



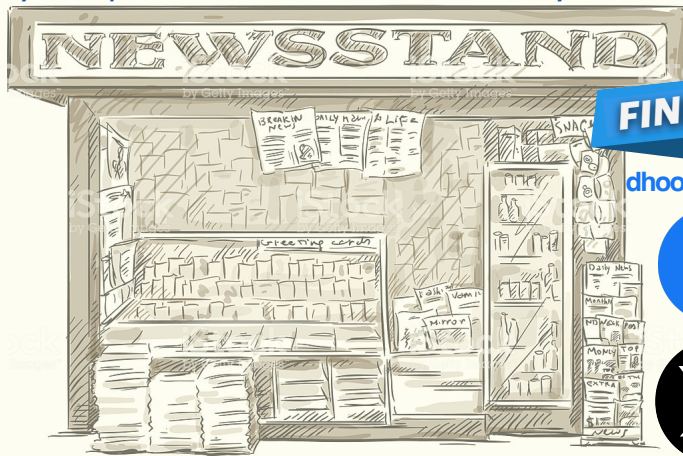
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NEWSLETTER
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Dates for Your Diary

- 07.10.24 Pedestrian Skills Y1/Y2
- 07.10.24 Scooter Skills Y4
- 12.10.24 Scarecrow comp this week
- 16.10.24 Scarecrow judging
- 21.10.24 Bright For Sight Cake Bake Sale
- 21.10.24 Parents Evening (1) info to follow
- 22.10.24 Parents Evening (2) info to follow
- 25.10.24 Hop Tu Naa Day
- 25.10.24 Half-term break begins at 3.30pm
- 04.11.24 New half-term begins at 9am
- 10.11.24 Maughold Church Remembrance Service
- 11.11.24 Dhoon School Remembrance 10.30am

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

The first month of the school year at Dhoon has been nothing short of fantastic! I am immensely pleased with the smooth transition our new children have made into their respective classes and routines. Their engagement and joy are palpable as I walk through the classrooms – their smiles tell their own beautiful stories. The upcoming weeks, leading towards the festive season, are among the most bustling and exhilarating in our school calendar. While we have listed some key dates here, I would encourage you to frequently check our updated diary on the school website's homepage for all the latest information. Our website is a treasure trove of vital information including school policies, correspondence, and past newsletters. Also, do follow us on Facebook and Twitter (X) for real-time updates!

This week, Rock Kids paid us a visit, and the experience was adored by our children. Check out all the photos on our socials. This is just the first of many whole-school experiences that we'll run for the children across the year! Parents' evenings are fast approaching - we'll have the online booking system open from early next week - check out all the details below. With best wishes, Max Kelly, Headteacher

In the interest of the well-being of our school community, we wish to remind parents of the 48-hour rule. If your child experiences symptoms such as vomiting and/or diarrhoea, it is imperative that they stay home and are symptom-free for 48 hours before returning to school. This measure helps in curbing the spread of infections and ensures a healthier environment for all.

Stay Connected

Don't miss a beat! Make sure you're staying connected by regularly checking our website for a live calendar of all our upcoming events, and don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter (X) for the latest news. These are our main channels for communication, so please do keep an eye on them for all the exciting things coming up at Dhoon School!

Bright For Sight Fundraiser

The School Council would like to support Sight Matters' Bright for Sight campaign by holding a Cake Bake Sale on Monday 21st October! School Council will reach out via our usual channels with all the details, but mark the date, and it would be brilliant to see lots of cakes brought in on the day!

Dhoon School Scarecrow Competition

Last week you will have received our information letter inviting you to take part in our Dhoon School Scarecrow competition. We hope that lots of families will take part – the school always looks great from the outside with all of our creative scarecrows adorning it. Just a reminder to put your scarecrows up over the weekend of 12th October, and judging will take place from Wednesday 16th.

DON'T FORGET

Parents Evenings

Parents' Evening is scheduled for Monday, 21st October (4 pm - 7 pm) and Tuesday, 22nd October (4 pm - 5.30 pm). Bookings can be made via our online service on Arbor (<https://login.arbor.sc>). Please be reminded that bookings are on a first-come-first-served basis. While we are encouraging face-to-face meetings, if this arrangement doesn't suit you, feel free to reach out, and we'll accommodate your needs. (Online booking opens on Monday at noon!)

Please remember to keep your ParentPay accounts in credit, as school dinners need to be paid in advance rather than retrospectively. This helps ensure smooth lunchtime operations and allows us to provide meals efficiently. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school office.

Hop Tu Naa Day

We are embracing the Manx tradition of Hop Tu Naa on Friday, 25th October. Children are invited to come to school dressed in themed costumes, though we advise against overly scary or gory outfits. Witches, black cats, and skeletons are much more apt for this occasion. This fun day will be enriched with Hop Tu Naa activities, at no extra charge.

Slow Dhoon Campaign

Our School Council respectfully asks for your help in keeping our pupils safe by adhering to the 20mph speed limit around the school. Maintaining a safe speed helps protect our children and ensure a safe environment for everyone. Additionally, we kindly remind all parents and visitors that the school car park is designated for staff use only. Your cooperation with these guidelines is greatly appreciated, and we thank you for helping us keep our school community safe.

Remember: 20 Is Plenty!



Please can you make sure that your child has a PE kit in school at all times. These can remain in school and be taken home for washing each half-term.

Children in YrR to Y3 have brought home a swimming card this week from Northern Swimming Pool. These cards give the children access to free swimming sessions, so well worth having.

