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# NEWSLETTER FEB 2023

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## Dates for your diary...

- 01.02.23** Spanish lessons recommence
- 02.02.23** French lessons recommence
- 17.02.23** Dress As An Animal Day
- 02.03.23** World Book Day (details to follow)
- 08.03.23** Isle Listen in KS2
- 15.03.23** Isle Listen in KS2
- 17.03.23** Final payment for Shropshire trip
- 20.03.23** Cycle training week
- 20.03.23** Simon Murray (illustrator) visit
- 24.03.23** Girls' Football tournament

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

## Message from Mr Kelly

2023 has got off to a flying start - nobody can quite believe it is already February! There has been so much going on around the school and in classrooms!! When I've been walking around the school I've seen children exploring the dinosaurs, incredible science experiments taking place, Dr Quirk visiting to talk about fossils, first aid training for Class 3, and loads of extra-curricular activities like School Council and Toast Club! It has certainly been an action packed month! As always, the best way to keep abreast of everything Dhoon School is our website (with its up-to-date calendar), Facebook and Twitter. *With best wishes as always, Mr Kelly.*

## MSPCA Dress As An Animal Day

Dhoon School will be supporting the MSPCA by joining in with "Dress As An Animal Day" on Friday 17th February.

It is optional to take part - if your child is more comfortable in dress down clothes or school uniform then that will be fine. We are asking for an optional donation of £1 per child if you take part, which can be brought in on the day. Your outfit can be as elaborate or low key as you like - a bit of black eyeliner and some black paper triangles clipped to a hairband can make a quick and easy cat; onesies can often be a quick and easy costume too!

## Swimming - Reminders

Swimming is a statutory part of our curriculum at Dhoon School. If a child is to miss a lesson we require notification from home, together with a valid reason, for our records. We are also getting an increasing number of children who forget their swimming kits - please remember to have these ready: Y2 to Y6 swim each Tuesday morning!

## Parking Around The School

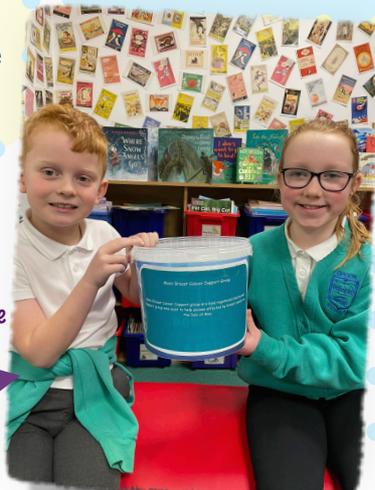
A polite reminder that the school car park is for staff only. Parents / grandparents / carers should not use it to park, or as a place to turn around. Unfortunately we don't have the capacity to facilitate this - and if we allowed some to use it, we'd have to allow everyone to use it which would make the area very unsafe for our children. We'd also like to request that parents using the lay-by do so with consideration: double parking should be done with care and the bus stop must not be blocked.

## His Excellency The Lieutenant Governor

Dhoon School was honoured to receive a visit from His Excellency, Sir John Lorimer, the Island's Lt. Governor on Thursday 2nd February. Sir John talked to all of our children in a special assembly, explaining his role and taking some questions. He also extended an invite to our school to visit Government House in the Summer Term.

## Forms and information

Holiday forms, medical forms, newsletters and lots of other school information are available online and on the stand in the main entrance area.



Dhoon School Council representatives Cole and Evie would like to say congratulations to Manx Breast Cancer Support Group who will receive a £150.00 donation from our school. The money was raised at our school Christmas performances. All the pupils voted for where the money should go, this charity came out on top.

A reminder for Y6 parents to keep an eye on their balance and payment schedule for the Shropshire Trip! Final payments are due next month - by Friday 17th March.



Please check out [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://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! It's a great way to support Dhoon School!

Please could our Y6 parents make sure the AP3 forms for Secondary School are returned to Mrs Kelly by Friday 3rd March. If you need a replacement form, please see Mrs Kelly in the school office.

