

Reference	Title	Description	Date	Page No
EA5/1	Aberdare Open Air School	All schools closed by order of HM Government-European War. All staff arrived in school for instructions and about 20 children and some parents. All were sent home and staff arranged to meet according to orders for Education Office	4 Sep 1939	203
		Staff attended and 4 older boys from Trecynon all helped to dig up potatoes	6 Sep 1939	203
		When other schools opened 8 or 9 children came up again but were sent to other schools. Staff help with potatoes and preparation of blankets	11 Sep 1939	203
		Teachers complete visits to householders War school-enough homes available for 140 children to reach in an Air Raid. Oct 13 <sup>th</sup> Mr Lewis (Director) and Head Teacher discussed ways of improving exits from the school. Head Teacher prepared a memorandum for ARP Committee of the Council on Wed Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	16 Oct 1939	204
		ARP Sub-Committee visited school to inspect alterations for emergency measures	23 Oct 1939	204
		92 children marked in other schools but come here for morning to try out scheme for emergency evacuation	24 Oct 1939	204
		Tuesday-This school reopened for the 1 <sup>st</sup> time since the War began. The weather was wet and stormy but 94 children attended-12 new ones	31 Oct 1939	205
		The Education Authority's ARP Sub-Committee and the Director visited school this morning to see Air Raid Drill from various parts of the building. They expressed complete satisfaction with all arrangements and with the children's speedy exit	14 Nov 1939	205
		Today at 12 o'clock Dr Orford HMI for Spec schools in Wales, Mr Evans HMI (local) and Dr Prichard MOH and Mr Lewis, local education officer, visited the school. Dr Orford inquired into the question of the children's meals and the cost, also the general curriculum. He expressed pleasure and satisfaction with all he saw	23 Apr 1940	209
		Whit-Tuesday. Holidays cancelled-all schools reopen today by order of HM's Government owing to European War Conditions	14 May 1940	209
		Ilford girl Evacuees have been allowed to use the bathroom here in the mornings-probably 6 a day will come temporarily	31 May 1940	210
		A German Raider reconnoitring the districts dropped several bombs near Cwmbach Church school-children had gone home but 1 teacher hurt	10 Jul 1940	210
		Office circular authorised closing all schools immediately and until the teachers had had time to safeguard all school windows. Government instructions were changed. Children now not to run to near homes when Air Raid Warning occurs, but to remain in school in rooms away from windows. On Wednesday our children sat in the corridors and lobbies till	11 Jul 1940	210

		phone message informed Head Teacher that all was clear again		
		Staff here safeguarding all windows	11-16 Jul 1940	211
		Schools again reopened and from 10am as from July 22nd	18 Jul 1940	211
		This school closed for a fortnight to make further safety measures, Children all to attend other schools. Staffs to attend here until required elsewhere, Kitchen staff here to wash blankets tc	19 Jul 1940	211
		Miss Palmer and Miss Davies attended here in the morning then sent to Cwmdare and Llwydcoed respectively in afternoon	22 Jul 1940	211
		Mr Bowen gone to Town Council Boys School	23 Jul 1940	211
		All schools close today for summer vacation. 1 <sup>st</sup> fortnight of month's holiday	2 Aug 1940	211
		54 children and all staff (except Miss Palmer and Miss Davies) were present. Owing to the absence of an Air Raid Shelter and the exposed type of building-on instructions from the office all were sent home and the children sent back to their own schools	19 Aug 1940	212
		Ten boys have been brought back here to help in raising the potatoes. Mr Bowen with them in the garden	29 Aug 1940	212
		Kidney beans from the garden again sent to Hebron School Feeding Centre. Boys still working on potatoes. Teachers overhauling the children's handwork. Head Teachers attending to Food Bills and orders	2 Sep 1940	212
		All schools again closed at noon today for the remaining fortnight of the usual Summer Vacation to reopen on Monday Sept 23rd	6 Sep 1940	213
		All schools again closed for another fortnight until Mon Oct 7th	23 Sep 1940	213
		This school still officially closed owing to AR Shelters not being completed	7 Oct 1940	213
		Arrangements made to accommodate expected Evacuees from East Ham. Staff remaining-Mr Bowen Miss Evans and Miss Jones came up to help with the arrangements also the kitchen staff	11 Oct 1940	213
		In the afternoon-140 evacuated mothers and children were given tea here. 69 went off to Fedwhir. 71 were left here for the weekend	12 Oct 1940	213
		Expectant mother and 5 small children removed to Fedwhir Hospital-leaving 65	13 Oct 1940	213
		Some of these were soon billeted in private houses. In the afternoon 25 arrived from Porth Cottage Hospital. These-all remained until Friday. 8 WVS Helpers-4 at a time-came to help in kitchen.	14 Oct 1940	213
		Mr Tom Jones assistant Park schools spent the whole day helping Mr Bowen to complete	12-18 Oct	215

		the Blackout of all windows both in Resting Shed and Dining Hall	1940	
		Friday morning all these Evacuees-35-were given food for 2 meals and a large number of kitchen necessities-china and [????] to enable them to mark a start in empty houses. They all had families of 4 to 7 children	18 Oct 1940	215
		School reopened today-67 PD's and 38 MD's present-also all the staff returned. Shelters still not ready, so revised lists of houses and children for dispersal in case of Air Raid Warning-admitted 5 new MD's	18 Nov 1940	217
		All the other schools closed today-teachers billeting in expectation of 1800 Evacuees from Birmingham expected tomorrow	25 Nov 1940	217
		Miss Jones, Headmistress, Partially Sighted School Birmingham and her assistant Miss Shaw have today started school work proper with their 22 partially sighted Evacuees. Owing to the fact that the school is now to be painted it is being arranged that they have a classroom done first for them. In the meantime they have their class in the Dining Hall. The blanket racks are to be moved up to the sleeping shed, meanwhile the children have their blankets with them in their classrooms and have to rest there until the resting shed has been completed i.e. attired and painted. Thus Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> Miss Jones returned to Birmingham to make further arrangements with her Education Authority	2 Dec 1940	217-218
		Visiting headmistress from LCC on behalf of Evacuee children	16 Jan 1941	218
		Miss Maugham assistant for Birmingham Partially Sighted school started work here today in place of Miss Jones-her headmistress. Electricians are today fixing electric light in the AR Shelters	17 Feb 1941	219
		St David's Day programme was held up owing to the sounding of the "Alert". Children went to shelters and had their lunch-cocoa and sandwich while there. Later the programme was rehearsed and postponed till following Monday	28 Feb 1941	219-220
		Classes A B and C gave dramatized songs and sketches, within the scope of the children's Welsh vocabulary. All sang 2 Hymns-"Calon Lan" and "Rwy'n Canu fel Cama'r adwyn". Short notes on St David and other great Welshmen were read in English by Class A. The Birmingham Children joined in the Welsh Hymns and were quite interested in the programme-then Hen Wlad fy Nhadau	3 Mar 1941	220
		Today we start school at the old time-9am	10 Mar 1941	220
		All schools closed owing to teachers helping with billets	22 Apr 1941	221
		Mrs Milson arrived in school today this morning-to relieve Miss Maugham with the partially sighted children from Birmingham. Miss Maugham from Birmingham leaves today	2 May 1941	221

		Saturday. The school was again used as an emergency billet-this time for 74 Cardiff Evacuees and 6 Cardiff Teachers. Our school staff and Head Teacher remained on duty day and night in shifts of 2 and 3, They all remained here until Tuesday afternoon, when they were taken out to their various billets	31 May 1941	221-222
		School reopened as usual today 106 of our children and 18 Birmingham children present and all the staff	16 Jun 1941	222
		The annual Parents Day was held today, the largest crowd on record-over 250 attended. Owing to War conditions no meal was provided but everyone had a cup of tea. The weather was very favourable and the handwork sale realised £50. A party of Newport Civic Women attended and expressed great delight in the proceedings	10 Jul 1941	222
		Our annual Harvest meeting was held in the Dining Hall this morning-for both Depts. The children sang Harvest hymns and their gifts were collected and sent to the local hospital. The children were very happy in bringing their gifts, Today too, they had a surprise in having an orange each during dinner-a rare treat nowadays. A few left over-10 were sent to sick children	15 Oct 1941	224
		Today we are having a wireless set installed in the school-by kind permission of the Education Authority. The set is being fixed in the senior PD classroom and all the classrooms will late be wired to accommodate loudspeaker also the Dining Hall	18 Nov 1941	225
		Mr Berry overhauled 4 Fire Extinguishers	17 Mar 1942	227
		Mr Roberts Education Officer BBC visited the school and discussed the school broadcasts. He saw the children's notes on various lessons e.g. News commentaries, English and Geog and Phys Tr lessons and was pleased to find the children so actively interested	19 Mar 1942	227
		Miss Nancy Kellow of 301 Cardiff Rd has today started duties here as school attendant. She is a former pupil of our PD department. Her salary will be £40 per annum and her age is 16. Her duties will consist chiefly in acting as escort for children attending clinic and general hospital and various other messages to avoid risks with accidents and Raids etc re the children	11 May 1942	228-229
		Glenys Griffiths Kitchen Maid finished here yesterday the 14 <sup>th</sup> inst. She is due for "The Services"	15 Jul 1942	229
		Today we celebrated Miss A Jones's time for retirement. Owing to War conditions she has consented to stay on another year. Miss Jones has served faithfully in this school for 28 years and was one of the original when it was opened. The present staff and all the old staff contributed to give her a cheque and wallet. Miss Howells and Nurse Harris of the old	20 Apr 1943	237-238

		staff came to tea with the present staff. All paid tribute to Miss Jones' devotion to her work for so many years and expressed their best wishes for her health and happiness in her retiring years		
		This afternoon Mr Roberts, Education Officer to the BBC called in school to advise on the school programmes	26 May 1943	238
		Today Friday-School closes for Whitsun week. Owing to success of schools campaign for National Savings during "Salute the Soldier" week, there is an extra day's holiday in all schools Mon Jun 5th	26 May 1944	245
		Mr Lewis (Director) County Councillor T Phillips and Miss Bradley, principal Furzedown Training College, visited school this morning and were very interested and pleased with the arrangements	29 Jun 1944	245
		All schools closed this afternoon session to make arrangements for 400 Evacuees arriving in the district. Our children all had dinner before leaving and special bus at 1pm	6 Jul 1944	246
		Owing to an influx of 400 more Evacuees from London-all the schools are closed for this afternoon to arrange billets tc	14 Jul 1944	246
		Tuesday-all schools closed today to billet 165 Evacuees (including 35 mothers). Staff all remained on duty-clearing classrooms and preparing Black Out arrangements to house any unbilleted families	29 Aug 1944	247
		All the remaining Evacuees-6 mothers and 17 children were this afternoon taken to Penarth by bus. There they will all live together in a large house	4 Sep 1944	249
		All staff spent today clearing up the classrooms, mending towels and sorting out blankets which had been used by the Evacuees	5 Sep 1944	249
		This afternoon Dr Culley MOH for Glamorgan visited the school with his clerk and the local clerk. We had a very useful discussion on possible changes under the transition from Aberdare LEA to Glamorgan County Council	7 Mar 1945	254
		V Day and tomorrow-General Holiday to celebrate victory over the Germans	8-9 May 1945	255
		School reopened this morning-the registers have not been marked-less than 1/3 no of children present. Handwork and rest and a good dinner were given to both depts. Celebrations were so late night	10 May 1945	
EA7/3	Aberdare St Fagans National Trecynon	School assembled after the holidays but owing to the outbreak of war, instructions had been received that all schools would be closed for another week	4 Sep 1939	387
		Reopened school. Admitted six Evacuees staying with friends, and three from the Open Air	11 Sep 1939	387

		school. Received a draft of 17 from the Inf dept		
		Re-opened school. Morning session 9-11.45, afternoon 1.15-3.30. To be followed until Feb 1st	31 Oct 1939	388
		Doctor examined the whole school in order to find cases of malnutrition	14 Mar 1940	390
		Miss Johnston organiser of PT visited the school this morning but was unable to see any PT as some of the staff were seeking information re billeting of schoolchildren	9 Apr 1940	390
		All schools ordered to re-open, owing to the state of Emergency. The registers will have to be marked over the words "Whitsun Holidays" Very poor attendance	14 May 1940	391
		Meeting of Billeting Officers called at 10. Mr Jenkins left to attend. School closed for afternoon, for a new billeting survey	21 May 1940	391
		Mr Jenkins left at 9.30 on billeting business and was out all day	22 May 1940	391
		School closed by LEA at noon. Premises used in the afternoon as a distributing centre for Evacuees	24 May 1940	392
		Mr Jenkins billeting. Time table changed so that PT was taken 9.30-10	5 Jun 1940	392
		Mr Jenkins absent, billeting. Sent Miss Sprood to Stds 4 and 5	6 Jun 1940	392
		Mr Jenkins was instructed to attend at the Education Office by 9.30. He was out the whole day, seeking billets for another batch of children	17 Jun 1940	392
		Enemy Aircraft having damaged Cwmbach school, it was decided by the LEA to close all schools until they were protected from flying glass	11 Jul 1940	392
		Re-opened school after emergency closure. The LEA have decided that as from Fri, July 19 <sup>th</sup> , schools should not open until 10am	18 Jul 1940	393
		Re-opened school. Received circular from LEA stating it was not inclined that school should proceed as usual during August. It is hoped that organised play in the open air, nature walks tc tc could be arranged under supervision	19 Aug 1940	393
		Received instructions from LEA to close school at noon, for a period of 14 days	6 Sep 1940	394
		Received instructions from LEA that schools would continue closed until Oct 7th	20 Sep 1940	394
		Re-opened school	7 Oct 1940	394
		Mr Jenkins absent each morning for billeting purposes	10 Oct 1940	394
		School closed in afternoon, as all teachers were required for billeting	11 Oct 1940	394
		Mr Jenkins absent each morning for billeting	16 Oct 1940	394
		School nurse made one of her periodical visits and saw the whole of the Evacuees	18 Oct 1940	394
		School closed to enable billets for Birmingham children expected tomorrow	25 Nov 1940	394

		School closed this afternoon. Christmas Festivities for local children and Evacuees	19 Dec 1940	395
		Mrs Kelsby absent today. Visiting son home on leave at Whitchurch	10 Jan 1941	395
		School was closed at 3.50pm to enable children to see the Mobile Cinema Van of the National Savings Company at the park gates at 4pm. Notification was not received until 12.30pm on the same day	17 Jan 1941	395-396
		Mr Rees at a billeting meeting at 10.30am. Out the remainder of the day seeking billets for Swansea Evacuees	24 Feb 1941	396
		School closed for afternoon to enable the staff to make a re-survey of the district for billeting purposes	5 Mar 1941	396
		The Siren sounded the Alert at 1.20pm. Children did not proceed to school until the "All Clear" was sounded at 2.12pm. Registers were therefore marked late. The staff was on duty at 1.20 for Fire Fighting on the premises	7 Mar 1941	396
		Upon instructions from the LEA the morning session as from today is 9am to 12 noon and the afternoon session 1.30 to 3.45pm. Registers marked accordingly	10 Mar 1941	397
		The Alert signal sounded at 2.27 and the All Clear at 3.18. The children were dispersed at 2.34	27 Mar 1941	397
		School closed today for a billeting survey of the district to be made by the teachers	22 Apr 1941	398
		Mr Rees compelled to go out essential billeting work for part of the morning left me with Stds II to V to teach	28 Apr 1941	398
		Received notification from the LEA that with the introduction of the second hour of summer time school hours until further notice will be 10am to 12.30pm and 2pm until 4.30pm	5 May 1941	398
		Alert sounded 10.50. All Clear 11.35. Children dispersed	29 May 1941	398
		Owing to the arrival of Evacuees from Cardiff on Saturday the Whitsun Holiday was postponed. School is therefore closed for today only	2 Jun 1941	398
		School closed with the morning session for the postponed Whit Holiday of one week	6 Jun 1941	398-399
		Mr Rees absent. Undergoing a medical examination for HM Forces in Pontypridd. Returned at 2.45	27 Jun 1941	399
		Owing to an outbreak on Enteric Fever in the locality all supplies of Milk have been stopped by the authorities until further notice	28 Jul 1941	400
		School re-opened after the Summer Holiday. During the closure Mr Rees was called up with HM Forces	1 Sep 1941	400

		Received notification today from the LEA that as from Monday next Oct 20 school hours for junior schools will be as follows:-Morning session 9-12, afternoon session 1.30-4. As from November 1 <sup>st</sup> the afternoon session will be 1.30 to 3.45	16 Oct 1941	401
		The supply of Milk was continued today after the "ban"	28 Oct 1941	401
		As from Monday next Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> the morning session will commence at 9.30 instead of 9am. The registers will be closed at 9.45	26 Nov 1941	402
		On instructions from the LEA school closes this afternoon to allow the staff to make a billeting survey of the district	3 Dec 1941	402
		School is closed again this afternoon for the reception of Evacuees from Birmingham	4 Dec 1941	402
		Received notification this morning from the LEA that as from Tuesday next 5 May school hours for junior schools will be 9.30 to 12.30 and 2 to 4.30	29 Apr 1942	404
		School closes this morning for two weeks. The children will re-assemble on Monday August 17 for recreational purposes (10am-12 noon 2pm-4pm) but the registers will not be marked. Normal procedure is due on Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	31 Jul 1942	405
		Instructions have been received that school will close at the end of the afternoon session on Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept and re-open on Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	24 Sep 1942	405-406
		Received instructions this morning that as from Tuesday next Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> until 31 <sup>st</sup> January school hours for junior schools will be-morning 9.30-12, afternoon 1.30-3.45. The time table will be amended accordingly	25 Nov 1942	406
		Received a communication this morning that school hours remain as at present 9.30/12, 1.30/3.45 until further notice	1 Feb 1943	407
		A circular has been received from the LEA stating that as from Monday next school hours will be 9.30 to 12.30 and 2pm to 4.15pm	19 Feb 1943	407
		Received notification from the LEA that as from Monday next school hours will be 9.30-12.30 and 2-4.30	1 Apr 1943	408
		School closes at 4.30 today (Thursday) until Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June for the Whit Holiday. Tomorrow is granted as an extra day in recognition of the magnificent feat of the schools in raising the sum of £29,688 in the "Wings for Victory" week	10 Jun 1943	409
		According to regulations school closes as from today at 4.15pm	1 Nov 1943	410
		Notification was received this morning that as from Monday 29 November, junior school hours will be-Morning session 9.30 to 12, afternoon 1.30-3.45	19 Nov 1943	410
		As from today the afternoon session closes at 4pm	1 Feb 1944	411



