



Dhoon Primary School

'Curiosity, Independence, Determination, Creativity, Collaboration'



NEWSLETTER APRIL 2022

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Dates for your diary...

- 07.4.22 Girls' Football Tournament
- 08.4.22 Final day of Spring Term
- 25.4.22 Summer Term begins
- 28.4.22 IOM Cross Country Championship
- 03.5.22 Y6 Venture Centre - webinar
- 09.5.22 "This Is Me" week
- 16.5.22 Y6 Crucial Crew event
- 23.5.22 Y6 Venture Centre Trip

This is not an exhaustive list!

We are really looking forward to the Year 6 Venture Centre Trip which will go ahead w/c 23rd May 2022. There will be a parents' meeting in the first week of May where we'll go through all the expectations, the kit list, and talk through all the fine details. The meeting will be held live and online via Zoom at 6pm on Tuesday 3rd May. The link will be shared well in advance so make a note of the time and date, and watch this space!

Message from Mr Kelly, Executive Headteacher

As April begins, the Spring Term is drawing to a close – this time next week we'll be getting started on a two week break for Easter! I think the children are ready for some time away from school... it has been an *incredibly* busy term. Some very recent highlights include the daffodil competition last week, our involvement with the Big Splash Project, Red Nose Day, MSPCA Day, and World Book Day. Teachers, too, have been very busy behind the scenes and have benefitted from training in phonics, allergy management, handwriting schemes, and ITT. All this whilst maintaining great teaching and learning in classrooms and helping pupils progress! On that theme, I hope you all found this week's Parents' Evenings useful touch-points with the school to find out about how your children are doing in school. *We are so proud of them!* The term isn't quite over – next week sees our girls' football team competing in the IOM Championships, our final swimming sessions of the academic year and a visit from the Open The Book team. I think we'll all be ready for a chocolate egg (or two!) after all that! *With best wishes. Max Kelly*

The Great Manx Run

The #GreatManxRun is a running event taking place on Saturday 9th April 2022 and is open to runners of all abilities wishing to take part. You can run a choice of 1 mile fun run, a marathon distance relay (with a team of 4 each running just over 6 miles), a half-marathon or a full marathon. Sign-up now and choose Dhoon School as your nominated cause and we will receive 50% of your registration fee: www.greatmanxrun.im It's great to hear some of you have already signed up to take part!

Good luck to our girls' football team who are competing in the Isle of Man Tournament at The Bowl on Thursday next week! Many thanks to Mr Cross for coaching them in preparation!



Y6 Cycling proficiency lessons were postponed due to C19... we are still rescheduling a date with the training providers, and as soon as we have that confirmed we will let you know!

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! It's a great way to support Dhoon!

School Governor

Dhoon School are currently seeking a new parent governor. If you are interested in finding out more about the role, what it involves and the election process, please speak to Mr Kelly!

Meet Our Dolphin... MONA!

WOW!! Doesn't our dolphin look AMAZING!! Huge thanks to all the children, adults and staff who have helped make this possible. Laxey and Dhoon Federation are PROUD supporters of the Hospice Big Splash Project and have loved taking part. We will announce some fundraising events in due course so watch this space!

Travel and road safety experiences in Laxey, Lonan and Maughold



The Garff Road Safety Working Group seek views on your travel experiences within the Sheding, including how you make your journeys and your motives for these choices, as well as perceptions of road safety and challenges encountered within the survey area. Follow the link or scan the QR to take part!

<https://consult.gov.im/infrastructure/travel-and-road-safety-in-laxey-lonan-maughold/?fbclid=IwAR2q8a1ANrW1OYGNS2LuidK3e-BCXia--p7iWINDAvDzlbzQSmRbVc2ygs>

"THIS IS ME" WEEK
w/c 9th May 2022

Covid... lockdowns... pandemics... it's all taken a toll on children over the last couple of years. In response, we have planned a special week to highlight and support children's mental health, well-being and emotional resilience; and to recognise and celebrate our differences, diversity and special unique qualities. We have a fantastic array of events and activities lined up all week including the much anticipated return of Rock Kidz, a special parent workshop with comedic poet Ian Bland, a virtual visit from Grandad Wheels and a plethora of special assemblies led by mental health charity Isle Listen. Lots more details to follow on all this so keep an eye out for further information.

We will be entering a team into the Isle of Man Cross-Country Championships after Easter. We'll be reaching out to those children involved next week. A kit and number will be provided.