

Glenuig School Logbook 1899-1930

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1899

- July 4 William Blackburn visited
November 10 "The want of fluent English is a great drawback to Fluent Reading still"
December 1 "Several children who are over age are yet in attendance. Margaret Gillies still a great defaulter."
December 15 "Poor attendance because of severe frost & snow storm"
December 22 "Attendance Poor. Attendance Officer visits. Notices sent out to defaulting parents".
December 29 "Four children left to attend a side school at Roshven for the winter months at least".

1900

- January 5 "No notice taken by parents of children over five, either of officers' visits or the Clerk's warnings"
January 12 "Taught new song 'Oh Come to the Mountain'".
January 26 "Usual Xmas Treat kindly given by Mr William Blackburn of Roshven. Each child received a warm garment. Visitors Mrs Blackburn, Mr & Mrs Blackburn & Miss McLean".
February 2 "Taught a new song. God Save the Queen".
February 9-16 School closed due to heavy snowstorm.
February 23 "No openings today or yesterday on account of 2 weddings with which nearly every family was connected".
March 2 "One child Margaret McKenzie age 3yrs 9 mths admitted". "viz Donald McPherson, Alex Gilles & Roderick McPherson Smirisary and John McDonald High Glenuig".
March 9 John McPherson age 7 admitted on Tuesday. Mazie McKenzie age 4 admitted last week.
March 13 School was closed. "Only 15 came, the rest laid up with influenza"
March 23 School reopened.
March 30 "Alexina Gillies & John McPherson both aged 5 admitted. Children very weak and not able for much work".
April 13 "Maggie Gillies again attending badly. Julia McDonald not yet sent to school. Lachlan McPhee standard VI has left district last week".
April 20 "A few of the elder children absent this week on account of Croft work".
May 4 "Stormy weather, children came soaked to school. Closed at 2.30".
May 12 "Visit from Rev CH Walsh & Mr Mour of Leeds".
May 18 "Attendance poor because children working for a few days peat cutting".
June 1 "Attendance of older children poor because of peat cutting".
July 6 "Attendance poor because of field work"
July 13 "Inspection to take place tomorrow Saturday".
August 10 "Attendance good on the whole considering that it is hay-time"
August 22 "School closed today until Monday owing to the Moidart Industrial Exhibition". Other mentions occur on August 1 (1902), August 5 (1904), August 22 (1907). What sort of exhibition was this? (GCB).
August 31 "Great storm of rain - roads flooded. Only 5 children came".
September 21 "Attendance better now that hay-making is finished. School closed today for the Holidays".
November 12 "School reopens". (21 days of holiday).
November 22 "in Gaelic speaking children the correct gramatical fluency in English is very noticeable and does great credit to the teacher"
December 28 "Tea party with Mrs Alan Blackburn + dancing + toy distribution".

1901

- January 11 "19 boys + 15 girls". "Wed. – Rev Manager visits".
January 25 Snow & storm. Only 5 go to school.
January 28 Little ones absent from school "chiefly from want of boots".
February 8 Maggie MacPherson leaves school with a Merit Certificate.
March 9 Roderic McLean has serious accident & "Will be unfit for school for some time".
March 15 "Only 30 children on Books"
May 17 "% of attendance down to the lowest of the year, viz 75. The cause is outdoor work. William Blackburn, Chairman."
May 31 "Children absent at peats".
June 28-9 July School closed. New year begins on 9 July. (2-week break).
July 19 Visit from Rev D MacKintosh, Manager and Miss Astley (?) from Borradale, The Rev Father Walsh, Chaplain of the Liverpool Training College.
August 2 "Alex MacKenzie still absent by order of Doctor".
August 14 "School closes today for Holidays".
September 31 "School re-opened after holidays". (7 weeks holidays).
October 4 "Miss Margaret MacDonald resigned to take charge of Ardnish side school. Annie Reynolds begins duties today".
"HMI Report for 1901. The school continues to be very creditably taught, and a marked feature is the growing success with which children whose home language is Gaelic are trained to express themselves with readiness and intelligence in English. Jane Mackey CM 1st Class, Annie Reynolds art (?) 32.C.3, William Blackburn - chairman".
October 18 "Children working steadily, but the elder boys are off now & then for potato gathering".
November 1 Church holiday.
November 15 "Attendance officer sent to find out about absentees. Several children at home for want of shoes".
November 22 "Stormy day. Only 6 children came to school. They were dried and sent home again".
December 23 "School closed today for Christmas".

1902

- January 3 "This afternoon the children were entertained by Mrs William Blackburn to tea, a Xmas tree & presents of clothing . A very happy evening was spent & the little folks went home heavily laden with their pretty useful gifts. Mrs Macdonald McVicar of Inver Moidart assisted Mrs William Blackburn".
January 31 "School closed on account of heavy snow storms
February 3 "The attendance officer says children are absent on account of want of boots and roads are still bad".
February 7 "John Gillies's name struck off The Register on account of bad health. Dr's certificate to that effect".
March 7 "Double attendance as teacher goes to Ardnish".
April 22 "Attendance still lower this week. Sickness is prevailing among juniors. One or two seniors still absent on account of croft work".
May 23 "Peat keeps children away".
June 26 Rev. Manager visits.
July 4 7 new children admitted to school.
July 18 "On Wednesday 23rd the children had a Coronation Treat given by Mrs McLaren of Samalaman".
July 25 "Mrs Blackburn & party from Roshven attended".
August 1 "Extra time given to sewing this week in preparation for the Moidart Industrial Exhibition".
August 11 "More work for the exhibition"
August 15 "Church Holiday. School closed".

- October 17 "School reopened. Josoph O' Connor (5) admitted. The Ardnish sub-school is in a most satisfactory condition. Lochailort sub-school at which ten pupils had attended had not been open the minimum number of times. It seems to be well taught".
- November 7 "Names taken off. Charles McDonald for winter months on account of his age, five, and a dangerous road to school. Margaret McEachain's name also struck off on account of sickness. She is being sent to the eye infirmary, Glasgow".
- December 12 Mistress absent visiting the side schools. School in charge of Mrs O' Connor and Miss Wood (Nult?)
- December 12 School attendance for quarter 32.8.

1903 (page 42)

- January 9 "Clothing distribution. Mrs William Blackburn, School Board Chairman, Mrs McVicar, Miss McLean & Major Blackburn".
- January 30 "Visit by Rev. D. MacKintosh (Manager)".
- February 10 School closed because of stormy weather.
- February 20 Severe storm damaged the school "to such an extent that a number of books including the record book were destroyed".
- February 23 Influenza very bad.
- February 24 "School closed until further orders from the medical officer".
- March 3 "School reopened. One child Joseph O' Connor left district". (Closed 7 days).
- April 24 Flora McDonald merit class left.
- June 30 "School year ended".
- July 3 New school year begins. 37 children.
- August 26 School closed for holidays
- October 23 Merit Certificate for Ada Woodmilt (?), Joan McPhee, Alan McEachan. Re-admitted Maggie McEachan, admitted Kathleen O' Nielley.
- October 30 2 children go to Glasgow. Visit by Mrs Macdonald MacVicar of Invermoidart.
- November 13 "John MacKenzie Class III Senior readmitted after nearly a year's absence".
- November 6 Report of HM Inspector for year ending June 30th 1903. (See photocopy). "An early enlargement of the premises seems absolutely unavoidable as the room is very overcrowded"
(pp52-53 log book)
- "Three sub-schools were examined under this school. Of these Ardnish passed very well. Lochailort made good progress, but should give more attention to Notation, Mental Arithmetic and Spelling, and South Morar is in very tolerable condition. If a grant is to be claimed for Roshven Subschool in future, the appraisal of the teacher must be obtained"
- December 4 (See photocopy). Attendance - "Older children have to go to hill for peats. Holidays on Monday it being St Andrews Day – Church Holidays".

