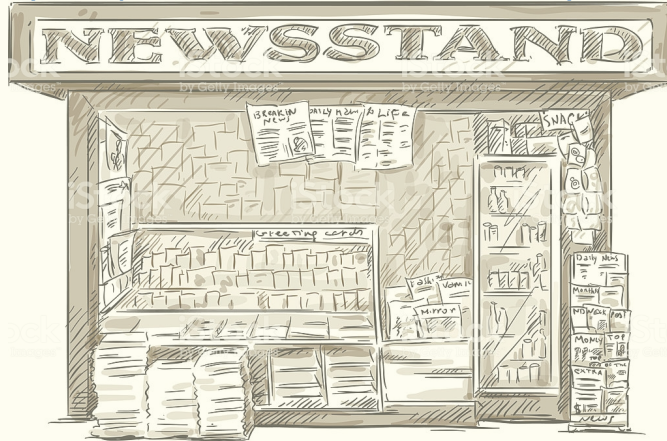




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'Curiosity, Independence, Determination, Creativity, Collaboration'



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Dates for Your Diary

- 4.2.2021 Manx Youth Games Assembly
- 12.2.2021 School closes for half term
- 22.2.2021 School re-opens
- 22.2.2021 Girl Guides Thinking Day
- 26.2.2021 IOM Fairtrade Conference (details to follow)
- 18.3.2021 IOM Cross Country Championships (details to follow)
- 26.3.2021 School closes for Easter break

This is not an exhaustive list - please keep your eye on the website page and social media channels for further updates.

Message from Mr Kelly

We have been back for one school-week post lockdown and it feels as though we have never been away. The children have settled down into normal school routines superbly, and this is to their enormous credit. They have, once again, demonstrated true resilience in the face of adversity and I am very proud of all of them. I recognise too, as do my staff team, that you – the mums, the dads, the carers and the families – have been through challenging times and I thank you for your buy-in to our remote learning package and for your on-going support of Dhoon. Your efforts are very much reflected in the attitudes of the young people in our school and I hope that you, like me, feel proud of the children and of yourselves.

Don't forget that this newsletter can be accessed on our website, where there is a whole wealth of information and links. The various sections are constantly being updated to include any changes. Policies as they are revised, and key events / information will continue to be uploaded. Please do keep an eye out for our social media presence too – "like" us on Facebook and "follow" us on Twitter! We're just a "google" away!

Next week will no doubt fly by, and then everyone can look forward to a half-term break. I wish you well for that, whatever your plans may be.

Max Kelly,
Executive Headteacher

Y6 Residential Trip

We would usually be planning now for an off-Island trip to Shropshire with our Year 6 children which traditionally takes place in May of each year. For obvious reasons no such trip can take place this year. However, we have taken steps to organise an on-island trip for Y6 to the Maughold Venture Centre. This will be a Monday – Friday fully residential experience (i.e sleeping over all week) and all of the details will be included in a letter which will be sent home before half-term.

New Intake

Calling Reception children for September 2021! If you know of any families who have a child due to start at Dhoon School next September, please would you ask them to contact us as soon as possible to register their place.

Y6 – Y7 Transition Arrangements

Ramsey Grammar School (RGS) have prepared an information letter for our Y6 pupils and parents which details some of the key upcoming events which are planned to introduce your child gradually to the teachers, buildings, routines and expectations of their new school. These letters have been sent home today with this newsletter, and we very much look forward to working with RGS over the remainder of this academic year to help prepare the Year 6s for their move to secondary school in September.

Thinking Day

Any children who are members of Girl-guiding IOM are allowed to wear their Guides uniform on Monday 22nd February in celebration of their Thinking day event which honours and commemorates their founders Lord and Lady Baden-Powell.

School Uniform Reminder

We continue to strive for all of our pupils to wear our school uniform with pride and to wear it smartly. Since lockdown some children have returned to school in trainers. We recognise that children will have grown over Christmas and the subsequent lockdown has meant it has been very difficult for parents to update shoes, but the upcoming half-term break offers a good opportunity to make sure that your child has the correct uniform in place for when we come back after the break.

Manx Youth Games Training Programme

The annual Manx Youth Games training programme is being sent home with the children today (Y2 – Y6) which details various sporting opportunities for the children to take part in between now and May 2021, with the culmination of the big day on Saturday 15th May. The children have also had an assembly led by the Manx Youth Games organisers earlier this week which has inspired, enthused and informed them further.

Staff Car Park

A gentle reminder that parents and grandparents should not use the staff car park at drop-off and pick-up times.



Remote Learning - Pupil Engagement

Thank you to our families and pupils for supporting our remote learning package over lockdown and for taking part in online lessons and joining in with activities and tasks from the website. Engagement with learning was very encouraging throughout.