		School hours as from today are 9.30-12.30, 2-4.15	14 Feb 1944	411
		As from Monday next 3 <sup>rd</sup> April-school times will be 9.30-12.30 and 1.30-4.30	31 Mar 1944	411-412
		School is closed this afternoon for a billeting survey	6 Apr 1944	412
		School closes at 4.30 for the Whitsun recess. An extra day having been granted for the effort made by the schools in collecting £34,245 in the "Salute the Soldier" week, school will reopen on Tuesday 6 June	26 Jun 1944	412
		Arrival of London Evacuees. School closed in afternoon	6 Jul 1944	412
		School is closed this afternoon-arrival of Evacuees	14 Jul 1944	412
		School re-opening is postponed until tomorrow morning owing to to the arrival of Evacuees and the necessity to re-survey the district	29 Aug 1944	413
		According to regulations school closes as from today at 4.15pm	1 Nov 1944	413
		Circular 51/44 relating to school hours. Junior schools 9.30am to 12 noon; 1.30-3.45pm to operate from Monday 4 Decem to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 1945	17 Nov 1944	413
		Received notification today that as from Monday next-5 Feb school hours will be 9.30/12.30 and 2/4.15	30 Jan 1945	414
		School closes at 4.15 for the Easter Holidays-to re-open on Monday 8 April with the revised times 9.30/12.30, 2/4.30	28 Mar 1945	416
		School re-opened at 9.30am. The Aberdare Educ Authority now comes under the jurisdiction of the Glamorgan County Council-owing to absorption of Part III authorities	9 Apr 1945	416
		Victory in Europe Day is being celebrated with two days holiday. School is therefore closed	8 May 1945	416
EA11/4	Abernant Mixed and Infants	School was not re-opened for ordinary work as War was declared on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept but the children were received by the staff and steps were taken to see that each child had a Gas Mask and could use it. Teachers worked on the scheme for receiving Evacuated children and adults into the district (if required). School was re-opened on Sept 11 <sup>th</sup> for all but the under-fives (16 children)	4 Sep 1939	374-375
		ARP Preparations and Drill for evacuating the school practised this week. Several children admitted to both departments, who have come to the district on account of the War	15 Sep 1939	375
		Much time this week has been devoted to practising emptying the school in the event of an Air Raid Warning and billets have been found for all who are unable to reach home within 5 mins. Neighbours have been exceedingly kind and helpful in this respect	22 Sep 1939	375
		Mask covers for Mask boxes cut out and stitched, for all children. ARP sub-committee of the LEA visited the school this week. Making of extra doorway in Infants Dept also	29 Sep 1939	376

		discussed with them		
		Surprise Alarm went off well again this week	13 Oct 1939	376
		It has been decided to re-admit the children aged between 4 and 5 so the parents were interviewed and as they wished to take the risk and billets could be arranged these children will return on Tuesday October 31 <sup>st</sup>	27 Oct 1939	377
		New school times were adopted on 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov for ARP reasons and lighting restrictions. Morning school 9am-11.45am, afternoon school 1.15pm-3.20pm	3 Nov 1939	377
		Mr Pontin and Mr Lloyd have been allowed a little time off during school hours to carry out another survey for the purpose of receiving Evacuee children. Most of the work was done after school hours. The response is very disappointing	12 Apr 1940	382
		Staff and children recalled to school this morning owing to intensification of War danger by invasion of Holland and Belgium. The week for the Whitsun Holiday had already been ruled out on some of the registers. This week will now be ignored and the dates adjusted on the registers concerned	14 May 1940	383
		School was closed on Tuesday and Friday afternoon as the staff were engaged in arranging for and receiving children from Ilford High school evacuated to this area	24 May 1940	383
		Mr Pontin has been out of school a great deal again this week engaged on evacuation business	31 May 1940	383-384
		Mr Pontin out all Thursday on evacuation work	7 Jun 1940	384
		Mr Pontin out most of Friday on evacuation work	14 Jun 1940	384
		Some hours on evacuation work have been spent out of school by Mr Pontin	21 Jun 1940	384
		Mr Pontin out from 11.30am onwards. Six children Evacuees received in school this week, 4 mixed and 2 Infnts. The children have been very energetic the last six weeks in collecting scrap, paper, bottles, etc and a good sum has been received which is being spent on old boys now in the Forces	28 Jun 1940	384
		The Committee has decided to close the schools for a few days to enable the staff to do what they can to make the schools safer in view of the damage done by enemy bombs to one of the schools. Certain glass has been removed, paper posted on glass doors and windows, all hangings taken down, furniture moved and windows boarded up in all the lobbies, which are to be used as temporary shelters. Std I is now in the Infant Dept, under Miss Watts (to relieve congestion) and the "Under-fives" are excluded for the time being	11 Jul 1940	385
		School re-opened this morning	18 Jul 1940	385
		In view of the frequency of disturbed nights owing to enemy Air Raids the Committee have	22 Jul 1940	386

		decided that the schools should not open in the mornings until 10am-other times as before. Several of the Evacuees have returned home-because of Air Raid Warnings and the holiday period		
		School closes at Midday for a two week vacation instead of the usual four weeks	2 Aug 1940	386
		School re-opens this morning. Most of the Evacuees missing-holiday or returned home, School hours will be mainly spent in recreational exercises. Nothing else has been done to the school to make it safer-some of the top windows are still uncovered. Children take cover under desks or in lobbies on the sound of aeroplanes	19 Aug 1940	386-387
		The Siren sounded an Alert at 4 (3?).57pm this afternoon. The children were not dispersed but immediately repaired to the lobbies. After about 25 minutes while all was quiet the children were taken in groups, by AR Wardens who were on duty at the post, to their homes. A few who lived far away went to the billets arranged for them. "Raiders Passed" sounded about 4.45pm. Very few parents arrived at the Infants department to collect their children. As it was quiet those who wished to do so were allowed to take the children home	29 Aug 1940	387
		As shelters are to be built in the school yards the council has decided to close the schools for a fortnight with possibly a further extension	6 Sep 1940	387-388
		School re-opened this morning. Shelters not begun yet owing to lack of material. I attended a meeting at the Town Hall at 3.30pm this afternoon to discuss Air Raid Precautions with the Director and other Head Teachers. The general idea seems to be that the children should be dispersed to their homes on the sounding of the "Alert"	7 Oct 1940	388
		School will be closed this afternoon to enable the staff to work on billeting a new batch of Evacuees from the bombed areas of London	10 Oct 1940	388
		School will be closed this afternoon in order that the staff would be available to received expected Evacuees	11 Oct 1940	388
		School again closed today (without notice) as more Evacuees are expected	14 Oct 1940	388
		The Siren sounded at 14.16 this afternoon. As a plane (probably enemy) could be heard "overhead" the children were not sent out but took refuge in the prepared lobbies, "Raiders Passed" sounded at 14.46 and lessons were resumed	16 Oct 1940	388-389
		Another "Alert" siren sounded at 14.25pm under almost same circumstances as yesterday viz "Plane" and Siren heard together, so again the children remained under cover. All Clear at 14.50. Work resumed	17 Oct 1940	389
		Attended a meeting at the Town Hall this morning to discuss with Mr Evans HMI and the	21 Oct 1940	389

		Director the question of taking the children, Evacuees and our own, between the ages of 3 and 5 back into school. General feeling on favour of admitting "fours" but not younger children		
		"Alert" 11.40am. Children dispersed. "Raiders Passed" 12.30pm	28 Oct 1940	389
		"Alert" 10.35am. Children dispersed. RP 10.55. All returned by 11.05am. One shelter in Infants yard is now ready but for lighting and heating and seat covers. Seats (of concrete) are too high for young children	1 Nov 1940	389-390
		The children of ages 3-5 re-admitted today	22 Nov 1940	390
		The usual Christmas tea has been provided for the children by the aid of outside subscriptions. The tea was preceded by a cinematographic entertainment kindly given by Mr Evans, Station House. It was greatly appreciated	19 Dec 1940	390
		Fire Fighting squads arranged for school	21 Feb 1941	392
		War Weapons week. Mr Lloyd has had to devote much time to collecting money for NSC this week. The propaganda van paid a visit to the school on Tuesday at 12 noon. Total amount subscribed=£283-1s-0d which is very good for a small district. Two Alerts this week. Thursday about 9.30am. All Clear 9.45am. Friday 10.25am. All Clear 10.55am. This necessitated sending the children home as the shelters are not ready and the lobbies occupied by cement at tools etc	28 Feb 1941	392
		Alert sounded at 3.52pm. Children dispersed. All Clear at 4.25pm too late to reassemble	3 Mar 1941	392
		School was closed in the afternoon for a new house to house survey to be made for the purpose of billeting	5 Mar 1941	393
		Alert 1.25pm-2.18pm. Practically all children in before 2.20	7 Mar 1941	393
		School opening times changed:-Morning session-9am-12 noon, afternoon session 1.30pm-3.45pm	10 Mar 1941	393
		Alert 11.30-11.55am too late for children to return. Alert 3.15pm-3.33pm too late for children to return	11 Mar 1941	393
		Alert 9.23-9.33am, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 9.38am-10.08	26 Mar 1941	393
		Alert 2.25pm-3.15pm	27 Mar 1941	393
		Alert afternoon 2.15pm-2.30pm. A few boys remained in shelter	22 May 1941	394
		Three alerts this week. Wednesday 4.23pm-5.07. Thursday 10.53-11.38am. Friday (30 <sup>th</sup> ) 10.05-10.18am. Most children dispersed. A few remained in shelters. Mr Lloyd at billeting office 2 half days	30 May 1941	394

		Whit Monday-school closed-but usual Whit holiday deferred	2 Jun 1941	395
		School re-opened. Admitted 40 children aged 4-14 from St David's RC school Cardiff. The older children were transferred to RC and Gadlys school on Tuesday, leaving 24 boys and girls	3 Jun 1941	395
		The Director, HMI W H Evans and a representative from Cardiff called re-the Cardiff children	5 Jun 1941	395
		School broke up at noon for the deferred Whitsun Holiday	6 Jun 1941	395
		School re-opened. Cards for all Evacuees filled in	16 Jun 1941	395
		Alert 2.05-2.27pm. Children in shelters as plane was overhead at time of alert sounding. Alert 4.22pm. School dismissed-no plane heard	14 Jul 1941	396
		Alert 3.10 most children went home-some in shelters. All Clear 3.35pm	15 Jul 1941	396
		Miss Jones of National Milk Publicity Council gave a lecture to the older children this afternoon	21 Jul 1941	396
		School re-opens. Practically no sunshine all the month, 24 chn left for other schools or home. No milk to be supplied to children yet (cut since beginning of July) on account of Enteric Fever cases	1 Sep 1941	396
		HMI WH Evans called for numbers on registers on Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> , No on books now 120. 100 Aberdare chn: 20 Evacuees	5 Sep 1941	396-397
		Garden produce being dug and sold. Mr Lloyd has been out on several occasions on billeting duty. The third surface AR Shelter is being constructed (2 <sup>nd</sup> in girls' yard)	12 Sep 1941	397
		Weekly Milk allowance form (21 gals 7 pts) returned to Cooperative Society	7 Oct 1941	397
		Load of coal (Mixed dept)	14 Oct 1941	397
		Load of coal (Infants dept)	22 Oct 1941	397
		Older boys trenching in garden	11 Nov 1941	398
		Fine afternoon. Taking advantage of this, older boys again trenching in garden. Mr Evans HMI arrived at 3.30pm. Mr Evans visited the school garden and expressed satisfaction with the work being performed by the boys	13 Nov 1941	399
		Load of coal (Mixed and Infnts Dept)	21 Nov 1941	399
		Teachers have been looking for billets for about 20 children. School closed on Wednesday afternoon for this purpose and on Thursday afternoon for their reception but only three turned up after all the work	5 Dec 1941	399
		Seven Evacuees from Birmingham admitted this week (all rather poorly clothed and	12 Dec 1941	400

		equipped). Miss Lindsay has come with them and is helping here this week. Several more to come when they are rid of skin diseases		
		Miss Lindsay and Mr Roderick not here this week. Miss L on holiday, Mr R Fire Watching at Cheltenham. A tea (under difficulties) was given to the children on Thursday afternoon and for the War time was very satisfactory. DR Jones and Son catered	19 Dec 1941	400
		Today sees the opening of Warship week. We aim at £120 enough to clothe a dozen sailors. Over £80 received today	23 Feb 1942	401
		The Cinema Van visited the district today and the children saw a good show	24 Feb 1942	402
		Two Ilford girls sat their scholarship examination today. I took charge of it	6 Mar 1942	402
		Film show with our own projector. Cornwall, United States Cities, Canada (Geography Film). The director and Mr Cameron have examined the building to try to find suitable accommodation for a scullery but the lobbies are too small	13 Apr 1942	403
		Films on Thursday afternoon	17 Apr 1942	403
		HMI Mr Lewis and Mr Cameron again called to discuss fitting up of scullery arrangements	3 Jul 1942	405
		100 earthenware beakers received for Milk now served only in pint bottles. I have taken over the Savings collection to help Mr Lloyd who is much occupied with billeting duties	6 Jul 1942	405-406
		Circular received this week re the Summer Holidays. The Committee have decided to close all schools at noon on Friday July 31 <sup>st</sup> for a fortnight. The schools to be open for the last two weeks of August for the hours 10-12am and 2-4pm and that half the staff be on duty during each of those weeks to received and entertain such children as wish to avail themselves of the school premises and facilities	27 Jul 1942	406-407
		School re-opened this morning for full time work. A number of children attended for recreation and to receive milk during the last fortnight. The numbers varied considerably from day to day. Very few of the older children stayed but many of the young ones came fairly regularly	31 Aug 1942	407
		Many children absent this afternoon owing to the holding of the (Children's) Hospital Ball. Building alterations (for kitchen) in progress in Girls' lobby	8 Jan 1943	408
		The Fire Officer visited the school to examine arrangements. It is intended to fit a hydrant inside the school	14 Jan 1943	409
		One classroom used in the evening by MR R D John on Tuesday evening for the purpose of interviewing youths	15 Jan 1943	409

		3 Fire Buckets were delivered on Wed 16th	19 Jan 1943	409
		Film show with our projector. Films shown (1) Ship Builders (2) Means of Communion	28 Oct 1943	410
		Made arrangements to have films dealing with geographical, historical, hygiene and scripture studies	1 Jan 1944	410-411
		Children of this school received a number of Post-cards from Africa in recognition of cigarettes sent to the troops there. One remarked that when they all sat around the fire "quite a smoke screen" was to be seen	17 Mar 1944	411
		"Salute the Soldier" week. The foll sums taken were:- May 15 <sup>th</sup> £160 18s 6d May 16 <sup>th</sup> £158 15s 6d May 17 <sup>th</sup> £35 10s 6d May 18 <sup>th</sup> £83 16s 6d May 19 <sup>th</sup> £76 10s 6d May 20 <sup>th</sup> £105 12s 0d Grand Total-£621 3s 6d	15-19 May 1944	411
		United Nations Day. This explained to children by HT and they repeated the Salutes to all nations in the cause of peace. Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen Workers in factories, mines and hospitals etc were saluted	14 Jun 1944	412
		School closed for afternoon-arrival of LCC Evacuees	6 Jul 1944	412
		School closed for billeting	30 Aug 1944	412
		This afternoon a representative of Messrs Cadbury's Company visited this school. He gave three sound films to all the children which (being juniors and babies) were-(1) Birds-The Sparrow Hawk and family (2) Pop-eye the Sailor Man (3) The Gold Coast. These films were very much appreciated	20 Oct 1944	413
		Scholars were assembled this morning to hear "a message for the youth of Britain" by the Rt Hon Richard Law MP. Prior to the reading a talk was given in preparation and the hymn "O God our help in ages past" sung after the reading	10 Nov 1944	413-414
		Received a PO for 9/- paid for the receipt of Rose-hips collected by the senior children while taking a nature walk. It has been put into the School Fund	21 Feb 1945	414
		The St David Day celebrations were much enjoyed in the morning of this day. It was very pleasing to hear some of our LCC Evacuees speaking Welsh distinctly	1 Mar 1945	414-415
		An LCC pupil sat for his Scholarship Examination	2 Mar 1945	415