1904 (page 52)

- January 1 "Mrs William Blackburn presented each child with a dress or jersey. Xmas treat given by Mrs WB. School visited by Mrs Blackburn of Roshven, Major Blackburn, Lady & Mrs McLaren and Mrs MacDonald McVicar. School work was not carried out today".
- January 13 "Two children from Roshven cannot come on account of weather & distance"
- February 2 "Influenza very bad".
- March 3 "School closed Monday & Tuesday – mistress being absent visiting side schools".
- March 25 "Alice Walsh admitted. Miss McKennan unable to resume duty".
- April 1 Miss McKennan unable to resume duty. Miss McK went to dentist in Glasgow. Joanna McPhee doing her duty.
- April 15 Dr McNaughton ordered the school to be closed because of influenza.
- May 30 School reopens. (Closed ~6 weeks).
- June 3 "Church holiday on 2nd June. Poor attendance on 3rd".
- July 1 "Reopen New School Year. 35 come. 38 book".
- July 15 "Attendance poor because of peat work".
- July 22 Angus McIsaac & Maggie McBride leave.
- July 29 "Poor attendance because of potato weeding".

- August 5 "Needlework done in preparation for Moidart Industrial Exhibition.
 August-Sept Holidays August 19 - September 30 (7 weeks)
 October 3 "School reopens after holidays".
 October 21 "Attendance poor because of potato gathering".
 Grant for all £148.4.0d
 Glenuig ahm (?) £105.16.0d
 "The Kinlochmoidart, Ardnish & South Morar schools well deserve the relative grant".
 November 2 "Angus McNeill returned to school just after being crossed off books".
 November 25 "School closed on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday on account of snow storm".
 December 2 "Wednesday being St, Andrew's Day there was no opening".
 December 16 "A course of dancing lessons began on Monday by Alexander MacLean. The lessons are to be given on Monday, Tuesday & Friday each week from 3pm till 4pm. This alters the Time Table for the time being".
 December 23 "Attendance excellent owing to dancing lessons".

1905 (page 68)

- January 6 "Mr William Blackburn arranged to have Xmas Treat take place on Monday 15th".
 January 9 "Poor attendance because of mumps".
 January 10 "Doctor ordered the school to be closed".
 February 16 "Doctor allowed to re-open the school".
 February 20 Monday. The school re-opens. (a 6-week closure).
 March 31 "All the children without exception being Catholics"
 April 4 "This afternoon the children had a gramophone entertainment after the school meeting and a distribution of sweets".
 June 3 "School year ends today".
 July 7 Monday Holiday.
 July 14 "Mistress sick & school in charge of Miss McKinnes & Miss Margaret Ellen / Helen (?) McDermot".
 August 4 "A number of elder children absent on account of hay making. So it is proposed to close the school for a week. Miss Margaret Helen (?) McDermot recognised as assistant".
 September 1 "Gave lesson on the Eclipse".
 September 21 "School closed today for yearly holidays".
 December 1 "Attendance Officer called on Thursday, but the school was closed as it was church holyday".

1906 (page 81)

- January 12 "Xmas Treat on Monday 8th. Mrs Blackburn assisted by Mrs Macdonald McVicar Invermoidart & Miss MacLean of Glenuig. Miss McDermot".
 February 15 "School closed today on account of severe storm and bad roads. Two thirds of children have to cross the hill where there is no road at all. This has caused so much sickness".
 February 19 "School closed by doctor with children being laid with influenza".
 March 19 School reopens. "Hot cocoa distributed at dinner time and much appreciated". (4 week closure).
 April 13 "School closed today until Wednesday 10th for Easter Holidays".
 May 11 "Miss Woodnult from RCS School Wishaw has been engaged to begin duties on Monday May 20th. 14 girls on books".
 June 29 Church Holiday.
 July 6 First week of the new school. (page86)
 July 13 "Children taught words of "The Men of Harlech" & began tune".
 August 17 Church Holiday.
 August 24 "School closed on Wednesday for the Midsummer Holidays as Thursday was the Moidart Exhibition Day".
 Holidays – August 31, September 7, September 12, September 19, September 26, October 5.
 October 8 "Received notice from Dr Mc (?Naughton) Salen Medical Officer to close school on account of an epidemic of Whooping Cough".
 December 14 School re-opens. (9 week closure).

December 28 "Heavy gale & snow storm since December 26th. Impossible for children to cross the hills to school."

1907 (page 96)

- January 3 "Visit today from attendance officer who promised to go after all absentees".
January 11 "Dancing lessons begin again 3 afternoons weekly. The children like this form of drill very much".
April 4 "Miss B Reynolds engaged as assistant. Very ill and temporarily replaced by Miss Nellie Eglingson".
June 28 School year ends.
July 6 "New school year begins. John Johnson age 14 has been allowed to return for another year by permission of Glasgow City Parish Guardians, on account of delicate health".
August 22 The Moidart Industrial Exhibition. (see 1900).
June 30 "The Roshven subschool made a satisfactory final appearance. Ardnish subschool is taught in a highly creditable manner and a similar report is in the circumstances, due to the Scamadale subschool. South Morar school – not approved of. Lochailort subschool interrupted by epidemic sickness. Grant total £151.1.8d."
October 18 "Three absentees working at potatoes & bracken".
November 8 "Sent warning paper to Hugh McPherson, High Glenuig as his children Sarah & Margaret not yet entered on books but over age since August."
(p102) Report of Year Ending June 30th 1907. "In view of the adverse circumstances of the past year, the general condition of the school is very creditable. The Roshven subschool made a satisfactory final appearance. The Ardnish subschool is taught in a highly creditable manner and a similar report is in the circumstances due to the scam Scamadale subschool.....Epidemic sickness has interrupted the work in Lochailort subschool".
November 15 "Visit from the Very Rev. Provost Mackintosh Manager".
November 29 "Forgot to mention that hot cocoa and biscuits began to be distributed for lunch to the entire school on Monday 20th. This is supplied by Mrs William Blackburn of Roshven".
December 6 Roll 33.
December 27 "Mrs William Blackburn of Roshven provided each child with a frock or jerseys".

1908 (p106)

- February 10 "Miss Bella Hagan from St Lawrences School Greenock began duties as assistant today".
April 6 "Miss Hagan resigned".
May 1 "Miss Eilean Meegan was engaged for three months in place of Miss Hagan".
May 22 "Jane McBride has left school being now over fourteen years".
June 19 "Miss Margaret Bluett from R.C. School Selkirk begins duties on Monday in place of Miss Meegan who was temporally engaged from 1st to June 8th 08. Visited Ardnish and Lochailort side schools".
July 3 Register 34 names.
July 24 "Extra time given to drill & singing this week at subschools Lochailort, Ardnish and Scamadale".
December 22 "Mrs Blackburn invited children to tea party and donated a Xmas Tree".

1909 (p118)

- January 8 "School reopened on Monday. Wednesday a church holiday."
January 29 "John Cameron & Lewis Macpherson left under age limit".
February 26 "Influenza seems to be breaking out".
March 19 "Notice a marked improvement in the lower class of juniors. They are beginning to grasp a little English".
March 26 "Alice Winberry trained Certificate Mistress will enter duties of Monday the 4th of April."
April 29 "Several children still suffering from Influenza"

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- May 7 "Roshven children come down now one day each week for last month".
- June 4 "The Infants are beginning to understand a little English".
- June 14 "Miss Winberry Assistant left".
- July 2 "Miss Bella Hagan from ...[gap]... R.C. Greenock began duties today (Temporary Engagement). Miss Ada Woodnult engaged from 1st August".
- July 16 "The Infants seem now to understand a very little English".
- August 6 "Holiday on Thursday on account of Moidart Industrial Exhibition".
- August 21 Miss Hagan gave up duties here today. Miss Eileen Meagan engaged from this date".
- October 29 "Mrs Blackburn of Roshven came to arrange about hot lunch for children to begin November 1st".
- H.M.I. Report 1909. "Arithmetic is the least satisfactory instruction and the bilingual instruction of the infant classes is susceptible of improvement".
- December 3 "An epidemic of influenza has broken out and the doctor has closed the school for a fortnight".
- December 29 "Today the meeting ended with a tea party, dance and drawing of prizes all provided by Mrs Blackburn of Roshven, wife of our respected chairman".

