



Monkton PS and EYC Newsletter

October 2023

After a suggestion at last month's Parent Council AGM, we have decided to try a new format for our monthly newsletters. I hope that you enjoy exploring this newsletter and are able to access all the information that it contains. Please bear with me while I learn all the features of Sway over the next few months. I will ask parents / carers for feedback after a few newsletters.

September was a busy and very fast month in our school and EYC. Our 'Meet the Teacher' event was well attended by parents and received very positive feedback. Our new house captains have been elected - congratulations to these 8 P7 pupils and well done to the others for delivering their speeches at assembly. The EYC enjoyed a Book Bug session with Nicola from the PEEP team. We enjoyed our dress down day and sponsored dance with Silly Gilly.

If we can support in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch. As always, we are here to help.

Mrs Miller

Head Teacher

In This Newsletter



This monthly newsletter has lots of information about the school and the EYC including:

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Updates



This section contains important updates and information.



Sponsored Event

We held a dress down day and sponsored dance with Silly Gilly on Thursday 21st September 2023. The children enjoyed their session with Silly Gilly and took part in the dancing enthusiastically as you may have seen from Instagram. We were overwhelmed by all the donations received from this and to date have raised £1681.30 which is amazing. All proceeds will go straight into the school and EYC funds which are used for activities and events throughout the year. Thank you again!



Parent Council

This is the [Parent Council Facebook page](#). Apologies - the wrong one was shared in the September newsletter. This is the current group so if you wish to join please send a friend request. Thank you!

The Parent Council are currently planning their Halloween Disco for P1-7 pupils on Wednesday 25th October 2023. Your child should have received a letter about this. Please complete the slip and return with the money if they would like to attend.

Due to popular demand, the Parent Council are recycling Monkton uniform items e.g. jumpers, jackets, blazers, polo shirts and cardigans. They are also collecting unwanted Halloween costumes which could be reused this year. Please put any donations that you have in the box inside the main entrance so that they can be re-used. Thanks.

The Parent Council are also doing the Cauliflower Cards fundraiser again this year and this week, all of our children have been busy designing their Christmas Card for this. More information will follow soon.

The next Parent Council meeting takes place on Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 6:30pm in the meeting room in the school. All parents / carers are welcome!

Attendance

Improving attendance is a South Ayrshire and school priority. Last session in South Ayrshire Primary schools, just over 37,000 days (the equivalent of over 220,000 teaching hours!) were lost to unauthorised absence.

*Poor attendance has been linked to lower levels of attainment, peer relationships, emotional and behavioural difficulties and poorer employment opportunities, which is why we want to see **Every Learner Every Day!***

Please try to avoid booking term time holidays if you can as this affects attendance and your child will miss learning.

We follow the [South Ayrshire Council policy](#) on attendance and if your child's attendance falls below 90%, we will issue a letter to alert you to this and to offer support to try to improve this.

If your child is going to be absent from school or the EYC, please contact the school office on **01292 473456** or email **Monkton.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk** as soon as is possible in the morning of the absence. Please **do not message on Instagram or Learning Journals** to inform us of an absence as we cannot guarantee that this will be read / accessed each morning.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Respectful Relationships at Monkton

At Monkton, we have high expectations in relation to behaviour. We have a clear and structured Respectful Relationships policy within the EYC and school. As a Gold Rights Respecting School, we will continue to embed our school charters and each class has created individual class charters to ensure that everyone has shared high expectations across the school and EYC. Our expectations are discussed and reinforced within classrooms, the playground and at weekly assemblies. The aim is always to encourage children to take responsibility for the choices they make in relation to the way that they behave. As you will appreciate, some children's perception of situations does not always match that of others. In August, we sent out a parent guide detailing this policy with the newsletter and asked you to discuss the expectations with your child - [Respectful Relationship policy](#).

