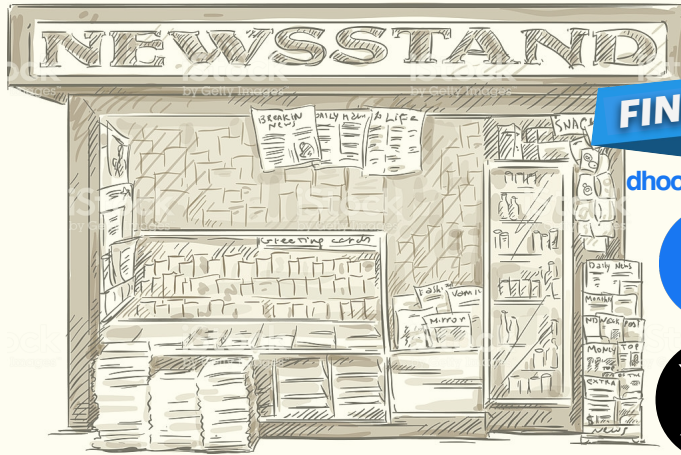




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NEWSLETTER
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Dates for Your Diary

- 07.03.24** World Book Day
Details below
- 07.03.24** IOM Cross Country Championship
- 12.03.24** Girls Football Tournament
Details to follow
- 14.03.24** Boys Inter-School Football
Details to follow
- 15.03.24** Red Nose Day
Details below
- 18.03.24** Parents' Evening (1)
- 19.03.24** Parents' Evening (2)
- 20.03.24** Y6 Speed Questions at RGS
- 28.03.24** School closes for Easter break
- 15.04.24** School reopens for Summer Term

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

Message From Mr Kelly

What a vibrant start to the new half-term we've had at Dhoon School! I'm thrilled to share some developments and reflections with you.

🌟 **We are a FLAGSHIP School for inclusion:** I am delighted to let you know that Dhoon School has been awarded national flagship status for its approach to inclusive education. This is the third consecutive year that we have been successful in attaining the award. A huge congratulations to all of our pupils and staff! The full report is published and available to read on the school website: [Homepage > Our School > Additional School Information > IQM Flagship Report 2024](#)

👤 **Parent Governor:** We are pleased to be able to let everyone know that Zoe Sowrey has been re-elected - unopposed - to serve as your parent governor at Dhoon School for the next two years. Congratulations to Zoe, and I know that she is always happy to represent your views in our regular Governing Body meetings.

📢 **Stay Informed:** As always, I encourage you to visit our website and follow us on social media. Find newsletters, important policy information, and a real-time calendar of events to keep you in the loop. Looking ahead, let's continue to foster a nurturing and inclusive environment where every pupil thrives. Here's to more exciting times at 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, then they must stay home until symptom-free for 48 hours.

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!

Our Kindness Challenge may have finished but we hope you all continue to be kind each & every day!

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
7 MARCH 2024

World Book Day

Dhoon School will be celebrating World Book Day next week. We believe the emphasis of the day should be on reading and celebrating quality literature rather than dressing up.

The children are welcome to bring in a favourite (or current) book that they can read and share on the day. In addition, the teachers will plan for some low-key reading activities to further recognise WBD. To continue the celebration of books and to encourage children to continue reading for pleasure, every pupil will receive a £1 book token which is redeemable in all well known bookshops across the island... keep an eye out for it!

Garff Commissioners Daffodil Comp

It's that time of year when you need to start thinking about your daffodil and decorated pot! Please have these ready to bring into school on Wednesday 13th March! Our usual advice is to bring the daffodil in a few days beforehand to 'force' it through if it hasn't yet flowered. Pots and flowers should be brought into the sports hall via the ramp on arrival at school on the day of the competition. The Commissioners will be in to judge at lunchtime and winners announced in the afternoon. Participation is entirely optional btw!

Good luck!

SAVE THE DATE

Parents' Evening Appointments

Parents' Evening appointments will take place on 18th and 19th March. We will be in touch later this month to let you know when our online booking system opens and you will be able to log into Arbor (<https://login.arbor.sc>) to find an available slot with your child's teacher.

We would like to encourage as many parents as possible to use these as an opportunity for a face-to-face appointment; as useful as technology is, we don't want to lose the human connection which is so important in the educational partnership between school and home. Once again we are only planning to offer physical appointments on this occasion. Do speak to Mrs Shimmin/Mr Kelly if this poses a real challenge to your circumstances and we will try to accommodate an alternative option as best we can.

Upcoming Sports Events

🏃 On Thursday 7th March we will be sending our Cross Country Team to Nobles Park to represent Dhoon in the IOM Primary Schools Cross Country Championships.

⚽ On Tuesday 12th March Dhoon School will be represented in the Girls' Football Tournament at the NSC in Douglas.

📢 On Thursday 14th March Dhoon School will be represented in a Boy's Football Tournament at Willaston School involving four of the Island's schools.

More details to follow in due course - good luck to all those involved!

Support Dhoon School As You Shop!

Please check out www.thegivingmachine.co.uk search for Dhoon School and register as a "giver". If you do any online shopping through this gateway the school receives a commission!

Red Nose Day

Dhoon School will be taking part in RDN on Friday 15th March! We are suggesting that children come to school in non-uniform with a "Dress In Red" theme if possible. We will collect loose change donations which, as always, will be optional.

