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BOOK



Std 1 & 2 Miss Halsall : Art (Juniors)
 Infants. -- Ellison
 Headmaster C.H. Battersby Geography (Seniors)

Mr Baxter represented the Rector, who was unavoidably absent, at the opening and gave them the word Progress to bear in mind.

To-day new dinner arrangements were inaugurated ; cooked dinners are now provided at 3^d per diem.

Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot-pot	Potato-pie	Sausage	Soup	Beefsteak
			mashed potato (Hams hank)	pudding

Fruit : Apples, orange, or banana.

One hundred and twenty children sat down to dinner.

Visited by Mr Workman and Miss Howman, County Officers, to see if anything had not arrived.

Visited by Miss Howman who voiced the Committee's appreciation of the

Jan 8th

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Dining arrangements.

- Jan 16. Visited by the Rector, who took Form III for Scripture.
- 24 Staff meeting for discussion of raising tone of school.
- 28 Miss Oswell absent from duty owing to a severe chill.
Received from Dr Barker, Assistant County Medical Officer, a certificate stating fall of attendance during Weeks ending Oct. 26th and Nov. 2nd 1928 to less than 60% was due to epidemic illness in the district. Consequently attendances made during those two weeks have been disregarded.
- 30 Miss Oswell returned to duty this morning.
- Erasure noted in Form III register, and irregularity pointed out.
- 31 Visited by Mr Workman, County Organiser.
- Feb. 11 Miss Oswell absent owing to her mother's death.
- 12 Visited school & found register correct
School closed at noon for Shrove Tuesday half holiday.

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Feb. 13th

Miss Gregson absent owing to ^{Stringles} influenza.
With two of the staff being absent
the Time Table has been somewhat
disorganised. I myself have taken
Forms I & II together mostly.

Feb. 15th

Miss Ellison absent owing to influenza.
With three members of staff absent
the work is more disorganised still.

Miss Halsall took charge of Infants
with her own class.

An increasing number of children
make good use of the newspapers
and magazines provided for their use.
Some of the staff get amongst them &
encourage them to ask for explanations.

Received medical certificate from Miss
Gregson. Form I woodwork lesson not taken
Received Medical Certificate from Miss
Ellison.

16th

Miss Oswell returned to duty this morning

17th

Miss Oswell again absent, this time
due to bad cold.

I notified D.C. of absence of three
of the staff, and received promise

of temporary assistance.

I myself am taking forms I & II together; the Time-table cannot be strictly adhered to.

Form I is a particularly poor class, far below the standard required for such a class. Many children do not know the correct formation of their letters, so am paying special attention to this this week.

Rotation is very imperfectly understood by many; five children could not write down in figures the number five hundred and forty four.

Very few appear to be able to absorb matter read, consequently the study of geography and history from books is very slow.

Form II Woodwork lesson not taken. Mr Hyde stated temporary duty this afternoon

Feb. 20th

Visited by Mr Morris, H.H.Y.I., who stayed about two hours.

22 Form I woodwork lesson not taken
Examiner Reposter & four others

E. L. Walker,

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- Feb. 27. Miss Ellison returned to duty at noon.
- 28 Miss Gregson returned to duty this morning.
Much sickness in the district and many children absent.
- Mar. 5 Miss Gregson again absent from duty.
- 6 Received medical certificate from Miss Gregson. Mrs Lund commenced duty.
- 11 Miss Manson absent from duty, sent Doctor's Certificate. Miss Owell returned.
- 15 Mrs Hyde & Mrs Lund both ceased temporary duty.
- 18 Miss Gregson & Miss Manson both returned to duty.
- 22 Visited by the Rector
- 25 Closed for Easter Vacation at noon.
- Apr. 8 Re-opened - Attendance good. School clean.
Held Staff meeting and discussed time keeping, earnestness of purpose, and time tables also various points re [Registration, Visiting Hall visited at noon by Sir Wroth & Lady Lethbridge.]
- 9 Visited by Miss Johnson, Headmistress of one of the Contributary Schools, for purpose of discussing schemes of

work for the better co-operation of the two schools.

Apr. 10. Visited by member of County Architect's Staff.

Visited by Mr Richardson, H.M.I., who spent about half an hour in school.

11 Staff Conference, continued, discussion of Classification.

12 Have tried out a new time-table this week. This was necessary consequent upon a slight alteration in subjects & classes taught by some of the Staff.

The following arrangement now stands.

