

the day of Inspection and there was an omission in Form IX. It is therefore, with hesitation any merit grant is recommended.

1896—The children have improved in the knowledge of English, but there is still room for improvement in it. The Infants had been creditably taught. A cupboard is wanted for the school. The ceiling of the main room needs repairs.

1902—Composition, History and Common Things fall below the level of the other subjects, and until considerable improvement is shown in these subjects the standard required for grant under Article 105 cannot be considered to have been reached. The H.M.I. is unable to report that the Staff is efficient.

1904—There have been changes of Masters in this school during the year and the attendance of the children has also been irregular. They should be taught to add without counting on their fingers, and Drawing should be taught in a more practical manner. Discipline needs more attention.

Grant earned = 34 @ 21/-

Also by Article 104 - £10. 0. 0.

Also by Article 105 - £10. 0. 0.

1907—The Infants are very promising and Standards I and II very good.

1909—The Reading is very fair in both Welsh and English. Recitation is taught on careful and satisfactory lines.

1913—The Local Authority are advised to remove the Infants' gallery which seems to interfere with the health and comfort as well as the work of the children.

1919—Woodwork and Gardening are at present taken as special subjects and perhaps it would be advisable for the Headmaster to drop gardening and spend the time on the general school subjects.

1921—This school has 25 on books and had an average attendance of 20 last year. The Headmaster, who is certificated has been here since 1913.

The scholars, especially those in the top group are growing in responsiveness and alertness and are able to express themselves

with very fair proficiency in English and Welsh, and to calculate with fair rapidity and accuracy. The two lower groups in the main room are somewhat slower.

More attention should be given to practice work in the teaching of Geography and it is hoped that a complete scheme of Handwork will soon be introduced. Light Woodwork is already taken. The playground wall is still very low.

Deuai'r Arolygwyr yn gyson ar hyd y blynyddoedd ond ni chofnodwyd llawer o'u hadroddiadau rhwng 1921 a 1949. Dyma'r un a gafwyd wedi'r archwiliad gan Miss M. M. Jenkins, H.M.I. ar Fai 2ail, 1949:

This small rural Junior School with 10 pupils on the register is in charge of a certificated woman teacher who was appointed to the post in 1947.

The building consists of a large well-lighted room, divided into two classrooms, the smaller of which is used as a dining room.

One of the two cloakrooms has been converted into a kitchen from which the mid-day meal, supplied from a neighbouring school is served.

The caretaker is to be commended for her high standard of general cleanliness.

Every pupil is Welsh speaking and Welsh is the medium of instruction. Emphasis is laid on the active and creative aspects of language teaching. Simple projects, devised to arouse the pupils' interest in local studies, have helped to widen their knowledge, and to promote a steady growth of vocabulary and power of expression in Welsh and English. Oral activities are varied and interesting and form the main basis for the written work which is neat and carefully done. Due attention is paid to colour work in Art, and Music is well taught.

A simple scheme for Needlework has been prepared and the work done is very satisfactory.

Physical Education has been carefully planned so that all the pupils can profitably take part.

Valuable training is given in this little school where the atmosphere is that of a happy family.

Yn ôl y cofnodion, galwai'r Arolygwyr tua thair gwaith y flwyddyn rhwng 1911 a 1914. Eithr yn y blynyddoedd olaf yn hanes yr ysgol deuai'r Arolygwraig Miss M. M. Jenkins yn amlach na hynny. Byddai'n troi i mewn yn aml, ar ei thaith o Bennant, yng Ngheredigion i'r Swyddfa Addysg yng Nghaerfyrddin, a hynny ar fore Llun neu brynhawn Gwener.

Yr Arolygwyr yw'r ymwelwyr pwysicaf a ddaw i unrhyw ysgol. Erbyn heddiw, ceir Trefnyddion hefyd gan bob Pwyllgor Addysg. Cynghorant athrawon er mwyn i'r plant gael chwarae teg a'u trwytho'n gyson. Gwnânt eu gorau i sicrhau llwyddiant y system addysg.

DIGWYDDIADAU YM MYWYD Y PLANT

Ceir llawer o bethau diddorol yn y Llyfrau Cofnodion yn ymwneud â phlant yr ysgol. Yn ystod cyfnod o bedwar ugain a dwy o flynyddoedd, lleihau a wnaeth rhif y disgyblion o hyd. Gellir canfod hynny'n eglur oddi wrth yr ystadegau canlynol. Nid rhyfedd i'r Pwyllgor Addysg benderfynu ei chau ym 1959—

<i>Blwyddyn</i>	<i>Nifer y Plant</i>
1877	70
1882	49
1906	39
1909	36
1921	25
1942	11
1953	17
1954	16
1956	10
1957	8
1958	7
1959	5

Codwn, yn awr, bigion amrywiol ynglŷn â'r plant—cosb, afiechyd, llwyddiant ac ambell gofnod gwahanol.

