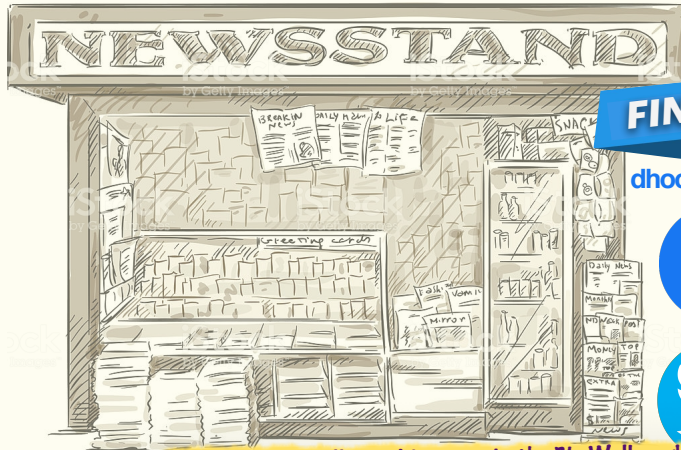




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Dates for Your Diary

- 08.03.23 Daffodil Judging Day in School
- 08.03.23 Isle Listen Sessions In School
- 09.03.23 Junior Achievement day for Class 3
- 15.03.23 Y6 Speed Questioning Event at RGS
- 16.03.23 Welly Walk 2023
- 17.03.23 Red Nose Day 2023
- wc 20.03.23 Big Walk and Wheel Week
- wc 20.03.23 Parents' Appointments Week
- 20.03.23 Simon Murray (Illustrator) visit
- 24.03.23 Girls' Football Tournament
- 27.03.23 Parents' Appointments Week
- 05.03.23 Cross Country Championships
- 06.04.23 Close for Easter Holidays at 3.30pm

This is not an exhaustive list!

Message from Mr Kelly

I trust that everyone enjoyed their half-term break. We finished last half-term on a high with a flurry of activities in the last week including Woodland Adventures, School Council meetings, a visit from education expert Mark Burns and the MSPCA fundraiser "Dress As An Animal Day." The new half-term has kick-started in ferocious fashion, and just this week we have started new topics; celebrated World Book Day; started presentations in Class 3; and planned a Welly Walk organised by the School Council to raise funds for the Earthquake Appeal in Turkey and Syria and the Comic Relief Red Nose Appeal. The Dhoon Way is nothing if not action packed! There is plenty more planned for throughout March and I hope this newsletter gives a flavour of everything to come.

Towards the end of last half-term Dhoon School received the outcome from our recent external assessment through the Inclusion Quality Mark scheme. I am delighted to be able to share with you that the report makes for very positive reading and confirms Dhoon's status as a national "Flagship School" - a status only shared by around 1% of schools in the UK and the only Flagship School for Inclusion in the Isle of Man. Needless to say I am incredibly proud and humbled to work in such a good school alongside dedicated and committed staff, exceptional children and supportive parents, all of whom make Dhoon School the special community that it is. I'd like to place on record my thanks to all my staff who have contributed to our work and preparation for the assessment. The full report is published and available to read on the school website: [Homepage > Our School > Additional School Information > IQM Flagship Report 2023](#)

With very best wishes, Max Kelly, Headteacher

Dhoon School will be taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel Challenge w/e 20/3/2023! More information will be shared by the School Council soon so keep an eye out for that!

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SAVE THE DATE

Parents' Appointments

Parent's Evening appointments will take place w/c 20/3/23. We will be in touch later this month to let you know when our online booking system opens and you will be able to log into Arbor (<https://login.arbor.sc>) to find an available slot with your child's teacher. We would like to encourage as many parents as possible to use these an opportunity for a face-to-face appointment; as useful as technology is, we don't want to lose the human connection which is so important in the educational partnership between school and home. This feels like a good opportunity to touch base without screens and to that end we are only planning to offer physical appointments on this occasion. Do speak to Mr Kelly or Mrs Shimmin if this poses a real challenge to your circumstances and we will try to accommodate an alternative option as best we can.

Please could we ask parents to refrain from sending in nuts as snacks for their children - we have some children with nut allergies in school and it would be very helpful if we could reduce their risk to a reaction.

WORLD BOOK DAY

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Dhoon School celebrated World Book Day yesterday. We believe the emphasis of the day should be on reading and celebrating quality literature rather than dressing up. The children had a fantastic day (actually a fantastic week of reading activities!) and you can see some photographs over on our Facebook page. To continue the celebration of books and to encourage children to continue reading for pleasure, every pupil has received a £1 book token which is redeemable in all well known bookshops across the island. The voucher is coming home with this newsletter so keep an eye out for it!



Some of our pupils are taking part in the Manx Folk Awards later this month. Many thanks to Mr Cross who is co-ordinating this. Mr Cross will be in touch with all the details for those children involved.

Fantastic Experiences For Our Pupils

One way in which we enhance the curriculum for our pupils at Dhoon School is by planning additional learning experiences for them. During March all pupils will have the opportunity to benefit from a visit from a published book illustrator from the UK. Children's author and illustrator Simon Murray will be visiting Dhoon School on 20th March 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!

Welly Walk 2023 / Red Nose Day

It's back! Dhoon School's traditional Welly Walk fundraiser will take place on 16th March. All the information is in the attached sponsorship form and letter. The Welly Walk is known as a wonderful community event, and all parents, grandparents, friends and families are invited to join us on the walk which usually takes a couple of hours.