Where some children require extra support for literacy or numeracy, other children may require enhanced support to help them to regulate their emotions and behaviour. Our nurturing staff are trained to support this. We live in a very diverse society, where some children have experienced trauma or are diagnosed as having ADHD or Autism. These children will be nurtured and supported by the entire Monkton Community to achieve their fullest potential, whilst also being supported to learn to take responsibility for their actions. We thank all parents / carers for showing a great awareness and understanding of this. We are well supported by the local authority with this, as we all work together to ensure equity and that **"In Monkton, everyone is included!"** (one of our aims).

This year as part of our School Improvement Plan, we are reviewing the Respectful Relationship policy and our [Anti-Bullying policy](#). At our parents' evening and afternoon next week, we will be asking for feedback from you for both these policies so please take the time to give us your views. There will be a stall outside the hall for you to do this. Thank you!

Dates for your diary



Tuesday 3rd October 2023 - Aiden (Active Schools) starting Spirit of Sport and Junior Coaching Academy with P6 and P7 pupils

Wednesday 4th October 2023 - EYC ORIM PEEP sessions begin - please sign up in the EYC / P5-7 pupil groups restart

w/b Monday 9th October 2023 - Harvest collection for foodbank - please send in any donations before Friday 13th. Thank you.

Wednesday 11th October 2023 - P1-7 Parents' Evening, 5:30-8pm - appointments in hall and classrooms open to view

Thursday 12th October 2023 - EYC Stay and Play 9:15am and P1-7 Parents' Afternoon, 3:15-5:45pm (as above)

Friday 13th October 2023 - No Pens Day / Harvest Assembly / Close for October holidays at 3pm

Monday 23rd October 2023 - In-service Day for staff

Tuesday 24th October 2023 - Pupils return

Wednesday 25th October 2023 - Flu Immunisations / Parent Council Halloween Disco - P1 – P3: 6pm-7:15pm and P4-P7: 7:30pm-8.45pm

Friday 27th October 2023 - Halloween Dress up & Halloween activities in hall (organised by P7) / P4 Farm to Fork visit (am)

Sunday 12th November 2023 - P7 to Remembrance Day service at 11am / Community Council Living in Monkton event pm

Friday 17th November 2023 - Children in Need - dress down or wear jammies / Book Week Scotland - Sharing the learning event - P1-3 parents invited to attend from 1:30-2:30pm

Community Noticeboard





LET'S TALK SOUTH AYRSHIRE

The Let's Talk project aims to increase knowledge and understanding of mental health and wellbeing in order to reduce mental health stigma and enable mental health conversations.

We offer FREE 90 minute workshops and information sessions (online or face to face) to children, young people, school and youth work staff, and parents/carers within South Ayrshire.



- Mental Health Awareness
- Understanding & Managing Stress & Anxiety
- Managing your Wellbeing

For S1 - S4 Pupils only

- Understanding & Managing Low Mood and Depression
- Positive Body Image



For more information, or to book a session please contact:
Zoe Dignam-McKnight,
Let's Talk Engagement Officer
Tel: 07923 382877
Email: zoe.dignam-mcknight@samh.org.uk

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ASN Family Support event

Carrick Centre, Maybole 6.30pm—8pm

Wed 11 October 2023



Join us for an evening with NEST (Neurodevelopmental Empowerment and Strategy Team)

Our Purpose?

To help people and their families who live with autism, ADHD and FASD in Ayrshire, feel more in control through supporting better understanding and better connections.

This evening will be an opportunity to hear about the work of NEST and find out what supports are available for parents and carers.

NEST is an NHS Ayrshire and Arran information and advice service for neurodiversity.

[nest.scot | Empowering Ayrshire's Neurodiverse Communities | Home](https://www.nest.scot.nhs.uk/empowering-ayrshires-neurodiverse-communities/)

This event is open to all parents and carers of young people with an additional support need (no diagnosis is necessary).

To book a place at this event, email Fiona.priestnall@south-ayrshire.gov.uk



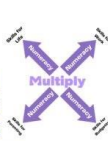
ASN
Family Support

Offering support, advice and friendship for any parents and carers of young people with Additional Support Needs (ASN) living in South Ayrshire





CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS!!



