



Cwmrhydyceirw Primary school



1923

100 years of Cynefin at CRC

Cynefin



'The place where we feel we belong,
where the people and landscape around
us are familiar and the sights and sounds
are reassuringly recognisable.'

(Curriculum for Wales)





Researching Our School's History



A group of budding archivists researched our school's history at West Glamorgan Archives, Swansea as part of our centenary celebrations. They looked at old maps, log books and Swansea council records to find out about our school's history. The group then shared this information with our school community...





Cwmrhydyceirw Board School (1897-1923)

Cwmrhydyceirw Tabernacle

Cwmrhydyceirw Board School.
Infants'

This School was opened on the 17th
of February, 1897.

The following is a list of the Staff:-

Annie Thomas. (Co. P.T.) Article 68.

Catherine Thomas. Co. P.T.

Rachel Harris. Third Year. P.T.

Ellen Francis. First Year P.T.

Mary Jane Williams. ^{Substituted} Head Teacher.

59 children were admitted.

Miss Annie Thomas transferred to
Meath Road Girl's School. Morriston.
March 1st 1897.

Miss Margaret L. John, Article 68,
commenced duties at this School
March 1st 1897.

This School was closed, March 2nd 8³⁰
for Llangyfelach Fair.

This School was closed March 11th for the
N. W. J Football Match.
March 24th 1897. Head Teacher absent ^{in the afternoon.} Attending Board Meeting.



This was the old infant school on Cwmrhydyceirw Road; the children of Cwmrhydyceirw were taught here from 1897-1923. When the pupil numbers increased, our school was built and the church school was closed. **Cwmrhydyceirw Primary School** opened in 1923. Sadly, the tabernacle closed in 2022. Our year 3 pupils were invited to visit before the closure.



The inscription on the clock 'Rhodd y Plant' - from the children. We are now the custodians of this piece of local history.

Our year 3 pupils (2023) visited Cwmrhydyceirw Tabernacle before it was closed and imagined what school life would have been like before 1923. If you look closely, you will see the tabernacle's clock that was gifted to them from the children of Cwmrhydyceirw over one hundred ago. When the tabernacle closed, the clock was given to our school – you can see it proudly on display in our school foyer.



Morrison School.

When Cwmrhydyceirw Will Be Opened.

At Swansea School Buildings Committee on Monday the Director of Education reported that the new Cwmrhydyceirw School would be officially opened on April 1st, but the formal opening would probably be the Monday afterwards. The new school would accommodate 180 children, and with a push another 60 might be put there.

It was built on open-air lines like Glanmor, and would be a very pleasant substitute for the present inconvenient premises. By the erection of the Corporation houses in the district the school would be well filled and eventually it would relieve Pentrepoeth. It is proposed for the present not to take children over Standard III. or IV., or, say, the age of ten, and it was hoped that eventually steps would be taken for the classification of schools in this respect in this country.

Meantime the suggested line of demarcation was the brook which runs from Petraralian Pit, Chemical-road, behind the Corporation houses.



We used our school log books to find out about our school's history. These were records that head teachers would keep which have given us glimpses into life at CRC in the past.

Our log books date from 1934-2000, when they were no longer an obligation for head teachers to complete. These are precious to us and have shown us just how much life has changed for our CRC pupils.

In 1923, our school's opening day appeared in the local news. We were helped to find this important archive by one of our pupil's grandparents.

THE DAY OUR SCHOOL OPENED



1923



We found out that our first head teacher was Miss Annie Arnold. She moved from the infant school and was head mistress for one year. The next head teacher was Arthur Rees Lewis.



