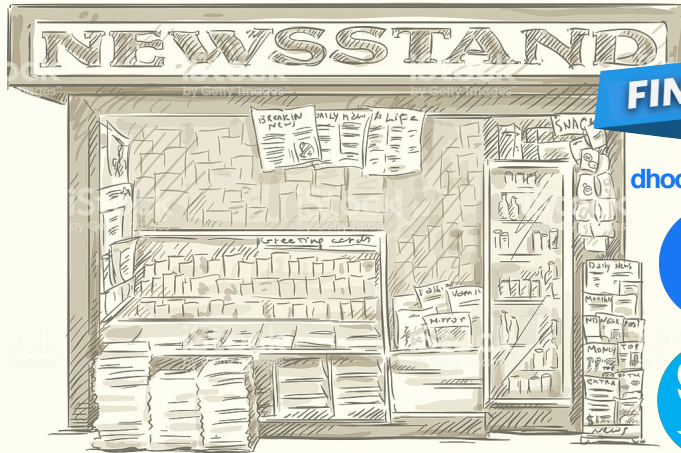




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## NEWSLETTER SEPT 2022

### Dates for Your Diary

- 20.09.22 iHeart Programme begins for Class 3
- 21.09.22 TanziiTV Visiting Laxey School
- 21.09.22 Children OfThe World in Mann
- 23.09.22 Parent Information Sheets published
- 23.09.22 Homework programme begins
- 23.09.22 Coffee and Chat Event
- 28.09.22 Y6 at STEMfest
- 05.10.22 Harvest Celebration Assembly
- 06.10.22 School Photographs Day
- 10.10.22 Parents' Evening (1)
- 11.10.22 Parents' Evening (2)
- 17.10.22 BBC filming Dhoon School for TV (1)
- 18.10.22 BBC filming Dhoon School for TV (2)
- 17.10.22 Simon Murray (Illustrator) visit
- 31.10.22 Hop Tu Naa Day (spooky outfits!)
- 09.11.22 Dhoon School Remembrance Assembly
- 13.11.22 Maughold Church Remembrance Service
- 18.11.22 Children In Need Day
- 02.12.22 Dhoon School Christmas Fair
- 12.12.22 Christmas Show (afternoon perf 2pm)
- 12.12.22 Christmas Show (evening perf 7pm)
- 22.12.22 Close for Christmas at 3.25pm
- 09.01.23 Open for Spring Term

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

### Message from Mr Kelly

I hope that everyone – staff, pupils and parents – has had a fabulous summer break and is feeling refreshed and energised for the school year ahead. With the sad passing of Queen Elizabeth II, as a sign of respect, the school fell silent in terms of our usual communications and updates on social media. Today we are publishing our first newsletter of the school year, but we will revert to publishing these on the first Friday of each month from October onwards. Today we will also resume with updates on social media, the 'shop window' to our wonderful school, so don't forget to 'like' us on Facebook and "follow" us on Twitter. 2022-23 certainly promises to be an exciting and positive year. It has been lovely to welcome new pupils and new families into the Dhoon School community. Our new Reception children have settled in extremely well, and our new pupils in other year groups have made a very positive start. A warm welcome is extended to all of you who are new. As ever, if you have any matters which you wish to raise with the school or discuss, please feel free to make an appointment to see me or Mrs Shimmin and we will be very happy to meet with you. I wish everyone associated with the school all the very best for the forthcoming school year!

### Swimming Info

Y2 to Y6 will be going swimming on Tuesday mornings. Please ensure they bring a kit & towel.



### Parents' Evenings (save the date)



We have set the dates for our first Parents' Evening sessions of the school year. More information will follow in due course with details about how to book using our online booking system. We will also be reaching out in the next week or so to ask for your views on our hybrid model of physical and online appointments.

- Monday 10th October (4pm - 7pm)
- Tuesday 11th October (4pm - 5.30pm)

Children in Y6 will be taking part in "Children Of the World In Mann" on Tynwald Hill. The event which takes place on Wednesday 21st September - World Peace Day - will see more than 300 children from across the Island's schools come together in song and celebration to raise money and awareness of the of the children and families of Ukraine.

<https://www.facebook.com/OneDayOneChoirIOM>



Active Travel to School

26 - 30 September 2022

### Tanzii TV Are Coming!

Dhoon School is delighted to be welcoming Ottavio and Dario, aka TanziiTV, into school tomorrow (Wednesday 21st September) to work with all of our pupils in a high energy series of workshops and sessions designed to promote fitness and health.

TanziiTV are on a quest to shine positivity and fun on the world of wellbeing and to support all children to get active.

Bursting with lots of energy and enthusiasm, Tanzii TV is on a mission to reach and inspire as many children as possible to show how FUN exercising can be. We are the first school in the Isle of Man to access these fitness fanatics, and with the Isle of Man promoting Active Travel Week later this month their arrival couldn't be better timed.

We are sure all the children will have a brilliant day with Ottavio and Dario tomorrow - children can come to school in sporty clothes and trainers for the whole day (no uniform necessary!)

Next week (28th Sept) will see our Y6 children take part in STEMfest at the Villa Marina - a special event to promote science, tech, engineering and maths!



Have a coffee on us - we'll have a refreshments station set up on the playground from 3pm on Friday afternoon. Come and have a cuppa before you pick up the kids - a great chance for all parents to have a coffee and a chat, and get to know each other, at the start of this new school year. (In the hall if the weather is a bit grim.)

### Staff Car Park

A reminder for everyone and an important message for parents & families new to our school concerns car parking. I will have to ask that parents /carers / relatives do not make use of the staff car park. There are real safety reasons for this: reducing traffic in this area is part of how the we manage the risk of on site traffic.

MSR Sports Club (Y2,Y3,Y4) starts on Mon 26.9.22 and Knit and Stitch Club (Y3,Y4,Y5,Y6) starts on Tues 27.9.22 Places limited and offered on a first come, first served basis. Email dhoonenquiries@sch.im to register a place!

### School Photographs

Andrew Barton will be visiting school on the morning of Thurs 6th October, to take our school photographs. Andrew will be in the school hall from 8.30am for any parents who wish to have their children photographed with younger siblings not presently attending Dhoon School. If you make your own way into the hall, through the Sports Hall Entrance, Andrew will organise you and make sure that the photographs are taken in the groupings that you want. During the morning Andrew will work his way through each class taking individual, sibling and class photos. Proofs / purchasing details will follow in due course.

Homework commences this Friday as per our Homework Policy.

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# STEMFest

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

### REMINDER

For those of you who have yet to return a signed copy of the end-of-year reports issued in July, please could you do so as soon as possible this term.

