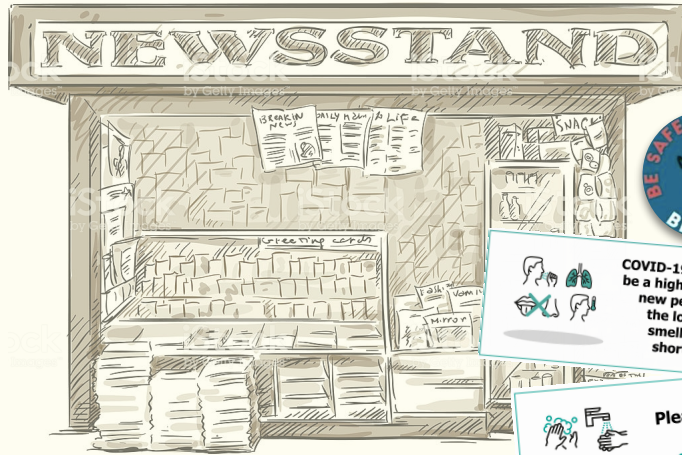




Dhoon Primary School

'Curiosity, Independence, Determination, Creativity, Collaboration'



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NEWSLETTER JULY 2021

Dates for Your Diary

- 2.7.2021 Next year's classes announced
- 5.7.2021 Tynwald day (school closed)
- 7.7.2021 Y6 Taster Day at RGS
- 8.7.2021 Y6 Taster Day at RGS
- 7.7.2021 New Starters session (AM)
- 8.7.2021 New Starters session (PM)
- 8.7.2021 Moving Up Day
- 9.7.2021 End of Year Reports sent home
- 13.7.2021 Sports Day (1.45pm)
- 15.7.2021 Reserve Sports day (1.45pm)
- 16.7.2021 "Thank You" event - cinema
- 19.7.2021 Y6 Leavers Assembly
- 21.7.2021 Y6 Leavers Meal
- 22.7.2021 Uniform Exchange (Details TBC)
- 23.7.2021 Last day of 2020/21 school year
- 24.7.2021 Parish day

Message from Mr Kelly

We are rapidly approaching the end of another academic year at Dhoon School. Last year we survived a lockdown. This year, we've survived two lockdowns. It has clearly been a challenging couple of years, but I am humbled by, and proud of, so much of what I've seen in Dhoon School during this period - resilient children, incredible parents, adaptive and caring staff. You are what makes our school so special. Some of our good work was recently recognised in a nomination for Primary School of the Year. Whilst ultimately we didn't win, it was lovely to have some recognition for what we have achieved in the Isle of Man with our remote learning package and community focus. We still have plenty to squeeze in between now and the end of term, including our Sports Day, Moving Up Days and end-of-year reports. *All the details are in this newsletter for you.*

Cinema Experience

The Cinema Experience that we have planned as a thank you to pupils and parents for surviving a tumultuous year and giving unwavering support to the school has been planned for Friday 16th July. We'd originally envisaged that this would be primarily after school hours, but having taken feedback from some families that this would clash with a ballet performance in the Gaiety and a park-run event at Mooragh Park (both events involving our pupils) we've reworked our plans to avoid those clashes. We'll now be taking the pupils, via coaches, to the cinema. The coaches will pick our pupils up from school after lunch and we'll get to the Palace Cinema for a 2pm matinee showing. The film we'll be watching is Peter Rabbit 2. There will be no cost to the children, but you may wish to pack a cinema snack that the children can enjoy whilst watching the film. You will need to make arrangements to pick your child up from the Palace in Douglas at 4pm, so parents will still get a bit of extra time that day. We're working on the assumption that all pupils will be joining us, but please let us know in advance of any issues or queries.

We are keeping a close weather-eye on the latest C19 cases that have started reappearing on Island and in local schools... this means we are keeping this event under constant review, and we should all be prepared for it to be cancelled if the situation dictates.

Parish Day takes place on 24.7.2021. Mrs Shimmin will send details separately to those children involved closer to the time.

End of Year Reports

We will be publishing our end of year reports for every pupil in the school on Friday 9th July. These will be sent home with the children at the end of the school day in sealed envelopes. If your child is absent from school on Friday 9th July their report will be posted to you that evening and should arrive at your home with the next postal delivery thereafter.

Y6 Leavers Assembly is taking place on Monday 19th July at 2pm - please see attached letter!

Y6 Transition Days to RGS

On Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th July, Year Six will not be attending Dhoon School. Instead, they will be based at Ramsey Grammar School, working with their new tutor groups, meeting their new teachers and experiencing some lessons to give a flavour of what to expect from secondary school. There is no requirement for Y6 pupils to come to Dhoon School first on either of these days - pupils should use the days as an opportunity to practice how they will get to and from secondary school, using the bus service if intended. We send good wishes to Y6 for these two taster days and hope that they prove interesting and enjoyable.

Classes from September 2021

Class 1	This class will include all children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2. Their teacher will be Mrs Stewart (now working full time) and she will be supported by Miss Oates and Mrs Goss. Mirroring how we have run this class in previous years, Mrs Stewart and her team will separate out the year groups during certain times of the week for year group specific teaching in smaller groups.
Class 2	This class will include all children in Year 3 and Year 4. Their teacher will be Mrs Shimmin on a Monday and Tuesday, and Mrs Cross on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Cross is an experienced teacher who has worked in a wide range of schools across the Isle of Man, including experience at Deputy Headteacher level in Arbory School and Michael School. We are pleased to welcome her to our team and are fortunate to have secured someone of her calibre.
Class 3	This class will include all children in Year 5 and Year 6. Their teacher will be Mr Cross.

As you will infer from the information in the table above, Mrs Jaques will no longer be teaching at Dhoon School. Friday 23rd July will mark her final day working at Dhoon after a long, proud and successful association with our school. Mrs Jaques has indicated that she wanted to reduce her responsibilities and role, and she has secured a position that fits her wishes at Rhumsaa Bunsoil. Everybody knows what an incredible teacher Mrs Jaques is, and her legacy at Dhoon are the countless children she has inspired through her love of music, her joy and passion for teaching and her commitment which is a true example of someone going "above and beyond." We will say goodbye to Mrs Jaques in the manner that befits someone of her remarkable standing, and give her a proper send off when we reach the end of term. As one door closes, another opens, and I'm delighted to welcome Mrs Cross to the team from September.

The weather is starting to get warmer and sunnier so please remember to apply sun-cream in the morning and provide your child with sun hats and water bottles.

Check out our virtual tour video on our Facebook page now!

Sports Day
We have planned to run our sports day on the afternoon of Tuesday 13th July and will follow the traditional format, arranged on our school field. Turn up from 1.30pm onwards for a 1.45pm start.

