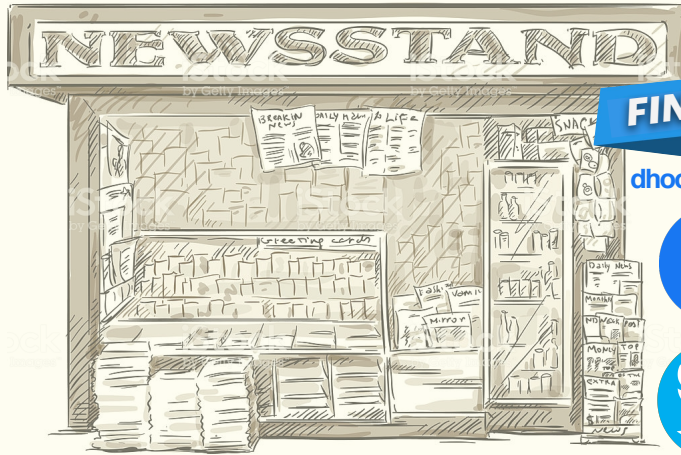




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## NEWSLETTER APRIL 2023

### Dates for Your Diary

- 06.04.23 Close for Easter Holidays at 3.30pm
- 24.04.23 School opens for Summer Term
- 24.04.23 Live Webinar re Shropshire Trip
- 26.04.23 Cross Country (rescheduled date)
- 01.05.23 School closed - Bank Holiday
- 03.05.23 Dolphin Swimming Gala
- 05.05.23 Coronation Party (details TBC)
- 08.05.23 School closed - Coronation Bank Hol
- 08.05.23 Y6 Off-Island Trip (all week)
- 12.05.23 Isle Listen visit
- 15.05.23 Cycling Proficiency Wk  
get those bike checks complete :)
- 17.05.23 Y6 Junior Achievement Day
- 23.05.23 Y6 Crucial Crew
- 29.05.23 School closed - Bank Holiday
- 01.06.23 School closes for half-term 3.30pm
- 02.06.23 INSET day for staff
- 12.06.23 School reopens for Summer 2

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

### Message from Mr Kelly

As April begins, the Spring Term is drawing to a close – I know newsletters are usually published on the first Friday of the month in term time, but we've made a slight exception on this occasion as we'll all be starting our two week break for Easter tomorrow! I think the children are ready for some time away from school... it has been an incredibly busy term. Some recent highlights from this term include the daffodil competition, our involvement with the Manx Folk Awards, Red Nose Day, taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel initiative and World Book Day. Teachers, too, have been very busy behind the scenes and have benefitted from training in writing moderation, allergy management, and curriculum / high expectations. All this whilst maintaining great teaching and learning in classrooms and helping pupils progress! On that theme, I hope you all found this term'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!

Our Welly Walk hasn't quite happened... yet (!)... but we have a new date scheduled for Tuesday 2nd May which we'll combine with another of our Coffee and Chat events where you can pop in and see the corridor display. The children have worked incredibly hard to create a celebration around "reading" and you'll be very welcome to call in and take a look! You won't be disappointed! I hope that everyone has a wonderful break over the Easter Holidays, and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 24th April. With very best wishes, Max Kelly, Headteacher

We are really looking forward to the Year 6 Shropshire Trip which will go ahead w/c 8th May 2023. There will be a parents' meeting in the first week back after Easter 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 Monday 24th April. The link will be shared via Facebook and Twitter over the Easter holidays so keep an eye out for it and register your place. A quick word on the kit list - we share it late on because you genuinely don't need to spend money on sourcing new items. The main kit consists of clothes you are happy to get muddy, and a couple of pairs of trainers: no specialist equipment required! We look forward to "seeing" you on Monday 24th April online at 6pm.



Junior Fell Running Championship Sunday 21st May 2023  
For School years 2 to 7

RACE LOCATION: Knockaloe Beg Farm, Patrick.

All entries are online this year - parents and guardians can enter their children's details direct.

<https://manxfellrunners.org/junior-fell-running-championship-2023-entry>

To enter the race, use the weblink above or scan the QR code to take you to the entry page. Be sure to download the race information sheet from the entry page.



### Manx Folk Awards - Success!

A huge congratulations must go to Mr Cross and the children in his groups who took part in the Manx Folk Awards. The children performed brilliantly and won both of their classes. Yindyssagh!

### Junior Fell Running Championship

Entries are now open for the Junior Fell Running Championships on Sunday 21st May.

ALL entries can now be made online by parents/guardians, so schools have only been asked to signpost the event this year.

Any child from year 2 to 7 is welcome to have a go at racing and transport and supervision remains with the parents/guardians.

The venue remains at Knockaloe Beg Farm, that provides a selection of fantastic age-appropriate courses. Please register using the following link, and do let us know how you get on!

<https://manxfellrunners.org/junior-fell-running-championship-2023-entry>



### Coronation Party

The coronation of His Majesty The King, Lord of Man, takes place on Saturday 6th May with a Bank Holiday (and school closure) on Monday 8th May. To celebrate the King's coronation we will be holding a special Coronation Party in school on Friday 5th May. Please keep an eye out for a special letter early next term which will have all the details in it about our party!

We haven't had much luck with our Welly Walk! The wet weather has the ground very muddy, but we're hopeful we can go ahead with the same arrangements as before on Tuesday 2nd May. We'll aim to start at around 9.30am, so if you'd like to join us on the walk please stay on site after drop-off and we'll have a coffee ready for you to enjoy. We'll open up our theme corridor too so you can have a look at all the wonderful work our pupils have done recently.

### The Giving Machine

Visit [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk), search for Dhoon Primary School and register as a "giver". School will then receive commission when you do your online shopping!

