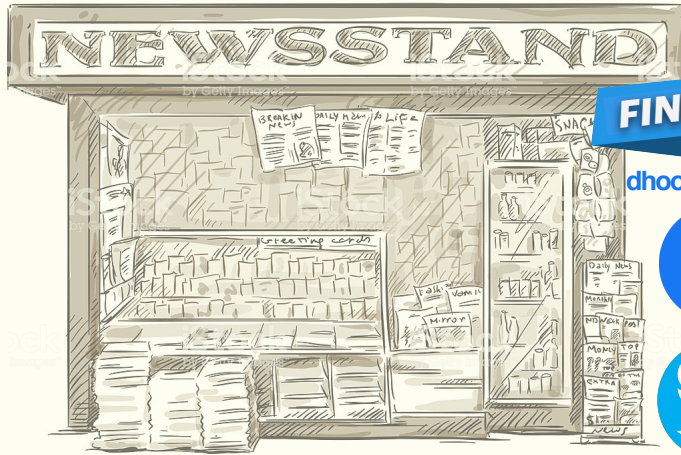




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'Curiosity, Independence, Determination, Creativity, Collaboration'



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## NEWSLETTER JULY 2023

### Dates for Your Diary

- 21.07.23 End of Summer Term
- 06.09.23 School opens to all children
- 12.09.23 Swimming lessons commence (Details will be confirmed)
- 20.10.23 School closes for half-term

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

### FREE LUNCH

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>

**What a fabulous Leavers' Assembly on Tuesday! The children did themselves proud.**

We also used the occasion to mark a farewell to Nigel Cretney who has recently stepped back from his role in Dhoon Church. Nigel has been a longstanding supporter of Dhoon School and has contributed enormously over the year to school assemblies, special occasions such as Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas, and has introduced our monthly "Open The Book" group which brings Bible stories to life for our children.

We will miss seeing Nigel in school, but I'm sure you will all join me in wishing him a happy and healthy "retirement" - although he assures me he isn't quite hanging up the dog collar just yet.

### Message from Mr Kelly

We usually publish monthly newsletters on the first Friday of a month, but in July we'll publish on the last day so that we can capture all of our end-of-term messages and make sure you are furnished with all the information you need about activities which are available throughout the Summer Holidays. I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge "thank you" to everyone at Dhoon School - it's been another phenomenal year at the school and I know I'm really lucky to work in such a special place. This year Dhoon School has received the Gold Status Investors In Children Award and has also achieved national Flagship Status for Inclusion. Both of these accreditations support my view that Dhoon School is one of the very best schools in the Island. None of it would be possible without the brilliant children we teach, the dedicated and caring teachers and staff team we have built, the counsel and guidance of our governing body, or the generosity and support of our parents. I'd like to take this moment to thank you all for the crucial part you have played in our story this year. There really are too many amazing moments to choose from, but particular highlights for me this year have been seeing Dhoon School feature on primetime national TV with our performance on Children In Need, and watching our choir take the stage at the Villa Marina for The Sound of Magic. Of course, events like the Y5 Venture Centre Trip, the Y6 Shropshire Trip, the KS1 Grand Day Out, the Rock Kidz performances and our fantastic Christmas Concert have contributed to the year that was - and I'm sure your children will have their own special memories of what made this year special too. I wish everyone a lovely summer break - relax, unwind, spend as much time together as possible - and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Wednesday 6th September. With very best wishes, Max Kelly, Headteacher

*MKS*

Don't forget to keep up to date with Dhoon School. You can find us on Facebook & follow us on Twitter! Our website is regularly updated too, including a live calendar of events and dates for your diary!

### End of Year Reports

A reminder for parents / carers to sign and return a copy of their child's end-of-year report. September is fine if you haven't had chance this term!

Good luck to all of our Year 6s who are leaving us today! We are all proud of you!



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**PLAYINGOUT**



All ages and abilities welcome - just turn up and play  
**OPEN ACCESS POLICY** - children must be signed in and parent/carer for children under 16 should stay.  
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### CLASSES FROM SEPTEMBER

Year Group	Teacher
Reception/ Y1/Y2	Mrs Stewart Supported by Miss Cook
Y3/Y4	Mr Davis
Y5/Y6	Miss Barlow

Week 1	10am-12pm	2pm-4pm
Tues July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Onchan (REC)	Laxey Glen
Wed July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Ramsey Coronation Park	Jurby school
Thurs July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Castletown Poulson Park	Foxdale school
Fri July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lesters Yard	Peel (Raggatt)

Week 4	10am-12pm	2pm-4pm
Thurs August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Castletown	Marown school field
Fri August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ballasalla school field	Lesters Yard

Week 2	10am-12pm	2pm-4pm
Mon July 31 <sup>st</sup>		Lesters Yard
Tues August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ballasalla school	Marown school
Wed August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kirk Michael school	Jurby school
Thurs August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pt St Mary School	Willaston school
Fri August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lesters Yard	Ballaugh

Week 5	10am-12pm	2pm-4pm
Mon August 21 <sup>st</sup>		Lesters Yard
Tues August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ballaugh Millenium Field	Ramsey Coronation Park
Wed August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kirk Michael school	Jurby school field
Thurs August 24 <sup>th</sup>	Laxey Glen	Andreas school
Fri August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Willaston school field	Lesters Yard

Week 3	10am-12pm	2pm-4pm
Mon August 7 <sup>th</sup>	LY (SEN)	Lesters Yard
Tues August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Foxdale school	Andreas school
Wed August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Onchan (REC)	Jurby school
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Royal Show Agricultural Show	
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	Royal Show Agricultural Show	

Week 6	10am-12pm	2pm-4pm
Mon August 28 <sup>th</sup>	LY (SEN)	Lesters Yard
Tues August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Pt St Mary school	Foxdale School Playground
Wed August 30 <sup>th</sup>	Andreas School	Jurby school
Thurs August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Peel - Raggatt	Ramsey Coronation Park
Fri Sept 1 <sup>st</sup>	Willaston School Field	Lesters Yard

YOUNG ENGINEERS



Every Wednesday

9am-3:30pm

Trinity Methodist Church, Douglas

# SUMMER

£35

## STEM Club

Book now: [www.ion/youngengineers.org](http://www.ion/youngengineers.org)

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