31.10.1879—Two children were kept in after school to do lessons which they neglected to do at home the previous night.

17.1.'81—Twenty-one children came to school this morning; but as their feet were wet, were all sent home.

21.10.'81—Kept two boys in after school hours for 10 minutes for not singing during the Singing Lesson.

17.5.'84—The school was conducted as usual, the attendance was very low. It seems as if the parents are not interested in the Education of their children.

15.8.'84—Sent notices to the children's parents requesting them to send their children to school on Monday.

1.3.'86—Owing to the Snow Storm, not a single child came to school today.

2.3.'86—1 child and the monitor came here at 9.20 a.m. The child was sent home at 10.

11.7.1906—A Standard IV pupil had two strokes on hands—a punishment for lie-telling and mischief in absence of head-teacher.

21.1.'08—The children are nearly all complaining, having severe coughing accompanied with retching. Afraid I will miss a great many of them before the end of the week, in fact they ought not to be present at all, as beside being ill the coughing is so bad that I cannot make myself understood properly by them, as they cannot listen and cough so violently.

Had to ask one child to go home, his coughing being so bad all day, that I was afraid something serious might happen to him.

21.2.'08—Registers not marked today (Friday). Number present too small. The cause is the outbreak of Influenza and Diphtheria in the immediate locality, several of the few present shewing signs of falling off; probably by Monday several more will be attacked.

18.12.'08—Diphtheria in the neighbourhood but not affected us yet.

4.1.'09—Report sent to Financial Clerk with regard to the parishes from which children attend this school and number from each parish:-

Cayo	17
Llansawel	3
Pencarreg	16
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19.1.'09—One girl arrived too late for registration by a few minutes. I did not re-mark her, but let her take the consequences, as I find that it is getting a habit with her.

29.1.'09—Four boys received a few stripes across the shoulders for coming in late, talking in school and scribbling their work. Being the oldest in school and on the eve of leaving, get too big for their clothes and hearing nothing at their respective homes and about locality, from farm hands, etc, but of the wonderful things they used to do when at school.

17.3.'09—An Eisteddfod being held here this afternoon, 5.30 p.m. several children absent, only 24 answering the roll call this morning.

19.3.'09—Police Officer Johnes, stationed at Cwmanne, called at the School at 2.10 p.m. asking permission to see seven boys at the request of Mrs. Davies, Post Office, an old age pensioner, who had made a complaint to him that they had thrown stones at her house. (The Officer spoke to the children: and cautioned them: but could plainly see that the case was only an exaggerated one). The old woman and her late husband have, it seems, always had a grudge against the schoolchildren from what I learn and this was probably an outburst of temper on her part. I have cautioned the children and told them to pass by her door without keeping any noise.

27.4.'09—A Photographer from the Educational Art Association, London visited the School this afternoon and photographed the children as a whole and separately as families. The

work was suspended for a while during the afternoon to permit him to carry on his operations.

11.5.'09—Forwarded names and addresses of two of the children, who have made exemplary attendances during the two previous years, to the Education Committee, having been informed that awards are given for high attendances.

27.5.'09—A Squad of Yeomanry Cavalry passing within a mile from school the older scholars were permitted to leave at 10.30 a.m. to see them as they never saw horse or foot soldiers before. Returned at 11.30 to 11.45 a.m.

14.6.'12—Nine scholars presented with Certificates for Good Attendances.

28.6.'13—The school children were this afternoon photographed by Mr. John Jones, B.A., Maesyrrhenarth, a former pupil of this school.

7.9.'20—Thomas Joshua Jones, Bettygate has left, entering Tregaron County School.

24.12.'20—A weighing machine was brought to school this afternoon and all the children were weighed and measured.

Cludid peiriant pwysu o ysgol gyfagos. Cedwid y dafal yn yr ysgol am rai dyddiau. Yna, fe'i hanfonid i ysgol arall. Fe wneid hyn am flynyddoedd er mwyn cadw golwg ar gynnydd corfforol y plant.

13.9.'21—John Obediah Jones, Cwmdawe has left as he is going to Tregaron County School.

