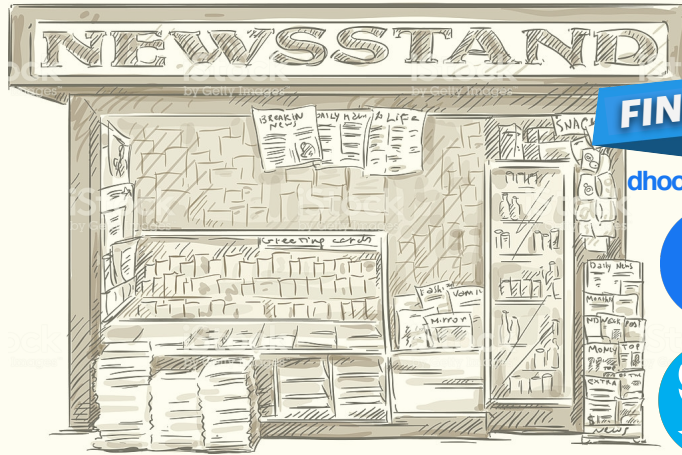




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NEWSLETTER JAN 2023

Dates for your diary...

- 16.01.23 Manx Youth Games Assembly
- 17.01.23 Knit & Stitch Club recommences
- 18.01.23 First Aid Training for Class 3
- 19.01.23 Toast Club recommences
- 25.01.23 First Aid Training for Class 3
- 26.01.23 IQM Assessment Day
- 01.02.23 Spanish lessons recommence
- 02.02.23 French lessons recommence
- 17.02.23 Dress As An Animal Day

This is not an exhaustive list! The homepage of our school website shows a live calendar of events - check it out

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Message from Mr Kelly

Can you believe it is now 2023?! Allow me to extend my best wishes for a prosperous, successful and healthy new year to everyone. The children have settled back into school routines quickly and eagerly and there have already been lots of super learning activities taking place in each of our classes. New learning themes are being explored with great enthusiasm and I'm sure you'll hear further details about these from your children in the coming weeks. Keep your eye out for our parent information sheets which will detail the topic / theme being studied in each class. These will be sent home shortly. It was an incredibly busy and productive end to the last term, and I hope that you all enjoyed our Christmas Concert. I thought the children were magnificent and it was a real privilege to watch the performances. School really couldn't do everything it does without the wonderful support of the parent community - and I really must extend a genuine and sincere thank you to the fabulous parents who helped to stage our wonderful Christmas fair towards the end of last term. The fair, together with door collections at the concerts, raised c£2000 which we intend to put towards resources and activities for the children. *With best wishes as always, Mr Kelly.*

MSPCA Dress As An Animal Day

Dhoon School will be supporting the MSPCA by joining in with "Dress As An Animal Day" on Friday 17th February.

It is optional to take part - if your child is more comfortable in dress down clothes or school uniform then that will be fine. We are asking for an optional donation of £1 per child if you take part, which can be brought in on the day. Your outfit can be as elaborate or low key as you like - a bit of black eyeliner and some black paper triangles clipped to a hairband can make a quick and easy cat; onesies can often be a quick and easy costume too!

More information to follow on this - we thought it would be useful to give you an early "heads-up!"

Staff Car Park

We are delighted to welcome a few new families to Dhoon School this term! For those new to the school, and as a polite reminder to everyone else, please be aware that the school car park is for staff only. Parents / grandparents / carers should not use it to park, or as a place to turn around. Unfortunately we don't have the capacity to facilitate this - and if we allowed some to use it, we'd have to allow everyone to use it which would make the area very unsafe for our children. Please could parents extend this message to grandparents and family members who don't always see our newsletter. Thank you for your co-operation.

Swimming

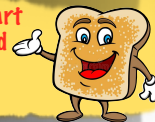
Swimming is a statutory part of our curriculum at Dhoon School. If a child is to miss a lesson we require notification from home, together with a valid reason, for our records.

REMINDER

Calling Reception children for September 2023! If you know of any families who have a child due to start at Dhoon School next September, please would you ask them to contact the school as soon as possible to register their place with us. Thank you.

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!

The school council have announced that Toasty Thursday will start again next week on 19th January! This remains 20p a week, and in line with requests marmalade will be added to the choices alongside butter and jam!



On Thursday 26th January Dhoon School will be visited by an external assessor from the UK to validate our status as a Flagship School for Inclusion. The assessor will ask to speak with a group of parents to check their experiences of the school - if any parent would like to volunteer to be part of this group please drop an email to dhoonenquiries@sch.im and register your interest.

Please can you make sure that your child has a PE kit in school at all times. These can remain in school and be taken home for washing each half-term.

Animal Day

Friday 17th
February
2023



Dress up as an animal day is returning on Friday the 17th of February 2023. It is an all Island dress down day for preschools, schools and workplaces!

Adults and children will be given the option to dress up as an animal for a day and donate £1 per person. Schools and workplaces will be encouraged to carry out their own further fundraising activities on the day. Examples could be cake sales, raffle and face painting to raise extra funds.



Staff from the ManxSPCA will be visiting participating schools on the day. Photos of visits will be uploaded to the ManxSPCA Facebook page with permission from the school.



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