1910 (p130)

- March 24 Today each child was presented with a school bag from J. Coates Esq. of Ferguslie Home Paisley and the teachers (side schools included) with a handsome present. The children were all much pleased".
- April 8 "Miss Meegan gone home on sick leave. Mrs O Connor Art 32 has taken her place until her return".
- May 6 In red colour ink. "Edward VII died May 6th at 11.45 pm. Roshven & Ardnish side schools operating".
- June 10 "Visit from Mrs Blackburn Roshven and her sister Miss Saville".
- June 30 "School year ends today. Notice a marked improvement in work of Senior Infants, who now seem to grasp English under a Gaelic speaking Mistress Maggie McKenzie".
- July 1 "Dugald McPherson admitted to Infant class. This makes 39 children on the books".
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- July 18 "Course of drill commenced today under Miss Ada Woodnult CM from St Marys RC Paisley assisted by Miss M McKenzie Art 19.C.".
- August 26 "Holiday yesterday on account of Moidart Games & Exhibition. Attendance not so good . Several of the children are working at the hays. Miss Woodnult left".
- November 4 "Sickness and want of boots are the cause of the absence of those who are not in attendance".
- December 31 "Mrs Blackburn's Xmas Treat is the day that stands out from all the other days in the minds of the little folks of Glenuig".

1911 (p143)

- March 8 "School closed today for a fortnight or 3 weeks on account of sickness among children and illness of teacher. Notice sent to HMI."
- April 4 "Miss E. Meagan resigned her appointment as Assistant here today. Her place is taken temporarily by Mary McThomson, paid monitress (Gaelic speaking)".
- April 19 Miss Maisie Goffrey engaged temp. today".
- April 28 "Attendance not so good this week on account of croft work".
- June 9 "Special time given to preparations for the Coronation festivities to be provided by the Chairman and Mrs Blackburn".
- June 24 "**Coronation School Treat** given by Chairman and Mrs Blackburn today at Roshven House. All were made happy and 24th of June 1911 will long be remembered by the little ones of Glenuig School and this teacher
- Miss Maggie McSporran Cert 1st year has added temp to staff".
- August 4 "Lord Howard of Glossop invited the children of Glenuig to join the children of Mingarry and Eilean Shona schools and partake of the treat given at Dorlin House on Thursday 3rd. Gave holiday on Friday because the children were tired".

- August 11 "Holiday. Moidart Exhibition & Games".
- September 1 "The efficiency of the school has been well maintained during the past year, and altogether reflects the greatest credit in (?) the teacher in (?) the love of her retiral after well nigh twenty five years of highly valuable public service in Glenuig."
- September 30 "I Jane Mackay resigned charge here today".
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- October 6 "School reopened today under charge of Jessie MacLean. Notre Dame RC College Glasgow (1906-08). Twenty eight children present".
- October 7 "The children were entertained this afternoon by Mr & Mrs Webb Australia. After having had a sumptuous feast, gramophone and Bagpipe sektionen (this spelling shown) were given by Mrs Webb & W. McBeth".
- October 27. Roll 37.
- December 19 "Visit from J? Cyril, Fort Augustus during singing lesson. He waited to listen to the children singing 'O nach till thu guinn a Nis' ".
- December 25 "Xmas Day. No school openings".

1912 (p156)

- January 31 Roll 33
- February 27 "Only 23 present. This is due to an epidemic of Influenza at present in the district".
- March 5 "Owing to illness of teacher, Roshven Side School is at present closed and two children are attending this school in the meantime".
- March 25 "Roshven Side School re-opened".
- April 1 Roll 31.
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- May 22 "Seniors absent through peat works".
- May 23 "AlexGibson, Clark to School Board visits".
- June 7 "Dr Fletcher visited and 30 children measured and weighed".
- June 10 "Compulsory Officer visited school today".
- June 28 "School year ends. Annual average attendance for past year 29.79. Annual average on Roll for past year 34".
- July 1 "The Roshven Side School closed on June 28th and the four pupils attending that school have been admitted to this school making the nos on register 35 – 22 boys and 13 girls".
- July 5 "Miss Astley, Arisaig visited".
- July 11 "William MacPherson Roshven is suffering from Asthma and unable to attend school".
- July 24 "Three children kept from school today for peat working. Compulsory Officer sent to warn parents".
- July 26 "Simon Ferguson JunI leaves on Monday, returning to R.C. school, Greenock".
- August 1 "Rev Manager Provost MacKintosh, Mingarry visited".
- August 2 "Sewing and knitting done by girls during the past session has been sent to Mrs Blackburn Roshven to be forwarded to Annual Exhibition, this year held at Dorlin on August 22nd."
- August 9 "On Saturday August 17th the children of this school are to be entertained to be at a party at Samalaman House by Mrs Wilson."
- September 30 "Miss Johan MacPhee from Glenaladale S Side took up duties here today as assistant".
- October 11 "Maggie MacKenzie, Roshven is suffering from a contagious skin eruption and is to remain from school for the next four weeks".
- November 14 "Duncan MacDonald from **Glenaladale Side School** readmitted today making nos. on Register 33".
- November 15 "Hot luncheon provided by Mrs Blackburn Roshven begins on Monday first, 18th November".
- November 28 "Deep snow on ground – attendance unsatisfactory".
- December 6 "Dancing lessons are given Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons – these lessons are given instead of drill. A paid dancing master has been engaged for the month of December for these dancing lessons".
- December 27 "Annual treat from Mrs Blackburn Roshven. The pupils gave an exhibition of dancing and sang Gaelic & English Songs. Mrs Blackburn was present throughout the proceedings and was accompanied by Major Blackburn Annat".

1913 (p170)

- January 6 "Epiphany (a church festival) today. No school opening".
- January 14 "Attendance poor due to serious colds or influenza..... One boy is thought to be suffering from Ringworm and has been sent home".
- January 27 "Margaret MacKenzie, as Supplementary pupil, has left this school and is now attending The Convent Rothsay with a view to entering the teaching profession".
- March 1 "Katie MacNeill is suffering from severe burn on the right foot and has been medically certified as unable to attend school for a period of three weeks".
- April 18 34 pupils.
- May 2 "A Cattle Market is being held today at Salen and several of the Seniors are absent attending to the Cattle driving".
- May 16 "No assistant today as Miss MacPhee's engagement terminated yesterday".
- May 26 "Miss Kate Gillies late of The Roshven Side School began duties as assistant today".
- May 28 "Dr Fletcher Medical Officer visited school this forenoon".
- June 20 "Annie MacPherson, a pupil admitted in April, is suffering from Gastric Derangement and General Debility and has been medically ordered not to return to school until April 1914".
- June 27 "This afternoon, the arrival of a photographer caused great excitement among the pupils. 29 were present and photographed".
- July 1 "Three side schools Ardnish, Morar and Scamadale. Attendance Ardnish 90%, Morar 82%, Scamadale 94%".

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- July 9 "Messrs MacDonald and Morrison H.M.I. visited accompanied by Provost MacKintosh Mingarry and the trio proceeded to Arisaig by Ardnish".
- August 8 "Work sent to Mrs Blackburn Roshven for the competition at the Industrial Exhibition Kinlochmoidart on 21st August".
- June 30 "Kinsadel igD(a) School. It is highly desirable, however, that a combined school should be erected for these and the North Morar pupils. Scamadale igD(a) School".
- November 7 "Fr MacDonald Glenfinnan visited the school during Religious Time and gave religious instruction to the various classes".
- November 11 "Hot luncheon provided by Mrs Blackburn of Roshven began today".
- November 21 "As weather does not permit to have drill outside, dancing lessons are now given instead of drill. The limited space indoors prevents drill being given inside. Teacher of Scamadale Side School is unable to perform duties there for three months as she is to be under Medical treatment for that period. Her place is meanwhile being temporarily supplied".
- December 27 "Mrs Blackburn's Annual Tea Party. The proceedings ended with a distribution of toys and the singing of Auld Lang Syne".

