



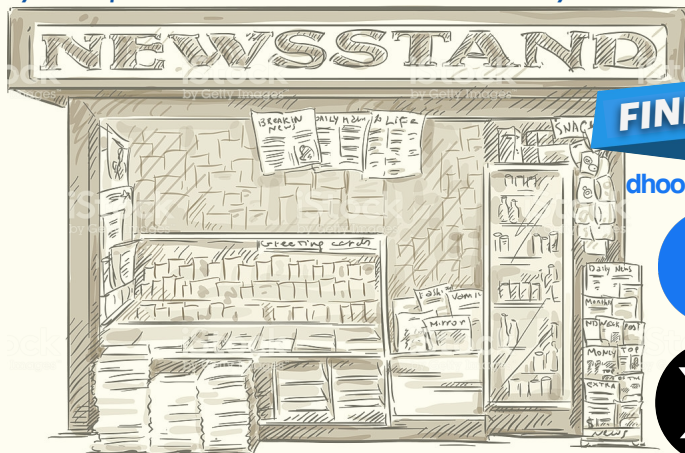
Dhoon Primary School

'Curiosity, Independence, Determination, Creativity, Collaboration'

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NEWSLETTER JULY 2025

Dates for Your Diary

- 07.07.25 School closed for Tynwald Day
- 08.07.25 Dhoon's Got Talent FINAL
- 09.07.25 Engineering Event Day
- 10.07.25 Y6 Edge Hill University Visit
- 11.07.25 Dhoon Fest (rescheduled)
- 12.07.25 Maughold Parish Day
- 14.07.25 Y6 Leavers' Assembly @2pm
- 18.07.25 Last day of 2024-25 academic year
- 01.09.25 Teacher INSET Day #1
- 02.09.25 Teacher INSET Day #2
- 03.09.25 First day back for children

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

In September 2014, I wrote my very first message as Headteacher of Dhoon School. I spoke of how warmly I'd been welcomed, how I already felt part of the fabric of the school, and how I intended to use newsletters - alongside parents' evenings, workshops, and those enjoyable chats on the playground - as a key way to communicate and connect.

Now, in July 2025, I find myself writing my very last newsletter message as Headteacher of Dhoon School. It's hard to believe that more than a decade has passed - but what a decade it has been.

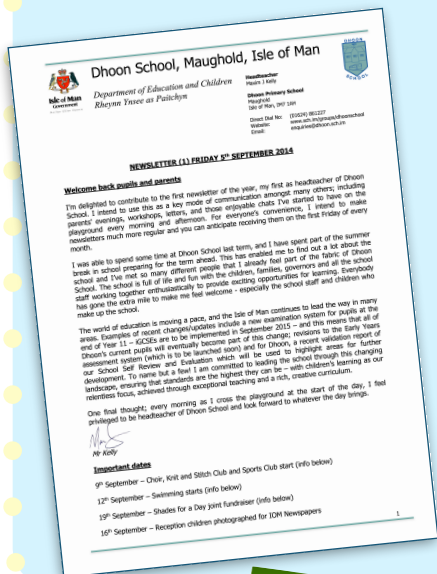
This past year alone has been full of wonderful memories and proud moments. From the joy and energy of Sports Day, to class trips, sporting achievements, concerts, assemblies, and everyday triumphs in the classroom - it has been another vibrant, successful, and happy year. Our pupils have continued to amaze us with their curiosity, kindness, creativity and resilience. The staff team, as always, has gone above and beyond to provide an inspiring education and a nurturing environment, and the support from families has remained unwavering. For all of that, I am deeply thankful.

Back in 2014, I wrote that I was committed to leading the school through a changing educational landscape, with children's learning as our relentless focus, achieved through exceptional teaching and a rich, creative curriculum. That commitment has guided every decision and every step of the journey. But what I couldn't have anticipated back then was just how much Dhoon School would come to mean to me. It has been more than a role - it's been a part of who I am.

I also wrote that every morning, as I crossed the playground, I felt privileged to be Headteacher of Dhoon School. That feeling never left me - not once in eleven years. And although it's time now to step away, I carry with me the pride, the joy, and the memories of a truly special chapter in my life.

To the children, families, staff and wider community - thank you for everything. I wish you all a relaxing, sunny and laughter-filled summer holiday, and the very best for the future.

Goodbye Year 6s! We wish our Year 6s all the best as they finish with us. Their last week is a special time with their Leavers' Assembly and Leavers' meal. There may be some shirt signing and perhaps a tear or two. Dhoon School will never be the same without you, but you'll always have a special place in our hearts.



GOODBYE



Leavers' Assembly - Monday 14th July 2025

Join us for the Year Six Leavers' Assembly at 2pm on Monday, 14th July. Doors open at 1.30pm, and parents, grandparents, family members, and guests of the Year 6 pupils are invited. Please use the ramp up to the sports hall doors. The assembly starts at 2pm sharp and will last approximately 50 minutes to an hour. Afterwards, Year Six pupils and their guests are invited to stay for a small reception with teas, coffees, and biscuits, offering a chance to reflect on their time at Dhoon School with the class, Governors, and teaching staff.

Classes for September

We will aim to inform parents and pupils of the confirmed staff team for September, and the classes they will teach, before the end of term.

Free School Meals

<https://desc.gov.im/education/education/free-school-meals-and-travel-card/>

End of Year Reports

End of year reports were published this week! (Y6 reports are published today!) Please remember to sign and return a copy of your child's end-of-year report for our records.

A gentle reminder for everyone to get their dinner money balances up to date on ParentPay before the end of term!