		A Mobile Film Unit gave the film entitled "New Builders" which was much enjoyed by the pupils of Junior Department. Mr Freeman the operator gave also two other films "Summer on the Farms" and "Changing Faces" (India). He was greatly applauded	24 Apr 1945	415-416
EA12/1	Aman Infants School	School reopened for free milk distribution and Gas Mask Drill only	4 Sep 1939	208
		School reopened for lessons, but the under-fives were excluded	11 Sep 1939	208
		Morning session closed at 11.45. Afternoon session commenced at 1.15 and closed at 3.05 (To be continued throughout the winter term)	1 Nov 1939	209
		All children over four years readmitted, and also the children over three, who live near the school	31 Oct 1939	209
		Emergency opening of schools after the holidays	14 May 1940	211
		I did not return to school until the 17 <sup>th</sup> because of delay in receipt of circular	14-16 May 1940	211
		Schools closed in the afternoon to enable teachers to revise billeting lists	21 May 1940	211
		All schools closed and reopened on the 18 <sup>th</sup> . In the meantime, all possible preparations were made to make the schools safe against Air Raids. The babies class to be excluded for the present	11-17 Jul 1940	211-212
		Morning session to commence at 10am until further notice	22 Jul 1940	212
		School closed at noon for two weeks	2 Aug 1940	212
		School closed in the morning, on account of War conditions	6 Sep 1940	212
		School reopened	7 Oct 1940	212
		School closed in the afternoon (Evacuation arrangements)	10-11 Oct 1940	212
		School closed for billeting arrangements	25 Nov 1940	212
		School closed in the afternoon for billeting arrangements	26 Nov 1940	212
		School closed for billeting arrangements	27 Nov 1940	212
		St Vincent's RC School Birmingham to have the use of two classrooms in the Infants' School	2 Dec 1940	212
		School closed in the afternoon to enable billeting officers to make another survey	5 Mar 1941	213
		Extension of school hours Morning session 9-12 Afternoon session 1.30-3.30	10 Mar 1941	213
		School closed to enable teachers to make a billeting survey	22 Apr 1941	214
		Alterations in school hours. Morning session 10-12.30. Afternoon session 2-4	2 May 1941	214
		Admitted 21 Evacuees from Cardiff	3 Jun 1941	214



		Miss E Davies, a Cardiff teacher took up duties this morning	13 Jun 1941	214
		Miss Lewis (Birmingham Evacuee Teacher) leaves today to take up a permanent post under the Glamorgan Education Authority	31 Jul 1941	214
		Alteration in school hours, commencing today. Morning session 9-12. Afternoon session 1.30-3.30	20 Oct 1941	215
		School closed in the afternoon for billeting purposes	3 Nov 1941	215
		The Catholic Class has been transferred to Morddfya Vestry, and Miss Markeaky returned to Birmingham	30 Jan 1942	216
		School reopened for a fortnight for recreation, registers not to be marked	17 Aug 1942	217
		Change of school hours. Morning session 9.30-12. Afternoon session 1.30-3.30	1 Dec 1942	217
		Change of school hours. Morning session 9.30-12.30. Afternoon session 2-4	15 Feb 1943	218
		Holiday given as a mark of appreciation of good results achieved in Wings For Victory week	11 Jun 1943	219
		Change of school hours. Morning session 9.30-12. Afternoon session 1.30-3.30	29 Nov 1943	220
		Change of school hours. Morning session 9.30-12.30. Afternoon session 2-4	14 Feb 1944	221
		School closed in the afternoon to enable the teachers to make another billeting survey	5 Apr 1944	221
		Commenced giving Cod Liver Oil and Orange Juice to the under fives	2 May 1944	222
		School closed in the afternoon for the Whitsun Holidays, to reopen on Tuesday June 6 <sup>th</sup> , an extra day being given as mark of appreciation for the magnificent achievement of the schools during "Salute the Soldier" week	26 May 1944	222
		School closed in the afternoon for billeting purposes	14 Jul 1944	222
		Change of school hours. Morning session 9.30-12. Afternoon session. 1.30-3.30	4 Dec 1944	223
		Change of school hours. Morning session 9.30-12.30. Afternoon session 2-4	5 Feb 1945	224
		£3 3s 8d collected for the Red Cross	1 Mar 1945	224
		VE Day celebrations	8-9 May 1945	225
EA13/3	Blaengwawr Infants School	School re-opened this morning officially instead of 4 September on account of the declaration of War. Children had been assembled during the week to test their Gas Masks. Children under five years of age are not allowed to attend. A number of children from evacuated areas have been admitted. A circular was received from the Education Office re re-opening of school stating that children under five should not attend; children to carry respirators to school, and importance of keeping off the streets, lighting restrictions and instructions to billeting officers	11 Sep 1939	128-129
		A circular re Medical Examination of children under five and Evacuees was received from	18 Sep 1939	129

		the office		
		A circular re the Safety of children in case of an Air Raid, a meeting of Head Teachers of Infants schools on the 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept, Milk for evacuated children and their registration was received from the Education Office	19 Sep 1939	129
		A circular re Air Raid Precautions and copies of memoranda Nos 1 and 2-The schools in War-time	25 Sep 1939	129
		A circular re Contracts for the supply of Milk and Biscuits and Economy of fuel supplies for the ensuing year was received from the Education Office	29 Sep 1939	130
		A circular re Air Raid Precautions in school, Satchels for Respirators, Board of Education memoranda on schools and food production, Attendances for current year, Return of "Under fives" to school was received from the Education Office	11 Oct 1939	130
		A circular announcing the date of the Mid-term holiday-29 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> October, was received from the Education Office	13 Oct 1939	130
		A circular re Children's Respirators, Respirator areas, Readmission of "Under Fives" and Winter school hours was received from the Education Office. Children under five have been re-admitted this afternoon on the guarantee of the parents re Their safety on the way home from school in the event of an Air Raid during school time	23 Oct 1939	130-131
		A circular re Economy in all school materials as well as retaining used exercise books with the possibility of a re-sale to manufacturers was received from the Education Office	31 Oct 1939	131
		School hours have been changed from today for the Winter session; morning 9-11.45, afternoon 1.15-3.05	1 Nov 1939	131
		"Message to the schools" by Gilbert-Murray was received from the Education Office. A form a circular re List of evacuees were received from the office	9 Nov 1939	131
		A circular re Christmas Holidays, Salaries for December, Care of school buildings during the holidays, Increase in the price of biscuits and Provision of meals during the holidays was received from the Education Office. A circular re Collection of metal-foil on schools and Entry of teachers' absences was received from the office	8 Dec 1939	132
		A circular re Sandy Macpherson concert for the Boot fund and scholarships etc was received from the Education Office	21 Dec 1939	132
		School re-opened after the Christmas Holidays. Circulars re Provision of school meals during the holidays, Use of schools in the evenings, Number of evacuated children on the registers, Collection of metal foil etc and Number of attendance registers required were received from the office	8 Jan 1940	132-133

		A circular re Volunteers for ARP work at the Control Centre, Mountain Ash was received from the Education Office	19 Jan 1940	133
		Memorandum No.11 in Physical Education in the schools in War-time, Statistics on the rainfall in Aberdare in 1939 and a circular re Audit for 1938/39, ARP Public Warning Signals and Change of school hours to normal times on Feb 25 were received from the Education Office	30 Jan 1940	133-134
		A copy of the Schools in Wartime, memorandum No 12-Community singing was received from the Education Office	15 Feb 1940	134
		A circular re Milk in schools, St David's Day, a copy of the St David's Day message from the President of the Board of Education and Milk forms 208M were received from the Education Office	23 Feb 1940	134-135
		Normal hours were resumed today, viz 9 to 12 on the morning, but the afternoon session opens at 1.30 with dismissal at 3.30	26 Feb 1940	135
		A form and circular re Evacuated children were received from the Education Office	12 Mar 1940	136
		School closed midday for the Easter Holidays. Arrangements have been made for the distribution of Milk during the holidays	21 Mar 1940	136
		School re-opened after the Easter Holidays. A circular re Contracts for the supply of Milk and Biscuits, Order forms for March and Tokens was received from the office	1 Apr 1940	136
		Leaflets 1 and 2 "Our Food Today" issued by the Ministry of Food were received from the office	19 Apr 1940	136
		A circular re closure of school for May Day, Cheques for teachers' salaries for April, Whitsun Holidays, Provision of meals during holidays and Board of Education memoranda on Nature study out of doors and Waste No2 16 and 17 and "Child Safety" bulletin for April were received from the Education Office	26 Apr 1940	137
		A circular re Papers supplies, Requisitions and Firewood supplies was received from the Education Office. School closes this afternoon for the Whitsun Holidays	10 May 1940	137
		In view of the War Emergency the school has been re-opened this morning	14 May 1940	138
		Memorandum No.18-The schools in War-time and forms re Evacuated children were received from the Education Office	17 May 1940	138
		The school will be closed this afternoon to enable teachers to re-survey the district for billets re children evacuated into Aberdare	21 May 1940	138
		The school will be closed this afternoon again so that the staff will be free to receive the Evacuees and take them to their respective billets	24 May 1940	138

		A circular re Replenishing First Aid box was received from the Education Office	21 Jun 1940	139
		A circular re Order forms for Milk and Biscuits and a copy of "The schools in War-time" memorandum No 19 ("Food") were received from the Education Office	26 Jun 1940	139
		A circular re Air Raid Precautions, Economy in the use of paper and Physical Training Apparatus was received from the Education Office	7 Jul 1940	139
		A copy of "Your home as an Air Raid Shelter" and memorandum No 233 were received from the office	9 Jul 1940	139
		The Director of Education and the Surveyor visited the school to decide on the best part of the building to serve as an shelter in the event of an Air Raid during school hours, Instruction was also given to exclude all children under five years of age	10 Jul 1940	139
		A circular re Closing of the schools for a few days until they are made comparatively safe from splintering glass and Instructions and Warnings to children during a Raid was received from the Education Office	11 Jul 1940	139-140
		The staff have papered all windows and glass within reach and the office workmen will complete the remainder	17 Jul 1940	140
		The school was re-opened this morning, after all instructions re safety of glass had been carried out	18 Jul 1940	140
		A circular re Air Raid Precautions, Summer Holidays-2 August to 19 August with a stipulation that teachers remain within 12 hours' notice in case of Emergency, Change of school hours-10-12am, Children to be instructed to avoid damage to sand bags and Teachers and extraneous duties was received from the Education Office	19 Jul 1940	140
		Morning session opens from 10am today	22 Jul 1940	140
		A circular re Provision of Milk during holidays, Exhibition of British Paintings, Air Raid Precautions together with form re Arrangements for staffing physically handicapped children were received from the office	29 Jul 1940	140
		A circular re Supply of Stirrup Pumps etc to be kept in readiness should the school be bombed was received from the Education Office	1 Aug 1940	141
		School re-opened this morning after a fortnight's holiday. The time table is not adhered to and the children spend most of the time with organised play in the yard. A circular re School work for the next fortnight, Transfer of children, Staffing arrangements and Invoices was received from the Education Office	19 Aug 1940	141
		20 boys and 20 girls were transferred to the Junior Mixed School this morning. The under-fives are still excluded	2 Sep 1940	141-142

		A circular re School holidays, Billeting, Provision of Milk during holidays, memorandum No.22-The use of School Broadcasts and Safety First Bulletin were received from the office. School will be closed at Midday today provisionally until the 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept. Milk will be provided during the holidays	6 Sep 1940	142
		A circular was received from the Education Office re the Closing of the school for another fortnight in view of the Emergency	20 Sep 1940	142
		School re-opened this morning. During the closure an Air Raid Shelter has been built in the yard but it has not been completed. A circular re Head Teachers' meeting on Air Raid Precautions, Monthly Report, Admission to Caerleon and Barry Training Colleges and a copy of The Athro for August and September were received from the office together with memorandum No.23 The schools in War-time	7 Oct 1940	142-143
		School will be closed this afternoon to enable the staff to be free for billeting purposes	10 Oct 1940	143
		School will be closed this afternoon and Monday for billeting purposes	11 Oct 1940	143
		A circular announcing a meeting of Infants' Head Mistresses to be addressed by Mr W HEvans, HMI re the re-admission of the 3-5 children to the schools, on Monday the 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct was received from the Education Office. A circular was also received stating that no children suffering from an impediment in speech in this school were to attend the Special Speech Training Classes as the distance was too far for children under 7 years of age; the classes are held in Town Council School	18 Oct 1940	143-144
		A circular re Return of provision of meals-quarterly returns-Ministry of Information posters, Safety training bulleting and a copy of the Prime Minister's speech in the House of Commons, Aug 20 1940 were received from the Education Office	23 Oct 1940	144
		A circular and form re Number of children between the ages of 2 and 5 years including children evacuated from other districts were received from the Education Office	5 Nov 1940	145
		A circular re the re-admission of children between the ages of 3 and 5 years of age, as from Monday next the 18 <sup>th</sup> instant was received from the office	15 Nov 1940	145
		Children between the ages of 3 nad 5 years have been readmitted this morning	18 Nov 1940	145
		A circular re Milk in schools return and form 28M were received from the Education Office	22 Nov 1940	145
		The school was closed today to free the staff for billeting duties	23 Nov 1940	145
		The school was closed yesterday afternoon and today for the same reason as Monday	27 Nov 1940	145
		35 children from the Birmingham schools were admitted this morning. They are accompanied by three teachers, Miss Jones, Miss Wright and Miss Sykes. The children have been placed according to ages in the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> classes. There were already 30 children	2 Dec 1940	146

		evacuated from various places		
		Miss Wright leaves today-returning to Birmingham	6 Dec 1940	146
		A circular re School Festivities and Christmas Holidays, Care of School buildings, Salaries for December, Cleaners wages for December, Provision of meals during holidays, Refreshment to children during long stay in Air Raid Shelters was received from the Education Office	13 Dec 1940	146
		A circular re Christmas Festivities-allowing 5d per head from the Central Welfare Committee was received from the Education Office	18 Dec 1940	146
		School closes this afternoon for the Christmas Holidays-a fortnight. The children were given an Orange each on leaving. Arrangements have been made to provide Milk meals during the holidays	20 Dec 1940	147
		Money was received this morning £3 19s 7d to pay for the children's Christmas Treat	9 Jan 1941	147
		A circular re Provision of meals, Statistics and Requisitions was received from the office. Also a circular re Meeting to be held at the Gadlys Central Boys' School tomorrow to consider the possible need for Fire Watching at the schools, and a Meeting re War Weapons Week 22 <sup>nd</sup> February-1 <sup>st</sup> March to be held at the same place	4 Feb 1941	148
		The Head Teacher left school this afternoon at 2.40 to attend a meeting at the Gadlys Central Boys' School to consider the possible need for Fire Watching at the schools	5 Feb 1941	149
		A circular re Protection against Fire was received on the 7 <sup>th</sup> inst, leaving instructions on the formation of Fire Fighting Parties for the schools. It is considered that 42 volunteers will be an adequate number for the purpose	11 Feb 1941	149-150
		A circular re Air Raid Precautions in schools was received from the Education Office	21 Feb 1941	150
		A circular Schools War Weapons week and Returns of beds and blankets issued to householders who have billeted children was received from the Education Office	23 Feb 1941	150
		A circular re St David's Day celebrations, Home Guard Defence Posts and Local surveys was received from the Education Office	27 Feb 1941	150
		A circular re the closure of the school this afternoon to enable the teachers to take another survey of the district for billeting purposes. The school was closed this afternoon	5 Mar 1941	151
		A circular stating that school hours will be extended as from Monday next 10 March which will be as follows-Morning session 9am to 12 noon Afternoon session 1.30pm to 3.30pm	6 Mar 1941	151
		A circular re arrangements for Easter Holidays and School buildings for use of Evacuated children, Protection against Fire, Number of tokens in stock, Attendance and staffing returns for Form 9, and also a circular expression thanks for co-operation of teachers during War Weapons week-school realising £13,000-were received from the Education	28 Mar 1941	152

		Office		
		Miss Sykes is taking her holidays this week, so that she may return mid-week to supervise the evacuated children from Birmingham. Miss Jones will be on duty until she returns. A circular re Easter Holidays, Gas Respirator Drill, Dispersal of Children on the "Alert" and Notes on the teaching of the arts and crafts were received from the Education Office	7 Apr 1941	152-153
		School closes at mid-day today for the Easter Holidays. Milk meals will be given	10 Apr 1941	153
		School re-opened this morning after the Easter Holidays. Miss Sykes has returned and Miss Jones is on holidays this week. A circular re the closing of the school tomorrow the 22 <sup>nd</sup> instant so that the teachers can make a re-survey of the district in view of billeting workmen, accompanied and unaccompanied children	21 Apr 1941	153
		Miss Jones returned this morning. A circular re School Milk, Courses for youth leaders and youth organisers and Sales books was received from the office	28 Apr 1941	154
		A circular re Closure of schools on Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May, Change of school hours-10am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4pm from Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May, Heating of schools and Teachers addresses was received from the Education Office. School will be closed on Monday	2 May 1941	154
		A circular and form re Number of children evacuated from Birmingham, London and other areas were received from the Education Office	15 May 1941	154
		A circular re Whitsun Holidays from 30 May to 9 June, Milk return for May quarter, Summer vacation courses for leaders of physical recreation and swimming was received from the Education Office	23 May 1941	154-155
		A circular re the postponing of the Whitsun Holiday for a week owing to the reception of a large number of children from Cardiff-School will be closed for Whit Monday-and an extract from the Board's circular 1551 re Gas Masks, were received from the Education Office	29 May 1941	155
		9 children evacuated from Cardiff have been entered on the registers this week. A circular stating that the schools would be closed at mid-day for the postponed Whitsun Holidays was received from the Education Office	6 Jun 1941	155-156
		A circular re Records of Evacuees, Nos on books ect on 16 <sup>th</sup> June, Physical Education and Teachers Training bursaries and loans was received from the Education Office. Numbers on books this week-193 including 62 Evacuees	16 Jun 1941	156
		A circular re Midsummer Holidays, 31 July-1st September, Holiday Rota for visiting teachers and Requisitions was received from the Education Office	4 Jul 1941	157
		A circular Games week at Aberdare Parl July 14 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> , Holiday Rota for visiting teachers,	10 Jul 1941	157

