Raymond Owens, Terence McManus, Ted Keenan, Francie Lunny, Arthur Murphy.



Drumbrochas P.E. School.....1951.

Front...Kitty McBarron, Francie Carron, Rita Murphy, Sean McManus, Mary Magee, Patsy Carron, Mary Ann Montgomery, Benny Murphy 'at school wall'
 2nd Row...Patrick Murphy, Vincent Donegan, Angela Heavey, Cahal Leonard, Kevin Murphy, Seamus Cassidy
 John James Murphy, Maggie Curry, Patsy Heavey, Frankie McManus, Bridie McManus, Francie Reilly, Tommy Reilly.
 Back Row...Kathleen Murphy, Moira Cassidy, Jim McManus, Moira Owens, Terence McCormack, Brendan Leonard, Ray Owens, Bridie Cassidy, Patrick Murphy, Gerald Leonard, Lena Heavey



Drumbrughas class photographs courtesy of Packie Drumm/Killesher Historical Society

Lisblake School



Lisblake PS class photograph 1932, with the Headmistress Miss Jane Teele, which appeared in the Fermanagh Herald. It was spotted by Lilian Reid, who may have left Killesher but still stays in touch with events in the parish

Photograph courtesy of Fermanagh Herald and Janet Lynas

Marble Arches School



Still standing on the skyline after almost 130 years; it was a steep climb to reach the schoolhouse!



Inside the old classroom - the big fireplace in the gable (typical of many one-roomed schools) is still intact, though full of twigs from generations of nests built since the school closed

Wheathill



The front entrance to Wheathill School; that this building survives, despite being empty for many years, is testament to the skills of the builders more than 130 years ago



The empty schoolroom, with its fireplace and characteristic sheeted ceiling still in place

Rossmacawinny



The view from the site of the old Rossmacawinny School



The barn now on the site of the old Rossmacawinny School

A glimpse of the 'inside life' of schools



In Drumbrughas

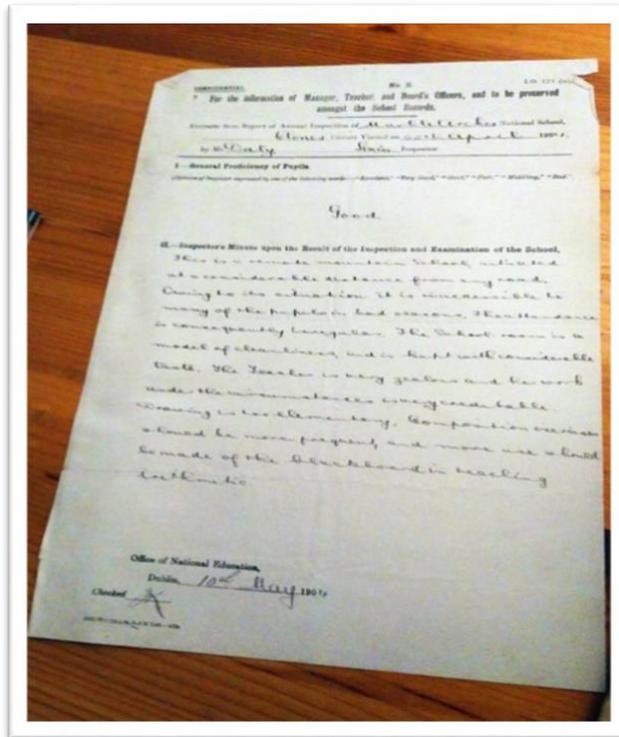
The porch, with the old name plaque

A classroom cupboard restored and re-purposed

REGISTER OF <i>Marble Arches</i> NATIONAL SCHOOL.									
Date of Entrance, 18..	Age of Pupil, Birth Day.	Parent Name in Irish	Age of Pupil, Birth Day.	Religion	Residence	Occupation or Means of Living of Parents.	State the District and County of the last National School at which the Pupil attended, and the Class to which he last passed.		
							School.	County.	Class.
30 th June	27	1 Costello George	6	C. C.	Thrumazagh	Farmer	Transferred from St. Mary's		
"	28	2 Murphy Thomas	5	R. C.	Blonagh	"	"	"	"
18 th August	25	3 Dolan Hugh	6	R. C.	Marlbank	"	"	"	"
"	26	4 Fee James	6	R. C.	Killester	Herd	"	"	"
"	34	5 Nolan Thomas	4	R. C.	Marlbank	Farmer	"	"	"

Name of Pupil.	Year ending	No. of Absences made in the Year.	Class in which Enrolled.	Previous Date of Admission to that Class.	Class in which Examined.	RESULTS OF EXAMINATION.							School Fees Received in each Year.	If Pupil be struck off, give date.	If Pupil be re-admitted, give date.
						Reading, &c.	Spelling, &c.	Writing, &c.	Arithmetic.	Grammar.	Geography.	Needlework.			
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Marbles Arches roll book 1888



Marble Arches Inspector's report 1904

Text of Report:

Marble Arches National School, Clones Circuit. Inspector's report by Senior Inspector Mr. Daly, 25th April 1904

This is a remote mountain school situated at a considerable distance from any road. Owing to its situation it is inaccessible to many of the population in bad seasons. The attendance is consequently irregular. The schoolroom is a model of cleanliness and is kept with considerable taste. The teacher is very zealous, and her work order the circumstances is very creditable. Drawing is too elementary, composition exercises showed to be more frequent, and more use should be made of the blackboard in teaching arithmetic.

The school got an overall 'Good' rating on this inspection.

