



School Inspection Reports

4th March 1930

Board of Education Inspector's Report

Local Education Authority: Wilts

School: Chilmark No 64

I beg to report that the above school was visited by Mr. Wright in accordance with my directions on 4th March 1930 and to submit the following observations:

Owing to an epidemic the school was closed for six weeks shortly after the present Headmistress began her duties here last September. Notwithstanding this and the low percentage of attendance throughout the first quarter, creditable progress has been made during the past year.

The teaching of the First class is careful and sympathetic and the children are working happily and willingly. All written exercises are neat and, although the work generally does not yet reach a good standard, it shows abundant evidence of progress and promise. The need for further improvement in drawing and physical training was discussed at the visit.

As a result of recent improvement in the discipline of the infant's class and the guidance the Assistant receives from the present Headmistress the children are now making better progress, especially in reading and writing.

Signed HM Inspector 5th April 1930

26th June and 12th July 1934

Board of Education Inspector's Report

Local Education Authority: Wilts

School: Chilmark No: 64

I beg to report that the above school was visited by Mr. Wright in accordance with my directions on 26th June and 12th July 1934 and to submit the following observations:

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The report issued in May 1930 stated that, though the standard of work was not actually good, there were abundant signs of progress and promise. Since the present Head Mistress took charge in June of that year there has been some falling off in general efficiency, especially in the working habits of the children and in their attainments in Reading, Recitation, Composition, Geography and History. In Arithmetic too adequate progress is not yet being made. On the other hand there are indications that an effort is being made to extend the curriculum particularly through Handiwork and Needlework. It is obvious, however, that the Headmistress who, it is understood, has had no previous experience in this type of school, will have to show more resource in the management of the different groups and plan more definitely what she intends to teach if she is to perform her task with success. The older children are not receiving instruction suited to their age and capacity, and the condition of the school generally calls for measure to secure on the part of the children more persistent effort, greater care, and a sense of pride in their work.

It was disappointing to find that the points raised at previous visits in connection with the making of regular and adequate forecasts of work, and the marking of the children's written exercises, especially in Arithmetic, do not appear to have received lasting attention.

The Infant's Class is well managed and the top section is being suitably prepared for promotion.

Signed HM Inspector 11th August 1934

28th May and 3rd June 1935

Board of Education Inspector's Report

Local Education Authority: Wilts

School: Chilmark No: 64

I beg to report that the above school was visited by Mr. Walsh and Mr. Wright in accordance with my directions on 28th May and 3rd June 1935 and to submit the following observations:

The Head Mistress has given attention to the main weaknesses described in the last report and it is now possible to state that improvement has taken place in the attitude of the children towards their work as well as in the results attained in several subjects, particularly English, Arithmetic, Needlework, Drawing and Handiwork. Though much still remains to be done, it can be said that the general outlook is much more promising.

With a view to securing further progress in the First Class it is suggested that:

- i) Still more vigorous and stimulating teaching is needed to arouse and maintain the interest of the children.
- ii) Greater effort should be demanded in oral lessons.
- iii) The work should be more systematically planned and assessed.

Signed HM Inspector 27th May 1935

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