1914 (p185)

- January 7 Roll 33.
- January 16 "Visited Scamadale and Kinsadel S. Schools. Miss McDougall on sick leave there".
- February 13 "Basket making was begun by Senior Boys".
- February 27 "Owing to influenza raging in district, the average of past week is reduced to 24.2 i.e. 75%".
- March 20 "Books were received last week from The Gaelic Society and a Gaelic Class was formed yesterday and work begun according to instructions given".
- June 10 "Dr Fletcher and party visited school today for annual medical inspection".
- June 22 "Donald MacDougall, who (with medical Certificate) has not attended since Sept. 1913 returned today. He had been suffering from a diseased bone in leg.
- June 30 Register 19 boys, 14 girls.
- July 1 "Three Gaelic Prizes for Reading, Recitation and Spelling were given to the successful Competitors by Rev. Provost MacKintosh Mingarry on behalf of Mrs Webb Australia".
- July 10 "Annual Vacation given today. I, Jessie MacLean resign charge here today".
- September 1 "School reopened after Summer holidays: 13 children present. Susan MacRin, Certificated Teacher".

November 9 "Mr Blackburn also is furnishing assistance with the projected school garden which will give the children a better chance for Nature Study at first hand.

1915 (p193)

January 13 "Miss Gillies left at end of Holidays. Miss MacRin is giving temporary voluntary assistance.

March 19 "Obliged to abandon fires in school : chimney appears to be blocked".

May 10 "Visit to Ardnish. Miss MacRin in charge".

June 11 "There are three cases of impetigo, very slight & the children are excluded". *impetigo* = type of contagious skin disease that causes crusty yellow sores (Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary).

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July 1 "Ardnish igD(a) School. Due notice must be given of closure".

July 7 "Two are absent owing to impetigo of the head, one girl with a sore eye, one with a cut on the leg. Alex. & Catherine MacKillop are being kept away from school as the mother alleges that children are attending school who are suffering from impetigo.. Donald MacDonald is still absent from school presumably for croft work; has already been warned by the Board , but as his father is away in a sanatorium and his mother died last autumn, it is rather a difficult point".

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October 21 "**Trafalgar Day** : slight deviation from the Time Table to allow of special interest to be taken in the importance of this day".

November 2 "Mistress, taken suddenly ill of Wednesday afternoon last Oct. 27th , was unable to be in school".

November 11 "The boy A. McKillop went home instead of coming in at the ringings of the bell".

November 12 "The boy McKillop was punished this morning receiving four strokes. At dinner time his mother visited & abused me & some of the school children. A dancing lesson taken this afternoon at the time of the gardening lesson for which the ground was in an unfit condition & it has not been fit for drill outdoors this week".

November 29 "Admitted one child this morning. Isabella McNeil".

November 30 "School closed. St Andrew's Day".

1916 (p203)

January 16 "Mrs MacRin absent all last week in order to visit a dentist".

March 2 "Punished 8 boys for coming late for afternoon school, giving 2 strokes each; they will make up time after school".

March 22 "Visited Ardnish Side School".

May 19 "Have received seeds etc. from Board of Agriculture for use in school garden".

May 24 "Two boys found to be suffering from measles".

May 26 "Doctor Millar has certified that the boys excluded are suffering from German measles. The school is to be closed for a time".

June 12 "We were happily able to reopen school this morning. No other cases outside the family already affected have appeared. Those three children are excluded, as other members of the family were infected. The school has been thoroughly cleansed & fumigated".

July 14 "Two cases of German measles reported".

July 26 "Two more cases of measles reported. Roll 34".

November 20 "Admitted one little girl, Bella McKillop aged 5".

1917 (p208)

January 8 "Removed Dougald McDonald from Register as I have received a certificate from the doctor that he will be medically unfit to attend school for a considerable period".

January 12 "The Board have granted an order of examination on behalf of Donald MacDonald (13 yrs 4 months) on account of his father's ill health & consequent inability to discharge his duties. There are five children, one of which is the boy mentioned in last entry : and the mother is dead."

- April 25 "Attendance dropped so low this morning that I was obliged to close the school, only 10 present. With the approval of the Manager, the school will remain closed until the spring work of crofts is finished".
- May 2 "School re-opened. Closure of Ardnish was contemplated. Holidays of Obligation 1/11/17, 30/11/17".

1918 (p215)

- April 20 "Only the children of the junior classes attended. It is apparently unavoidable owing to the absence of all able-bodied men for war duties".
- July 4 HM Inspector's Report. "Oral English Composition is very backward".
- July 8 Chicken-pox. The school was closed on 12 July and should have been re-opened on September 2nd, but it could not be re-opened until it was disinfected on 6th September.
- November 15 (page 219) "The children celebrated the end of the war by a dance this afternoon. Little can be done these days in the way of feasting, but they are always happy enough with a dance. Unhappily there are some exceptions as 8 former pupils of this school have made the supreme sacrifice & they still have relatives attending school & of course they remember their own loss".

1919 (page220)

- January 6 School ordered to be closed owing to an outbreak of measles.
- February 17 School re-opened. (5-week closure). "Another boy in the Juniors returned to school after a serious accident with a scythe in the summer holiday".
- February 26 "Boys late this morning through following a funeral procession. The Xmas treat had been postponed on account of sickness".
- March 28 "School closed for one month from the date".
- May 2 "Whooping cough still very prevalent. School closed for another fortnight".
- May 12 "School reopened with a very meagre attendance". (a 7-week closure).
- June 16 Only 17 children present. Children from Roshven & Smirisary unable to attend".
- July 11 "Donald McDonald, a small boy, not long admitted to this school, was punished this morning for wilful & repeated absence from school; two strokes with a flat rule".
- July 31 "School closed for summer holiday".
- September 12 "An extra week added to Summer Holiday on account of Peace".
- November 1 "Two minutes silence was observed in obedience to the King's request".

1920 (p225)

- February 24 "With four other boys Alex McKillop, a boy of 14, was punished in the afternoon for playing at his work & at the interval he went home & did not return : his mark was therefore cancelled".
- March 5 "Repairs done to school".
- November 15 "Bella MacDougal commenced work in school having been appointed by the Inverness EA to assist with the small children in place of Mary A Mac (?) (MacKin?) now attending secondary school".

1921 (page 233)

- February 25 "Ardnish Side School".
- May 13 "Salen Sale on Tuesday : Monday & Tuesday were holidays".

1922 (page 243)

- June 9 "Number on roll 25, one boy coming from beyond Roshven is very irregular & no compulsory measures can be taken in this case".

1923

- June 26 (p250) "School visited by His Lordship Bishop Martin, bishop on this diocese & the Rev. J.J. MacKintosh, School Manager".
H.M.I. Report
Pupils Bella MacNeil 13, Marag MacDonald 12, Ronald MacDonald 13".
- July 6 "Ian Gillies absent all week owing to a poisoned hand".
- September 12 "Weather has been very wet & hay harvest has been greatly delayed. A regular attendance is not therefore likely until the hay is got in".
- October 6 "Holiday during week for potato lifting. S MacRin".
- November 8 "School opened today. Sara Macdonald (Side School teacher)".
- November 14 "Took charge today temporarily. Donald Campbell. Relief Teacher".
- December 10 "School opened today under charge of Maggie MacKenzie. Trained Notre Dame R.C. College Glasgow (1918-1920)".

1924 (p255)

- February 18 "Miss Henderson – certificated assistant began duties in this school today".
- March 14 "Mrs Blackburn visited".
- March 28 "Two pupils in the Juniors are exceedingly weak in Arithmetic & English".
- April 18-29 "Closed for Easter Holidays".
- April 29 "Simon Gillies though of school age is exempted for a year by doctor's order. Jessie Macdonald exempted from school for 4 or 5 weeks – Doctor's certificate".
- May 19 "I paid a visit to Side School at (Ardnish)" (scored out) "today & left school under the supervision of Assistant Miss Henderson. There are 6 pupils in the Side School".
- May 25 "Margaret MacLean cut her foot badly & therefore is off school since Monday 19th".
- June 2 "Miss Henderson ceased duties in this school this evening".
- June 3 "Miss Cassels – certificated assistant began duties in this school to-day".
- June 15 "Alexander MacPhee left to go home to Eilean Shona".
- July 11 "James MacKellop fell off a bicycle & cut his leg badly. He has been absent for three weeks".
- July 25 "Yearly exam run by Mr. MacLeod and Mr. Banon".
- July 31 "School closed today for the Summer Holidays. Six prizes of books given by the Education Authority were distributed among the pupils this afternoon".
- September 15 "School reopened".
H.M.I. Report 'The study of Gaelic might now receive attention of a more methodical & practical type'.
- September 23 "A certificated Assistant – Miss Kate Macdonald – arrived today".
- October 17 "My duties in this school terminated today. M MacKenzie".
- November 20 "School opened today under charge of Christina MacPherson – Trained and Certificated – Notre Dame RC College, Glasgow".
- December 5 "Roshven children not able to attend past week due to bad weather".

