

Dhoon School News

October 2025



Crunching Leaves and Cracking Learning!

With the leaves falling and shorter days, our autumn term is passing by quickly - and what a busy first half-term it has been! From scarecrow making to harvest songs, it's a wonderful time of year for our school family to come together and share community spirit, learning and laughter - and we have enjoyed seeing plenty of all three!



Parents' Evening - Thankyou

It was lovely to see such an excellent attendance at our recent parents' evenings, and I hope you found your chats with our teachers useful and informative. It is great to share the children's successes and progress with you - even at this early stage of the year there is plenty to tell!

As ever, a little reminder that you don't need to wait for parents' evening if there is something you would like to ask about - please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have a query or concern.

Scarecrows!

It has been brilliant to see the return of the scarecrows this last couple of weeks, and it looks like everyone had a great time putting together some spectacular creations!

The creativity, teamwork, and imagination on display were truly inspiring; each scarecrow told its own story and brought a burst of autumn cheer to our school grounds. It is always wonderful to see our children and adults working side by side, sharing ideas and laughter, and contributing to a shared sense of community. Activities like this remind us how powerful collaboration can be, and how much joy can come from simply creating together. Well done everyone!

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Hockey Heroes!

It is always a treat to see our sports teams perform - they always show the school's best qualities in their attitude, determination and resilience! It is also a lot of fun when they are able to be successful - just like our hockey team managed to be last week as they finished first in the Northern Schools tournament! That's an excellent result, and as a consequence they headed to the National Sports Centre this week to take part in the All-Island Finals! Another great performance there - very well done indeed!

Be Safe, Be Seen!

We're delighted to be involved again with the 'Be Safe, Be Seen' campaign. With the nights drawing in it is so important for our children to make sure they are nice and bright and visible!

The reflective stickers provided as part of the campaign really help with that, and we're delighted that some of our children were invited along to the Mountain View Innovation Centre this week for the campaign's launch event. Look out for the stickers arriving in school soon!



Hop tu Naa Day!

We've enjoyed a fantastic day of Hop tu Naa celebrations today (Friday)! The children (and grown ups!) took part in a fun-filled schedule packed with games, activities, and plenty of seasonal excitement.

It was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy Manx traditions together, including: learning a Hop tu Naa dance, 'Bobbing Apples' and of course our annual conker championships!

What a terrific way to finish our first half term of the year!

A Warm Welcome to Miss Leach

We are delighted to welcome Miss Leach to our school, straight after the half-term break! She's been for a visit this week to meet the children and the Dhoon team, and I know she can't wait to get started with us!

Our sincere thanks to Ms Buttimore for covering the class for us this last half term.

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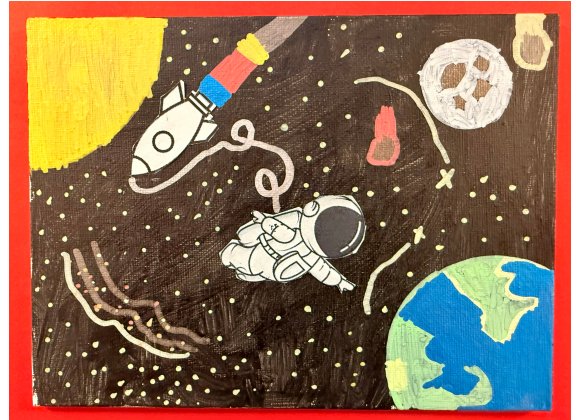
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Scooter Training for Year 4

A little reminder that on **11th November** our Year 4 children will be enjoying their 'Scooter Training', provided by the IOM Road Safety Team. Year 4 parents should have received a letter already which details what the children will need to bring with them on the day.

Moon Zoom!

Our children in Class 1 have been 'blasting off' with their learning this half-term, in their first topic 'Moon Zoom!'. They've been exploring the wonders of space through their creative work, inspired by the Cornerstones Maestro topic *Moon Zoom*. Their vibrant paintings feature colourful planets, astronauts, rocket ships, and starry skies, capturing the excitement and mystery of outer space!



You can see an example here - to see more, [visit our website!](#)

Christmas Concert and Christmas Fair

Some important dates for your diary - they'll be here before you know it!

Christmas Fair: Thursday 27th November, 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Christmas Concert: Wednesday 10th December, 2pm