		Air Raid Shelters and Admission to Training Colleges was received from the Education office, also a circular re Supply of Needlework marterials, Wool, Sports Goods, Toys etc		
		A circular re Provision of meals during holidays, Care of School buildings during holidays, Montessor Vacation courses and Appointment of Head Mistress at the Cwmdare Infants' School was received from the office	18 Jul 1941	157-158
		A circular re Rationing of cloth, clothing, footwear, knitting wools and a copy of appendix to the Board of Education circular 1556 were received from the office	25 Jul 1941	158
		A circular re Milk supplies which are discontinued until further notice, Salaries for July and Monthly return for August was received from the office	28 Jul 1941	158
		Miss M B Evans was absent today, this morning on account of illness and this afternoon to attend a billeting meeting	29 Jul 1941	158
		A circular re Closure of schools in the event of invasion, Care of school buildings during holidays, Teachers addresses, Syllabus books was received from the Education Office	30 Jul 1941	158
		A circular re the supervision of Evacuee children during the holidays and Speech Therapy classes was received from the office	31 Jul 1941	158
		A circular and form re Number on books and Milk supplies and a copy of a broadcast talk by A W Limp M Sc-Food for Thought-were received from the Education Office	1 Sep 1941	159
		A circular re Forms EV 42 of unaccompanied children was received from the Education Office	22 Sep 1941	160
		A circular re Evacuated children-Attendance and staffing report and Date of Mid-term holiday was received from the Education Office	3 Oct 1941	160
		A circular re Change in school hours was received from the Education Office, which will be from 9 to 12 in the morning and 1.30pm to 3.30 in the afternoon, commencing on the 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	16 Oct 1941	161
		A circular on the resumption of Milk meals for the school children next week-28 Oct was received	21 Oct 1941	161
		A circular and forms re Change of address of unaccompanied evacuated children were received from the Education Office	23 Oct 1941	161
		School reopened this morning and Milk meals have been resumed	28 Oct 1941	161
		Two circulars re Milk in schools scheme and Nutrition of school children and Supplies of fuel for schools urging the necessity for economy were received from the Education Office	30 Oct 1941	161
		Circulars re Youth leaders training classes, Courses of instruction in Religious Knowledge,	10 Nov 1941	161-162



		School Hours for Infants, Physical Training and a copy of "A message to the schools of Great Britain from the American Ambassador" and poster from the Red Cross St John's fund were received from the Education Office		
		A circular re Board of Education circular No.1570 on Road Safety among school children Milk in schools scheme and Juvenile offences was received from the Education Office	21 Nov 1941	162
		A circular re Change of school hours from 9am to 9.30am to 12am on account of the difficulty in cleaning the schools during the "black-out", as from 1 <sup>st</sup> December, and a copy of Circular 1569 (Milk in schools scheme) were received from the Education Office	26 Nov 1941	163
		The school will be closed this afternoon to enable the staff to make a survey re billeting accommodation	3 Dec 1941	163
		The school will be closed this afternoon to release the staff to meet the children evacuated from Birmingham and take them to their respective billets	4 Dec 1941	163
		A circular re Date of Christmas Holidays-Friday afternoon 19 <sup>th</sup> December to 5 <sup>th</sup> January 1942, Salaries for December, Care of school buildings, Provision of Milk during the holidays and a nursery school course at Merthyr Tydfil, also a circular re Provision of Meals and a list of children selected to receive free Milk and Dinner, were received from the office	5 Dec 1941	163-164
		A circular inviting Head Teachers to a meeting at the Council Chamber Town Hall this afternoon at 3pm to consider the organisation of Christmas Treats for all school children and the question of the provision of further accommodation in our Infants' Schools for children below the age of 5 years, and a circular stating the holiday arrangements made for the supervision of evacuated children were received from the Education Office	11 Dec 1941	164
		School re-opened this morning after the Christmas Holidays. All the staff were present. Circulars and forms re Attendance of evacuated children, Health publicity, Immunisation against Diphtheria and forms, and poster announcing award of scholarships, exhibitions, grants and loans by the Glamorgan Education Committee-1942/43	5 Jan 1942	165
		Circular No.3/42 re Educational publishing; Paper salvage drive, School clinic, Attendance Registers etc and Audit for 1940/41 was received from the Education Office	9 Jan 1942	165
		A private and confidential circular-No 9/42 issuing instructions to authorities and teachers in the event of an invasion was received from the office	30 Jan 1942	166
		A circular of Warship week, Transfer of Head Teachers and Damage to seats etc in public park and open space was received from the Education Office	6 Feb 1942	166
		Circulars re Schools' participation in Warships week, Provision of meals, Lecture demonstrations in dancing, School supplies, Salaries for February and Teachers serving in	13 Feb 1942	166

		Home Guard were received from the Education Office		
		A circular re Soap Rationing for school and cleaners use was received from the Education Office	16 Feb 1942	166
		Great enthusiasm has been shown during the Warship week. Penny Bank and National Savings produced £464 11s 6d. £1 for postcard of the HMS Aberdare and £5, the proceeds of a raffle, making a grand total of £470 11d 6d. A circular inviting applications for the post of Headmistress for the Cwmaman Infants' School and enquiry re Fire Extinguishers was received from the office	27 Feb 1942	167
		Two circulars from the Board of Education, memorandum No28-The schools in War-time No359-The Milk in schools scheme, were received from the office	12 Mar 1942	168
		A circular re Easter Holidays, War Allowance Courses for youth service leaders and organisations, Attendance registers, Evacuees record forms, Tokens and Sales accounts was received from the Education Office	20 Mar 1942	168
		An acknowledgement of the children's gift of £5 towards the cost of First-Aid Kit for the lifeboats of HMS Aberdare was received from Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer today	23 Mar 1942	168-169
		A circular re the Board of Education's ruling on free meals and Milk of evacuated children, Evacuated teachers, and Monthly returns was received from the office	25 Mar 1942	169
		Clinic time table and a circular expressing thanks to the teachers for the efforts made during "Warship Week" to raise the sum of £14000 were received from the office	1 Apr 1942	169
		A circular re Accidents to Scholars, Road Safety among school children, New leave of absence regulations (with copies), Addresses of Teachers and Administrative memorandum No 376 were received from the Education Office	17 Apr 1942	170
		A circular re Change of school hours, which will be as follows from 5 <sup>th</sup> May:- Morning session 9.30am to 12.30pm Afternoon session 2pm to 4pm	29 Apr 1942	170
		Circulars re Whitsun Holidays, Milk and Biscuit contracts, Tenders for school supplies, Rubber salvage week 11 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> May, Road Safety among school children, Provision of meals, Contract prices a copy of the athro and Safety training were received from the Education Office	8 May 1942	171
		Miss Rees-a War Nursery assistant has been granted permission to attend the nursery class for observation and experience	15 May 1942	171
		A circular re the periodical examination of children's Gas Masks, Address where they can	20 May 1942	171

		be repaired, Mountain Fires and Absence of teachers was received from the Education Office		
		School re-opened after the Whitsun Holidays. A circular re Arrangements and instructions for washing Milk vessels Cir 1569 Bd of Ed	1 Jun 1942	171
		Miss Rees leaves today. A circular re Vacancies at the Open Air School and memorandum No 30-Teaching of First Aid in the schools-were received from the Education Office	4 Jun 1942	172
		A circular re Air Raid Precautions and Summer school scholarships was received from the Education Office	11 Jun 1942	172
		Circular re Road Safety, Cleaning of schools and Number of children under five years of age was received from the office	26 Jun 1942	172
		A circular re Supply of Milk and the distribution of beakers for children's use was received this morning-135 beakers have been supplied from the Education Office	6 Jul 1942	173
		A circular re Requisitions and Children on books under 5 years of age was received from the office	10 Jul 1942	173
		A circular re Care of Children during the school holidays. The school will be closed for the first fortnight and re-open for recreational purposes only on the 17 <sup>th</sup> August for the second fortnight-50% of the staff to be present each week. Registers will not be marked and hours of attendance will be 10 to 12 in the mornings and 2 to 4 in the afternoon. The school will be closed for a week towards the end of September	22 Jul 1942	173
		A circular re Salaries for July, Care of children during the holidays and Economy of fuel was received from the office	29 Jul 1942	173-174
		School closes midday for the Midsummer Holidays-a fortnight	31 Jul 1942	174
		School re-opened for recreational activities. An average of 40 children were present every day	17 Aug 1942	174
		Circulars re Numbers of evacuated children, Medical Inspection, Board of Education, Circular No32-The schools in War-time, Care of Children's Boots and Shoes were received for the Education Office	4 Sep 1942	175
		A circular re School children's Gas Masks, the collection of Horse Chestnuts, and Rose Hys, and a request for a record for the attendance of children during the fortnight 17 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> August was received from the Education Office-this was an average of 35. Forms for provision of Milk meals for school children were received from the office to be distributed to each child	8 Sep 1942	175
		A circular Closure of schools (25 <sup>th</sup> Sept to 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct), Supply of Milk during closure, Midday	18 Sep 1942	175

		meals and Salaries for September, were received from the office		
		A circular re Fuel economy and Supplementary Clothing Coupons for claimers was received from the office	6 Oct 1942	176
		A circular re Supply of Books by the EPC, Admission to Barry and Caerleon Training Colleges, Paper salvage, Provision of meals return was received from the office	9 Oct 1942	176
		A circular re Mid-term Holiday, Salaries for October and War Allowance and Saturday courses for youth leaders was received from the Education Office	21 Oct 1942	177
		School re-opened this morning. Dinners were provided today. The dining room is in the junior school and 36 infants had dinner	3 Nov 1942	177
		A circular re Supplementary Clothing Coupons for cleaners etc, Accidents to children-dangerous Military objects and a copy of the booklet-"Not yet five" were received from the Education Office	10 Nov 1942	177
		A circular re Meeting to discuss Christmas treats for evacuated and local children was received from the Education Office	13 Nov 1942	178
		A circular re Diphtheria immunisation, Thanksgiving Day (United States of America), Central council of recreative physical training, Christmas treats, was received from the Education Office	20 Nov 1942	178
		A circular stating a change in school hours as from 1 <sup>st</sup> December until 31 <sup>st</sup> January-Morning session 9.30-12 afternoon session 1.30-3.30	25 Nov 1942	178
		A circular re Christmas treats for children, Teacher's Salaries for December, Care of school buildings, Provision of meals during holidays, Battle for fuel, Air Raid Shelters, School lavatories and Lectures at Aberdare settlement on Choral speaking was received from the Education Office	14 Dec 1942	179-180
		A circular re Vacancies in Gadlys and Ynyslwyd Central schools, Damage to buildings, Cleaners wages was received from the Education Office	18 Dec 1942	180
		Circulars re Requisitions, Attendances of evacuated children, Teachers' absence regulations, Easter vacation courses for leaders of physical recreation, Audit for 1941/1942, Attendance registers etc, Physical education demonstrations for infants' teachers were received from the Education Office	7 Jan 1943	180
		A circular re School hours, Addresses of teachers, Welsh song books, Howell's School Llandaff, Metropolitan Evacuating Areas entrance examinations, Report of the rainfall for 1942, Safety First magazine and poster were received from the Education Office also Board of Education memorandum No.435 on Milk in schools scheme	1 Feb 1943	181

		A circular re Provision of milk for school children during holidays and a copy of circular 182 Welsh Department, Board of Education were received from the Education Office	8 Feb 1943	181
		A Head Teachers' meeting was held yesterday afternoon to discuss the above circulars with the Director of Education at the Town Hall at 3.15pm. A circular re Change of school hours as from Monday the 15 <sup>th</sup> (which will be morning session-9.30am to 12.30pm and afternoon session-2 to 4pm), Air Raid Precautions, Biscuits and St David's Day celebrations was received from the Education Office	10 Feb 1943	181-182
		A circular re (a) Provision of meals (b) Gym shoes and games apparatus and a copy of Yr Athro was received from the Education Office	19 Feb 1943	182
		A circular re Teaching of Welsh and the Czechoslovak Exhibition to be held at Cardiff was received from the Education Office	24 Feb 1943	182
		A circular re Provision of meals, Sales accounts, Tokens and Lecture on "Child Art" to be given by Dr Wilhelm Viola at Pontypridd was received from the Education Office	29 Mar 1943	183
		A circular No 14/43 re School hours and Provision of meals was received from the office	1 Apr 1943	183
		A circular re Easter and May Day Holidays, Teachers' Salaries for April, Provision of meals and milk-Holiday arrangements-Dusmo cleaning system, Vacation courses, Salvage drive, Evacuee forms and Time table of Vacation course for youth leaders were received from the Education Office, also copy of Salvage from the Ministry of Supply	13 Apr 1943	183
		Miss Morgan leaves today having been recalled to Birmingham	21 Apr 1943	184
		A copy of the athro-Marth-Ebrill, Attendance forms and a circular re Board of Education's regulations re Children suffering from measles, Road Safety Precautions, Accidents to children-Unexploded Anti-Personnel Bombs, Attendance return for year ending 31.3.43, Vacation courses, "Wings for Victory" week were received from the Education Office	7 May 1943	185
		The Headmistress left school yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock to attend a meeting at the Council Chamber to make arrangements for the "Wings for Victory" week	11 May 1943	185
		A circular re "Wings for Victory" week, Provision of meals return, V P Propaganda and Vacation course was received from the Education office	21 May 1943	185
		A circular re Whitsun Holidays, Provision of meals and Milk during the holidays, Care of school buildings during holidays, Course in Welsh Language, History and culture, Course for leaders and organisers in the Youth Service, Summer school scholarships and Stack of Firewood was received from the Education Office. The Wings for Victory week was a great success-the handsome sum of 2,368-14s-1d was collected through the school	31 May 1943	185-186
		A circular re "Wings for Victory" week, United Nations Day-14 June 1943, was received	7 Jun 1943	186

		from the Education Office. The schools throughout the district collected £29.688-more than £5 per head per child-and for this effort a holiday will be granted next Friday 11 June		
		A circular re Vacation work for teachers and copies of Yr Athro and Safety Training Bulletin and posters were received from the office	21 Jun 1943	186
		A circular re Midsummer Holidays, Requisitions, Board of Education return re Attendance of children, Vacation course on Social Biology in Human Life and Culture, Towels and Tea Cloths and Collection of Herbs and the annual programme of school broadcasting were received from the Education Office	30 Jun 1943	187
		School Record Cars and a circular re Record Cards, Salaries for July, Care of school buildings during holidays, Speech Therapy Classes and Provision of Meals during holidays were received from the Education Office	19 Jul 1943	187-188
		A circular stating that no meals will be provided during the first week of holidays was received from the Education Office	26 Jul 1943	188
		A circular re Paper for cleaners for starting fires, Dates of Mid-term Holiday and Christmas Holidays-22 <sup>nd</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> October and 23 December until 10 January 1944, respectively, Sixty five School Record Cards-30 for boys and 35 for girls were received from the Education Office	17 Sep 1943	189
		A circular re Need for economy in use of Fuel etc, Short course in Educational Psychology, Provision of meals return, Telephone kiosks, Safety First bulleting and poster and a copy the athro-July-August were received from the Education Office	5 Oct 1943	189
		School closed today for the Mid-term Holiday-Friday and Monday. Arrangements have been made for the supply of Milk and dinners	21 Oct 1943	190
		A copy of memorandum No 485-Board of Education-re Administering Cod Liver Oil and Orange Juice to children under 5 years of age was received from the Education Office	12 Nov 1943	190
		A circular re Revising the School Hours from 29 Nov 9.30-12 and 1.30-3.30, Young people's China short story competition, Milk in schools scheme for Evacuated children and Danger of Graig Mountain, was received from the Education Office	19 Nov 1943	190
		A questionnaire re Christmas treats was received from the office	3 Dec 1943	191
		A registration form re Welfare (Foods) Schemes was received from the Education Office	16 Dec 1943	192
		A circular re Provision of meals during the holidays, Teacher's Salaries for December, Caretakers and Cleaners wages, Care of school buildings sales book was received from the office	17 Dec 1943	192
		A circular re School Hours, Requisitions, Sales books, and Meals weekly record books was	1 Feb 1944	192

		received from the Education Office		
		A circular re Provision of meals to children who are unable to attend school owing to influenza was received from the office	18 Dec 1943	192
		A circular re St David's Day, School hours, Attendance registers, Provision of meals returns was received from the office	9 Feb 1944	193
		School hours from today-9.30-12.30am and 2-4pm	14 Feb 1944	193
		A circular re Wellington boots for children and Holiday periods in 1944 was received from the office	25 Feb 1944	193
		A circular re Milk in schools scheme and Board of Education's comment on the low number of children in the Aberdare area taking milk was received from the office	28 Feb 1944	193
		A circular and pamphlets re Salvage of Rags, paper and bones was received from the Education Office	2 Mar 1944	194
		Circulars re Evacuated Children, School Hours, Easter Holidays, Provision of meals and Milk during holidays, Sales accounts, Tokens, Lighting (Restrictions) Order 1940, Wellington Boots and Easter Training Course for youth leaders at Swansea were received from the Education office	23 Mar 1944	194
		A circular re Road Safety Films and Teacher's salaries from March was received from the office	28 Mar 1944	194
		A circular re the closing of the school this afternoon so that the teachers could survey the district for billeting purposes was received from the Education Office	5 Apr 1944	195
		A circular re May Day arrangements for meals, Attendance return and Teacher's salaries was received from the office	25 Apr 1944	195
		A circular re Whitsun Holidays, Care of school buildings during holidays, Provision of meals and Milk during holidays, Salaries of uncertificated teachers, Salaries for May, Teachers' War Bonus Superannuation, Summer Schools in Health Education, Cumulative Record Cards, "Salute the Soldier" week and Care of games apparatus was received from the Education Office	11 May 1944	195-196
		During the "Salute the Soldier" week the school collected £2,400 6s 0d in savings	19 May 1944	196
		School closes today for the Whitsun Holidays. A circular re Appreciation and thanks of Education Committee for effort during the Savings Week and granting 5 June as a holiday was received from the Education Office	26 May 1944	196
		A circular re United Nations Day-14 June, Midsummer Holidays, Summer school scholarships, Provision of meals, Return and supply of Orange Juice and Cod Liver Oil to	9 Jun 1944	196-197

		children under 5 was received from the office		
		All children under 5 years of age had Cod Liver Oil and Orange Juice this morning. Henceforth they will have a teaspoon each every day. Only 3 children out of 76 failed to take the Cod Liver Oil	14 Jun 1944	197
		School will be closed this afternoon in order to find billets for children evacuated from London	6 Jul 1944	197
		Circulars re Evacuation, Salaries for July and Care of school buildings during the holidays were received from the Education Office. The school will be closed this afternoon so that the staff may be free to receive the evacuated children and take them to their billets	14 Jul 1944	197-198
		30 Evacuees have been admitted since June 26 <sup>th</sup> mostly from London	20 Jul 1944	198
		A circular re Towelling and Tea Cloths, Summary of course of lectures in intelligence testing and Evacuation was received from the office. School closes this afternoon for the Midsummer Vacation	28 Jul 1944	198
		School assembled this morning after the Summer Vacation but children were dismissed for the day so that teachers could make a further survey of the district for billets for evacuated mothers and children	29 Aug 1944	198
		Circulars re Registration, Medical examination of entrants and Accounts for Cod Liver Oil and Orange Juice were received from the Education Office	31 Aug 1944	198
		A circular re Classes for children suffering from speech defects and Wreckage from crashed aircraft was received from the office	4 Sep 1944	199
		A circular re Orange Juice and Cod Liver Oil, Supply of Milk, Mustard Gas Warning and Accidents to children-Dangerous objects was received from the Education Office	15 Sep 1944	199
		A circular (45/44) re Welfare of Evacuated Children, "Milk in Schools" scheme, Mid-term Holiday and Classes for teachers in Biology and Welsh was received from the Education Office	25 Sep 1944	200
		A circular re return re Provision of meals and Milk and Hours of attendance at the school clinic was received from the Education Office	6 Oct 1944	200
		A circular re Welfare of Evacuated children, Date of Christmas Holidays, Supply of towelling, Contract for school supplies, Economy of fuel, Milk in schools scheme and Teachers guide-[Currigenda?] were received from the Education Office	18 Oct 1944	200
		A circular re arrangements for the provision of Milk meals and dinners during the Mid-term Holiday was received from the Education Office	24 Oct 1944	201
		A circular re Change of school hours as from 4 <sup>th</sup> December to 2 <sup>nd</sup> February-9.30-12, 1.30-	17 Nov 1944	201