19.7.'26—At the Scholarship Examination held at the Llandilo County School, David Lewis Jones of Gwarcoed won a 'free place' out of 89 Candidates, while Arthur Lewis Jones, Llundain and John Eirwyn Morgan, Maesygwial Fawr passed the Entrance Examination. They are the first pupils from this school to win these distinctions.

16.2.'27—The children are dismissed at 3.15 p.m. this afternoon to enable them to attend Rhydcymerau Eisteddfod. Some of the pupils are competing.

14.9.'28—John Samuel Jones, Gwarcoed leaves school this afternoon to attend Llandilo County School where he has won a Scholarship.

17.9.'29—Annie Mary Jones, of Gwarcoed has now left, having gained a Scholarship to Llandilo County School.

12.6.'31—Eight children, under the charge of the Head-teacher participated in the school Journey to Bristol today.

16.6.'32—The school is closed this afternoon to enable the children to compete at the Vale of Cothi School Sports.

Diddorol yw cofnodi i blant Ysgol Esgerdawe barhau i fynychu'r Mabolgampau hyn hyd 1959. Dyma un o ddiwrnodau pwysicaf y flwyddyn. Meddai ambell blentyn ddawn arbennig i redeg ras ar gae pan na fyddai ganddo unrhyw gyflymder at waith mewn dosbarth. Cynhelid y Mabolgampau ym Mhumsaint, Tallyllychau neu yng Nghrugybar.

2.7.'35—By permission of the Clerk of the Managers, I am absent today, attending the Degree Day Ceremony at St. David's College, Lampeter,—where an old pupil graduated this term. (Arthur L. Jones).



Y merched yn y mabolgampau



Y bechgyn yn cael seibiant

1.7.'37—By permission of the Clerk of the Managers I am absent today, attending the Degree Day Ceremony at St. David's College, Lampeter,—where an old pupil graduated this term. (J. Samuel Jones).

2.9.'37—Harriet Maggie Williams, Pantycelyn is withdrawn from the Register as she gained a 'Special Place' at Llandoverly County School.

9.9.'37—William James George is withdrawn from the Register as he has gained a 'Special Place' at Llandilo County School.

22.9.'38—Miss Annie M. Jones, Gwarcoed, a student at the U.C.W., Aberystwyth commenced a fortnight's Teaching Practice at this School on Monday, the 19th inst.

15.7.'40—Two children were admitted today as Unofficial Evacuees.

2.9.'40—Catherine Moelfre Hill, leaves school today having gained a 'Special Place' at Llandilo County School.

9.9.'40—Joan Davies, Groes, was admitted to Bryn Road Central School, Lampeter today. (Pan oedd yn ddisgybl yn Esgerdawe, bu ei phresenoldeb yn ddifwlch. I gydnabod hynny, cyflwynwyd oriawr iddi, ar ran y Pwyllgor Addysg, gan gadeirydd y Rheolwyr, Mr. Williams, Llether Coch.



Anrhegu Joan Davies

4.10.'40—Miss Mary Eunice George, Bryndafydd Uchaf, who has been authorised to observe Methods of Teaching at this School, commenced duties on Monday, 30th September.

15.9.'42—Megan Davies leaves School today, having gained a 'Special Place' at Llandilo County School.

5.9.'44—Edward Emyr Hughes, Esgerdawe Farm leaves School today, having gained a 'Special Place' at Llandilo County School.

3.9.'45—Celia Shannon, of Pannau Gleision has left School, having gained a 'Special Place' at Llandoverly County School.

2.8.'46—Thelma Davies has gained a 'Special Place' at Llandilo Grammar School, so that she will be entering that School after the Summer Holidays.

26.2.'47—No children present in School. No dinners received



Cyflwynwyd oriawr i Megan Davies gan Mr. D. C. Davies, Y.H.,
Cwmcoedifor, ar ran y Pwyllgor Addysg.

from Llansawel. During the night, there was a heavy fall of snow, followed in the morning by a downpour of rain and sleet. All roads are impassable.

5.3.'47—A heavy snowstorm and blizzard has raged all night and still rages today. The roads are blocked with snowdrifts 4-9 feet in depth. No children present in School.

25.3.'47—School reopened today after the snow. Dinners brought up from Llansawel. Roads clear.

8.9.'47—One boy left for Lampeter Modern School. (O hyn allan, bydd pob plentyn yn mynychu'r ysgol honno ar ôl gadael un ar ddeg oed).

5.5.'53—Derbyniwyd nifer o deganau o'r Swyddfa Addysg ar gyfer y plant lleiaf.

