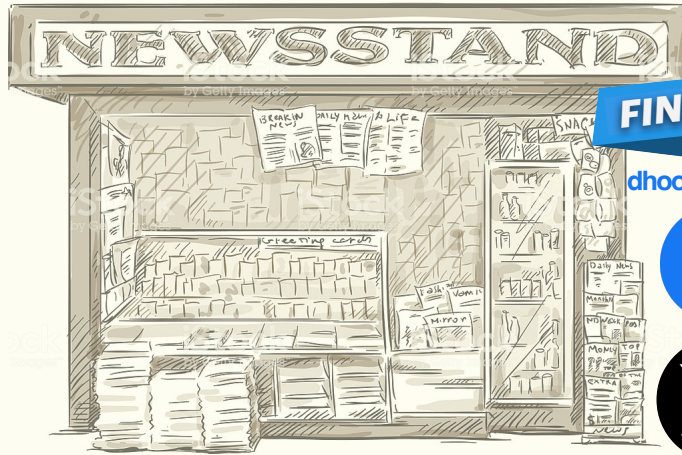




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## Dates for Your Diary

- 09.02.24 Class 3 Visit to Swagelok
- 13.02.24 Y2/Y3 Tag Rugby Tournament
- 16.02.24 MSPCA Dress As An Animal day
- 16.02.24 School closes for half-term break
- 26.02.24 Reopen for new half-term
- 29.02.24 Y6 Open Evening at RGS
- 01.03.24 Wacky Hair Day
- 07.03.24 World Book Day  
Details to follow!
- 15.03.24 Red Nose Day  
Details to follow!
- 21.03.24 Y4/5/6 Girls Football Tournament
- 29.03.24 Shennaghys Jiu Family Concert

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

## Message From Mr Kelly

I hope this message finds you well and excited for what lies ahead.

🌟 **IQM Visit Success:** We recently welcomed an IQM assessor to Dhoon School. Their positive feedback was a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire school community. We look forward to sharing the full report with you all.

🐾 **Animal and Wacky Hair Days:** Mark your calendars for the 16th of February and 1st of March for our "Dress as an Animal Day" and "Wacky Hair Day," respectively. These fun-filled days are great opportunities for creativity and laughter.

🌳 **Forest School Thanks:** A special thank you to the companies that have generously supported our Forest School. Your contributions are immensely appreciated and enhance our pupils' learning experiences.

📅 **Upcoming Events:** Exciting events are on the horizon, including STEM trips, Tag Rugby Tournaments, and more. Stay tuned for more details - we have a real-time calendar on our website homepage which is always up to date!!

Remember to check our website and follow us on social media for the latest news and updates. Let's keep up the great work and make this a memorable term for Dhoon School! With best wishes as always, Max Kelly, Headteacher

We wish to remind parents of the 48-hour rule. If your child experiences symptoms such as vomiting and/or diarrhoea, it is imperative that they stay home and are symptom-free for 48 hours before returning to school.

If you have a child due to start with us at Dhoon School in September, please get in touch asap to register their place! If you know of any families in and around our catchment area with children who will be school age in September, please encourage them to get in touch with us so they can register a place too!

Don't forget our 30 Day Kindness Challenge continues into February! Kindness costs nothing.



## MSPCA Dress As An Animal Day

Dhoon School will be supporting the MSPCA by joining in with "Dress As An Animal Day" on Friday 16th February.

It is optional to take part - if your child is more comfortable in dress down clothes or school uniform then that will be fine. We are asking for an optional donation of £1 per child if you take part, which can be brought in on the day. Your outfit can be as elaborate or low key as you like - a bit of black eyeliner and some black paper triangles clipped to a hairband can make a quick and easy cat; onesies can often be a quick and easy costume too!

More info to follow on this - we thought it would be useful to give you an early "heads-up!"



## Wacky Hair Day

The School Council are inviting pupils to come to school with a wacky hair style on Friday 1st March! No donation... no fund-raising... just for fun! It is optional to take part but we hope to see lots of inventive hair styles on the day! Normal school uniform, please.

## School Meals

Please remember to keep your ParentPay account in credit for school meals!

## Host a French Pupil From Ombrosa!

We are offering an exciting opportunity for Y5/Y6 pupils to host a French student from Ombrosa School between 16th and 30th June. Host families will receive £70 per week for their hospitality. Interested families are encouraged to collect a form from the school office. Please return completed forms by early March to facilitate timely arrangements.

## Children's Attendance at School

As part of our commitment to ensuring every pupil thrives, we regularly review our attendance statistics. Recently, we've noticed a growing proportion of our pupils with attendance rates below 90%, with some around the 80% mark. Regular attendance is crucial for continuous learning and development, and we're here to support every child in achieving this goal.

We understand that circumstances sometimes necessitate keeping a child at home, and we trust that you will ensure absences are genuinely warranted. It's important to remember that we are duty-bound to address low attendance concerns with parents and, if necessary, with the Department of Education's attendance officers.

In a couple of weeks, we will review our attendance records again. Should there be ongoing concerns, we will reach out to parents directly to discuss how we can best support your child's attendance and engagement at school.



## Pancake Races

Tuesday 13th February  
4pm  
Maughold Church Hall

Don't forget your racing pan!



Meet in the hall, compete in your race and join us back in the hall to eat pancakes!  
Pancake & a drink £1

Mrs Stewart has worked incredibly hard to set up our fantastic Forest School provision which has got off to a sensational start. Forest School has required a significant investment in new equipment and resources. Thank you so much to the following companies for their amazing support, we are incredibly grateful: Atla Group, Search360, River Advisors, Imvelo Candle Co, Nest Kids Decor, Mercury Maintenance Services, J.S Roofing Ltd, Charles Corkill Commercials, Feltons, Girlguiding Isle of Man