		3.30 was received from the office		
		A circular was received from the Education Office announcing a meeting of Head Teachers to be held at the Town Hall on the 4 <sup>th</sup> December to discuss school treats	30 Nov 1944	201
		A circular re Christmas Holidays, Teacher's Salaries for December, Provision of meals during holidays, Care of school buildings, Sales books was received from the office	6 Dec 1944	202
		A circular re Economy in the use of Fuel, "Saturday School in Music", Free Milk for nursery classes and Vacancies in the Open Air school was received from the office	10 Jan 1945	203
		Circulars re a series of University Extension Lectures on Educational Reconstruction were received from the office	16 Jan 1945	203
		A circular re Teachers' Salaries for January, University extension lectures, Requisitions, Registers and Syllabus books etc, School hours and Boot repairs for LCC Evacuees was received from the Education Office	30 Jan 1945	204
		A circular re Evacuated children, St Davids Day celebrations, Accidents to school children, Course of lectures on Educational Reconstruction, return re Provision of meals and Milk and Record of Official Evacuees forms were received from the Education Office	6 Feb 1945	204-205
		A circular re University extension lecture on Educational Reconstruction, School Record Cards, Easter Holidays, Sales accounts, Aberdare and District Juvenile Eisteddfod and Coupons for needlework sales was received from the Education Office	1 Mar 1945	205
		A circular re University extension lectures on Educational Reconstruction, Stock and stores book, Broken Milk Bottles, Provision of meals receipts, Teachers' salaries for March, Scheme of Religious instruction, school hours and Course of training for youth leadership together with a copy of the scheme of religious instruction adopted by the Glamorgan Education Committee were received from the Education Office	14 Mar 1945	206
		A circular re Easter Holidays, Provision of meals and Milk, Children suffering from speech defects, School children's Gas Masks, Care of school buildings during holidays and Tokens was received from the Education Office	23 Mar 1945	207
		School is now under the Glamorgan County Council Authority	9 Apr 1945	207
		Form 9 Attendance Summary for March, Empire Day message and a circular re Milk in Schools Scheme, Collection of Waste Paper, Further Rationing of cotton goods, Empire Day and New scales of salaries have been received from the Education Office	25 Apr 1945	207-208
		A copy of the Ministry of Education Draft Regulations for Primary and Secondary Schools 1945 and a circular with comments on same were received from the Education Office, also application forms for admission to school	30 Apr 1945	208

		A circular re Instructions for VE day viz-that at the cessation of organised resistance in Europe, there should be in all schools a simple form of service, after which the children should be dismissed immediately for the remainder of that day and the following school day-was received from the Education Office	3 May 1945	208
		Form re Particulars of teaching and Cleaning staffs and circular re May Day and VE Day-Provision of meals were received from the Education Office	4 May 1945	208
EA15/2	Cwmaman Infants School	School should have been re-opened this morning, but could not be re-opened as War was declared on Sep 3rd	4 Sep 1939	502
		School re-opened this morning but the children under five are not allowed to attend school	11 Sep 1939	502
		School re-opened this morning, Whitsun holiday cancelled because of the war	14 May 1940	504
EA15/3	Cwmaman Infants School	School closes at noon today until Monday Aug 19 <sup>th</sup> -Midsummer Vacation	2 Aug 1940	1
		School closes at noon today for four weeks	6 Sep 1940	1
		School closed this afternoon-billeting arrangements	10 Oct 1940	1
		School re-opened this morning. Miss John and Miss Thomas (2 Birming teachers) had leave of absence for one week before the holidays and Miss Youdell and Miss Mundell (the other two Birmingham teachers have been granted leave for this week)	6 Jan 1941	2
		School closes at noon today until Monday April 21 <sup>st</sup> -Easter Vacation (Miss John and Mis Thomas have had their holidays before Easter, and Miss Youdell and Miss Mundell will have some days after Easter)	10 Apr 1941	3
		Miss Youdell leaves this school today	30 Apr 1941	3
		Following circular received:-Subject to the approval of the B of E school hours for the summer months will be as follows:- Morning session 10-12.30 Afternoon session 2-4pm. Registers must be closed by 10.30am	5 May 1941	3
		We had a circular today to say that all milk to the schools has for the present been stopped	28 Jul 1941	4
		School closed this afternoon and yesterday afternoon-billeting	4 Dec 1941	4
		The Education Committee have decided that school hours should be changed to meet the new Double Summer Time. As from today 5 <sup>th</sup> May, school hours for the summer months will be as follows:- Senior Schools-Morning Session 9.15am to 12.1am Afternoon session-14.5pm to 4.15pm	5 May 1942	6

		Junior Schools-Morning session-9.30am to 12.30pm Afternoon session-2pm to 4.30pm Infant Schools-Morning session-9.30am to 12.30am Afternoon-session-2pm to 4pm		
		Miss Jenkins, Nursery Assistant in one of the War Nurseries, is present here today for two weeks, for observation and experience in the nursery class	1 Jun 1942	7
		Closed school at noon, for Midsummer Vacation; two weeks, and open for recreational purposes only, for the second fortnight in August, i.e from the 17 <sup>th</sup> August to the 30 <sup>th</sup>	31 Jul 1942	8
		School closed this afternoon-continuation of the Midsummer Holidays, to re-open on Tuesday-October 6 <sup>th</sup>	25 Sep 1942	9
		Today, for the first time, dinners are being provided to the school children, some free, and some on payment of 5d per meal	12 Oct 1942	9
		School hours have been changed on order to meet the convenience of the 'cleaners' on account of the Black-out. From the Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> to January 31 <sup>st</sup> 1943, the Infants will assemble at 9.30am to 12 noon, and 1.30pm to 3.30pm	1 Dec 1942	10
		Reverted to former school hours:-Morning session, 9.30am to 12.30pm. Afternoon session, 2 to 4pm	15 Feb 1943	11
		Miss Muriel Thomas, trained certificated teacher, evacuated from Birmingham, has resigned from this school today, in order to take up duties at Raglan, Monmouthshire	28 May 1943	13
		Holiday has been granted tomorrow, by the Education Committee, for the magnificent achievement in collecting £29,688 towards National Savings during Aberdare "Wings for Victory" week		
		Owing to difficulties of cleaning the schools on account of the "black-out", school hours have been revised as follows:- Morning session 9.30am to 12 noon Afternoon session 1.30pm to 3.30pm	29 Nov 1943	18
		The nursery children of this school, has been transferred to the Boys' Club Institute, which was formerly used as a War Nursery. School hours have been amended as follows:-Senior Schools- Morning session 9.15am to 12.15pm Afternoon session-1.45pm to 4pm Junior Schools- Morning session 9.30am to 12.30pm	14 Feb 1944	19

		Afternoon session-2pm to 4.15pm Infant schools-Morning session-9.30am to 12.30pm Afternoon session-2pm to 4pm		
		Closed school this afternoon, in order that the teachers may make a survey of the district for "Billeting"	5 Apr 1944	20
		The nursery children are being fed with dinners at the nursery	4 Apr 1944	20
		All children under 5 years of age, supplied with Cod Liver Oil and Orange Juice	26 Apr 1944	21
		Holiday on Monday-June 5 <sup>th</sup> , in appreciation of the schools magnificent effort in collecting £34,245 towards National Savings in "Salute the Soldier" week	26 May 1944	21-22
		Closed school this afternoon, to enable the teachers to seek 'billets' for London evacuees. Miss E Milsom away from school 2 days-6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> inst, as her brother is home on embarkation leave. Permission granted by the Director	6 Jul 1944	22
		Holiday this afternoon, because of the arrival of the London Evacuees	14 Jul 1944	22-23
		On account of London Evacuees, arriving in Aberdare, school was not re-opened	29 Aug 1944	23
		Owing to the difficulty of cleaning schools, on account of the "dim-out", the Committee have decided to revise the school hours as follows:-Infant Schools-Morning session 9.30am to 12 noon. Afternoon session-1.30pm to 3.30pm. As from December 4 <sup>th</sup> to February 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1945	4 Dec 1944	25
		School have been amended to the following hours:-Infant Schools-Morning session 9.30am to 12.30pm. Afternoon session 2pm to 4pm	5 Feb 1945	27
		Mr Freeman, under the auspices of the Ministry of Information present this afternoon, in order to display some "films" to the school children	25 Apr 1945	28
		Holiday on the 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> inst, to commemorate the occasion of the cessation of hostilities in Europe. VE Day-9 <sup>th</sup> May	10 May 1945	29
EA16/1	Glynhafod, Cwmaman Mixed	School closed for this week again owing to the commencement of hostilities between Britain, France and Poland on the one hand and Germany on the other. Owing to the outbreak of War, school was closed for this week but advantage was taken to fit Gas Masks on the children. This was done each morning class by class	4 Sep 1939	250
		School re-opened this morning. 12 Evacuees attended school today	11 Sep 1939	251
		Mr Berry fixed a "Pearson Automatic Fire Extinguisher" to the wall in the main hall this morning. He gave a full and exhaustive demonstration of its uses at the yard to the assembled classes. Later he gave a short lesson to Stds IV and V in a classroom on the effect of Sulphuric Acid and how this was counteracted by the application of its antidote	6 Oct 1939	251

		Bicarbonate of Soda. The children were greatly interested and Mr Berry was warmly thanked by the Head Teacher for his admirable demonstration		
		School re-opened this morning. Acting upon instructions from the director from the Board of Education via the Wireless, the Whitsun Holiday was cut to one day instead of the usual week. All the staff present	14 May 1940	259
		School was closed this afternoon by order of the Director, to allow the teachers time to re-survey the district-re accommodation for Evacuees and secondary and elementary school children	21 May 1940	259
		School was closed this morning for a few days, so that the teachers could paper the windows in order to make them reasonably safe from splintering glass during an Air Raid	11 Jul 1940	260
		School re-opened this morning after a week's closure, all the staff being present	18 Jul 1940	261
		School opened at 10 o'clock this morning according to instructions from the Director	22 Jul 1940	261
		School closed at midday for the Summer Holidays. Curtailed to a fortnight owing to the War	2 Aug 1940	261
		School re-opened this morning after the short Summer Holiday. The usual lessons were taken this morning, but in the afternoon advantage was taken of the fine day for a walk up the mountain to view the "Spitfire" which had been forced down on the mountain side. The Police and the NCO in charge kindly allowed to view the machine and many things were explained to the children and staff	19 Aug 1940	261
		School was closed at midday so that shelters might be built in all schools	6 Sep 1940	262
		Holidays were extended for another fortnight in view of the emergency	23 Sep 1940	262
		School was closed this afternoon so that the staff could attend to the reception and comfort of the incoming Evacuees, mothers and children	10 Oct 1940	262
		School was closed this afternoon so that the staff could attend to the distribution of the Evacuees, mothers and children	11 Oct 1940	262
		School closed for the day (reception of Evacuee mothers and children)	14 Oct 1940	262
		School was closed today to enable the staff to conduct a survey of accommodation tc of the district, in preparation for receiving Evacuees	25 Nov 1940	263
		School was closed this afternoon for the reception of 66 Birmingham Evacuees. 30 boys and 36 girls who were accompanied by 5 teachers of whom three remain behind on the staff of this school, Miss Grimsley, Miss Kennedy and Miss Emery	26 Nov 1940	263
		The Birmingham Evacuee children first attended school and were admitted as scholars	2 Dec 1940	263

	Visit from HMI W H Evans, Esq BA re Evacuees	10 Dec 1940	263
	The Director of Education and HMI W H Evans Esq BA called this afternoon re the Senior Girl Evacuees	17 Dec 1940	264
	School re-opened this morning, Miss Grimsley of Birmingham was absent today, travelling back from Birmingham having been unable to find relief for this week	6 Jan 1941	264
	Miss O'Hagan commenced duties today, as a relief for Miss Grimsley, who returns home to Birmingham tomorrow the 14 <sup>th</sup> inst	13 Jan 1941	264
	Mr Evans was absent this morning attending a meeting of billeting officers at the Education Office	6 Mar 1941	265
	Mr Evans attended a meeting of billeting officers at the Education office this afternoon	7 Mar 1941	265-266
	This afternoon Mrs Hooper addressed the upper standards on "The Honey Bee and her contribution to Food Production". The lecture was well illustrated by lantern slides	14 Mar 1941	266
	The school doctor, Dr Marsden examined three leavers	19 Mar 1941	266
	School closed for the usual Easter Holidays at noon today. Miss Kennedy and Miss Emery left today for Birmingham. Miss O'Hagan left today to rejoin the staff of her old school at Birmingham which had been evacuated to a valley near Gwaencaegurwen	10 Apr 1941	267
	School re-opened this morning after the Easter Holidays. Miss Pitcher and Miss Lloyd joined our staff today, instead of the Birmingham Teachers who left at Easter	21 Apr 1941	267
	School closed today, to enable the teachers to re-survey the districts so as to find accommodation for key men employed at the new factory at Hirwain and also to find billets for accompanied and unaccompanied mothers and children	22 Apr 1941	267
	School closed today for the Whitsun Holiday limited to one day (Monday) owing to the influx of Cardiff Evacuees	30 May 1941	268
	The staff attended a meeting at the Church Hall Aberaman on Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> May to receive our quota of Cardiff Evacuees for whom billets were found during the afternoon	31 May 1941	268
	School was closed this afternoon and for one week (postponed Whitsun Holiday)	6 Jun 1941	268
	Miss Pitcher (Birmingham) commenced her holidays today, so as to be back on 18 August to take charge of the Evacuees during the second fortnight of our month's holiday	21 Jul 1941	268-269
	Miss Jones, Head Teacher of Albert Road Jr Infts' school, Birmingham joined our staff for this week as relief for Miss Pitcher (on holiday)	28 Jul 1941	269
	Morning visit from HMI W H Evans Esq interviewing Miss Lloyd B'ham	24 Sep 1941	269
	School closed this afternoon, so that teachers could carry out a survey of the district-to	13 Oct 1941	269

		find out if there is a necessity for a War Nursery for children of pre-school age, whose mothers both local and Evacuee are now working in factories		
		The opening and closing hours for all junior school were changed today. School hours are now 9am to 12 midday and 1.30 to 4pm in the afternoon	20 Oct 1941	269-270
		School closed this afternoon to enable the teachers to survey the district for billeting purposes	3 Dec 1941	270
		School closed for the reception of Evacuees (afternoon only)	4 Dec 1941	270
		16 Birmingham Evacuees (4 girls and 12 boys were received on the school roll this morning	8 Dec 1941	270
		Miss Pitcher is taking today and Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> as holiday in lieu of two days holiday duty during Christmas Holiday	20 Feb 1942	271
		As St David's Day fall on Sunday, it was celebrated in school today. It took the form of a miscellaneous concert and solo competitions. Mr Spencer Bird, solicitor, Aberdare, presented ten shillings to be divided as prizes between the boys and girls. Mr Ioan Isaac, a local presenter of children's festivals, acted as adjudicator. The Local Savings Committee had also presented prizes to the children for the best essay and best poster bearing some relation with Warship week	27 Feb 1942	271-272
		Miss Lloyd, in charge of Standard III was absent today and will be absent tomorrow, 3 <sup>rd</sup> March-having two days holiday in lieu of holiday duty during Christmas Vacation	2 Mar 1942	272
		A piece of land adjoining the Boys' playground has been fenced in as a school garden, Miss Rees, a member of the Staff, is in charge of its planning, etc	16 Apr 1942	273
		Standard V boys in charge of Miss Rees commenced digging operations at the school garden	17 Apr 1942	273
		Mr W H Evans, HMI called at the school this afternoon re plans for the erection of a kitchen and wash up at the school in connection with school feeding. A visit was paid to the school garden, and he expressed his satisfaction with the plot	21 Apr 1942	273
		The weather is fine, Std V boys were taken to the garden for an extra hour this afternoon in order to hurry on the completion of the digging	24 Apr 1942	273
		Twelve boys-8 from Std V and 4 from Std IV-in charge of Miss Rees attended a film demonstration on "Gardening" at St David's Presbyterian Church, Aberdare this morning	14 May 1942	273
		Taking advantage of a fine afternoon, Miss Rees took a class of boys-six from Std V and ten from Std IV-to the school garden, in order to hasten the completion of the planting	11 Jun 1942	274
		The Director of Education and the Chairman of the Aberdare Education Committee visited the school garden this afternoon	17 Jul 1942	275

