



Dhoon Primary School

'Curiosity, Independence, Determination, Creativity, Collaboration'

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NEWSLETTER
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Dates for Your Diary

- 14.6.2021 School re-opens after TT week
- 18.6.2021 Small schools cross-country race
- 23.6.2021 Y5 "Life Path" Trip
- 24.6.2021 Dhoon's Got Talent Auditions
- 26.6.2021 Millennium Football Tournament
- 30.6.2021 Webinar for New Starters
- 1.7.2021 Dhoon's Got Talent Final
- 2.7.2021 Next year's classes announced
- 5.7.2021 Tynwald day (school closed)
- 7.7.2021 Y6 Taster Day at RGS
- 8.7.2021 Y6 Taster Day at RGS
- 7.7.2021 New Starters session (AM)
- 8.7.2021 New Starters session (PM)
- 8.7.2021 Moving Up Day
- 9.7.2021 End of Year Reports sent home
- 13.7.2021 Sports Day (1.45pm)
- 15.7.2021 Reserve Sports day (1.45pm)
- 16.7.2021 "Thank You" event - cinema
- 19.7.2021 Y6 Leavers Assembly
- 23.7.2021 Last day of 2020/21 school year
- 24.7.2021 Parish day

Message from Mr Kelly

It has been an action packed return to normal schooling this half-term following the remote learning that we had all become accustomed to in the run up to Easter. The children have shown phenomenal resilience and have drawn on all of the Dhoon Values and High Five qualities to pick-up their learning journeys and continue to make progress. I was so impressed with our Y6s on their recent 5 day residential trip to the Venture Centre with Laxey School. They all represented Dhoon to a very high standard and demonstrated bravery, positive attitudes and strong relationships. The weather is starting to get warmer and sunnier so please remember to apply sun-cream in the morning and provide your child with sun hats and water bottles.

Have a great half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming you back on 14th June.

Max Kelly
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Y6 Leavers' Assembly

The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will take place on Monday 19th July, and will be a reflection and celebration of the Year 6's time at Dhoon School. Year 6 children will also be presented with some special mementos to honour and remind them of their time at Dhoon. The assembly will be to an audience of all of the other pupils of the school, and all parents of Year 6 children are invited too. We'll be able to accommodate others too, such as grandparents of Y6 children. The assembly will commence at 2pm. A separate letter with all the fine detail for Year 6 parents will be sent home next half-term.. but at least you all have the date for your diaries!

We will be arranging a Y6 Leavers' Meal in the last week of term! Details to follow!

Parish Day 2021

Saturday 24th July

Dhoon is always delighted to play a role in Parish Day, and some of our children will be providing the entertainment of music and dance. Mrs Shimmin & Mrs Jaques will send details separately to those children involved closer to the time.

Sports Day

We have planned to run our sports day on the afternoon of Tuesday 13th July and will follow the traditional format, arranged on our school field. Parents, family and friends are welcome to come along and watch! Turn up from 1.30pm onwards for a 1.45pm start.

Y6 Transition Days to RGS

On Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th July, Year Six will not be attending Dhoon School. Instead, they will be based at Ramsey Grammar School, working with their new tutor groups, meeting their new teachers and experiencing some lessons to give a flavour of what to expect from secondary school. There is no requirement for Y6 pupils to come to Dhoon School first on either of these days – pupils should use the days as an opportunity to practice how they will get to and from secondary school, using the bus service if intended. We send good wishes to Y6 for these two taster days and hope that they prove interesting and enjoyable.

New Class "Taster Day"

School will inform parents and children of classes for September on Friday 2nd July which is when the next edition of our monthly newsletter is published. Children will have the opportunity to work in their new rooms, and for some, with their new class and teacher, on Thursday 8th July. We believe this is a successful way of allaying any anxieties that the children may have about these changes.

End of Year Reports

We will be publishing our end of year reports for every pupil in the school on Friday 9th July. These will be sent home with the children at the end of the school day in sealed envelopes. If your child is absent from school on Friday 9th July their report will be posted to you that evening and should arrive at your home with the next postal delivery thereafter.



Please be aware that the G-Mail email addresses for teachers which were used in lockdown for remote learning are no longer in use. Teachers do not check them - if you wish to communicate with the school via an email please remember to send your query to dhoonenquiries@sch.im



NEW STARTERS IN SEPTEMBER!
Your "Welcome to Dhoon" info packs have been put in the post! Keep your eye out for these arriving!

Our "Thank You"

It has been such a challenging period for children and their families. In little over a year children and families have coped with three lockdowns, three school closures and the transition from "real" school to remote learning. Dhoon School is proud of the remote learning packages we had on offer, but we know that we couldn't have done it without the tireless support of all the grown-ups at home who helped their children, encouraged them to join the live lessons and made sure that their children stayed focussed and engaged. The staff team at Dhoon would like to acknowledge the tremendous resilience of our pupils and the fantastic support of our parents / carers by giving something back to our wonderful school community.

On Friday 16th July we are planning to take all the pupils to the cinema in Douglas after school (via bus). The reward for our pupils is a chance to watch a film on the big screen. The reward for our parents / carers is a couple of hours of freedom from child care. Naturally there will be no charge, and the teachers will be giving up their own time to do this.

All the finer details are still being worked out and we will send a further communication in due course with all the information you need - but we wanted to take this opportunity to give you the "heads-up" of what we are planning.