27.3.'53—Yn bresennol am yr wythnos: 100%.

1.9.'55—Enillodd Christopher Dane Broberg, Bryndafydd Isaf ysgoloriaeth i Ysgol Ramadeg Llandeilo. (Er mai i Ysgol Uwchradd Llambled y disgwyliid i bob plentyn fynd, cafodd Dane ganiatâd i sefyll yr arholiad i'w alluogi i fynychu Ysgol Ramadeg).

Ar ddechrau'r flwyddyn 1958, dim ond saith o enwau oedd ar y Llyfrau. Teulu hapus oeddynt, ond teimladau ansicr oedd gan bawb am ddyfodol yr Ysgol. Tywyll oedd y rhagolygon am nad oedd unrhyw argoel y byddai'r nifer yn cynyddu. Dymunai'r ardalwyr weld llong yn dod o rywle â thorf o blant ar ei bwrdd. 'Roedd 'sŵn ym mrig y morwydd' fod tranc yr Ysgol annwyl gerllaw. Pan ddaeth diwedd tymor yr Haf, 1959 a'r nifer wedi gostwng i bedwar, syrthiodd y fwyell ar yr Ysgol fach. Ni wyddai'r plant na'r athrawes i sicrwydd eu bod yno am y tro olaf ar Orffennaf 23ain. Gwnaeth anwybodaeth o'r sefyllfa i'r diwrnod hwnnw fod yn hapusach a'r ymadael yn haws. Bore trannoeth, daeth nodyn trist o'r Swyddfa Addysg yng Nghaerfyrddin: "Mae'r Ysgol wedi cau am y tro olaf."

O'r Llyfrau Cofnodion y cafwyd enwau'r disgyblion a enillodd ysgoloriaethau i Ysgol Sir neu Ysgol Ramadeg, a hynny o'r flwyddyn 1926 ymlaen. Ni chroniclwyd enwau'r rhai a lwyddodd i'r cyfeiriad hwn cyn hynny. Ond, drwy dystiolaeth lafar, gellir nodi eraill a gafodd yrfa ddisglair ar lwybr addysg, wedi mynychu Ysgol Esgerdawe yn eu dyddiau cynnar.

Yn 1901, enillodd John Washington Jones, Maesyrenarth ysgoloriaeth i fynd i Ysgol Sir Llandeilo. Wedi bod yno am gyfnod, symudodd i'r Ysgol Ramadeg a gedwid yn Llan-ybydder, o dan athrawiaeth Mr. S. Stephens, B.A., genedigol o Fydrailyn. Yna, aeth i Goleg Dewi Sant, Llambod, lle'r enillodd ei radd. Gadawodd ei frawd, Evan Tawe Jones Ysgol Esgerdawe yn y flwyddyn 1905, gan feddwl aros gartre i helpu ei rieni. Felly y bu am gyfnod. Wedyn, aeth yntau i'r Ysgol Ramadeg yn Llan-ybydder a dechreuodd feddwl am bregethu. Aeth i Ysgol Gwili (Watcyn Wyn, cyn hynny), Rhydaman am dymor, ac oddi yno i Ysgol yr Hen Goleg yng Nghaerfyrddin. Yna, llwyddodd i gael mynediad i Goleg y Presbyteriaid yn y dref. Bu'n ficer yn Llangwryfon a Lledrod am flynyddoedd lawer.

Enillodd John Thomas, Bryndifyr ysgoloriaeth i Ysgol Sir Llandeilo. Yn ddiweddarach, bu'n fyfyrwr yng Ngholeg y Brifysgol, Aberystwyth, ac yna yn brifathro mewn Ysgolion

Cynradd yn yr hen Sir Gaerfyrddin. Cyn iddo ymddeol, bu am flynyddoedd yn brifathro Ysgol Cwmifor, ger Llandeilo.

Er i Willie Lewis, Rhydfallen Fach fynychu Ysgol Esgerdawe yn ei ddyddiau cynnar, symudodd i Ysgol Rhydcymerau. Bu'n fyfyrwr yng Ngholeg y Drindod ac yna, cafodd ei benodi yn Ysgolfeistr Rhydcymerau. Deëllir iddo fod yno am ugain mlynedd cyn symud i Ystradowen, ac yn ddiweddarach, i Ruislip, yn Llundain.

