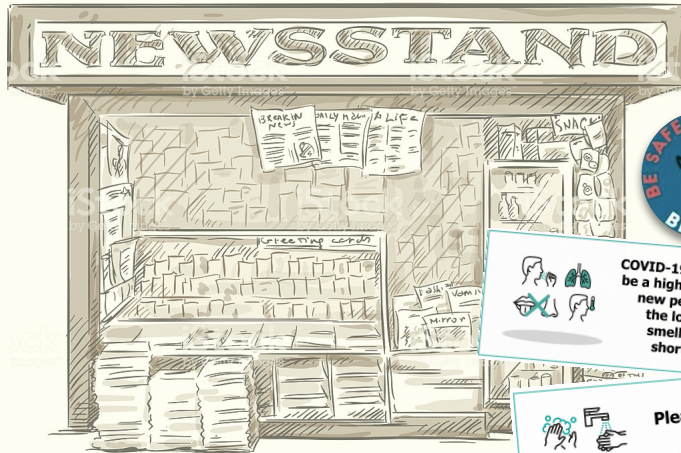




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'Curiosity, Independence, Determination, Creativity, Collaboration'



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Dates for Your Diary

- 14.09.2021 Swimming lessons start (Y2 - Y6)
- 24.09.2021 Parent info sheets published
- 27.09.2021 Active Travel Week
- 27.09.2021 Active Travel Assembly
- 30.09.2021 Inclusion Quality Mark review
- 07.10.2021 School photographs
- 08.10.2021 Flu vaccinations for children (more info to follow)
- 11.10.2021 Pete Murray (author visit)
- 11.10.2021 Parents' Evening (1)
- 12.10.2021 Parents' Evening (2)
- 22.10.2021 Hop Tu Naa Day (dress up)
- 22.10.2021 Close for half-term at 3.30pm
- 01.11.2021 School re-opens after half-term
- 14.11.2021 Remembrance Service (Church)

Message from Mr Kelly

I hope that everyone – staff, pupils and parents – has had a fabulous summer break and is feeling refreshed and energised for the school year ahead. It certainly promises to be an exciting and positive one, building on the successes of last year (despite the disruptions!). It has been lovely to welcome new pupils and new families into the Dhoon School community. Our new Reception children have settled in extremely well and pupils in all other year groups have made a very positive start. A warm welcome is extended to all of you who are new. As ever, if you have any matters which you wish to raise with the school or discuss, please feel free to make an appointment to see me or Mrs Shimmin and we will be very happy to meet with you. I wish everyones associated with the school all the very best for the forthcoming school year!

Homework Policy

Following our parent survey, we are almost ready to launch our new homework policy, which we intend to do in a few weeks time! We hope it will be well received - watch this space



Our C19 mitigation plan and risk assessment is available from the school website. We have also produced a short video to explain our mitigations:
Homepage > Covid19 > Living and working with C19...

Active Travel and Road Safety

Dhoon School is taking part in Active Travel Week w/c 27th September. The children will take part in a special assembly, workshops and lessons, and will be learning about safe walking, cycling and encouraged to think of alternatives to travelling to school by car. All of the work that the children produce will be displayed across the school to help promote the value and importance of Active Travel.

The school has also been invited to participate in a highways group which includes some of our parents, members of the Maughold and Glen Mona community, Commissioners, MHKs and DoI/Government Officers. At the last meeting, the school agreed that we would be a touch point for parents and community members to report "near misses" or other incidents of fast driving, difficulties in road crossing and poor parking. School is simply logging these incidents so that a data set can be compiled - we have no jurisdiction in terms of following them up. However, we hope that the data we compile will help future discussions so that better solutions can be found to some of these issues.

If you have a near miss incident to report in or around Glen Mona, then please notify us in writing, including the date, time and location, using the following email address:
dhoonenquiries@sch.im

Just before the summer some of our pupils were interviewed for Teacher Hug Radio to talk about our school. You can hear the recording on our Facebook page!

Following the introduction of Remote Parents' Evening meetings via Zoom during the height of the C19 restrictions, and subsequent parental feedback, we are pleased to offer our next parents' evenings as a "hybrid" event. The teachers will be based in the school building, and you will have a choice as to whether to attend in person, or to dial in from home using Zoom. We are also delighted to be able to introduce an online booking system, although you will still be able to call in or telephone to make an appointment if you prefer. Details about how to access the online booking system and how the hybrid parents evening will work will be sent out in due course, but for now we thought you'd appreciate early notice of the dates:

- Monday 11th October (4pm - 7pm)
- Tuesday 12th October (4pm - 5.30pm)



School Photographs

Andrew Barton will be visiting school on the morning of Thursday 7th October to take our school photographs. Andrew will be in the school hall from 8.30am for any parents who wish to have their children photographed with younger siblings not presently attending Dhoon School. If you make your own way into the hall, through the entrance by the ramp, Andrew will organise you and make sure that the photographs are taken in the groupings that you want. During the morning, Andrew will work his way through each class taking individual, sibling and class photos. Proofs / purchasing details will follow.

Staff Car Park

A timely reminder for everyone and an important message for parents and families new to our school concerns car parking. I will have to ask that parents / carers / relatives do not make use of the staff car park. There are very real safety reasons for this: reducing traffic congestion in this area is part of how the school manages the risk of on site traffic.



Children in Y2 to Y6 will be going swimming on Tuesday mornings. Please ensure they bring a swimming kit and towel.

MSR Sports Club (Y2, Y3, Y4) starts on Mon 20.9.21 and Knit and Stitch Club (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6) starts on Tues 21.9.21 Places limited and offered on a first come, first served basis. Email dhoonenquiries@sch.im to register a place!