1925 (p203)

- January 12 "A certificated teacher – Miss Jessie E. Cockburn took up duties today".
- January 23 "Mrs Blackburn visited school and arranged to have children's treat on 21st February".
- January 30 "Morag MacIsaac went to Mingarry School and returned February 16th".
- March 19 "Arithmetic still shows signs of inaccuracy".
- April 3 "Simon Gilles admitted".
- May 29 "Visited Ardnish Side School to-day and left Glenuig School under supervision of Miss Cockburn. 5 pupils in the school".
- June 16 "New boy Donald Macdonald re-admitted today – aged 16, having left school at the age of 6 due to sore foot as a result of fall".
- July 3 "Mr Morrison, Director of Education, visited school to-day".

- September 15 "School reopened. Result of Qualifying Examination May 15th
Five candidates sat – 4 girls & 1 boy
Flora Macdonald, Mysre (?) Macdonald, Ian Gillies, Besla (?) MacKillop, Jessie MacDonald.
All passed. Number on roll 32".
- November 18 "Mr Gibson, Clerk of School Management Committee, visited school today".
- November 20 "Utensils for Cookery Class arrived this week".

1926 (page 270)

- January 15 "Medical certificate received for Barbara Macdonald who is suffering from acute Bronchitis".
- February 1 "Miss Cockburn, assistant teacher, has been unable to take up duties this morning".
- March 26 "Medical Certificate of Hanna MacNeil".
- April 13 "James and Hector Henderson have left the district – and are now attending Fort William school.
Roll now 29".
- May 14 "Barbara and Mary Johnson admitted this week".
- May 28 "Barbara Johnson has left school to attend another – her parents having left the district. Visited
Ardnish Side School. There are three girls and one boy in the school. The children seemed on
the whole quite intelligent".
- June 18 "Dougald & Jessie Macdonald are now attending Mingarry School".
HMI Report (page 274). "The roll of the school at present stands at 26. There are two
certificated teachers More work in word building and applied Grammar is desirable to
increase the vocabulary of the children. Attention is drawn to the fact that Gaelic has been
dropped from the curriculum in violation of Article 16 (VI) of the Code. Its resumption is
necessary if intelligent self expression is to be further developed. The teacher, who is Gaelic-
speaking, could profitably extend her knowledge at a Vacation Course. William MacLellan".
- October 15 "Donald and Dougald MacRae Roshven, who have only made 8 attendances out of 40 possible
attendances, have been reported to Inverness".
- November 5 "Mrs Blackburn visited school to arrange about children's cocoa during the winter months".

1927 (page 277)

- February 12 "To-day the scholars had their annual treat from Mrs. Blackburn".
- February 28 "The MacRae's Roshven have been absent this week – suffering from mumps. Only 16 children
present to-day – suffering from mumps".
- May 4 "Only 9 children turned up to-day out of 25 as a result of an epidemic of influenza. The medical
Officer for district has ordered the school to be closed for a fortnight".
- May 27 "A Medical Certificate received for Ronald Allan Macdonald Samalaman, who is suffering from
Influenza".
- June 13 "A Medical Certificate has been received to-day for Flora Macdonald who is suffering from post
Influenza debility and in consequence of which she will be unable to attend school for 3 or 4
weeks".
- June 29 "Holiday of Obligation – no school to-day".
- September 19 "School reopened. Miss MacIntyre, cert teacher commenced duties".
- October 14 "Medical Certificate received for Flora Macdonald who is suffering from Tuberculosis of the
lungs & will be unfit to attend school for one year. Ronald MacPherson has left school".

1928 (page 285)

- March 19 "School closed to-day – church Holiday".
- March 22 "Qualifying Examination held to-day. Mr Duncan MacRae Roshven acted as supervisor".
- May 17 "School closed – Church Holiday".
- May 20 "Duncan MacMaster admitted to-day".
- June 4 "Mary and Alina MacAskill admitted. Roll now 27".
- June 13 "Visited Ardnish Sub School to-day".
- June 18 "Angus Dickie enrolled. Roll 28".

- June 28 "Miss Macintyre will take charge of school from to-day as I have been granted permission to attend a Coolery Class".
- July 6 "Miss MacDonald will be in charge of school from July 9th. I have been given permission to go to classes".
- September 11 "Mary Gillies and Peggie Macmaster admitted".
- September 13 "Miss MacGregor certified teacher commenced duties".
- November 16 "Miss MacGregor's duties in this school cease".
- November 19 "Duncan MacRae".
- December 10 "Miss J. MacCredie – certificated teacher took up duties today".

1929 (page 290)

- February 11 "9 out of 22 present. Suffering from colds".
- March 20 "Qualifying Examination under supervision of Duncan MacRae Roshven".
- April 8 "Lena & Mary MacAskill who are suffering from Pavolitis (?) are still unfit to attend for 5 weeks. Another certificate received for Sandy Macdonald".
- April 28 "Salen Sale".
- May 9 "Church Holiday – School closed".
- June 28 "Visited Ardnish Side School this week. Miss J. MacCredie assistant teacher ceased duties in this school to-day. She has gone to attend a Vacation Class in Cookery".
- November 21 "Miss McCredie ceases work here today as she is being transferred to Glenelg P.S."

1930 (p295)

- January 8 "Roll is down to 18. Number present 15, though the day is extremely cold & wet".
- March 26 "The Qual. Exam took place today under the supervision of Mr D. MacRae, Roshven.
- April 29 "Poor attendance – cattle sale today"
- May 2 "Flora Gillies Smirisary being kept at home on account of the fact that her eldest sister has to undergo an operation in the Glasgow Infirmary".
- June 26 "I ceased duties in Glenuig School today to attend a Vacation Course of Domestic Science at Glasgow. Number present 16, out of 20.
- June 28 "I took up duties here today. C Burnell".
- September 8 "School reopened today after vacation. Number on roll 18. Two admitted from Roshven".
- September 24 "The six children from Roshven are absent today on account of being very wet and stormy".

Glenuig School Logbook 1930 – 1966

(Fort William Archives GB3218/C1/L/5/3/52c)

1930

- October 6 "Only 11 present out of 18 on account of the day being very wet and stormy".
October 17 "This week the weather has been exceptionally wet and stormy. The Roshven children were often absent. Percentage only 83.3. Weekly percentage 92.2".
November 14 "Cooking utensils arrived".
November 28 "All the children are suffering from severe colds, probably due to the very bad weather. Percentage for week only 71.6. Mrs Blackburn, Edinburgh, has this year again sent the usual supply of cocoa etc".
December 8 "RC Holiday. No school".
December 24 "School closes for Xmas holidays".

1931 (page 3)

- January 7 School re-opened.
March 19 "Church holiday today. School closed".
April 3 "Attendance very poor this week as children are again suffering from severe colds".
April 8-14 "Easter Holidays. Roll 14, one boy having left".
April 27 "Cattle Sale at Salen today and some of the children have been sent there to help with cattle. Only 10 present".
May 9 "School today (Sat.) for closure July 3rd. Only 10 present".
May 13 Bursary Examination.
June 10 "Mr Hunter Craig HMI visited school today & examined all classes".
July 4 "School closes for summer holidays".
August 31 "School re-opened on roll 15".
September 18 "School closes today for week ending 25th September, as permission was granted by the Educ. Comm. to attend the Mod at Dingwall".
October 19 "Rev. P. MacDonald the School Manager visited school today and signed register".