GWYLIAU

Tua diwedd y ganrif o'r blaen a dechrau hon, 'roedd yna gymdeithas glòs ym mhob ardal wledig yng Nghymru. Yn naturiol, oherwydd hyn, ceid perthynas agos rhwng yr ysgol a bywyd yr ardalwyr. Er nad oedd y cyfleusterau a berthyn i ni heddiw yn eiddo iddynt, 'roedd pawb yn adnabod ei gilydd, yn helpu ei gilydd, ac yn crynhoi at ei gilydd ar achlysuron arbennig.

Dylanwadai'r cynaeafau'n fawr ar waith yr ysgol. Felly, ceid gwyliau amserol am gyfnodau er mwyn galluogi'r plant i gynorthwyo ar y meysydd. Yn y cyfnod cynnar, 'roedd gan y Rheolwyr a'r Prifathro awdurdod i gau'r ysgol yn ôl eu doethineb eu hunain. Yn ddiweddarach, wrth gwrs, y Pwyllgor Addysg a drefnai'r gwyliau yn fwy rheolaidd, fel y gwneir heddiw.

'Roedd digwyddiadau a diddordebau lleol y cyfnod cynnar yn effeithio i raddau helaeth ar bresenoldeb y plant. Yn Esgerdawe, fel ym mhobman, cynhelid Cyfarfodydd Crefyddol, Cymanfa Ganu, Ocsiynau, Ffeiriau cyfagos ac Ymrysonfeydd Aredig. Rhoddid gwyliau'n gyson ar gyfer yr amgylchiadau hyn. Yn ddiweddarach, neilltuwyd pedwar diwrnod y flwyddyn fel gwyliau achlysurol.

Byddai'r ysgol ar gau ar achlysuron nodedig yn perthyn i'r

teulu brenhinol. Achosion eraill a barodd i'r ysgol gau am gyfnodau oedd anhwylderau ym mysg y plant a'r tywydd drwg.

Dyma rai enghreifftiau:

7.8.1878—Mr. Thomas Thomas, Maesteile came down here to talk about the holidays, said it would be high time the coming week to break up, in order that the children might be employed in the Harvest.

18.7.'87—The School was closed for today, there being a pleasure fair at Llanybyther.

3.8.'87—The School was closed as the Teacher wanted to attend a funeral.

1.11.'87—The School was not opened today as there was a fair at Llanybyther, which the Teacher wanted to attend.

16.2.'88—School was closed this morning as the Master attended a funeral.

22.4.'88—In the afternoon the School was closed as there was an Eisteddfod at Esgerdawe Chapel.

23.5.'88—There was no School today as there was a fair at Lampeter.

25.10.'88—No School on this afternoon as the Harvest Thanksgiving Meeting was held in Esgerdawe Chapel, which meeting the children usually attend.

25.12.'88—Christmas Day—School closed.

1.1.'89—New Year's Day—School closed.

15.12.'93—The School was closed on Tuesday being a very rainy morning.

17.1.1901—The School was closed today, by order, owing to the funeral of the late Rev. Henry Jones.

4.3.'03—A ploughing match was held in the neighbourhood yesterday; the School was closed.

6.5.'06—School closed as the Congregational Chapel held its Annual Festival at Lampeter.

1.1.'08—School closed. New Year's Day. The customary collection of New Year's Gifts by the children.

26.10.'08—School closes tomorrow, per order of Local

Manager, having been lent to partake of food in, the occasion being the welcoming of a new Minister to take charge of the two sister Churches, Ffaldybrenin and Esgerdawe.

28.10.'08—Re-opened and found everything clean and tidy after yesterday.

20.5.'10—School closed. H. M. King Edward VII's funeral.

4.8.'13—As the Quarterly Meetings and Ordination Services are to be held the next two days, the 5th and 6th at Esgerdawe and Ffaldybrenin, the School will be closed.

10.12.'13—School was closed for the day after the morning session, so as to give time to prepare the schoolroom for the Concert in the evening. The proceeds go towards getting a Library for the School.

17.6.'14—School is closed today to enable the children attending the Sunday School to go with the excursion to Aberayron.

18.6.'18—The School is closed so as to enable the Headteacher to be present in the funeral of Mr. Davies, Coedmore Council School.

26.6.'18—School closed. Headteacher attending brother's wedding.

7.4.'19—No school today, the schoolroom being used as a booth for the Rural District Council Election.

28.2.'22—In accordance with the wish of H.M. the King, a holiday is granted today, the wedding day of H.R.H. Princess Mary.

7.6.'28—The School is closed, by permission of the Managers, to enable the children and staff to attend Edwinsford Fete, held in aid of the Alltymynydd XRay Appeal.