After 1923



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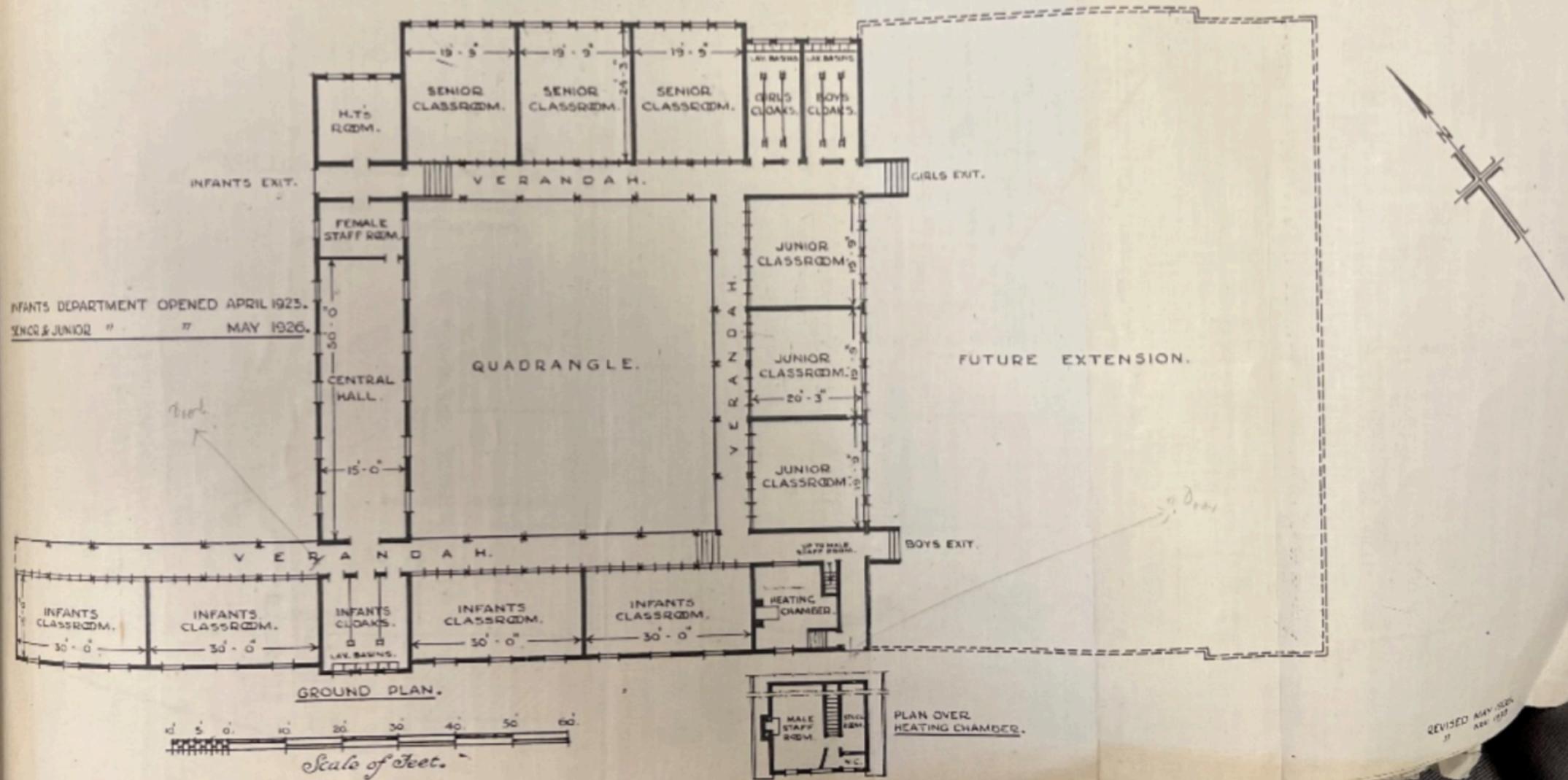


Our whole community supported us to find out about the first pupils to attend our school in 1923 and shared photos with us. We found out about the ancestors of our current pupils.

Our year 3 pupils use sources and maps to find out about our past pupils' lives.



CWMRHYDYCEIRW SCHOOL
(MIXED & INFANTS DEPARTMENTS.)



Over the years our school building has changed a lot. Back then, things were very different; the boys and girls were taught in different classrooms, they had different exits and even the teachers were separated by gender!

The school has increased in size and capacity. Back then the school only had enough room for 180 pupils. Now our school has over 500 pupils.

PLANT A TREE IN '73



In Y4, we looked at the tree planting year of '73 which had the phrase 'plant a tree in '73, plant some more in '74.'

We found out how our class teacher, Mrs Ruth Evans was a pupil here at the time and helped to plant the trees. We have found some of the trees that have been planted and are grateful for their efforts in 1973.

Our Eco committee continue to look for ways to develop our school grounds for future generations at CRC.

Our former year 6 pupils created a mural to celebrate our centenary with local artist, Rhys Padarn.

We hope that it will be on display for many years at CRC.





As part of our centenary celebrations, our pupils designed a logo to commemorate this special event in CRC history. We had mugs and coasters made with this special logo.

This was also to replicate our school's history of creating merchandise to mark events, such as the millennium.



PS2 Centenary Service - The Tabernacle

Dear parents,

On Wednesday 29th March, the pupils in PS2 (years 1, 2 and 3) will be taking part in a service to celebrate our school's centenary year. This will be at 1.45pm and the service will end at approximately 2.30pm. All pupils will need to wear their school uniform. Tickets will be available to buy at the cost of £1 per ticket from the school office (more information to follow).



PS3 Centenary Service - The Tabernacle

Dear parents,

On Wednesday 29th March, the pupils in PS3 (years 4, 5 and 6) will be taking part in an evening service to celebrate our school's centenary year. The children will have the opportunity to visit the Tabernacle on the morning of Wednesday 29th March for a rehearsal in preparation for the evening performance. Each year group will be taken there via bus with the option of walking if the weather permits. The usual school times will be unaffected.



As part of our celebration week, Mrs Evans and Mr Rees organised a centenary concert. We even had a special performance from a former pupil and 'Phantom of the Opera' star, Huw Priday.



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