



MORFUDD HARRIES

1903 – 1996

Morfudd Harries devoted her life to children's education. She was a teacher who taught for forty-five years, more than half of that time in Etobicoke. She possessed a particular concern for students who faced special challenges and who required more support. In 1951, her input was sought by the Etobicoke Board of Education to plan future offerings for students with special needs, who had either physical or mental challenges. By 1953, she was Supervisor

of Special Education for the Etobicoke Board of Education. Under her leadership and advocacy, thousands of students with special needs were given hope, encouragement and inspiration.

In 1974, Harries published "A Story from Wales," which recounted the death of Bertrand Russell, a famous British philosopher and social critic who passed away in 1970 in the small town where he spent his final years.

Harries was named Teacher of the Year in 1958 by a service club, and two annual awards were also established in her name. Grand Avenue School, an elementary school for special needs children was renamed the Morfudd Harries School in her honour when she retired in 1969. Sadly, the school was closed in 1976 and the building was ultimately sold and demolished.

In recognition of her many years of dedication to teaching and particularly the teaching of special needs children, Harries was inducted into the Etobicoke Hall of Fame in its inaugural year.

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