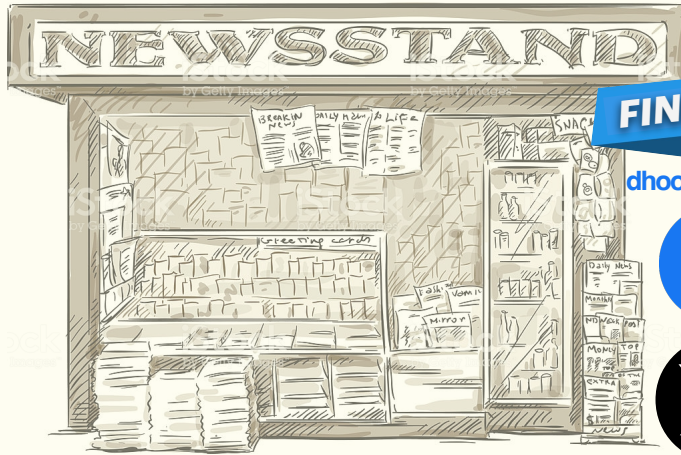




# Dhoon Primary School

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NEWSLETTER  
SEPT 2023

### Dates for Your Diary

- 22.09.23 First homework of the school year
- 11.10.23 STEMFest for Y6 (details to follow)
- 16.10.23 Parents Evening 1 (4pm - 7pm)
- 17.10.23 Parents Evening 2 (4pm - 6pm)
- 17.10.23 Be Safe, Be Seen - launch
- 20.10.23 School closes for half-term at 3.30pm
- 30.10.23 School re-opens for 2nd half-term
- 31.10.23 Hop Tu Nap day
- 06.11.23 Pedestrian skills and scooter training during the week.

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

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### Message from Mr Kelly

I trust that each one of our staff, pupils, and parents enjoyed a delightful summer break, coming back rejuvenated and eager for the learning journey ahead. Today, we are thrilled to share with you the first newsletter of this academic year. From October onwards, we'll be back to our regular schedule, publishing on the first Friday of each month. Alongside this, we will also reinstate our regular updates on social media – our 'shop window' into the vibrant life of Dhoon School. If you haven't already, don't forget to 'like' us on Facebook and 'follow' us on Twitter(X). The 2023-24 school year undeniably holds the promise of growth, learning, and togetherness. The hallways have been echoing with the laughter and chatter of our new pupils. We're thrilled to have our new Reception children blending seamlessly into our school, and it's heartening to see our new pupils across various year groups making commendable starts. To all our new families – a hearty welcome to the Dhoon School community. Open communication remains a cornerstone of our approach. If you have any concerns, queries, or simply wish to discuss school-related matters, please don't hesitate to set up a meeting with either Mrs. Shimmin or myself. We're always here to listen and assist.

DON'T FORGET

Y2 to Y6 will be going swimming on Tuesday mornings. Please ensure they bring a kit & towel.

Has there been a recent change in your child's medical details? Please ensure their records are up-to-date! You can easily make updates directly on Arbor by logging in. Alternatively, reach out and inform us. Your child's well-being is our top priority.

### Dhoon School Council

<b>The Chairperson</b> Manages the meeting using an agenda Is inclusive - ensures everyone who wants to speak gets a chance Listens to discussions and moves along the meeting points	<b>The Secretary</b> Prepares the Agenda Is considerate and listens to others taking notes of all the main points for discussions Ensures all classes and representatives have a copy of the agenda Takes notes and types up the minutes of the meeting
<b>The Class Representative (x3)</b> Listens carefully to others Feeds back to the classes and school council Makes suggestions and brings ideas to share Is willing to take on responsibility	<b>The Treasurer</b> Collection of money for school council events Counts up any money received and submits to the school office for banking purposes Reports to the school council amount of monies raised and amount of money donated every term

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Group: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to apply for the position of: \_\_\_\_\_

What qualities can you offer your chosen role? \_\_\_\_\_

### Dhoon School Council needs you!

Do you think you have what it takes to be part of our amazing school council? Can you collaborate with other team members and think of some innovative ideas for our school?

If so, make sure you take one of the application forms - Mrs Kelly will have spares if you've not yet picked one up!

Children are encouraged to bring their own refillable water bottles into school to use throughout the day.

**Staff car park**  
 A reminder for everyone and an important message for parents & families new to our school concerns car parking. I will have to ask that parents /carers / relatives do not make use of the staff car park. There are real safety reasons for this: reducing traffic in this area is part of how we manage the risk of on site traffic.

Please do not park on the zig zag road markings.  
Children and parents cross the road here.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN 20 FOR OUR SCHOOL

### Slow Dhoon!

Last term our School Council organised their "Slow Dhoon" campaign. Check it out and remember: Slow Dhoon and 20 is plenty!

### Extracurricular Clubs Update

Join us and get involved in our exciting range of lunchtime and after-school clubs. Here's the weekly line-up:

- Monday:**  
Lunchtime: KS2 Choir (Starting end of September) and School Council.  
After School: MSR for Year 5 & 6.
- Tuesday:**  
Lunchtime: Tin Whistles for Year 4, 5, & 6.  
After School: Knit and Stitch (KS2, limited to 12 pupils) and Coding Club (KS2, 25 spots available).
- Wednesday:**  
Lunchtime: Dive into the world of Spanish or join the Year 2, 3, & 4 Girls Football.
- Thursday:**  
Lunchtime: Say "Bonjour" to our French class.  
After School: Year 3 & 4 Hockey (First half-term is a prep for an upcoming tournament).
- Friday:**  
Lunchtime: Tin Whistles for Year 2 & 3.

Participate, learn something new, and make memorable experiences. We look forward to your enthusiastic participation!

### HOMEWORK

#### Update

Our updated Homework Policy is available on our website as a reminder of our approach to homework at Dhoon School.

Homework starts next Friday for our children 🍌