24.10.'28—School closed this afternoon, by permission of the Managers, as Ordination Services are held at Esgerdawe Congregational Chapel (Rev. Giraldu Jones).

10.6.'32—By permission of the Education Committee, the school is closed on the occasion of the 'Mabolgampau Cenedlaethol Ieuencid Cymru' at Llanelly.

16.6.'32—The School is closed this afternoon to enable the children to compete in the Vale of Cothi School Sports.

29.11.'34—School closed—a general holiday being granted on the occasion of the Wedding Day of H.R.H., the Duke of Kent.

6.5.'35—No School, a general holiday being granted to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Their Majesties King George and Queen Mary. All the children and the villagers were provided with tea in the afternoon, followed by Sports, and in the night, a beacon fire was lit on Llundain Hill. Each child and each household were presented with a mug. Each child was also presented with a medal. A very enjoyable day was spent.

6.11.'35—In accordance with the wish of His Majesty, the King, a holiday is granted today,—the Wedding Day of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Gloucester.

28.1.'36—School closed on the occasion of the funeral of the late King George V.

12.5.'37—Today, the children, staff and villagers celebrated the Coronation of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. Tea was provided in the afternoon, followed by Physical Display and Sports. Mugs and Medals were presented.

15.7.'38—School closed to commemorate the fourth Centenary of the Translation of the Bible.

4.9.'39—School re-opened this morning, but was closed immediately on receipt of Circular No. 6739, dealing with the Evacuation Scheme, stating that “all schools in the Authority’s area to be closed until further notice”.

20.11.'47—The school is closed today, a holiday being granted by His Majesty the King on the occasion of the wedding of H.R.H. The Princess Elizabeth.

26.4.'48—A holiday is granted today by His Majesty the King on the occasion of Their Majesties’ Silver Wedding.

19.11.'48—School closed—a holiday being given to commemorate the birth of the new Prince, the son of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.



Llun y goelcerth

7.10.'49—The school is closed for the Annual Thanksgiving Services at Esgerdawe Chapel.

29.2.'52—As it is St. David's Day tomorrow, the School is closed this afternoon.



Y Gwarchodlu Cartref

24.9.'54—Cynhaliwyd ein Gymanfa Ganu Undebol yng Nghapel Caio heddiw ac felly 'roedd yr ysgol ar gau.

30.1.'58—Cafwyd caniatâd i gau'r ysgol prynhawn heddiw i alluogi'r brifathrawes i gynrychioli aelodau'r Capel yn angladd mam y Parchedig Giraldu Jones yn Ystalyfera.

23.7.'58—Cynhaliwyd Carnifal, Te a Mabolgampau i drigolion Plwyf Pencarreg yng Nghwmnann prynhawn heddiw i ddathlu Gŵyl Cymru. Felly, cafwyd caniatâd i gau'r ysgol yn y prynhawn.

Yn y blynyddoedd olaf yn hanes yr ysgol, defnyddid y pedwar diwrnod o Wyliau Achlysurol ar gyfer digwyddiadau blynyddol—Cymanfa Ganu'r Annibynwyr, y Gymanfa Ganu Undebol, Cyfarfodydd Diolchgarwch y Capel a Sioe Llanbed. Ni chaniateid gwyliau i ffeiriau fel yn y dyddiau gynt.

Nid oes sôn am Wyliau'r Pasg a'r Sulgwyn yn nyddiau'r Ysgol Fwrdd. Trefna'r Pwyllgor Addysg fod pob ysgol yn y Sir yn cau am gyfnod adeg pob Gŵyl.

Byddai bywyd pob ysgol yn undonog dros ben heb wyliau.

YMWELWYR

Peth arall sy'n torri ar undonedd y gwaith mewn ysgol yw'r ymwelwyr sy'n galw yn eu tro. Yn ystod y ganrif o'r blaen, yn rhinwedd eu swydd, galwai aelodau'r Bwrdd yn fynych. Daliant gysylltiad agos â'r ysgol a'u dyletswydd oedd gofalu bod y plant yn mynychu'n gyson. Hwylt-hwy hefyd oedd yn gyfrifol am yr adeiladau a sicrhau fod popeth gan y prifathro at ddysgu'r plant.

Galwai'r Rheolwyr yn aml. Ambell waith, byddent yn ymyrryd gormod yng ngwaith y prifathro, gan anghofio mai eu hunig gyfrifoldeb oedd gofalu am gyflwr yr adeilad a'r celfi. Atgofiai'r prifathro ambell un am hyn. Nid oedd gan yr un ohonynt fawr o syniad beth oedd dysgu plant.