Form III Mr Morris

Handicraft & Science I-III Maths I.

Form II Miss Oswell

History I-III Music 1-4

Needlecraft English, owned partly II

I. Miss Gregson Handwork (Sci.)

Maths II-III Needlecraft III

Handwork. I-III

Std 3-4 Miss Mason.

Geography & Nature (Juniors)

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April

Stds Miss Halsall

History (Juniors) Poetry

Art (Juniors) Handwork (Juniors)

Infants - Miss Ellison.

Last term's temporary arrangement for teaching of cookery has now been superseded; Miss Collier comes every Thursday & alternate Wednesdays.

16 Miss Watson absent from duty; a medical certificate states her to be suffering from chronic catarrh of the middle ear.

Mrs Lund commenced temporary duty this morning.

18 Staff meeting - discussion on Composition marking & Correction, also system of rewards.

19 Visited by Rev. S. L. Mather.

22 Visited by Mr Workman, County Organiser.

Inaugurated a system of Stars & Stripes for Rewards & Punishment. Also divided the Seniors (Central Classes) into Houses, which have been named

- 1929 Hercward, Drake, Nelson,
and Segrave, &
- April 26 The Captain of each House planted a
young oak.
- 26 Miss Ellison absent from duty owing
to sickness.
- Miss Hyde commenced temporary
duty this afternoon.
- Miss Halsall, Miss Gregson & myself left
school with the Managers' permission
at 3.20 p.m. - we proceeded to Liverpool
University (Abercromby House) to view
an exhibition of Drawings & Handwork
of Czechoslovakian children.
- May 5th Mrs Lund & ceased duty to day.
- 6th Miss Manson returned to duty
to-day. She informs me that she
has applied for a Breakdown
allowance.
- 7 Miss Gregson absent today owing to loss of
voice.
- 8 Miss Gregson returned to duty.
No day being Ascension Day the
whole school attended Church from

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9 to 9.45 a.m.

the school closed for the afternoon.

May 14

Mr Hude ceased duty today.

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Miss Ellison returned to duty this morning.

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School closed this afternoon for Whitsuntide

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School re-opened.

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Empire Day Celebrations carried out in the morning, during which an address was given by Rev H. E. Baxter.

The usual Empire Day Half-Holiday was taken in the afternoon.

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School closed all day for Election purposes.

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Following a series of talks to the Seniors on the General Election a mock election was held this afternoon.

As a result of the month's endeavour Drake House secured the Shield with a total of 43 stars.

June 3

Visited by Mr Baxter.

June 7.

Form II produced their 1st play entitled "Fairy Prisoners" and this, like the one produced by Form III a few weeks ago, was well done and certainly encourages me to go on with the idea.

Keen rivalry exists between the Houses for stars for victories in Inter-House matches which are played in the dinner period.

June 12

Visited by Rev. H. E. Baxter who had dinner with me in the Dining Hall. Visited by Lady Lethbridge in the afternoon.

" 19 I was absent from school on the 17th & 18th when I took my ~~songs~~ ~~for~~ to Cambridge (King's College) for trial for Choristership.

Mr Steer, Horticultural Expert, visited the school during my absence, and was shown round the garden by one of the gardening boys. Mr Steer expressed his pleasure at the changes made and his delight at the boys' ability to talk so freely of work done in the garden.

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June 22

Rose Queen Festival in Halsall House Grounds.
Every child in the school took part in
this

- 25 Visited by Sir Wroth & Lady Lethbridge
 - 26 Staff meeting (Central classes) to discuss text books for English.
 - 27 Miss E.C. Gregson absent through sickness Visited by Mr. Dostmann with whom I discussed arrangement of classes.
 - 28 After a month's keen effort Drake House has again won the Shield which was presented to the Captain this afternoon
- July 1st Miss E.C. Gregson returned to duty this morning.

The ordinary timetable suspended during the two days examinations.

July 12th School closed at noon for midsummer holidays.

Aug 12th Re-opened school this morning. During the holidays portions of the playground were re-asphalted, and a new range fixed in the Dining Hall.

With the commencement of a new school year 20 senior scholars were admitted from the surrounding schools.

Mary Knowles was appointed Captain of the school, and Henry Sergeant was elected to a vacant vice-captaincy. The new children were drafted into the various houses.

Aug 27. Visited by Sir Wroth & Lady Lethbridge who checked the Registers.

