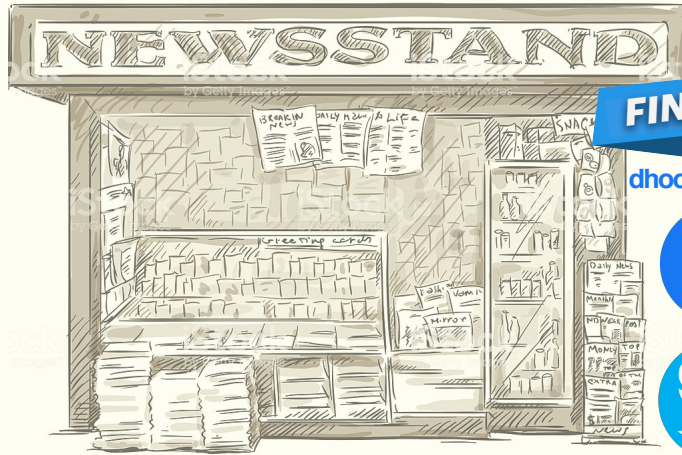




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NEWSLETTER OCT 2022

Dates for Your Diary

- 10.10.22 Parents' Evening (1)
- 11.10.22 Parents' Evening (2)
- 17.10.22 BBC filming Dhoon School for TV (1)
- 18.10.22 BBC filming Dhoon School for TV (2)
- 17.10.22 Simon Murray (Illustrator) visit
- 21.10.22 Flu Vaccinations for children
- 31.10.22 Hop Tu Naa Day (spooky outfits!)
- 09.11.22 Dhoon School Remembrance Assembly
- 13.11.22 Maughold Church Remembrance Service
- 18.11.22 Children In Need Day
- 02.12.22 Dhoon School Christmas Fair
- 12.12.22 Christmas Show (afternoon perf 2pm)
- 12.12.22 Christmas Show (evening perf 7pm)
- 22.12.22 Close for Christmas at 3.25pm
- 09.01.23 Open for Spring Term

This is not an exhaustive list

Message from Mr Kelly

It has been a fantastic first month of the school year at Dhoon! I'm really pleased with how well all of our new children settled into their classes and routines. Whenever I have walked around the classrooms to see what is going on, I have been struck at how engaged and happy the children are - their smiles tell their own stories. The remaining weeks of this half-term, and those that follow in the run-up to Christmas, are some of the busiest (and most exciting!) in the school calendar. Some key dates are published in the list opposite, but do keep an eye on the updated diary which is always available on the homepage of our school website. In fact, regardless of checking out the calendar, I'd encourage you to head over to our website for a look: you will find loads of information including policies, correspondence and copies of our newsletters. Of course, we still have an active presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, so remember to give our socials a follow too! *With best wishes as always, Mr Kelly.*



Author / Illustrator

Visit

Children's author and illustrator Simon Murray will be visiting Dhoon School on 17th October to work with each class to inspire their writing, reading and art skills. Simon will be sharing his latest story featuring the character "Icky Doo Dah" with the children during the day and will have copies of his book available to buy for anyone interested... details to follow!

Parents' Evening

As previously mentioned, and based on feedback from our parent survey, we are continuing to offer you a choice as to whether to attend an online session or a face-to-face meeting to find out about how your child has settled into school following the Summer break and to meet the teacher. The online meetings are on Monday 10th October and the face-to-face meetings are on Tuesday 11th October. If you haven't already done so please log-in to Arbor (<https://login.arbor.sc>) to book an appointment using our online booking service, but please be aware that it is all *first come-first served* in terms of your preferences. As always, feedback is always welcome, and we look forward to receiving any comments you have on the booking system or format of the parents evening to help us provide a really good service to you. The dates / times for the parents evening are:

- Monday 10th October (4pm - 7pm) - online meetings (the link will be shared on our website)
- Tuesday 11th October (4pm - 5.30pm) - face-to-face meetings in the school building.

Just a reminder that we do have some pre-loved uniform kept in school which parents can request to have. This is in addition to the uniform exchanges we have run on the playground and the regular uniform items that staff just give away if they spot a child without something. (PS - thank you to those of you who donate pre-loved uniform to us to help maintain our stock!)

If you've given Manx Care consent your child will receive a nasal flu vaccine on Friday 21st October. Manx Care will not vaccinate any child without consent.

Hop Tu Naa Day

On the first Monday of next half-term (31st October) the children can come to school dressed up for Hop Tu Naa. We recognise the Manx tradition, not Halloween, and as such we don't encourage really scary or gory costumes. Witches, black cats & skeletons are much more suitable for school. There is no charge, it's just for fun, and we'll organise some Hop Tu Naa activities for the children too. More details to follow in due course!



Please check out 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!

SAFETY REMINDER

Another important reminder to parents, carers and grandparents - you must not use our staff car park (unless by prior arrangement). This is the same rule even on wet days. Unfortunately we only have a small car park which can accommodate our staff team and official visitors. Part of the school's risk management is to restrict use of the car park in this way - many thanks to those of you who follow this rule. On a similar theme, please don't park over yellow markings on the road or in the bus stop. We have some reports from Bus Vannin of blockages preventing the bus getting on and off the stop. Thank you.



Big Splash Donation

Dhoon School's participation in the Big Splash project raised £700 for Hospice IOM which we were able to present earlier this week!



MEET OUR NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Young Famers Tractor Run returns for 2022!!
Thu 1st Dec - Douglas Late Night Shopping
Fri 2nd Dec - South of the IOM
Sat 3rd Dec - Around the Island!

