



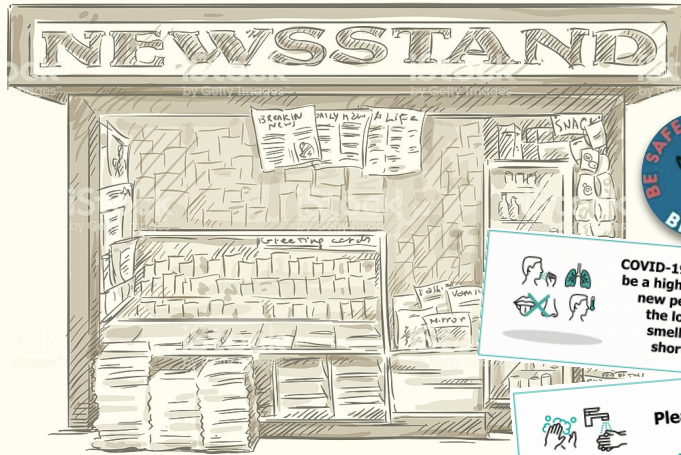
Dhoon Primary School

'Curiosity, Independence, Determination, Creativity, Collaboration'

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COVID-19 symptoms can be a high temperature, a new persistent cough, the loss or change in smell and taste, or a shortness of breath

Please continue to practise good hygiene

NEWSLETTER JAN 2022

Dates for Your Diary

- 04.01.2022 First day of Spring Term
- 07.01.2022 Homework resumes
- 11.01.2022 Swimming lessons resume
- 12.01.2022 French / Spanish Club resumes
- 19.01.2022 Morrells Handwriting Workshop for parents - details to follow
- 26.01.2022 Big Splash Launch event
- 18.02.2022 MSPCA Dress As An Animal Day - details to follow!
- 18.02.2022 Close for half term 3.30pm
- 28.02.2022 School reopens for new half term
- 14.03.2022 Y6 Cycling Proficiency Week
- 21.03.2022 Sportshall Athletics Comp
- 07.04.2022 Girls Football Tournament

This is not an exhaustive list

Message from Mr Kelly

Happy new year everyone! I trust you all had a super Christmas and a decent break. Hopefully everyone is feeling recharged and enthused about the year ahead - I know that all the teachers are! This time twelve months ago, we didn't even make it to the end of the first week back after Christmas before being plunged into lockdown and switching at speed to remote learning. This year, despite the continuing pandemic, things do feel different. The spread of C19 is being mitigated against through measures such as trying to increase ventilation, and an expectation for adults to wear face-coverings. Many of the steps and measures we take in school reflect decisions made in central Government, in the Department of Education, and by COMIN. I appreciate that there will be a range of views amongst all of you as to what we are doing, but I do hope that the consensus is alive and positive around doing all we can to make sure that the school remains open. Undoubtedly the biggest pressure currently facing our school is concerned with making sure we have enough staff available to operate. Isolation rules are clear; however we are lucky to have a flexible and adaptable team at Dhoon, and, fingers crossed, our contingencies are working. Away from C19, the school has a busy term planned and, as always, the teachers have organised fantastic learning experiences for your children. Your continued support is truly appreciated. With best wishes, Max Kelly.

If you have a child due to start with us at Dhoon School in September, please get in touch asap to register their place! If you know of any families in and around Maughold with children who will be school age in September, please encourage them to get in touch with us so they can register a place

Homework has resumed as per our recent Homework Policy. The first homework for this term has been sent home today



We are a Flagship School for Inclusion!

We are delighted to share the news that Dhoon School has been awarded "Flagship" status for inclusion following a full assessment in November 2021. The assessment was led by an inspector from the UK, Rekha Bhakoo. The review included interviews and meetings with various staff members, a scrutiny of documents and policies and a chat with our very own Pupil Council (pictured above). Being a Flagship School is a tremendous achievement and I am so proud of all of our pupils and staff who make Dhoon School what it is!

Swimming

Swimming sessions will start this coming Tuesday (11th January) and will be for children in Year 2 and above. Please remember to bring your kit!

Drinks Bottles

Please make sure that your child has a named drinks bottle with them in school. In these challenging times it is obviously more hygienic to drink from your own container than request communal cups when thirsty.

Now £2.50

Available from the School Office

We recognise that school is a little colder than usual due to our attempts to promote better ventilation. Therefore, we have relaxed our uniform code to allow for extra layers, jumpers and hoodies as accessories to the usual uniform.

A reminder that the car park is for staff use only. We just don't have the capacity to open this up to parents. We'd appreciate it if parents could extend this message to grandparents and other adults who occasionally pick-up and drop-off.

Road Safety Info

Road Safety Isle of Man have set up a new Facebook page to share news and events connected with road safety in schools. This will include information and dates concerning Cycle Proficiency Training - so well worth a look! The page can be found by searching for "Road Safety Isle of Man" on Facebook or through the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/Road-Safety-Isle-of-Man-100715825806563>

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The Giving Machine

Please check out www.thegivingmachine.co.uk, search for Dhoon School and register as a "giver". If you do any online shopping through this gateway the school receives a commission! Its a great way to support Dhoon!



COVID-19 SCHOOLS UPDATE

COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses are currently circulating within our schools. Here are some handy tips to limit the spread:

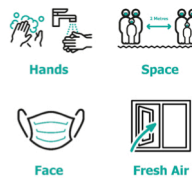


Wear face coverings inside all buildings and on buses



Test yourself twice a week using lateral flow devices

REMEMBER TO FOLLOW



If eligible, register for both the COVID-19 and flu vaccines



If displaying any COVID-19 symptoms, isolate and book a PCR test online immediately

For more information please visit covid19.gov.im

For more information on testing please visit covid19.gov.im/general-information/testing-results/