1932

- January 7 "School re-opened. Roll 14. 12 present".
April 25 "A few absent today on account of the Annual Cattle Sales".
May 2 "News of brother's accidental death received today – unable to re-open Tuesday 3rd. Permission requested to travel home – awaiting instructions from Director".
May 4 "Required permission received".
May 19 "School re-opened today".
June 13 "One girl, Barbara Macdonald aged, 4/5/18 has absented herself since the 4th May though she is not entitled to leave till the 1st Sept. I have reported the matter to the S.M. Committee".
June 17 "Barbara Macdonald still absent. Farquhar MacRae has also been away all week on account of a sore foot".
June 24 "Barbara Macdonald still continues absent".
June 25 "School held today (Saturday) to make up for days lost. The attendance of Farquhar MacRae is very irregular".
June 28 "15 story-books for Juniors received today".
June 29 "Church Holiday, but I opened school to make up for lost attendances when on leave".
July 8 Barbara Macdonald still absent.
July 15 School closed for Summer Vacation.
September 5 "School reopened today under the charge of Isobel (?aly) Fraser. Trained and certificated – Craiglockhart RC College". (8 weeks holiday).
September 9 "One girl enrolled this week – Mary McLean – formerly attending Gairlochhead P. School".

HMI Report 1931-32

“The average ability of the majority of the pupils appears to be only fairly moderate.....They make reasonable progress in English subjectsArithmetic is decidedly weak and will need special attention next session”.

- September 21 “Half holiday given today to celebrate the centenary of Sir Walter Scott. In view of the half holiday, 404 openings will suffice for session 1932-33”.
- September 22 “Two boys admitted today from Eilean Shona School”.
- September 29 “District nurse visited”.
- September 30 “Mrs McLaren who is visiting the Glenuig, visited the school today, distributed sweets among the children and heard them sing”.
- October 7 “Roll down to 14 owing to 2 boys returning to Eilean Shona”.
- October 28 “School fires commenced this week owing to cold weather”.
- November 11 “Two minutes silence. Mrs Blackburn of Edinburgh has sent a generous supply of cocoa, sugar and milk”.
- November 25 “Mrs William Blackburn from whose generosity the school has so often benefited died in Edinburgh on November 19th”.

1933 (page 18)

- January 3 “School re-opened today under the charge of Grace MacKintosh C.J”.
- February 10 “Roshven children could not attend”.
- March 27 “Receipt for the Book money (£1..1..8) was received this afternoon”.
- April 24 “Simon Gillies who is over fourteen years of age left school during the Easter Holidays. On Saturday (April 22nd) the children of this school were entertained to a Tea-party at Roshven House. This “Treat” is given annually to the children by Mr and Mrs Blackburn”.
- May 24 “Dr Fraser and the Dentist visited the school today to carry out the annual Medical Inspection”.
- May 25 “Church Holiday”.
- June 10 “School held today (Saturday) by order of the Director of Education. This is to enable the Teacher to get away on July 1 to attend a “Vacation Course” in Domestic Science which commences July 3”.
- September 1 “School re-opened after the Midsummer Vacation. One child Annie MacLean was admitted”.
- October 6 “Annie & Mary MacLean left for Garelohead”.
- October 20 “Coal supply for the school arrives”.

1934 (page 27)

- January 22 “Dr De Sylva District Medical Officer has sent a Medical Certificate today for Farquhar MacRae who is suffering from Chicken Pox. The Certificate states that Farquhar and Katie Ann MacRae should not attend school for about three weeks”.
- February 16 “Chicken-pox”.
- March 9 “Attendance bad because of chicken pox”.
- April 13 “School re-opens after Easter Vacation. Alina MacAskill (14) left school. Peggy MacRae, Roshven, admitted. One dozen story books and one dozen “Nelson’s Animal Pictures” have been sent to the school by the Education Committee. Mrs Blackburn of Roshven entertained the children to a very enjoyable party at Roshven House on Saturday 7th April”.
- July 6 “Books ordered for the School were brought to Lochailort Station yesterday”.
- October 5 “First load of School Coal”.
- October 9 “Three books were presented to the School this week by the “Royal Celtic Society Edinburgh”.
- November 16 “Notice received to the effect that a whole holiday has been granted to the children by His Majesty The King on the 29th November, the Wedding Day of H.R.H. The Duke of Kent”.
- December 21 “The receipt for the money collected for the “National Wedding Gift” was received today”.

1935

- February 8 "Attendance still poor because of Influenza".
February 15 "Photograph received of Their Royal Highnesses, Duke and Duchess of Kent".
April 29 "One new child Wm Philip MacAskill was admitted. This brings number on roll to 16".
May 6 "Only eight openings this week as **Monday May 6th the King's Silver Jubilee was observed as a holiday**. On Monday afternoon school children were entertained at Roshven by Mrs Blackburn when she presented them with the Jubilee Medals gifted by the Inverness Education Committee. Mrs Blackburn also gave each child a Silver Jubilee Mug. On Wednesday afternoon May 8th the children were given a Silver Jubilee Party at Samalaman House Glenuig by Mr & Mrs MacKintosh".
September 2 "School Roll now 12".
H.M.I. Report 1934-35 – "The subjects needing special attention are arithmetic, spelling and reading, which is unnecessarily inaudible. Gaelic reading has been well taught".
October 3 "Philip MacAskil has whooping cough. In case of infection the other members of the family attending school viz. Mary, Ann and John cannot attend school for four to six weeks".
October 4 "Mr Morrison Director of Education accompanied by Mr Simon MacDonald Fort-William visited school today".
October 7 "First load of school coal".
October 25 "Only one child present all week. The rest absent with Whooping Cough".
November 11 "Closed for Royal Wedding Day".
November 15 "Still bad Whooping Cough".

1936 (page 48)

- January 7 "2 girls & 1 boy admitted".
January 24 "Roshven children were present only one day as the roads were dangerous for walking with heavy snow & frost".
January 28 "Closed for funeral of King George V".
February 28 "Receipt of book money from Mr Tolmie".
April 4 "Peggy MacMaster had burning accident".
April 20 "Roll 14".
April 27 "John Angus MacLeod, Ardnish, admitted".
May 26 "The three MacAskill children leave the district with their parents on Thursday (28th)".
June 2 "Roll 12".
June 8 Dentist arrived.
September 4 "Annie & Mary McLean left this school during the summer holidays and are now enroled at Arisaig RC School. Roll down to 10".
September 25 "Their parents having removed to Kinlochmoidart, the three MacPhee children (2 girls and 1 boy) left the school on Wednesday. This brings number of Roll to 7. None from Roshven because of bad weather".
November 13 "The Roshven children are attending very irregularly".
December 4 "The water supply, which has been giving trouble for some time, was repaired last week and new pipes put down".

1937 (page 59)

- February 26 "Removed name of John A MacLeod, Ardnish from the Register. This brings number on Roll to 6".
March 21 "Receipt for Book Money received from Mr Tolmie this afternoon".
April 23 "Education Committie have agreed that attending Schools in Inverness-shire should have three days' holiday 12,13, 14 May on the occasion of the Coronation".
May 21 "Mrs MacKintosh, the Glenuig Proprietrise, gave the children a treat on Coronation Day".
September 24 Copy of HMI Report for 1936-37. "Roll has fallen from twelve to six during the current session.....Progress has been seriously impended throughout the session by irregular

attendance.....The schoolroom is clean and airy but a leakage at the north window is discolouring the wall”.

December 10 “A heavy snowstorm kept the Roshven children at home today”.

1938 (page 66)

April 29 “John Angus MacLeod re-admitted to school”

June 10 Roll 7.

September 1 “One child Samuel MacLeod admitted to school”.

October 21 “Joseph McDougall absent all week through illness.

November 11 “Mary Maclean from Eilean Shona School admitted on Monday this week”.

1939 (page 73)

Report 1938-39. “Of the eight children on the roll, one has made only 82 attendancies out of a possible 356, while three others have made less than 6 per cent”.

September 8 “John MacMaster left this school and now attending Inverie P.S. Knoydart”.

October 13 “One child, Helen Bright, admitted to the school. Roll now 8”.

1940 (page 81)

January 5 “Farquhar MacRae who was 14 years of age in November has now left school. Roll 7”.

January 12 “Jane Ross admitted to school”.

January 26 “Children coming from Roshven have only been present one day this week owing to a heavy fall of snow”.

March 1 “15 Record Cards for the Pupils of this school received from the Director of Education”.

May 28 “Called away to visit my sick mother at the week-end. Unable to be back to open School on Monday May 27”.