		Miss Pitcher leaves this day for Merthyr Tydfil as she has been appointed to a nursery school by the Merthyr Education Committee	31 Jul 1942	275
		School was re-opened this morning for the optional attendance of children in accordance with the Board of Education circular Present: 28. School was kept open for a fortnight with varied attendance	17 Aug 1942	275
		Dinners for school children in school commenced today. Total fed 80	26 Oct 1942	275
		Mr T J Lewis, Director of Education, visited the school today to inspect the feeding arrangements	10 Nov 1942	275-276
		Mr W H Evans HMI paid a visit today to inspect the feeding arrangements	11 Nov 1942	276
		Councillor Jones, Chairman of Aberdare Education Committee, together with Mr G Prosser, Aberdare Leader Representative, and Mr Munday visited the school this morning to note the feeding arrangements	17 Nov 1942	276
		Miss Lloyd, evacuated teacher from Birmingham left today-having been recalled to Birmingham	29 Jan 1943	276
		An "Alert" went at 3.20pm. The children were dispersed home. "Raiders Past" sounded 3.40pm. All the children returned within five minutes	19 Feb 1943	277
		School re-opened this morning after the Easter Holiday. Number present 83, on books 94. Five Birmingham Evacuees and one London Evacuee had returned home during the Holiday	4 May 1943	278
		School closed afternoon. Revision of billeting survey	6 Apr 1944	281
		School closed for Whitsun Holidays. An extra day was given on Monday June 5, for exceptions effort made during the "Salute the Soldier" week	26 May 1944	281
		School closed afternoon. Evacuation from London	6 Jul 1944	282
		School closed afternoon. Attendance holidays, Admitted 17 Evacuees London	7 Jul 1944	282
		School closed afternoon. Evacuation from London. Admitted 7 Evacuees London	14 Jul 1944	282
		School closed for Evacuation from Maidstone	29 Aug 1944	282
		Mrs Nicholas (London) joined the staff	11 Sep 1944	282
		Mrs Nicholas absent. Husband home on leave from HM Forces	26-27 Sep 1944	282-283
		Mrs Nicholas absent. Husband home on leave from HM Forces	2-4 Oct 1944	283
		Mrs Nicholas absent. Husband home on leave from HM Forces	28 Nov-1 Dec 1944	284



		Mrs Nicholas absent. Husband home from the Western Front	14-16 Mar 1945	285
		School closed. VE Days	8-9 May 1945	286
EA17/1	Aberaman and Hirwaun War Nursery	During the week circulars have been issued to the parents informing them that the charge must now be 1/- per day. This charge includes:meals-milk-cod liver oil and orange juice. This new charge came into effect from 13/3/44	17 Mar 1944	6
		No of chn on register 20. Some evacuees have returned home	23 Sep 1944	11
EA18/4	Cwmbach Girls School	School closes this week-owing to the war	4 Sep 1939	72
		School re-opened this morning	11 Sep 1939	72
		Holiday cancelled-school opened today	14 May 1940	74
		School closes for this afternoon to enable teachers to make a re-survey of district for the reception of Evacuees	21 May 1940	74
		School closed this afternoon. Air Raid	10 Jul 1940	74
		School closes today at noon for a fortnight's holiday	2 Aug 1940	74
		School closes today at noon for a fortnight's holiday. Holiday extended	6 Sep-7 Oct 1940	74
		School closes for this afternoon re billeting	10-11 Oct 1940	74
		School closes for the afternoon re billeting	14 Oct 1940	74
		School closed all day. School will be closed for the afternoon. Billeting	25-26 Nov 1940	75
		School will be closed this afternoon re billeting	14 Feb 1941	75
		School will be closed this afternoon-arrival of Evacuees	17 Feb 1941	75
		Miss Anthony who accompanied Evacuee children from Birmingham commenced duties at this school this morning	18 Feb 1941	76
		School closed all day re billeting	22 Apr 1941	76
		School will be closed on Monday-Whitsun Holidays have been postponed for a week	30 May 1941	76
		School closed because of havoc caused by bomb-impossible to carry on	3-6 Jun 1941	76
		School closed for survey of billets (half day)	3 Dec 1941	77
		Reception of Evacuees-half day	4 Dec 1941	77
		School closes at noon today for two weeks' holiday. School to re-open on 17 <sup>th</sup> of August for	31 Jul 1942	78

		reception of children who wish attend for games etc		
		School closes this afternoon until Oct 6th	25 Sep 1942	78
		Mrs Jones has obtained leave of absence for one week-her husband who is in the forces is home or on leave	25 May 1942	79
		School will be closed this afternoon to enable teachers to make a survey of the village re Evacuation of children into district	5 Apr 1944	83
		School closes this afternoon for the Whitsun Holidays. School is to reopen on June Tuesday June 6 <sup>th</sup> , an extra day has been granted as a mark of appreciation by Committee re-“Salute the Soldier” week	26 May 1944	84
		Evacuees arrive from London district. School closed for the afternoon	6 Jul 1944	85
		School closes this morning at 12.30pm, Arrival of Evacuees this afternoon	14 Jul 1944	85
		School does not re-open today. Evacuees-mother and children arrive from the London district	29 Aug 1944	85
		School re-opened today	31 Aug 1944	85
		Miss Quilter an LCC Evacuee Teacher commenced duties	20 Sep 1944	85
		Miss Wilson LCC Evacuee Teacher arrived in school this morning	25 Sep 1944	86
		25 children arrived in school this morning but were dismissed immediately as there is no coal for fires	30 Jan 1945	88
		VE Day. School closed for two days-Tuesday and Wednesday	8 May 1945	89
		School re-opened this morning. 42 children present	10 May 1945	89
EA19/2	Cwmbach Infants School	Schools re-opened this morning after the Summer Holidays instead of Sept 4 <sup>th</sup> on account of the declaration of War all schools were closed for the week Sept 4 <sup>th</sup> -11th	11 Sep 1939	133
		School commence at 9am in the morning and 1.15am in the afternoon dismiss at 11.45 and 3.05 (War Conditions)	31 Oct 1939	134-135
		All schools re-opened this morning (Govt order on account of War Situation)	14 May 1940	136
		Schools closed this afternoon for a re-survey of district in preparation for Evacuees	21 May 1940	136
		Soon after the children were dismissed at midday a bomb was dropped in the field at the side of the school. The staff room was damaged and slight damage in the 2 classrooms (broken glass). There were no casualties but school was closed for the rest of the week or until glass repaired	10 Jul 1940	136-137
		School re-opened this morning after glass had been repaired the main repairs being left until the August closure, All “Under Fives” again excluded	22 Jul 1940	137

		School closed at noon for the Summer Holidays (2 weeks)	2 Aug 1940	137
		All schools closed for 2 weeks	6 Sep 1940	137
		Schools re-opened this week after 4 weeks closure	7 Oct 1940	138
		Schools closed this afternoon for distribution of Evacuees	10 Oct 1940	138
		Schools closed this afternoon to find more billets	11 Oct 1940	138
		Schools closed for the day to take Evacuees to their billets	14 Oct 1940	138
		All schools closed to find billets for Birmingham School chn and teachers	25 Nov 1940	138
		Schools closed this afternoon to place chn in their billets	26 Nov 1940	138
		School closed this afternoon to find billets for Birmingham school chn	14 Feb 1941	139
		Schools closed this afternoon to take the chn to their billets	17 Feb 1941	139
		Admitted 12 chn from St Peter's School Harborne and Miss Smith joined the staff of this school	20 Feb 1941	139
		All schools closed for survey of area for billets	22 Apr 1941	140
		Schools closed at 12.30 for the Whitsun Holidays (postponed)	6 Jun 1941	140
		Schools closed this afternoon to find billets for chn from Birmingham	3 Dec 1941	142
		Schools closed this afternoon-placing evacuees	4 Dec 1941	142
		Schools closed this afternoon. Placing LCC Evacuees	6 Jul 1944	148
		Schools closed this afternoon. LCC Evacuees	14 Jul 1944	148
		VE Holidays	8-9 May 1945	150
EA19/6	Cwmbach Junior Mixed Scol	School should have reopened this morning after the Summer Holidays. School however was closed for this week also by Government order for possible evacuation of children into the area owing to outbreak of war	4 Sep 1939	258
		School reopened this morning	11 Sep 1939	258
		A Fire Extinguisher was supplied to school this morning and a demonstration given to the children of St 3-5 on how to use it	13 Oct 1939	259
		A second Fire Extinguisher was supplied to the school today. Both are hanging in the hall	20 Oct 1939	260
		The school hours were altered during the winter months from today. Morning session 9am to 11.45am. Afternoon session 1.15pm to 3.30pm. Registers to be closed at 1.20pm in the afternoon	1 Nov 1939	260
		Dr Marsden inspected the children who were already in receipt of milk meals to see if they required hot mid-day meals	18 Mar 1940	263
		School reopened this morning. Whitsun Holidays cancelled. Schools reopened by order of	14 May 1940	264

		Government owing to War situation		
		School was closed this afternoon the staff having to re-survey the area for billeting places for evacuees for 500 children from Ilford Secondary Schools. Mr Evans, Head Teacher, called to meeting at Education Office at 10am on above business	21 May 1940	265
		Mr Evans attended meeting again in Education office at 10am with report on evacuation survey	22 May 1940	265
		About 12.20pm a bomb from a German plane fell and exploded in the field about 10 yds from the end of the staff room of the Infants Dept. Damage to the ceilings in the staff room, St II room, and the lobbies and corridor was caused and the windows in St II room and St 5 room were blown outwards. School was closed in the afternoon. The Director of Education, Mr T Lewis, visited the school after he had been notified and ordered school to be closed for the rest of the week. On the order of the Director, school was closed for the following week in order to effect temporary repairs. None of the staff nor children were injured by the bombs, nine of which fell in the district	10 Jul 1940	266-267
		School re-opened this morning, the time of commencing morning session from today being fixed at 10am	22 Jul 1940	267
		School reopened this morning after the Midsummer Holidays which lasted a fortnight only this year	19 Aug 1940	268
		Attendance this morning was affected, a number of children being absent because of air raid warning during the night of 25 <sup>th</sup> morning of 26 <sup>th</sup>	26 Aug 1940	268
		School closed midday today for a fortnight's holiday. The holiday was further extended owing to the present emergency for a fortnight	6 Sep 1940	269
		School closed this afternoon in order that further billets could be found for evacuees who were coming into the district this weekend. The staff carried out the work	10 Oct 1940	269
		School was closed again this afternoon for the same reason	11 Oct 1940	269
		School closed all day for the work of distributing the evacuees to their billets	14 Oct 1940	269
		Siren Warning 11.40am. Children dispersed	28 Oct 1940	270
		Alert Signal 10am. Children dispersed. Children returned to school after Raiders Passed had gone	1 Nov 1940	270
		School closed this afternoon for the reception and distribution of evacuee children from Birmingham	27 Nov 1940	270
		School closed this afternoon for a further survey for billets	14 Feb 1941	272

		School closed this afternoon for the reception a billeting of evacuee children from Birmingham	17 Feb 1941	272
		Siren sounded 1.20pm. Raiders past 2.15. Children arrived in school immediately after registers marked	7 Mar 1941	273
		Time of school sessions are now as follows from today on instructions from Director of Education. Morning 9am-12 noon. Afternoon 1.30pm-3.45pm	10 Mar 1941	273
		Sirens sounded 3.03pm. Raiders past 3.25. Children were dispersed	11 Mar 1941	273
		Siren sounded 9.20am. Raiders past 9.35am. Siren sounded 9.40am. Raiders past 10.15am. Children were dispersed. Siren sounded 3.45. Children dispersed	26 Mar 1941	273-274
		School closed for evacuation and billeting survey	22 Apr 1941	274
		Only 47.7% were present this morning owing to air raid sirens sounded during night and lasting period lasting till 2.30am. The bombing and anti-aircraft shelling could be very distinctly hears in the distance	30 Apr 1941	274
		On Instructions from the Director of Education the times of school sessions were altered to the following times for the summer months owing to the introduction of Double Summer Time:- Morning session 10-12.30. Afternoon session 2-4.30	6 May 1941	274-275
		Received 1 Galvanised Bath and 1 Galvanised Bucket from Mess J Williams Aberdare for Firefighting purposes	13 May 1941	275
		The school medical officer visited school at 10.30am re milk meals for malnourished children and examined the children present	26 May 1941	275
		Alert sounded 10.55. Raiders past 11.35. Children. Children returned to school	29 May 1941	275
		Alert sounded 10.57am. Raiders past 11.15am. The children were dispersed but all returned	30 May 1941	276
		Attendance very greatly affected this week owing to the village being hit by enemy bomb in the early hours of 31.5.41. School closed midday today for the postponed Whitsun Holidays. During the afternoon evacuee children (39) from Cardiff were billeted in the school area	6 Jun 1941	276
		New hours for school were commenced this morning. In future morning session will be from 9am to 12am (noon) and afternoon from 1.30pm to 4pm	20 Oct 1941	278
		School was closed on 24 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> -Mid Term Holiday. Milk meals were restarted this morning	24 Oct 1941	279

	Received one kettle for boiling water to clean milk utensils	19 Nov 1941	279
	School was closed this afternoon so that the staff could make a survey of billets for incoming evacuees	3 Dec 1941	279
	School was closed this afternoon for the reception of evacuees from Birmingham	4 Dec 1941	279
	Received 9 Enamel Jugs and 3 Enamel bowls for washing milk utensils	5 Dec 1941	279
	This morning attendance fell to 71% (49 present) following the alert warning during the night	2 Jul 1942	281
	School re-opened this morning after the holidays. School was open during the second fortnight of the holidays in order that children could come for recreational purposes	31 Aug 1942	283
	Mid-day meals begun this morning. Tables and forms set up in hall	16 Nov 1942	284
	School closed. Reward for schools effort in "Wings" week	11 Jun 1943	286
	School was broken into last night. Entrance was made through the window of the girls' porch. The drawers in my desk in the staff room had been opened and various sums of money had been taken. I found the drawers locked as usual on the morning of 5 Nov. The cash missing was made up as follows. War Savings-£8 8s. Red Cross Savings-2 15s approx. Meals money-£1 14s 2d. Private-£2 12s approx. I reported the matter to the Director of Education who instructed me to report the matter to the Police. This I had already done. The Police were soon here and the matter was then left in their hands	5 Nov 1943	289
	School hours altered to 9.30-12.30 for morning session and 2 -4.15 for afternoon session on instruction from Director of Education	14 Feb 1944	290
	Fitter fixed connection from Fire Hose to water tap	17 Mar 1944	291
	School closed this afternoon for the purpose of carrying out a billeting survey of the district	5 Apr 1944	291
	From the 13 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> Aberdare held its "Salute the Soldier" week. Our target was £700 and the school collected £831 0s 2d	18 May 1944	291
	Owing to the wonderful result of the Schools' effort for the "Salute the Soldier" week, the Education Committee granted the children a holiday today to mark their appreciation of the children's efforts	5 Jun 1944	292
	School was closed this afternoon for the reception and billeting of 21 evacuees from London. The Head Teacher left school on 5.7.44 at 3.45pm in order to attend a meeting of billeting officers at the Town Hall at 4pm	6 Jul 1944	293
	School was closed this afternoon for receiving further London children evacuees	14 Jul 1944	293
	School should have been re-opened this morning after the summer holidays but owing to	29 Aug 1944	293-294

		making a survey in the morning and billeting mothers and children evacuated from Maidstone school was closed for the day		
		Nurse Morgan inspected all evacuees for head cleanliness and skin diseases	28 Nov 1944	295
		School was closed on Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May for May Day. Victory in Europe Holidays were appointed for Tuesday and Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> May, school was closed on both days	11 May 1945	297-298
EA20/2	Cwmdare Infants School	School is closed this week owing to the International Situation and outbreak of War	4 Sep 1939	87
		School stated today, but for the five year old children and over only. Children under five are excluded owing to the outbreak of war. Six children have been admitted from dangerous areas	11 Sep 1939	87
		Another evacuee was admitted today	25 Sep 1939	87
		The ARP section of the Education Committee attended school today to make enquiries about evacuating schemes in hand	27 Sep 1939	87
		Rehearsals in evacuating the school have been taken every other day this week	29 Sep 1939	87
		Mr Berry was here today giving an exhibition on the use of a fire extinguisher. A machine was then fixed in the hall for this purpose	6 Oct 1939	87
		Dr Marsden was present today and examined 19 entrants including the Evacuees. Two children were reported as malnourished. Free Milk has been granted to these	12 Oct 1939	87-88
		27 children under 5 yrs of age have been admitted during the last fortnight. Most of these were excluded in September owing to the outbreak of War	31 Oct-3 Nov 1939	88
		We have been recalled to school today. The Whitsun Holiday was curtailed owing to the very serious trend of War hostilities	14 May 1940	90
		School was closed in the afternoon to allow the staff to make a local survey in connection with the billeting of Evacuees	21 May 1940	90
		School was closed again in the afternoon for the reception of Evacuees into the locality	24 May 1940	90
		A notice from the Education Committee was received today to close the schools for a few days to enable us to make the schools safer from splintering glass	11 Jul 1940	91
		Schools re-opened this morning, The Education Committee has decided to exclude children under 5 yrs of age	18 Jul 1940	91
		The Committee also decided that from today the morning session shall be from 10am-12	22 Jul 1940	91
		School closes at noon for the Midsummer holiday until Aug 19th	2 Aug 1940	91
		School reopened this morning after two weeks holiday. For this week and next work is to	19 Aug 1940	91

