

Dhoon School News

February 2026



Stepping Into Spring!

As we head into the half-term break, this month's newsletter brings a snapshot of some lovely things happening around Dhoon School. We've included a little selection of children's work that reflects just some of the creativity and effort we see every day, from amazing artwork to vivid verses.

We hope you enjoy this February update and wish you all a restful half-term.



It's Our 150th Birthday!



Dhoon School is delighted to celebrate a truly special milestone in 2026; our 150th birthday! For a century and a half, our little school in the Glen has been at the heart of the community, helping generations of Manx children learn, grow, and discover their place in the world.

This anniversary is not just about marking the years gone by, but about celebrating the people who have shaped our story - pupils, families, staff, and the wider community who continue to make Dhoon School such a unique and welcoming place.

Parents Evening

A little reminder that our next Parents Evenings aren't far away! They're taking place on **Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th of March**, and shortly after the half term holiday you'll be able to book your slot in the usual way (via Arbor).

We look forward to seeing you all there!

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Class 1 Movers and Shakers

Class 1 had a wonderful trip to the Manx Museum as part of their Movers and Shakers topic, where they learned all about the Manx figures who helped shape the Island's story.



The children explored galleries that trace more than 10,000 years of Manx history, from ancient settlements right through to Viking treasures and modern-day achievements, giving them a real sense of our Manx heritage.

They especially enjoyed finding out how local 'movers and shakers' made a difference on our island - and further afield too! - from Archibald Knox to Sir Hall Caine, from Edward Forbes to Ned Maddrell!

What a fantastic way to give our curriculum a magnificent Manx flavour! The children were so well behaved, really great ambassadors for the school - well done Class 1!

Daffodil Judging Day - Wednesday 4th March

It's nearly time for your blooms to shine!

The bulbs you planted back in the autumn are beginning to appear now - you may have already spotted daffodils in the hedgerows! It's a great time to check on yours, and if needed, you can bring it indoors a little closer to the judging date to help it along.

Remember that there is a competition for the best daffodil in each Key Stage and the best decorated pot.

Please bring your daffodil in your decorated pot on the morning of Wednesday 4th March so that they can be judged by Garff Commissioners.

We can't wait to see your springtime blooms!

FEBRUARY

Manx Sport & Recreation

Holiday Schemes

Upcoming Dates

NSC Schemes:

- Monday 16th February
- Tuesday 17th February
- Wednesday 18th February
- Thursday 19th February
- Friday 20th February

Peel:

- Tuesday 17th February

Castletown:

- Wednesday 18th February

Ramsey:

- Thursday 19th February

Information

Price:

- Day at NSC £19.45
- Day at Ramsey, Peel, Castletown £15.50
- Week at NSC £85.75 (11.5% Discount!)

Time:

- NSC: 8:45am - 3:45pm
- Ramsey, Peel, Castletown: 9:30am - 3:30pm

What to expect:

MSR Schemes are run by qualified sports coaches who deliver a wide variety of sports including football, netball, badminton, athletics, table tennis, hockey, rugby, basketball and bowls.

Who Can attend?

All sessions are split into two school year groups:-

- Reception - Yr 2
- Yr3 - Yr7

How to book

Online at MSR.GOV.IM using your child's MSR Scorecard - if you don't have one, they are free to get from the NSC. Just fill a form online or at NSC Reception.

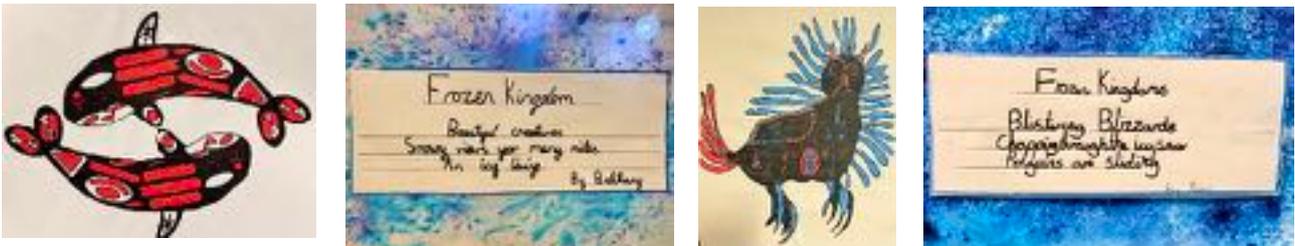
Visit MSR.GOV.IM for more info.

Class 3 Arctic Explorers

Class 3 (Years 5 and 6) have produced some fantastic work this half term as they've journeyed through their Frozen Kingdoms topic. Their classroom has been transformed into an icy world of exploration, with pupils investigating everything from polar landscapes and extreme weather to the incredible animals that survive in such harsh environments. Alongside their geographical learning, they've been experimenting with different art techniques, taking inspiration from Inuit styles to create bold, colourful designs that celebrate the beauty and power of Arctic wildlife.

Their written work has been just as impressive, with pupils crafting atmospheric poems, vivid descriptions and thoughtful reflections on life in the polar regions. They've combined research with creativity, using maps, globes and non-fiction texts to deepen their understanding before expressing their ideas through art, poetry and display work.

Here is just a small selection of their hard work, imagination and growing expertise as young explorers, artists and writers - you can see more on our website!



Isle Listen

We're very pleased to welcome Holly from 'Isle Listen' back to the school after the half-term holiday. She will be working with classes 2 and 3, and the theme this time will be 'Positive Relationships'.

You can find out all about Isle Listen and their services by visiting their website —> <https://www.islelisten.im/in-schools/>

Manx Folk Awards

We have a lovely group of our pupils entering the Manx Folk Awards this year, sharing their talent and learning at this prestigious event.

The Manx Folk Awards are fun and informal competitions for children in Manx music, song, dance and language with friendly adjudicators. Organised by DESC & Culture Vannin, the competitive festival is held in Douglas and St Johns during the Spring term, shortly before the Easter school holidays. Folk-tastic trophies and prize money are awarded by the Malcolm Scott Dickinson Charitable Trust.

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