Mr Morris H.M.T. called in at 10.30 am. and stayed until about 2 p.m. discussing organisation.

28. Visited by Mr Longden, Assistant Commissioner National Savings Assoc, who addressed the Children on Saving.

Sep. 6th Miss Hanson informed me this morning that she had been granted a Breakdown Allowance and consequently she terminated her engagement this afternoon.

- 9 Miss Doris Jones commenced temporary duty this morning.

- 12 Visited by Mr Workman with whom I discussed Staffing.

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- Sep 20 Registers checked by Lady Lethbridge.
- 21 Drake House has again secured the House Shield.
- Oct. 3 Registers checked by Lady Lethbridge.
- 4 School closed for mid-term holiday.
- 14 School re-opened.
- 18 School closed for the day to enable the children to compete at Blackpool Musical Festival. This is the first time Halsall School ^{has} done any musical festival work. No prize was gained but very good marks were obtained both by the Choirs (Junior and Senior) and the Folk Dancers. The experience gained has been well worth the effort. It was very pleasing to note how much the critical faculties have been aroused.
- The Folk Dancers with 78% marks gained a Second Class Certificate.
- Oct. 24th Mrs Forbes spoke to children of Central School and Stds 3 + 4 on Kindness to Animals this morning.
- Nov 1st Miss Doris ^{Jones} appointed on the permanent staff.

- Nov: 1st For the third month in succession
Drake House has won the Shield.
All Houses have succeeded in establishing
a better record.
- 5 I called in the Medical Officer of Health
consequent on discovery of two cases
of Diphtheria. He examined children
and excluded six until result is known
of bacteriological test. School was
also sprayed.
- 7 Four of the above six children have
given a positive swab.
- 11 Armistice Day celebrated by observation
of the Two Minutes Silence, and a short
service conducted by Mr Baxter.
- 14 Mr. Morris and Missie absent from
school attending a course at St
Annes dealing with the teaching of Science.
Mr Lund undertook temporary duty
for the two days.
- 18 Staff meeting held to discuss minor
details of discipline.
- 19 Discussion with History specialists on
History methods of teaching.

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- Dec. 2 Terminal Examinations started and
time-table consequently altered.
- 9 Miss Oswell absent from duty owing to
bad throat - subsequently taken to Hospital.
Mrs Lund commenced temporary duty
this morning -
- 19 School closed for Christmas Vacation.

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- Jan. 6 School re-opened. Mrs Lund still
on temporary staff as Miss Oswell is
still in Hospital.
- Visited by Dr Mansden. M.O.H.
- 7 Visited by Mr Peach, District Clerk, with
reference to supply of cutlery.
- 8 Staff meeting to discuss points of
discipline.
- 9 Central Staff meeting to discuss the Friday
afternoon programme.
- 10 This week a slight change in teaching
distribution has been made :
Miss Jones now takes Art ^(I-4) in place of
Miss Halsall, who takes Needlework (1-4)
in her place. Miss Jones now takes
Junior Handwork. Miss Halsall takes

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her own class for writing. These teachers take each take their own Nature Study.

- Jan 20. Staff meeting to discuss the importance of style in Composition and the use of the set book for Literature.
- 24 Staff Meeting to discuss best method of eradicating such common errors as theirs as, there fair, &c.
- Feb 3 Staff meeting to discuss the above still further.
- 10 Miss Joan Halsall absent from duty consequent on the extraction of some septic teeth. Medical Certificate received from Dental Surgeon.
Mrs Martin commenced temporary duty in Miss Halsall's place.
Received a telephone message from District Clerk asking that Mrs Martin should go to Pinfold tomorrow.
- 11 Miss Mann commenced temporary duty in Miss Halsall's place.
- 24st Mrs Lured of Miss Mann this day ceased duty.
- 24 Miss K.L. Oswell & Miss Joan Halsall

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returned to duty this morning.
Feb. 28 Received from Lady Lethbridge a pen
of Light Sussex (5 Pulletts & 1
(Cockerel) to start our Poultry
keeping enterprise.

This together with Rabbits (Chinchillas),
and Bees constitutes our endeavour
to interest in country life.

It is hoped to work these interests
in with the rest of the school work.

Also received this day a sitting of
Buff Rock eggs from the Newton
with Scales C.E. School with their
best wishes for our enterprise.

The Poultry Houses etc. Rabbit
Hutches, Bee Appliances are being
made by the boys.

