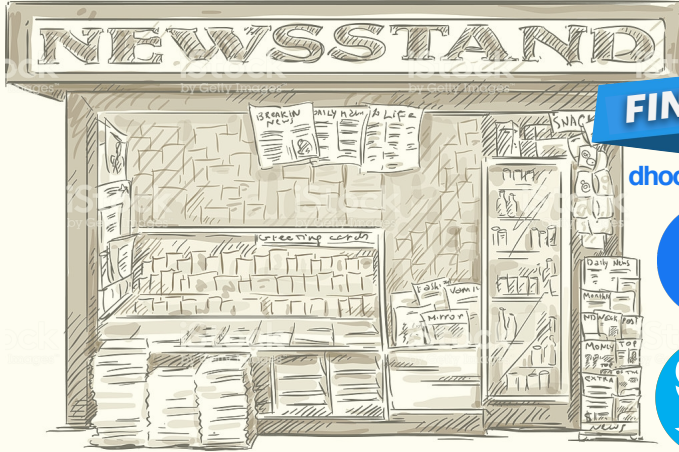




# Dhoon Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER MAY 2023

### Dates for Your Diary

- 08.05.23 School closed - Coronation Bank Hol
- 08.05.23 Y6 Off-Island Trip (all week)
- 09.05.23 RockKidz Visit
- 12.05.23 Isle Listen visit
- 15.05.23 Cycling Proficiency Wk  
get those bike checks complete :)
- 17.05.23 Y6 Junior Achievement Day
- 21.05.23 Junior Fell Running (info below)
- 23.05.23 Y6 Crucial Crew
- 24.05.23 Sports Day from 1.45pm
- 26.05.23 Sports Day (reserve date)
- 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
- 14.06.23 Minister visits Dhoon School
- 28.06.23 Sound of Magic concert
- 07.07.23 End of Year reports published
- 18.07.23 Y6 Leavers Assembly at 2pm
- 21.07.23 End of Summer Term

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

### Message from Mr Kelly

This newsletter is published on the eve of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, and we have celebrated this historic occasion all day today in school. The children have enjoyed activities, plenty of bunting, a tea party in the hall and had lots and lots of Coronation-themed fun. In honour of tomorrow's Coronation, an extra Bank Holiday has been allocated and as such we will be closed on Monday (8th May.) Even though it's a Bank Holiday, our Year 6s will still be gathering at the Sea Terminal early on Monday morning to travel to England for their residential week in Culmington Manor in Shropshire. It promises to be the trip of a lifetime and a time when lots of happy memories are made.

The summer term always passes by in the blink of an eye, so hold on tight. We have lots of exciting things planned this side of TT including cycling proficiency for Class 3, a visit from RockKidz next week, and our Sports Day.... details of all these events (and more) are included in this newsletter. *With very best wishes, Max Kelly, Headteacher*

Having worked at Dhoon School for almost 20 years, Mr. Cross has taken the personal decision to step down from his role as a substantive member of staff. The contribution to Dhoon School that Mr Cross has made over the years is enormous: his involvement in sports teams, musical productions, after school clubs as well as his longstanding presence in the classrooms has been outstanding. It isn't possible to do justice to all of his achievements and contributions in this

Newsletter, but suffice to say he has certainly left his mark and it has been our great pleasure to have him on our staff. The good news is that Mr Cross remains with us for the duration of this term, and from September he will continue to come into school in a reduced capacity to deliver music lessons across the school. So whilst it's not quite "goodbye" it does mean that we are currently recruiting for a replacement teacher for September. As soon as we have filled that position we will let everyone know. In the meantime we're sure you will join us in wishing Mr Cross all the best for his change in circumstances.

### 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>



### Dhoon Successes



We have all been really proud of the children who have represented Dhoon School in the recent Cross Country Championships and Dolphin Swimming Gala! Everyone who took part demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship!

We also had a number of our pupils taking part in the Manx Music Festival and would like to say a big "well done!" to everyone involved.



### Sports Day 2023



Sports Day will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 24th May and will follow the traditional format, arranged on our school field. Parents, family and friends are welcome to come along and watch! Turn up from 1.30pm onwards for a 1.45pm start

Don't forget it's Cycling proficiency for Class 3 w/e 15th May 2023



### Radon Gas Testing

All schools on the Isle of Man, including Dhoon, will be tested for radon during the summer term to bring the Isle of Man in line with other parts of the British Isles.

The simple test will see a handful of plastic detectors placed in ground floor rooms and basements during the summer term before the data is analysed.

This test was last carried out in 1989 and no problems were found. The action is part of the Government's legal obligation to limit people's exposure to radon and is being supported by the UK Health Security Agency.

### FREE LUNCH

### Free School Meals - Apply Now

The following are links for 2023/2024 Free School meals application forms.

<https://www.gov.im/categories/education-training-and-careers/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-free-school-travel-application-form>

<https://www.gov.im/media/34660/free-school-meals-travel-joint-application-form-2023-24.pdf>

### Year 5 VC Trip

We are planning to invite Y5 for an overnight trip to the Venture Centre in early July! More info to follow soon!

As the weather improves please remember to pack sun hats and water bottles and apply sun-cream before school!