Pan ddaeth y Byrddau Ysgol i ben yn 1902, cawn fod ymwelwyr newydd wedi cymryd lle'r hen rai arferol. Yn awr, swyddogion y Pwyllgor Addysg oedd yn gyfrifol am hyrwyddo'r gweithgareddau. Deuai'r Arolygwyr fel o'r blaen i sicrhau ffyniant ymhlith y plant.

Ceir rhai cyfeiriadau at Swyddog Presenoldeb pan oedd y Bwrdd yn rheoli. Gelwid ef ambell waith yn blisman plant. Ni fu'r Pwyllgor Addysg yn hir cyn penodi gŵr o'r fath ym mhob ardal. 'Roedd plant y dyddiau gynt yn absennol yn aml heb reswm digonol. Y feddyginiaeth orau oedd cael person llym yr olwg i ymweld â chartrefi'r troseddwyr.

Ymwelai'r Swyddog Presenoldeb ag Ysgol Esgerdawe yn rheolaidd. Gwae y rhai a oedd yn absennol pan alwai. Dyn cryf a golwg fileinig arno oedd un ohonynt. Deuai ar ei feic-modur o gyfeiriad Llansawel. Pan glywai'r athro a'r plant ef yn cyrraedd ceid tawelwch llethol ar amrantiad. 'Roedd popeth mor dawel â'r bedd. Crynai'r plant wrth eu desgiau wrth glywed sŵn ei draed yn nesáu at ddrws yr ysgol. Ceid gollyngdod amhrisiadwy pan wisgai'i fenig lledr, caled am ei ddwylo wrth ymadael â'r Prifathro. Nid gwiw i neb golli'r ysgol pan oedd hwn yn cadw llygad barcud ar bawb.

Cawn gofnodion am ymwelwyr eraill—y Nyrs, y Meddyg, y

Deintydd, Trefnwyr Bwyd, y Pensaer a'i Glerc, yr Heddeidwad a'r Swyddog Lles.

Arferai Gweinidogion Capel Esgerdawe alw ar hyd y blynyddoedd. Nifer fechan ohonynt a fu'n llanw'r barchus swydd oherwydd bu dau yma am hanner canrif yr un. Galwai Ficer Llansawel a Chaeo hefyd.

Deuai ambell ymwelydd yma er mwyn rhoi sgwrs i'r plant ar faterion arbennig. Tua diwedd y ganrif o'r blaen a dechrau hon, 'roedd clefyd y darfededigaeth yn gyffredin. Ceid darlith yn aml gan aelod o Gymdeithas Goffa Edward y Seithfed, Llundain ar y testunau, "Rheolau Iechyd" a "Sut i atal Darfededigaeth".

Dyma enghreifftiau o rai ymweliadau:-

14.5.1877—Mr. John Jones, Caemawr, a Member of the Board present.

25.11.'79—Mr. Jones, Clerk of the Board visited the School in the morning and informed me that Mr. Davies, the Chairman of the Board was to come to examine the 5th and 6th Standard children, so as to make monitors for the school.

3.11.'04—The Attendance Officer visited this school today at 2.30 p.m.

Gwnaeth hwn argraff arbennig ar y plant. Ymhen blwyddyn, 'roedd eu presenoldeb wedi gwella'n aruthrol. Ym mis Tachwedd, 1905, ceir cofnod eu bod wedi torri'r record. Y plisman plant wedi gwneud ei waith yn ganmoladwy!

27.4.'09—A Photographer from London visited the school and photographed the children.

20.10.'15—Rev. D. Williams, B.A., Minister of Ffaldybrenin and Esgerdawe called at the school today.

4.7.'17—Mr David Evans, Rhydcwmerau Shop, Clerk of the Local Managers called here this afternoon.

31.5.'18—The District Nurse paid a visit to the school and examined the children.

13.9.'23—Mrs. Pickrell, lecturer under the Temperance Association delivered a lecture here this morning.

19.2.'25—Mr. David Lewis, late Headteacher of Llanybyther Council School visited the school this afternoon. He was a Pupil Teacher at this school in the year 1877.

18.10.'27—Miss Edith Rowlands, of the King Edward VII Welsh National Memorial Association visited the school this morning and gave a lesson on 'Tuberculosis' to the children.

13.9.'32—Mrs. D. Lea Banner delivered lectures on 'Tuberculosis', 'The Laws of Health' and 'Infant Care'.