		be more recreative than the usual school work. As much time as possible is to be spent in the open air-at games and rambles etc		
		School closes for the second period of the summer holidays	6 Sep 1940	92
		School opens this morning after a closure of 4 wks	7 Oct 1940	92
		School was closed in the afternoon for the billeting of Evacuees	10 Oct 1940	92
		School was closed again for the same purpose	11-14 Oct 1940	92
		School closed for the day so that teachers were free to procure billets for the Birmingham chn expected	25 Nov 1940	93
		Miss Eirlys Howells took up duties here this morning-having been transferred from the London area	3 Dec 1940	93
		The local Air Raid Wardens took up their post in one of our classrooms today	21 Feb 1941	94
		School closed all day to enable the staff to do billeting duties	22 Apr 1941	94
		Attendance again low. The Blitz on Tuesday night affected the attendance on Wednesday morning	2 May 1941	94-95
		School starts at 10am from today to dismiss at 12.30. Afternoon session will be 2pm-4pm	6 May 1941	95
		School closed for Whit Holiday. The usual holiday has been postponed	2 Jun 1941	95
		School was closed for the afternoon sessions of both dates for billeting purposes	3-4 Dec 1941	96
		School closed at the end of the morning session for the Midsummer Holidays-the four weeks holiday for the children were arranged as follows. The two first (first two?) weeks the school was closed, the remaining two week the school was opened with fifty percent of the teachers in charge to arrange holiday facilities. From August 17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> Misses E Howells and O Griffiths were present: the average attendance for the week was 14. From August 2-28 Mrs James and I were in charge. Average attendance 6	31 Jul 1942	98
		School re-opened for the Xmas term. Miss E Phillips a college student of Fursdown (Evacuated to Cardiff) College commenced school practice for a period of two weeks. She is partially in charge of first class-20 on books	31 Aug 1942	99
		During the wekk May 24-28, on two days the dinner did not arrive until 12.50pm. On 31s5 May and 2 <sup>nd</sup> June dinners again were very late (12.50). On these occasions it absolutely impossible to deal with the children's dinners in a proper manner-children have to be unduly hurried over their meal and have to be dismissed as each child finishes his or her dinner-apart from being very bad for the children the careful training in the nursery class	24-28 May 1942	101-102



		and school generally is lost, in addition to the members of staff do not have time to have their dinners properly and in consequence it is impossible to open the afternoon session strictly to time. As the number on the staff is so limited, supervision of children who have to remain on the school premises is very inadequately done		
		This day's holiday was specially granted in recognition of the good results of the collections in the Aberdare schools generally for "Wings for Victory"	11 Jun 1943	104
		School closed for the Midsummer Vacation. Miss Eirlys Howells terminated her engagement as London Evacuated Assistant to take up temporary duties with the Rhondda Authority after the holidays	30 Jul 1943	105
		Mrs Wild has had permission for leave of absence-her husband who is with the forces is home on leave	7-9 Mar 1944	107
		School closed for the afternoon session to enable the teachers to go billeting	5 Apr 1944	108
		Schools re-opened on this date-the holiday was extended by one day as the result of the schools contribution towards the "Salute the Soldier" was so high	6 Jun 1944	108
		The Principal-Miss Bradley-of the Furzedown Training College visited the school during the morning session. She was accompanied by the Director of Education	30 Jun 1944	108
		The school was closed during the afternoon session so as to enable the teachers to assist in the billeting of London children evacuated to this district	6 Jul 1944	109
		A half day attendance holiday was granted for the afternoon, but this was cancelled as London children evacuated to this area arrived during the afternoon and had to be billeted, therefore the holiday will take place on Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	14 Jul 1944	110
		School re-opened but not for teaching purposes as the staff was engaged in billeting for London Evacuees who were expected during the afternoon	29 Aug 1944	110
		Mrs Wild was granted leave of absence for the week while her husband was home on leave	25-29 Sep 1944	111
		Mrs Wild was granted leave of absence as her husband was home on leave. Mrs Frances Davies replaced Mrs Wild during the five days	19-23 Mar 1945	115
		Miss Morgan terminated her engagement as Trained Certificated teacher under the Aberdare Education Committee, but was re-instated in a temporary capacity under the Glamorgan County Council, which became the authority for the Aberdare area on 1 <sup>st</sup> April 1945 conforming with the Education Act 1945. As all married teachers are employed on a temporary basis, Miss Morgan-now Mrs Williams-will remain on the staff until further notice	31 Mar -9 Apr 1945	115

		The long looked for peace in Europe was announced on Monday evening of May 7 <sup>th</sup> . As there were no instructions issued in the event of the preliminary announcement of peace being made when school was not in session, the staff arrived in school no time to discover that the children had not arrived as the two days were regarded as National Holidays	8-9 May 1945	116
		School re-opened-the attendance was very low-the children were thoroughly worn out but still somewhat excited after the many celebrations in the village	10 May 1945	116-117
		The total attendance during these two days was 186 out of a possible of 372=50%. Parents decided that the holiday should have been extended, and also the upper department was granted an attendance holiday on Friday afternoon when the attendance in the Infant department dropped to 50	10-11 May 1945	117
EA23/11	Park Boys/Junior Mixed	School closed for another week, owing to the National Emergency-War with Germany. The staff met during the week and made a new census of apartments for refugee children-if required	4 Sep 1939	208
		School re-opened, all the staff and children present. 18 children were received from dangerous areas, and intend residing here for the duration of the war	11 Sep 1939	208
		Rehearsal of evacuation of children to the school yard at 10pm. Time 1 ½ mins	15 Sep 1939	208
		Mr Berry called at the school this morning and gave a demonstration in the use of a fire extinguisher to the staff and senior boys. One extinguisher has been installed in the building	20 Sep 1939	209
		9.45am a rehearsal of school evacuation in event of Air Raid was performed this morning. All the children arrived back within 15 minutes. Mr W H Evans HMI called this morning re the arrangements made for the Evacuation of the children in an emergency	21 Sep 1942	209
		A rehearsal of Evacuation of the premises was conducted this morning by the three departments-Boys, Girls, Infants	22 Sep 1939	209
		At 11.30am this morning, a rehearsal of evacuation of schools children took place, the three departments taking part	3 Oct 1939	210
		Evacuation rehearsal of 3 departments-11.30am	12 Oct 1939	210
		A plot of ground has been granted to the school gardening class, by the kind offices of the Trecynon Welfare Hall Committee, at a nominal rental of 1/- per annum	16 Oct 1939	210
		Mr Berry installed two more Fire Automatic Extinguishers in this dept today	20 Oct 1939	210
		From today the times of opening and dismissing are as follows: Morning 9am to 11.45am, afternoon 1.15pm to 3.20pm until further notice	1 Nov 1939	211
		ARP rehearsal this morning, of the 3 departments at 11.30	8 Mar 1940	214

	At 11.30am,ARP practice	11 Apr 1940	215
	Received 25 pairs of clogs for the gardening class-one clog size 3 missing	19 Apr 1940	215
	School re-opened owing to National Emergency-Germany invades Holland and Belgium	14 May 1940	216
	ARP practice this morning at 11.30am	17 May 1940	216
	School closed for the afternoon to enable the staff to find billets for 500 evacuated school children	21 May 1940	217
	School closed for the afternoon to enable the staff to billet 500 Evacuee Secondary school children from Ilford	24 May 1940	217
	Mr Williams is the Billeting Officer for these 3 departments and consequently has been mostly engaged in the work of billeting Evacuees for the last four weeks	21 Jun 1940	218
	ARP Practice at 10.15am this morning	27 Jun 1940	218
	Many children absent this morning-very heavy rain and an Air Raid Warning during the night	5 Jul 1940	218
	School closed indefinitely, for the purpose of making the schools safe from glass splinters. Bombs were dropped in the district yesterday, and one school was damaged	11 Jul 1940	218
	School re-opened today. During the week of closure the staff has put in a great deal of work in programming the school against any possible Air Raids	18 Jul 1940	219
	From today the morning session opens at 10am. Children from the Open Air school admitted to this department	22 Jul 1940	219
	School closed for a fortnight at noon today	2 Aug 1940	219
	School re-opened today-all the staff and 180 children present. For the next two weeks the ordinary time table is to be suspended and the time spent in organised games, nature walks etc	19 Aug 1940	219
	School closed today for National emergency purposes	6 Sep 1940	220
	School opened today after a month's closure. One shelter has been erected in the yard	7 Oct 1940	220
	School closed on Thursday and Friday afternoons-teachers billeting Evacuees from London	10-11 Oct 1940	220
	School closed all day-staff finding billets for London Evacuees	14 Oct 1940	221
	Siren at 2.15pm-children dispersed to their homes and nearby houses. All Clear at 2.50pm-all children back in school by 3pm	15 Oct 1940	221
	Siren 2.20pm-All Clear 2.50pm. Children dispersed	16 Oct 1940	221
	Siren at 11.45am-children dispersed. "All Clear" at 12.30pm	28 Oct 1940	221

		Owing to national conditions which involves curtailment of school hours and very many school closures, the ordinary time table has been modified so as to include most of the 3R's	1 Nov 1940	221
		School closed for the day, the staff busy in finding new billets for Evacuees	25 Nov 1940	222
		School closed this afternoon-arrival of 900 Evacuees from Birmingham	26 Nov 1940	222
		Miss Knight of the LCC called this afternoon to make inquiries concerning LCC children evacuated to this school	18 Dec 1940	223
		School closes this morning for Xmas Holidays. During the afternoon a tea was given to all children including Evacuees	20 Dec 1940	223
		A 20 minute broadcast is to be given daily during the coming week on urgent current problems of War health	6 Jan 1941	223
		Miss Knight LCC called today re particulars of evacuated children from the LCC and the Metropolitan area	29 Jan 1941	224
		Mr Owen, BBC Educational Organiser called this afternoon	12 Feb 1941	225
		Air Raid Warning at 3.50pm-children dispersed. All Clear at 4.30	3 Mar 1941	225
		School closed for the afternoon-staff doing a billeting survey	5 Mar 1941	225
		Air Raid Warning at 11.30am. Children dispersed. All Clear at 11.55am. Air Raid Warning at 3.10pm. Children dispersed	11 Mar 1941	225
		Siren 3.35pm-children-All Clear 3.55	17 Mar 1941	225
		Air Raid Warning 9.20am. All Clear 9.30. Children dispersed	26 Mar 1941	226
		School closed. Teachers canvassing the district-billets for workmen	22 Apr 1941	227
		Owing to the extra hour (Summer Time) the morning session is now 10 to 12.30 and the afternoon 2 to 4.30	6 May 1941	227
		The Director of Education and Accountant visited for valuation of stock	13 May 1941	227
		Two Air-Raid Shelters built on a plot of ground outside the school premises instead of in the yard	19 May 1941	227
		Air Raid Warning 2.12pm. All Clear 2.28. Children dispersed	22 May 1941	227
		Air Raid Warning 11am. All Clear 11.40. Children dispersed	29 May 1941	228
		Whit Monday. School closed. The wk holiday postponed	2 Jun 1941	228
		School re-opened. 23 Cardiff children (evacuated) came to this school	3 Jun 1941	228
		School closed noon for a wk-June 9 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup>	6 Jun 1941	228
		Miss A G Jones gave a lesson to the upper classes on the "Food Value of Milk" (National	1 Jul 1941	229

		Milk Publicity Council)		
		Air Raid Warning at 2.15pm. All Clear 2.30pm. Children dispersed	14 Jul 1941	229
		Air Raid Warning at 3.12pm. All Clear 3.40pm. Children dispersed	15 Jul 1941	229
		On the authority of the Medical Officer of Health for Aberdare all supplies of milk to schools discontinued until further notice. Cases of enteric fever notified in the area	28 Jul 1941	229
		Morning assembly now at nine instead of ten to 12. Afternoon assembly now at 1.30 instead of two to four	20 Oct 1941	231
		Mid-term Holiday Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> and Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> . Milk (free) supplied for the 2 days. When sch re-opens on Tuesday Oct 28 <sup>th</sup> , free and paid milk will be again supplied-after having been stopped on July 28 <sup>th</sup> 1941	23 Oct 1941	231
		School closed in the afternoon for billeting purposes	3-4 Dec 1941	232
		"Warship" Savings wk. A Savings (Buying Centre) has been arranged in the Infants' department	21-28 Feb 1942	233
		"Gwyl Dewi" celebrated in the morning. Mr Edward Parn Canon St Aberdare has given a donation of 5/- to the two best singers in the school. 3/- to the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2/- to the 2nd	27 Feb 1942	233
		Twenty boys from Std V taken down to St David's Hall (Presbyterian Church)-"Dig for Victory" Lecture	15 May 1942	235
		School closed-morning session for a fortnight Summer Holidays-open the second fortnight for recreational purposes	31 Jul 1942	236
		School closed for a wk-as part of the Summer Holiday-to re-open on Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	25 Sep 1942	237
		Mr Luke-Gamlyn Dairy informed us that he could not bring the milk to this sch in bottles-only in bulk in a churn. The Education Office supplied us with 172 beakers (china), 8 jugs and washing up pans. The beakers and jugs are washed dinner time by the cleaner	10 Nov 1942	238
		Circular No 42/42-School hours as from Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> to Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> 1943-Junior schools. Morning 9.30 to 12. Afternoon 1.30-3.45	25 Nov 1942	238
		Mr D H Davies and Mr E de Lloyd leave sch this afternoon at 3 o'clock to attend the funeral of Mr Dennis [Higgins?] (killed in action)	1 Dec 1942	238
		School closed for the Christmas Holidays (Tues). During the afternoon tea was given to the children including the Evacuees. The Registers were not marked	22 Dec 1942	239
		School Mid-day meals started at the sch. 70 paid for their dinners and 11 had their dinners free	1 Mar 1943	239
		Extra sessions will be given to the school garden as the work is behind time, caused by the	18 May 1943	240

		unfortunate weather of the last few weeks		
		Afternoon sessions closes and ends 4.15pm until end of January 1944	1 Nov 1943	243
		The winter times operate as from today, viz Morning session-9.30am-12 noon, afternoon session-1.30pm-3.45pm. In view of above changes, morning recreation will be from 11am to 11.15am	29 Nov 1943	243
		J Howells leave of absence for the morning session to broadcast on the Welsh Programme for the Forces	25 Jan 1944	244
		New Summer Times operate as from today. Morning session 9.30am-12.30pm, afternoon session 2pm-4.15pm	14 Feb 1944	244
		School closed in the afternoon to enable members of the staff to carry out a survey of the district for billets for Evacuees	5 Apr 1944	246
		Mr Idris Davies the Head Teacher will attend a course of lectures in relation to school record cards, commencing this afternoon and continuing for a period of 6 weeks (April 20 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> , May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> )	20 Apr 1944	247
		Miss Jones, National Milk Council attended this afternoon to lecture on Milk	15 May 1944	247
		School closed this afternoon to enable the staff to assist in billeting 400 London school children evacuated to this district	6 Jul 1944	249
		All school in the district were closed today to enable the staffs to make a further survey re billeting of 162 mothers and children from Maidstone	29 Aug 1944	249
		Received 3 buckets for coal, and 3 shovels. A representative of Messrs Cadbury visited the school yesterday afternoon to show various films connected with Nature Study and the Gold Coast. Stds III, IV and V attended the show which took place in the St III classroom	20 Oct 1944	250
		Owing to the difficulty of cleaning schools on account of the "Dim-Out", the E Committee has decided to revise the school hours as follows:-Morning session 9.30am to 12 noon, afternoon session 1.30pm to 3.45pm	4 Dec 1944	252
		Received Circular No S.92/1945 from County Hall, Cardiff. To Heads of all Primary, Secondary and Technical schools. VE Day. It is suggested that as soon as the official announcement is made as to VE Day, i.e the cessation of organised resistance in Europe, there should be in all schools a simple form of service, after which the children should be dismissed immediately for the remainder of that day and the following school day. Yours Faithfully, E Stephens, Director of Education	2 May 1945	256