August 27 “One child John MacMaster re-admitted”.

September 6 “John A. McLeod Laggan, Ardnish absent all week”.

September 13 “Another child Ian Maclure admitted to the school. Roll 9”.

1941 (page 87)

March 21 “John MacMaster, Roshven was absent all week with sore eyes”. **(This is the last mention of Roshven children at school, as the area was then occupied by the wartime military).**

May 15 “The injections for protection against Diphtheria were administered by Dr Macdonald, Arisaig, to the children in this school and to pre-school children in the area this afternoon (1st Injections)”.

May 26 “Three Glasgow Evacuee Children were enroled at this school today, 1 girl & 2 boys. A case of Horlick’s milk was delivered”.

June 12 “The Second Injections for protection against Diphtheria were administered by Dr Macdonald Arisaig this afternoon”.

September 2 “School re-opened. 10 children”.

September 9 “1 boy & 1 girl admitted”.

September 19 “Mary MacPherson Cuthill admitted. Role 13”.

October 17 “Permit for 7 lbs of sugar for “Jam-making in School” received this afternoon”.

November 17 “Medical inspection. Two cases of Scabies. Excluded from the school”.

November 21 “The McDade Children, three in number, have been excluded from the school meantime”.

December 19 “The McDade Family go back to school”.

1942 (page 94)

January 15 “Mary Cuthill left the district during the holidays”.

January 16 “Books (which arrived by this afternoon’s boat from Lochailort) have been gifted to the “School Library” by Mrs Makepeace and Mrs Robertson of Trewint (?) Lake, Cornwall”.

- May 11 "John A McLeod's name has been removed from the register. He is now enrolled at Tarbert School, Harris".
- May 22 "Samuel McLeod kept off two days to work on peats".
- September 4 "Three children left the School : Margt. McDade, who has attained school leaving age, Samuel McLeod and John McPherson both of whom have left the district".

1943 (page 100)

- January 29 "Ian Maclure off all week with a bad cold".
- February 4 "On account of the difficulty of obtaining ingredients only one Cookery Lesson has been given since Christmas".
- June 25 "½ Dozen Tea Cloths, ½ Dozen Sponge Cloths and some Table Linoleum received this week".
- July 2 "School examined in Religion by Very Rev. Canon MacMaster Fort William. Two tins of Milk Powder arrived at the school this week".
- July 7 "**Senior Warden A.R.P. Father Bradley examined the children's Gas Masks and gave Gas Mask drill in the afternoon**".
- August 24 Roll 10.
- August 27 "Equipment for school meals arrived".
- September 17 "Rose Hips, gathered by the School Children, were sent to the National Health Department at Airdrie on Tuesday 14th September".
- September 22 "Closures for Harvest Work in this school are – Monday 25th October - Monday 1st November inclusive".
- November 2 "School re-opened today after Harvest Holiday".

1944 (page 105)

- January 14 "Catherine McDade absent all week".
- February 25 "Varnishing of the interior wood-work was finished last Saturday".
- March 17 "The painting of the exterior wood-work has been finished".
- May 26 "One or two of the children kept off this week for peat-making".
- September 1 "Michael McDade, having reached school-leaving age left school during the holidays. Number on Roll 9".
- December 13 "Dental Inspection and Treatment".

1945 (page 110)

- January 26 "Attendance not so good this week owing to the great snow-storm that swept the district and made roads impassable".
- February 2 "One child came. The rest of the children could not come owing to the flooded state of the roads when that came after the sever snow storm".
- April 20 "Some children kept off School this week by parents for potato-planting".
- April 27 "Potato-planting finished, therefore better attendance".
- May 4 "1 Bag Salvage and 12 Bundles of 10 Books each, for "The Forces" - sent from this school on Tuesday of this week".
- May 25 "Ian Maclure off school by Dr Macdonald's order as "Scarlet Fever" is in his home".
- August 28 "Neil Macinnes Maclure admitted".
- September 21 "Two children left this week – Catherine and Bryan McDade. **They were Evacuees and went back to Glasgow with their parents.** Roll 8". (The school records have almost no references to wartime activities at or near the school).

1946 (page 115)

- April 24 "Iain P. MacDonald having attained school leaving age in March left during the holidays".
- June 7 "**Commerorative (sic) Cards in connection with Victory Celebrations** given out this afternoon".
- July 1 "**In celebration of V Day Mrs Croll gave the Children of this School a trip to Fort William on Saturday 29th June.** The entertainment in Fort-Wm. took the form of a visit to the Cinema

followed by a sumptuous tea and Ice Cream. The children thoroughly enjoyed the outing and Parents and Children are most grateful to Mrs Croll for her kindness”.

- July 5 “Today – 5th July I resign my position as Teacher of Glenuig P. School owing to having reached ‘Age Limit’ . Grace MacKintosh”.
- September 2 “I, Kathleen Finnegan, M.A. (certificated – Notre Dam T.C. Glasgow) this day took over charge of Glenuig P. School, from Miss Mary McDonnell. Two new children, Patricia and Roger Finnegan admitted. Roll 8”.
- September 27 “**Permit for sugar received**. National Dried Milk despatched from Inverness, but not to hand this week. The new village Hall is to be formally opened this evening, although it is not quite finished”. (The building at the jetty below Samalaman House).
- October 11 “The children received sweets from Mrs Gooch of W.V.S., Inverness. Visit 5/10/46 of Mrs Cameron-Head G.M.C. Janet Foster of Smirisary excluded as from today, as measles contact”.
- October 18 “Presentation to Miss Grace MacKintosh on her retiral”.
- November 1 “Father Bradley departed from Glenuig to take up parochial work in Wales”.

1947 (page 122)

- January 24 “Neil MacLure’s continued absence most unsatisfactory. He has put in three appearances only since the beginning of term”.
- April 1 “Wireless received from Mrs Cameron-Head (for use in school)”.
- June 6 “Mental Survey Intelligence Test held on Wednesday June 4th, as directed”.
- June 13 “Have to record the gift to the school by Mrs E. Croll, Samalaman, of a portable gramophone, with a set of Country Dance Records. A wireless set and four batteries also kindly donated by Mrs F. Cameron-Head, Inverailort Castle”.
- June 27 “Installation of house bathroom and cooker’s basin in the classroom”.
- July 27 “Drainage is left unfinished & is dangerous owing to growing epidemic of Infantile Paralysis”.
- September 1 “Three new pupils enrolled, Veronica, Elizabeth & Felicity Blackburn from Roshven. Roll now 11”.
- H.M.I. Report 22/7/47
“Offices & premises were clean & generally suitable except for the lack of supplementary lighting and the need for redecoration. A wireless set is available but reception is said to be poor and no use can be made of broadcast lessons.”
- November 14 “Whooping cough all thro’ school”.

1948 (page 128)

- January 9 “Blackburns left”.
- April 23 “MacDonalds off with mumps. School garden dug & potatoes planted”.
- April 30 “MacDonalds of Roshven still excluded”.
- June 25 “Visit from Mrs Croll who kindly distributed sweets among the children & left a gift of money (10/-) to be divided among them”.
- August 27 “Mary Foster admitted. Shiela MacDonald left for Junior Secondary School. Roll 9. School Meals Canteen Material starting to come in”.
- September 10 “Mary Foster is not to be enrolled till age 6 because of distance from school (3 miles) and a very poor condition of the road from Smirisary”.
- October 18 “Miss K.A. MacKillop today started as Cook-in-Charge of School Meals, checking over supplies etc. Miss J.D. Walkers, Assistant Schools Meals Organiser, from Inverness arrives to help start meals on 20th October. Fr Bradley & Mrs F. Cameron-Head, member of Lochaber School Management, have been invited to lunch on Wednesday”.
- October 20 “School meals started today”.
- October 29 “Iain MacLure absent for potato harvest till Nov. 5th”.
- December 23 “School closes till January 4th, but since the boat, our only means of transport, is to be withdrawn from service on December 31st, the teacher will have to depend on the Education Committee to provide a boat”.