28.9.'32—Dr. W. Lloyd, School Medical Officer visited the school and examined 10 children.

17.11.'32—A lecture on Veterinary Service was delivered at the school by Mr. T. R. Thomas, M.R.C.V.S., of Pibwrlwyd Farm Institute.

25.11.'38—A Cinematograph entertainment was given at the school by W. M. Davies, Esq., Blaenblodau Hall, Pencader in aid of the mid-day meal fund.

2.10.'40—Miss Pauline Taylor, of the National Council of Music called at the school this afternoon.

12.3.'40—The Director of Education for the County, Mr. J. Edward Mason, paid his first visit of inspection to this school this afternoon.

10.10.'41—P.C. Hopkins addressed the children this afternoon on 'Safety First' on the roads.

5.5.'42—Visit. Dr. D. M. Williams, H.M.I.

8.9.'48—Mr. David Morgan, Clerk of Works, visited the school this morning and inspected the building and the boundary wall.

Un o'r ymwelwyr ffyddlonaf oedd Mr. D. Arthur Evans, y postman. Bu'n cario'r post yn yr ardal am flynyddoedd. Deuai ar ei feic coch o Rydcymerau a gellid ei adnabod o bell yn ei siwt las, urddasol. 'Roedd ganddo fag brown i gario'r llythyrau a stand addas o'i flaen ar gyfer pethau trymion megis parseli. Rhaid oedd dosbarthu'r cyfan i gartrefi'r fro.

Nid âi nemor ddiwrnod o'r wythnos heibio na fyddai'n galw

yn yr Ysgol â'i fwndel o lythyrau—o'r Swyddfa Addysg neu oddi wrth rywrai a fyddai'n ymwneud ag addysg plant mewn Ysgol Gynradd. Estynnai'r pecyn yn drefnus i'r prifathro neu'r brifathrawes. 'Roedd yn amlwg ei fod yn ofalus a thrwyadl wrth ei oruchwyliaeth—'roedd popeth i'r dim ganddo bob amser. Gwyddai fod ei waith yn bwysig ac nid gwiw iddo esgeuluso un o'r amlenni a gludai yn ei fag. Ni fedr neb ddarogan beth sydd mewn llythyr cyn ei agor. Dosbarthodd rai cannoedd o lythyrau yn yr ardal. 'Roedd gwên ar ei wyneb pan atebid drws mewnol yr ysgol iddo, rhwng deg a hanner awr wedi deg yn y bore. Wrth drosglwyddo'r llythyrau, ceid cyfeiriadau at y tywydd bron yn ddieithriad, yn ogystal â'r newyddion lleol diweddaraf a phwysicaf.

Ar ôl iddo ddosbarthu'r cyfan i dai a ffermdai'r ardal, dychwelai Mr. Evans i'r pentref tuag un o'r gloch. Rhaid ei fod wedi blino'n lân, ond, boed law neu hindda, byddai'n hollol ddi-rwgnach bob amser. Nid ar chwarae bach y dringai'r rhiw i ambell fferm anghysbell, ond, gyda grym arferiad, cyflawnai'r siwrnai yn eitha' diffwdan ar ei ddwy olwyn.

Agorai'r blwch llythyrau ar fur Bryneithin am dri o'r gloch bob prynhawn, gan gludo'r cyfan a osodwyd ynddo i Rydcymerau i ddal y Fan Frenhinol. Pa le y treuliai'r ddwyawr hynny rhwng dychwelyd wedi gorffen dosbarthu a'r amser penodedig i gasglu o'r blwch? Gofalodd y Swyddfa Bost fod ganddo le bach cysurus i'w treulio, sef sied goch ddestlus a osodwyd ar ochr yr heol tu allan i gornel isaf iard yr ysgol. Yno y câi ei bryd bwyd hanner dydd—'roedd popeth angenrheidiol ganddo. Ni allai neb ddymuno am well 'cartre oddi cartre' i dreulio rhai oriau ynddo bob dydd. Wrth fwyta ei ginio a threulio'r gweddill o'r amser, darllenai ei Feibl. 'Does dim rhyfedd iddo ei ddarllen o Genesis hyd Ddatguddiad lawer gwaith, ond nid yn unig ei ddarllen a wnâi ond ei fyw yn ei fywyd bob dydd. Pan âi rhywun at ddrws ei lety i mofyn stampiau neu gymwynas byddai Mr. Evans yn barod bob amser â'i gymorth.

Am dri o'r gloch troai'r allwedd yn y drws gan fynd i fyny i