



Dhoon Primary School

'Curiosity, Independence, Determination, Creativity, Collaboration'



NEWSLETTER JAN 2021

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Dates for Your Diary

- 15.1.2021 High Five Assembly (online)
- 15.1.2021 New blog from School Council (to be published on website)
- 21.1.2021 Singing Assembly (online)
- 22.1.2021 High Five Assembly (online)

Dates are obviously a little more difficult to confirm at the moment - please keep your eye on our website, Facebook page and Twitter feed for ongoing updates.



Please continue to practise good hygiene



To help reduce the spread of COVID-19 you must keep 2 metres apart in public areas

Message from Mr Kelly

This is not the start to the new year that any of us wanted to happen - the Isle of Man went into Lockdown 2.0 during our first week back to school after the Christmas break. Although it was not the situation we had hoped to find ourselves in, Dhoon School was in a very strong position to respond to the circumstances having reviewed our provision from the original lockdown, drawn up our plans for future lockdowns and prepared thoroughly. This enabled us to hit the ground running as soon as the lockdown started, and we began our remote learning response immediately. This involved a comprehensive learning package on the website for each class, independent challenges, daily recorded video messages from the teachers as well as an online live-lesson offer. I have been really impressed with the level of engagement from our pupils and the level of support from parents and families has been phenomenal. We do not take this for granted at Dhoon School and the staff team and I are keen to ensure that our remote-learning packages are helpful to children and households. Many of you have already been in touch, and I'd encourage you to continue to raise questions, queries and comments with us as we progress through lockdown so that we can respond and evolve our work to better reflect your needs. I'd like to close this section of my newsletter by putting on record my thanks to the whole school community: we have all pulled together so well at this time of crisis and I'm proud to be associated with such a fantastic group of children, families, teachers and wider staff. Please take care and make sure that you stay safe. With very best wishes

Max Kelly,
Executive Headteacher

Wellbeing

Wellbeing and good mental health is always important, but in a lockdown situation it becomes even more vital to make sure that we are all looking after ourselves. The family / household dynamic will be different for everyone with children learning from home around and alongside parents working from home.

We want to stress that although we have provided a lot of work for children to do, it is not compulsory. You do what is feasible for you and your family. It is perfectly acceptable to take time out from remote learning to go for a walk, read stories, make cakes, watch videos or do some crafts. It is easy to say all of this, and we appreciate the reality may be challenging for some families. Please do reach out if you want any reassurance, guidance or advice.



Parents are being asked to keep their children at home whenever possible and only use **hub schools** when strictly necessary.



For more information please visit gov.im/covid19

Remote Learning Stats

- To date across the Federation we have delivered:
- 500+ Email interactions between teachers & learners
- 80 recorded videos from teachers
- 75 live online lessons
- 5 online assemblies

Face Coverings

School staff are strongly advised to wear face coverings when working in the hub schools, and pupils are allowed and encouraged to wear face coverings too. This is obviously a big change from how we are used to operating in schools - please do not be alarmed or offended to see our staff team wearing these coverings in videos, or in real life if you have to use the hub schools.

MSR Zoom Activity Classes

MSR are offering children's Zoom activity sessions throughout lockdown. All the details can be found here and are also available on the MSR Facebook page

Celebration of Home-Learning

We would love to share any photos of our pupils taking part in home-learning, trying their own activities such as cooking and crafts, and showing us 'life in lockdown.' If you'd like to take part please email your photos to Mrs Kelly dhoonenquiries@sch.im

MSR CHILDREN'S ZOOM ACTIVITY SESSIONS

TIMETABLE
ALL SESSIONS ARE 20 MINS

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	INSTRUCTOR
Thursday 14/1/2021	10 am	Fitness Yoga	Josh
Friday 15/1/2021	10 am	Crazy Cardio Blast	Nikki
Monday 18/1/2021	10 am	Core with Christian	Christian
Tuesday 19/1/2021	10 am	FUN-damental Movements	Shaun
Wednesday 20/1/2021	10 am	FUN Bootcamp	Jordan
Thursday 21/1/2021	10 am	Fitness Yoga	Josh
Friday 22/1/2021	10 am	Crazy Cardio Blast	Nikki

Zoom Meeting ID Name: Acti8 Team Schools
Zoom Meeting ID: 969 0014 5993
Meeting Passcode: 498644

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