



School around the Corner!

The Kildare Place Society
and Schooling in the 19th Century



In the exhibition

Look for the Grammar Scroll...What is on the scroll?

Is there anything like the Grammar Scroll in your classroom?

Did you know?

Only some parts of the scroll, known as the Darton Scroll, are on display here. The rest of the scroll includes biblical scenes, rustic scenes, costumes of nations and geometry.



Back in School: Think about how *you* learned to read and write – did your teacher use things like this to help you learn?

Then and Now

Look at the other objects in the room. These were used in classrooms about 200 years ago. Fill in the spaces below and see if you can find the objects mentioned:

THEN, teachers used _____ **NOW**, teachers use whiteboards instead.

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THEN, students used slate pencils and ink wells to write with.

NOW, students use _____

THEN, students wrote on _____. **NOW**, students write on copies.

Are any of the objects in the exhibition similar to things that are in your classroom today?



Did you know?

Objects like these were used during the time of the Kildare Place Society which was founded in 1811. Unlike preceding school systems, the KPS school system was state funded. It preceded the founding of the National School system in 1831, and influenced it in many ways.

At Home

When you get home, **ask a grown-up** you know about what school was like for them.

Did they like or dislike school? Why?

Needlework was an important part of school for female students. Each girl was obliged to produce a sampler book of techniques.

Why was needlework only undertaken by girls?



What sorts of objects did the students and teachers use back then?

What kind of other things were in the classrooms back then?

Congratulations on exploring the Kildare Place Society exhibition and discovering what school might have been like a long time ago!

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Make a 21st Century Darton Scroll!

Look at some of the images from the Grammar section of the Darton Scroll:



Now choose a letter and think of a 21st century object that begins with that letter. Write the word and draw a picture of it.

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| <p>Picture</p> | |
| <p>Letter</p> | <p>Word</p> |

Handwriting in the Past:

To practice handwriting, students in the Kildare Place Society would copy headlines that contained sayings, for example, ***'Hate the evil and love the good'***.

A high standard of handwriting was required and all students had to use their right hand when writing.

The style here is the way handwriting would have looked back then, and the diagonal lines will aid with copying it exactly as it appears. Have a go at copying it exactly as it is printed!

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