		Owing to a BBC announcement last evening to the effect that today and tomorrow were to be recognised as National Holidays, only half a dozen children at school this morning. Therefore, the short service mentioned above was cancelled, and the few boys dismissed	8 May 1945	256-257
		School re-opened this morning after the two VE Holidays with 11 boys present out of the 168 on books	10 May 1945	257
EA23/13	Park Girls	School re-opened after Mid-Summer Vac and also an additional week because of the outbreak of War	10 Sep 1939	23
		School opened today, Tuesday. No Whitsun Holiday by order of the B of E because of the War Crisis. A Powell absent today. Could not return from holiday until Monday	14 May 1940	25
		School was closed on Tuesday afternoon, May 21 <sup>st</sup> so that teachers could prepare billets for the reception of Evacuees from Ilford. School again closed this afternoon May 24 <sup>th</sup> for the arrival of the above Evacuees	24 May 1940	25
		School has been closed on July 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> . War Emergency-safeguarding the schools. Re-opened today 18 <sup>th</sup> July	18 Jul 1940	26
		School closes this morning at noon for the Midsummer Holiday-re-opens August 19 <sup>th</sup> -a fortnight	2 Aug 1940	26
		School closes this morning for a fortnight's holiday-re-open 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	6 Sep 1940	26
		School closed this afternoon for the reception of Evacuees	10 Oct 1940	26
		School closed this afternoon and on Monday Oct 14 <sup>th</sup> for the reception of Evacuees	11 Oct 1940	26
		School closed on Monday Nov 25 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday afternoon, Nov 26 <sup>th</sup> -Evacuees from Birmingham	27 Nov 1940	27
		School closed this afternoon for billeting purposes	5 Mar 1941	28
		A lecture on Milk-its Food Value-was given by Miss A G Jones under the auspices of the National Milk Publicity Council. 3-30	29 May 1941	29
		Whitsun Holiday is postponed because of Evacuees arriving on Saturday from Cardiff	30 May 1941	29
		School closed this afternoon in order that teachers may find billets for Birmingham Evacuees	3 Dec 1941	30
		School again closed this afternoon for the arrival of Evacuees from Birmingham	4 Dec 1941	30
		School closes this morning for a fortnight's holiday. The school will be opened for the last fortnight in August, but there will be no registration	31 Jul 1942	33
		School closes for the Whitsun holiday today, Thursday, instead of tomorrow, Friday. The extra day was given because of the splendid effort made during the Wings for Victory week	10 Jun 1943	35

		by the schools. School re-open June 21st		
		School closes for the Easter Vacation-reopen April 17 <sup>th</sup> . School was also closed yesterday afternoon, April 5 <sup>th</sup> for billeting	6 Apr 1944	37
		School closes this afternoon for the Whitsun Holiday. An additional day's Holiday, Monday June 6 <sup>th</sup> , has been granted in recognition of the great effort made by the schools during "Salute the Soldier" week, when £30,000 was collected. School will re-open on Tuesday	26 May 1944	38
		School closed this afternoon-evacuation of London schools	6 Jul 1944	38
		School closed this afternoon because of the arrival of 400 Evacuees from London	14 Jul 1944	39
		School closed again today because of Evacuees	29 Aug 1944	39
		VE Day. School closed to celebrate cessation of hostilities in Europe. Very poor attendance on two following days	8-9 May 1945	42
EA26/4	Ynyslwyd Mixed	About 120 boys and girls attended school but according to instructions they were sent home. No school for the week	4 Sep 1939	80
		School re-opened. All staff present	11 Sep 1939	80
		7 bundles of timber received	13 Sep 1939	80
		Mr W H Evans HMI called in the afternoon seeking information re the school's Air Raid preparations. The senior scholars form 4a had previously canvassed-Cardiff Rd only being used	19 Sep 1939	81
		The pupils were informed of the addresses of their Shelter houses. They were told to proceed to these houses and remain outside until the school staff had verified their correctness, All were at their proper places. A test of evacuating school was made in the afternoon-merely to the outside gates. It took just under 45 seconds. This leaves 4 ¼ minutes, and as the furthest "Shelter" is not more than three minutes distant, there should be ample time	20 Sep 1939	81
		Ed Comm ARP sub-comm at school re preparations for Air Raids	25 Sep 1939	81
		Sent 6 "dud" electric bulbs to Mr Crosby. Gas satchels finished 190 approx	5 Oct 1939	82
		Black Out window covers	9 Oct 1939	82
		ARP rehearsal at 3.45. It took 2 mins 35 secs from Warning to last one reaching Shelter	18 Oct 1939	82
		New Times. Morning 9 to 9.40, 9.40-10.20m 10.25 to 11.05, 11.05 to 11.45, afternoon 1.15 to 1.55, 1.55 to 2.35, 2.35 to 2.40, 2.40 to 3.20	1 Nov 1939	82
		Returned to usual times of school sessions on introduction of summer time	26 Feb 1940	85
		Sent in Evacuee Forms and Police Form	17 May 1940	88



	Afternoon-Holiday-Education Office asks staff to re-canvass district for accommodation for Evacuees	21 May 1940	88
	In the afternoon Misses Frayne, Matthews, V Jones and O Jones were asked to make a special canvass of their districts-urgent	22 May 1940	88
	Owing to reception of Evacuees, the afternoon was given as a holiday	24 May 1940	88
	Mr J G Thomas absent-to Lichfield. Seriously wounded soldier visited	31 May 1940	88
	Order to Boots cash chemists-First Aid supplies. Goods arrived	21 Jun 1940	89
	Pasting windows with strips	9 Jul 1940	89
	Bombs dropped in valley 12.15pm	10 Jul 1940	89
	No school-Window strip pasting	11-15 Jul 1940	89
	Practiced getting to shelter on staircases	19 Jul 1940	90
	School begins @ 10am, ends 12 noon. Only two periods taken. The time table up to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> period worked this week. I have decided not to have assembly or choral singing in Main Hall, as it would be difficult to evacuate room with so many chairs about	22 Jul 1940	90
	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> periods of time table taken in the morning for this week	29 Jul 1940	90
	School re-opened. Instructions from Educn Office, that lessons were to partake of games and walks re-as much as possible in the open air	19 Aug 1940	90
	The Director called re possibility of school garden	22 Aug 1940	90
	Interview with owner agent of Ynyslwyd House re garden	23 Aug 1940	90
	Held an impromptu sports in playground, very successful. AR Warning at 3.57. Children dispersed in 3 ½ mins to "House Shelters" very orderly. I went round to see all. All Clear 4.50	29 Aug 1940	90
	New pupils received, pm shown to House Shelters	2 Sep 1940	91
	No school in afternoon due to reception of Evacuees: staff out on billet canvassing	10 Oct 1940	91
	No school in afternoon for same reason as above	11 Oct 1940	91
	No school all day-reception of Evacuees	14 Oct 1940	91
	Air Raid Warning-11.45am House Shelters	28 Oct 1940	91
	Two PC's called re Telephone Kiosk. Receiver cut away	30 Oct 1940	91
	ARW 10.35am. House Shelters	1 Nov 1940	91
	Took the top forms 4a 3a 2a myself in First Aid	8 Nov 1940	92
	First Aid top forms	15 Nov 1940	92
	Ministry of Information's Films shown in school	19 Nov 1940	92

		Corp informed me that no more "Milk for payment" to be delivered. Refund enter to those who had paid for the week	19 Nov 1940	92
		No school. Arrangements for Evacuees from Birmingham	25 Nov 1940	92
		No school afternoon. Billeting Evacuees from Birmingham	26 Nov 1940	92
		No school. Evacuation arrangements	27 Nov 1940	92
		The Director called re accommodation for 60 girls from Camden St Birmingham in this school	28 Nov 1940	92
		Called in office re-successor to Miss C Matthews and registration of B'ham Girls: Information: Enter names tc on admission bk: five totals and averages added on to YCS but kept apart	5 Dec 1940	93
		Miss Knight called on behalf of LCC to interview their Evacuees in this school	13 Dec 1940	93
		The Director called re Cello recital at Gadlys Central School and re B'ham pupils and cookery	13 Jan 1941	94
		Main Hall windows relieved of the "Black-Out"	12 Feb 1941	95
		War Weapons week. Total £415 12s 0d	24-28 Feb 1941	95
		Miss Parry and Mr W H Evans HMIs called re Dom Sc for Camden St Sen Girls	26 Feb 1941	95
		St David's Day celebrations am. While in main hall Siren sounded. The Alert 10.10 to 10.40. Camden St Girls present here	28 Feb 1941	96
		Alert 3.50-4.20pm	3 Mar 1941	96
		ARW 1.25 to 2.15 approx. Pupils came to school and lined up on stone staircases	7 Mar 1941	96
		ARW 11 to 11.35. ARW 3.20 to 3.35	10 Mar 1941	96
		ARW 2.45-3.35, stone staircase	11 Mar 1941	96
		Workmen putting electric light in shelters	12 Mar 1941	96
		Mr J G Thomas absent-Air Ministry-Interview. ARW 3.30 to 3.45pm	17 Mar 1941	96
		Camden St Girls (10 of them) started Dom Sci at Wind St Centre with 3a girls	18 Mar 1941	97
		1b and 1c girls cease to get Dom Sci. Girls of Camden St Sen Sch take on the day at the centre	20 Mar 1941	97
		Sent in scheme of "First Aid" instruction to Educ Office	24 Mar 1941	97
		"Alert" at 9.23am. "Clear" 9.35am and again "Alert" at 9.40am. "Clear" at 10.15am. On both warnings pupils took up positions on stone staircases	26 Mar 1941	97
		10 tins of biscuits from Coop	28 Mar 1941	97

	Miss Burgess of Unemployment Exchange and Mrs Poole interviewed "leavers"	2 Apr 1941	98
	Mr W H Evans HMI called re Feeding	24 Apr 1941	98
	Sent to Camden St Senior Girls at Blaengwawr Sch 20 yds of print, 4 reels cotton, 4 pickets of needles, 2 doz dress fasteners ½ doz embroidery cotton, 20 thimbles	30 Apr 1941	98
	Forms re continuation of free Milk received from office and distributed	6 May 1941	99
	Examined Gas Masks of those present. One found unfit; several of wrong sizes	13 May 1941	99
	Accountant (Mr G H Thomas) Mr Jeff Evans came to assess value of furniture and stock	15 May 1941	99
	Supplied Camden St Sen Girls at Blaengwawr with 33 Chambers' "Universal Blackleads"	16 May 1941	99
	Dr Marsden called re children on Milk list	21 May 1941	100
	List of children who are no longer to receive free Milk received from office	27 May 1941	100
	Siren sounded Warning in the morning-No plane in the vicinity	29 May 1941	100
	Read out list of children who are now on the Free Milk list	30 May 1941	100
	Director, HMI and Mr Thomas of Cardiff called re numbers of Cardiff children on books here. Broke up at noon	6 Jun 1941	101
	Boys and Girls school bus did not take them home-dinner hour. Consequently several never put in an appearance at the afternoon session	7 Jul 1941	101
	"Leavers" interviewed by Miss Burgess and Mrs Poole	22 Jul 1941	102
	Miss A G Jones spoke to the whole school 2.15-2.45pm on "The Food Value of Milk", under the auspices of the National Milk Publicity Council	25 Jul 1941	102
	Received 140 Evacuee Record Cases from Education Office. 8 free and 8 paid meals. Communal began at Masonic Hall 12.30pm	2 Sep 1941	103
	13/4 sent to Educ Office-"Paid Meals"	5 Sep 1941	103
	Evacn Cards for B'ham children sent to office	22 Sep 1941	104
	Dinner supervision at Masonic Hall begun	23 Sep 1941	104
	Received permit for Milk in Schools scheme	10 Oct 1941	104
	School starts at 9.15am. Four periods in the morning	20 Oct 1941	104
	Miss Evans B'ham helped with the classes in this school-her children, all at Dom Centre	23 & 30 Oct 1941	104
	Electrician began putting up Alarm Bells	31 Oct 1941	104
	Closed at 4pm (winter months)	3 Nov 1941	104
	Alarm Bells now in use	4 Nov 1941	104
	Half Holiday (afternoon) billeting, reception of B'ham Evacuees	3-4 Dec 1941	105

		Tea given to the pupils-3pm at request of Welfare (Evac) Comm and Educ A	18 Dec 1941	105
		School re-opened. All Staff present. Camden St Girls at Blaengwawr brought to Ynyslwyd, but marked on their own register for this week (ending 9 Jan)	5 Jan 1942	105
		The Director called re Camden St Sch Girls who were to be absorbed into the Ynyslwyd CS	6 Jan 1942	106
		The books belonging to this school and Camden St Girls were brought up from Blaengwawr	7 Jan 1942	106
		Camden St Girls, absorbed into the school and placed on Forms 1b, 2b and 3 registers and Miss Evans of Birmingham who was in charge-acting on this staff	12 Jan 1942	106
		Sent to Educ Office Evacuee Forms	16 Jan 1942	106
		Admitted 12 boys and 9 girls from Senior standard (Evacuees from B'ham) from Aberaman Junior mixed. Placed as follows: 2 girls in Form 3; 5 boys and 5 girls in Form 1a; 5 boys in 1b; and 2 boys and 2 girls in 1c	2 Feb 1942	106
		Warship week. Collection total £340 15s 0d	23-27 Feb 1942	107
		BBC Van. Recording 4 items of St David's Day celebrations	2 Mar 1942	107
		Mr T J Lewis called regarding school gardening	12 Mar 1942	107
		Received from Office 12 registers, 16 syllabus books, 1"Orange" book, 1 Milk order book	23 Mar 1942	108
		Examined Garden Plot with Mr Jones	24 Mar 1942	108
		School gardening-with the aid of garden tools brought by the pupils, a portion of the plot was freed from turf and dug am and pm. Mr Jones in charge	30 Mar 1942	108
		Gardening tools from J D Williams. 7 spades, 5 forks, 6 hoes	14 Apr 1942	108
		2 more forks received, 2 handlines, planting trowels and forks	15 Apr 1942	109
		70lbs of potatoes from Coop	17 Apr 1942	109
		"Hopeat" (Manure) from JDWms	17 Apr 1942	109
		Two rakes and 2 mattocks, 50 lettuce plants from Marsh	21-22 Apr 1942	109
		Mr Evans HMI called re feeding arrangements	23 Apr 1942	109
		25 boys drawn from forms 2a, b, c attended a "Dig For Victory" film at St David's Hall, 11am to 12.15pm	14 May 1942	109
		11 (Eleven) folding tables received for purposes of meals	2 Jun 1942	110
		22 folding forms (benches) for meal purposes	3 Jun 1942	110
		Received bundle of kidney bean sticks from Educ Authority	16 Jun 1942	110
		Copper Cistern arrived for kitchen	28 Jun 1942	111

		Galvanised Iron Washing Tank and Drainers received	29 Jun 1942	111
		2 large ovens received from AEC	2 Jul 1942	111
		Masons and carpenter began work in kitchen-1/2 cupboard removed and fire grate. Porcelain wash up and draining board removed. Range put in and copper cistern and draining and washing tank. Plumbing still to be done	14 Jul 1942	112
		Sent several bundles of unwanted books to salvage centre	20 Jul 1942	112
		Meals and Milk circumstance forms distributed	2 Sep 1942	112
		Meals served in the Dining Hall for the first time. 23 free 54 paid	14 Sep 1942	113
		Mr W H Evans HMI called at feeding centre. Pupils had finished their meal	17 Sep 1942	113
		Mr W H Evans called to inspect children at meals	6 Oct 1942	113
		Mr Idwal Rees absent afternoon-with permission and without pay-Broadcast rehearsal at Cardiff	18 Nov 1942	114
		"Leavers" interviewed by representative of Employment Exchange	14 Dec 1942	115
		Miss E B Frayne during the afternoon visited a "clothing-make do and mend" exhibition at the Memorial Hall from 2.30 to 4.30pm. Dressmaking teachers were particularly invited to visit the Exhibition	7 Jan 1943	116
		Mrs Chandler, Rhigos, visitor for Cardiff Evacuees now in Aberdare, called at the school. She left a gift for one Cardiff Evacuee from the War Relief Society USA	10 Mar 1943	118
		During the afternoon an Anglo-Russian concert was given in the main Hall. Artistes-Miss Ina de la Haye, Mr Franz Reizenstein, Miss Jean Layton Miss Cleo Nord and Miss Helen Pyke. Four of the artistes had dinner with the children in the dining hall. The children of Mardy Senior school and 43 boys from Cwmbach Senior school were also present at the concert	25 May 1943	119
		A short ceremony was held in the main hall from 3.30-4.15pm in connection with United Nations Day (June 14 <sup>th</sup> ). All forms and all the staff were present. A short address on the United Nations was given by the headmaster	10 Jun 1943	119
		The school was closed. Holiday was given in appreciation of the efforts of teachers and pupils during "Wings for Victory" week	11 Jun 1943	120
		Mr Idwal Rees was absent during the afternoon session. Leave of absence granted with pay to attend Ministry of Information conference at Cardiff	15 Sep 1943	122
		Armistice Day services held at 11am in main hall. Headmaster read message from General Smuts	11 Nov 1943	123

		Miss James Labour Exchange interviewed "Leavers"	13 Dec 1943	124
		Headmaster asked staff and pupils to contribute towards the Yugoslav Relief Society, in response to appeal made by HRH Princess Romanovsky Pavlovsky, (Chair) Yugoslav Relief Society, 46 Piccadilly, London. Amt collected from pupils and staff-£2 14s 10d	4 Feb 1944	125
		Cheque for £2 14s 10d sent by Headmaster to Chairman, Yugoslav Relief Society, 46 Piccadilly, London	14 Feb 1944	125
		Miss James and Mrs Hughes, Labour Exchange, Aberdare interviewed "Leavers" (18) between 10am and 11am	21 Mar 1944	126
		School closed for the afternoon session. The staff were required to find billets for possible Evacuees	5 Apr 1944	126
		Collection made for Overseas league Tobacco Fund. Amt collected-£1 10s 0d	24 May 1944	127
		United Nations Day observed during morning assembly	14 Jun 1944	127
		School closed during the afternoon. Staff billeting	6 Jul 1944	128
		School closed during the afternoon. Staff billeting	14 Jul 1944	128
		Mrs Hughes from Labour Exchange interviewed Leavers	18 Jul 1944	128
		During the morning whole school was at Palladium for Film Show	27 Jul 1944	128
		Admitted 35 pupils-Evacuees transferred from Aman Central Sch. Miss Burch, LCC teacher, arrived in the afternoon with letter of instruction from the Director of Education. Mrs James, 19 Fothergill St, visitor for Cardiff Evacuees visited the school	4 Apr 1944	129
		During the afternoon all London Evacuees were taken on a school excursion to Foel Penderyn	19 Sep 1944	129
		Mrs Smith, 3 Herbert St Aberdare visitor for Cardiff Evacuees visited the school	26 Sep 1944	129
		Miss Kathleen Sayle LCC teacher joined the staff of the school. She was transferred here from Blaengwawr Jun School	26 Sep 1944	129
		Mr Pritchett of Cadbury's Firm, Bournville, Birmingham, showed three films in main hall to the whole school from 10.40am to 11.30am. The three films were "When we build again", a short cartoon film and a film illustrating life in the Gold Coast Colony, W Africa	17 Oct 1944	129
		During morning session all the pupils (214) attended Film show at Palladium from 10-12 noon	15 Dec 1944	130
		Mrs Hughes, Labour Exchange and Rev Eynon Davies interviewed "Leavers". Both impressed by superior standard of present term "leavers"	13 Mar 1945	133
		Mrs Simpson, Ministry of Information, called and arranged for film show in this school on	12 Apr 1945	133

		Friday May 18 <sup>th</sup> at 10.45am		
		School closed-VE Holidays	8-9 May 1945	134