1949 (page 134)

- January 10 "Spring Term commenced today. Teacher delayed through lack of transport. Mails being brought meantime by pony".
- January 28 "Teacher's resignation accepted from beginning of Spring Term".
- February 25 "Roger Finnegan leaves. Roll 8".
- March 11 "Mrs Jean MacIsaac, Smerisary (*sic*), took up duty with the teacher on Monday, March 7. Patricia Finnegan left today to emigrate to America. Roll 7".
- March 14 "Head Teacher resigned. Her place taken by Mrs Angus McIsaac, Smerisary. Signed Kathleen Finnegan M.A.".
- March 15 "Mary Foster new pupil. Roll 8".
- April 9 "I Margaret MacDonald took over charge today of Glenuig P. School (certificated Notre Dam Training College. 10 children on roll. Two new children Angus D MacDonald from (?) Arisaig and Ishbel MacLean".
- May 5 "Roll 13".
- May 30 "Two new children admitted from Roshven".
- June 24 "On Friday 24th June I took the children to Fort William to attend the Lochaber Mod. The children strongly enjoyed this outing which was their first experience of a Mod and to several their first train journey".
- August 24 "School re-opened. 11 on roll. One new child, Annie McHugh, who came from St Mary's R.C. School Arisaig. No register has been sent, so I had to wire".
- September 12 Alex. Gillies has left and is to attend Mallaig Junior Secondary Centre".
- September 16 The Fergusons, Roshven, are away on holiday".
- October 7 "School closed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week, by kind permission of the Director of Education – to enable the teacher to attend the National Mod Inverness".
- October 13 "School opened on Saturday Oct. 29th. The Director of Education visited the school. He expressed himself as well satisfied with the work done".
- December 27 "A party was given to the children by Mrs Croll of Samalaman".

1950 (page 147)

- January 12 "School closed for three days, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday owing to the death on Friday night January 6th of teacher's brother"
H.M.I. Report, Session 1949-50. Date of visit 2 November 1949.
"Two sisters from Roshven have to walk an exposed and difficult track to school which is apt to be affected by bad weathers. **The Education Authority hope to lodge these pupils in Glenuig at least during the stormy winter months**".
- March 20 "The Roshven Children did not take lodgings in Glenuig as had been suggested".
- May 22 "Two McLure boys leave. They are to attend school at Lochearnhead".
- June 23 "Mr Croll of Samalaman gave a talk on his trip to Africa".
- September 11 "One child Simona Howie has returned home to Inverailort. Roll now 4. A clock for school received today from P. Robertson, Fort William".

1951 (page 158)

- January 12 "School re-opened - no children present".
- January 19 "Children still absent. Children are all suffering flu".
- January 22 "Children still absent".
- January 23 "All present. Roll 5".
- February 27 "Intelligence Tests. Julia Ferguson, Elspeth Castanach".
- April 18 "School re-opened. Roll is now 3 - two Ferguson children from Roshven have left to reside in Arisaig. Julia Ferguson to proceed to Fort William Secondary School and Elspeth is to attend Kingussie Senior Secondary School".
- May 4 "Only 3 children on roll".

- October 26 "Dr M. McArthur examined the three school children".
 November 16 "Teacher given permission to go home as all pupils were absent. Two children were at school dentist at St. Mary's School Arisaig".

1952 (page 167)

- February 8 "Death of King George VI.
 The sad announcement of the King's death was made on February 5th. I wish to record the school's sorrow at our loss and to express our deep sympathy to the Royal Family".
 February 15 "**Two minutes silence kept at 2 p.m. to pay respect to the memory of our late King George VI who was buried (?) at Windsor this afternoon**".
 March 20 "Notice received today from Miss Forest Sutherland to the effect that, owing to the small number on roll, the School Canteen is to close down from April 3rd 1952. Children who wish it, are to be provided with a hot drink at lunch time".
 May 30 "David Duval at school".
 September 12 "Mrs Cameron-Head member of Inverness County Council visited school today".
 October 31 "I received a wire yesterday afternoon to say that the school is to close till November 10th. Today, October 31st I resign my position as Teacher in charge of Glenuig P. School. Margaret MacDonald".
 November 10 "I, Mary Frances Macdonald, took over charge of Glenuig P. School today".
 December 17 "I was unable to return to School on 15th or 16th on account of snowstorm".

1953 (page 176)

- March 23 "One new pupil, Simona Howie, admitted to school".
 July 3 "School closes today. I give up charge of this school today. Mary F. Macdonald".
 August 25 "I Mary Taylor, take charge of this school from today".
 November 15 "Still no fire in schoolhouse – no repairs".

1954 (page 183)

- January 29 "May Callanach on holiday with parcels".
 March 19 "School closed today for Feast of St Joseph".
 April 20 "Marie McGarrie enrolled as pupil".
 August 25 "Marie McGarry (*sic*) has left to return to S. Africa. Alan McIsaac admitted. Roll 7".
 November 11 "Medical Inspection notified for today was not held – no boat, due to heavy storm".
 December 10 "Weather too bad for Smirisary children to come".

1955 (p187)

- August 24 "Roll 4. David & Nanette Dural absent for indefinite time, as mother has had to return to Eastbourne".
 November 7 "Monday. Miss Kennedy temporarily took over Miss McKillop's place as milk-helper".

1956 (page 190)

1957 (page 196)

- August 23 "Angus Norman MacDonald (4 1/2 yrs) enrolled as pupil. School role now 9".
 November 1 "Miss K.A. McKillop, School Milk Helper, terminated her duty at this school".
 November 8 "School coal (2 1/2 tons) received from Samalaman Estate".
 December 13 "Miss Jean Kennedy, School Milk Helper and School Cleaner, became ill and was removed to hospital. Mr Donald Kennedy, her brother, standing in for her at present as school cleaner".

1958 (page 198)

- June 13 "Mary Hotchkiss left school this week, due to mother's change of occupation".
June 20 "Allan MacIsaac removed to Raigmore Hospital Inverness".
July 1 "Mr Davidson school dentist. Sandra & Angus MacDonald received treatment on premises (extractions)."
September 8 Roll 6.
September 22 "Mary Elizabeth Donina Watson admitted to school. Roll 7".
September 25 "School closed for day by permission of Director for important local meeting in Glenuig Hall".
(This was the hall at the jetty below Samalaman House).
December 19 Father Campbell visited".

1959 (page 205)

- February 27 "Milk Helper now received 2/9 3/4 per hr."
July 2 "David Duval leaves school today (12 + yrs) to carry on with General Course in Secondary School".

1962

- September 28 "Angus Norman MacDonald finally left school today. He will enroll at the Queen Victoria School Dunblane on October 5th".
December 28 "Coal transferred from Glenuig jetty to school by Barford (small tractor)".

1965

- April 19 "Allan MacDonald ill"

1966

- June 30th "Pupil present all week. School closes finally today, as Lochailort – Kinlochmoidart Road will be officially opened in July and transport can then be given to Mingarry School.
M. Taylor, Head Teacher".

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Some other entries are :-

- 63 Archie McDougald. Born 10/7/1872. Parent/Guardian – Alex. MacDougald. Address - Aulaghillie. Admitted 20/11/1877. Left 7/5/1886.
- 133 Hughina McKenzie. Born 28/2/1880. Parent/Guardian – Thomas McKenzie. Address - Roshven. Admitted 20/1/1890. Last school - “Roshven – Late School not under Inspection”. Left 25/4/1890.
- 177 Mary Reynolds. Born 13/7/1888. Parent/Guardian - J. MacKays. Address – School House.
- 178 Annie Reynolds. Born 30/11/1881. Parent/Guardian - J. MacKays. Last School – St Mary’s RC Sunderland IV.
- 253 Mary MacDougall. Born 3/2/1898. Parent/Guardian – John MacDougall. Address – High Glenuig. Left school April 1st 1913 (over age).
- 276 Betty McBeth. Born 12/7/ 1904. Parent/Guardian – Hugh McBeth. Address – “Glenuig The Wood”. Left 23/11/18.
- 325 Flora McLeod. Born – ?/11/1905. Admitted 4/10/1916. Parent/Guardian – Sarah Fraser. Address Glenuig, Gate House. Last school Fort William R.C. Left school 18/1/1917.
- 451 Iain MacDonald. Born 24/8/65. Left 30/6/66.