School closed at noon for mid-term
holiday

Mar 5. School re-opened.

19 Mr Morris left school early this afternoon
to attend a course on Biology at
St Annes.

24 Mr Morris returned to duty

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- March 26 Miss E.C. Gregson & Miss K.L. Oswell left school at 3 p.m. to attend a course on English at St Annes.
- 28 School closed last night for weekend.
- Apr. 1 School re-opened.
- Miss Gregson & Miss Oswell returned to duty.
- 10 Visited by Mr Steer, County Horticultural Instructor, who expressed his delight at the improvements made in the garden.
- 15 Visited by Miss Jones, County Organiser, about pictures.
- 16 School closed for Easter Vacation.
- 28 School re-opened. Domestic Class formed for Boys.
- May 1 Staff meeting to discuss Scripture Syllabus.
- 5 Meeting of Senior Staff to discuss points to be talked over with Head of contributary schools.
- 13 Further discussion on the above points.
- June 4 Staff meeting to discuss points of discipline

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6. School closed for Whitsun Vacation.
11. School re-opened.
11. Examinations commenced.
16. School closed today on account of Sunday School trip.
17. Scripture Examination held this morning. School closed in the afternoon.
18. School re-opened.
Examinations continued.
24. Headmaster absent from school on business visit to Cambridge.
27. The school was honoured by the visit of Mrs Bose, of Indian Educational Service, who was escorted by Mr Herbert and Miss Howman, County Organisers.
30. Staff meeting to discuss points arising out of Examination.
1. Staff meeting to consider a suitable text-book for constructional work in English.
2. Visited Flaxayne School to discuss with Miss Crompton, the Headmistress, points requiring co-operation between the

two schools.

- July 5 Headmaster went to Oxford on a Course in Geography. (Absent for a fortnight.)
- 18 School closed for Midsummer Holidays.
- Aug 18 School re-opened.
- Children from the contributory schools admitted, and tested.
- Staff meeting held to emphasise need for demanding all children's energy in their work.
- 19 Discussion of reports with members of staff.
- 20 Discussion on mechanisation of addition & use of a table, also method of learning table. (Junior School Staff).
- Sep 4 Visited by Mr Herbert to discuss appointment of another teacher.
- 12 Miss Jones absent owing to slight appendix trouble.
- 15 Miss Mawdsley commenced temporary duty in Miss Jones' place.
- 25 Visited by Mr Herbert to discuss various points, e.g. medical chest etc.
- 26 Miss Mawdsley ended her period of temporary

Inspection of Schools in Religious Knowledge.

LIVERPOOL, August 10^a. 1930.

DEAR SIR,

I beg leave to send you the Report on the Inspection of your School, which is also submitted to the Bishop.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

To the Revd E. L. Mather.

C. F. H. Scally.

Harrow School. Inspected July 17th. 1930.

It was splendid to find a readiness to draw upon some of the very popular hymns, with vigorous words and tunes, which in most places will probably be among the hymns in use when the children are grown up.

Both the Senior School children and the juniors and infants sang with happiness and glee. Prayers were meaningful, said.

The Inspector had the privilege of joining with the Senior Children in their Special Service and of giving the address which is usually given by the Clergy of the parish. The children made a very attentive and stimulating congregation. They took their part throughout very well.

In the talks about the actual subjects taken in the lessons —

the Senior School children (two groups, 3 forms) did splendidly in the exchange of ideas and information with this visitor. It was most interesting to find that experiment had been made in the upper group of taking matter on the Prophets and from the Epistles not hitherto often attempted. The children made excellent sense of the points on which they were sounded. The lower group was in fine form on the manifold connections between the Bible, Prayer Book, and Catechism and interests, sympathies and issues of life that appeal to children.

The juniors were capital on Bible stories as revealing our Lord and on things in our own lives and the lives of the Old Testament heroes that children can appreciate and connect with their ideas of God's care and His will. The children were alive to the happiest kind of interpretation of the Catechism answers about our Christian manhood. Delightful interest here and the reflection of helpful careful teaching.

The Infants and Standard 1 did beautifully. Nothing within reason as a question for little children seemed to come across to them. There was bright inquiry of facts and sayings from the Bible and above all a feeling about God and ourselves and the world around that could only come from attractive helpful lessons.

The children of this School met this visitor half-way in friendliness and made their inspection a most enjoyable experience.

Number on the Books (Whole School) 227.

C. F. H. Scally.