

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION IN PORT ERIN

ROWANY GOLF CLUBHOUSE, DANDY HILL SCHOOLROOM and THE STRAND CAFÉ

In Port Erin, the kindergarten, for children under the age of six, started at Rowany Golf Clubhouse. The classes were open all day, but there were so many children that they could only attend in either the morning or the afternoon.

For a while the school moved to one of the hotels on the Promenade, but once again a move became necessary, so the classes were relocated to Dandy Hill Schoolroom (pictured left).



There was already a school at Dandy Hill for children from six to 16, so the older children moved to rooms at the rear of

the Strand Café (pictured right) in Strand Road, in October 1940.





The headteacher at the Strand Café school was Dr Ingeborg Gurland (pictured left).

She was born in Latvia and had a teaching certificate from The National Froebel Foundation – a foundation which regulated teacher training standards for pre-school educators (1938 – 2012) and is now known as The Froebel Trust. At the time Dr Gurland was interned, she was a lecturer at Durham University.

She was billeted at The Towers Hotel in Port Erin and when she was released from internment, she went to Hoddesden, in Hertfordshire.

In July 1947, while she was a lecturer at Westhill Teachers' Training College in Birmingham, she became a naturalised British citizen.

She died in Birmingham on 10th March 1961, aged 47.