

Weekly Bulletin

April 3rd 2020



110 Years ago this week, our school was built. Recently, the children all produced their own version of a photograph of the school from this time (see above). Three roods of land at Meldreth was bought for the sum of £130 as a site for the new school. The building cost £2,284 and the post of headmaster was offered to Mr F J Aldridge, with two further ember of staff, Miss Maud Stearn and Miss Gertrude Wedd, to assist in the Mixed and Infants' Departments respectively.

Two clocks were to be purchased for the sum of £2 2s 0d and a grant of 6 guineas was approved towards the purchase of a piano. The new Meldreth School opened on 4th April 1910.

I have the pleasure of being the 10th Headteacher appointed to lead Meldreth Primary School, and numbers have risen from the initial 53 to our current 185 virtual school pupils.

In addition to writing, reading and arithmetic, the children had classes in a variety of practical subjects. These included:

- Gardening (the school had its own vegetable garden)
- Woodwork
- Needlework
- Drawing
- Housewifery
- Cookery



On the frequent occasions when poor weather prevented the children from gardening, they were given lessons in spelling, dictation and general knowledge instead. In October 1910, it was recorded in the school log book that, "physical exercises will be taken every morning from 9.35 to 9.45 am in the place of singing or drill".

Thanks to Kath Betts our local Historian for these details.

It is lovely to hear stories of so many hard working pupils, and great to see your home learning photographs. I hope that during the Easter break you will be able to spend time as a family, sharing more new experiences. We look forward to hearing about your experiences when we return to our **usual home learning timetable on Monday 20th April.**

Can I take this opportunity to wish our valued team members, Puffin Class teacher - **Mrs Franks** and Wren class Teaching Assistant - **Mrs Freeman**, who are both leaving us at the end of Easter. We wish them both all the best with the next part of their exciting adventures.

From the team at Meldreth Primary School...we wish you all well!