Thank you to everyone who completed the parents and carers survey issued previously. This has allowed us to plan a series of sessions focussed on supporting you and your child gain confidence and a deep understanding of maths.

Registration is now open for the pilot series of Numeracy Workshops for Parents & Carers. Demand for these workshops has been extremely high so please register asap as spaces will be limited. For those of you who are not allocated a place or unable to attend, further dates and locations will be announced in due course.

Please note that **registration will close at 5pm on Friday 6th October**. Confirmation of your place will be sent the following week.

Early Years, Primary & Secondary		16:00 – 19:30
Location	Parent Introductory Session	
Ayr (Venue TBC)	26 th Oct	

Register via the relevant link below.

Early Years & Primary 1		16:00 – 17:45	
Location	Parent Workshop		
Ayr (Venue TBC)	1	2	3
Ayr (Venue TBC)	30 th Oct	13 th Nov	23 rd Nov
Glenoch Primary	6 th Nov	20 th Nov	4 th Dec
Tron (Venue TBC)	5 th Feb	19 th Feb	4 th Mar

Register here

Primary 2 to 4		Ayr (Venue TBC) 18:00 – 19:30		
Subject	Parent Info. Session	Parent & Child Workshop		
		1	2	3
Addition & Subtraction	2 nd Nov	6 th Nov	20 th Nov	27 th Nov
Multiplication & Division	14 th Nov	21 st Nov	18 th Dec	22 nd Dec
Fractions	28 th Nov	28 th Nov	4 th Jan	11 th Jan

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Secondary		Ayr (Venue TBC) 18:00 – 19:30			
Subject	Parent & Child Workshop				
		1	2	3	4
Fractions	16 th Jan	20 th Jan	1 st Feb	8 th Feb	
Algebra	15 th Feb	22 nd Feb	26 th Feb	7 th Mar	

Register here

POP UP EVENTS

FIND OUT ABOUT OUR SERVICES:

- HELP TO LOOK FOR WORK OR RETURN TO WORK
- LEARNING IN YOUR COMMUNITY
- FINANCIAL SUPPORTS
- HEALTH & WELLBEING ADVICE

TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2023

SEAGATE CHURCH 33-35 WEST PORTLAND STREET TROON.
1PM - 4PM

WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2023

GRAIN EXCHANGE, 77-81 HIGH STREET AYR.
10AM - 1PM

THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2023

CARRICK OPPORTUNITIES CENTRE 20A HENRIETTA ST GIRVAN.
10AM - 1PM

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN
AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

PUPILS PARTICIPATED

160+
ATTENDED AT LEAST 5 WEEKS OF SKI LESSONS

51% ↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑
49% ↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑

IMPROVED CONFIDENCE

100% 😊
REPORTED THAT THEY WERE MORE CONFIDENT AT THE END OF THEIR SKI BLOCK

ACTIVE SCHOOLS SKI SESSIONS

activeschools SOUTH Ayrshire | NEWMILNS NEW Ayrshire LEARNERS | COMPETITIVE SCHOOL SPORTS

COMPETITION

21
WENT ON TO COMPETE IN THE AYRSHIRE SCHOOL SNOWSPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP

RETURNED WITH FAMILIES

15%
CONTINUED TO SKI AFTER THEIR BLOCK

TO FIND OUT MORE CONTACT: STEV@SKINEMILNS.COM

ACTIVE SCHOOLS BLOCKS

5 WEEK BLOCKS

SKIING & TUBING

P5 - P7

BUS INCLUDED

£9.50 PER PUPIL

2 HOURS OF FUN!

Newmilns Snow & Sports Complex are delighted to announce we've received funding to re-start our Active Schools blocks!

These sessions are about more than learning a new skill.

- increase confidence
- build resilience
- learn to work as a team
- and much more!

Contact us on Kirsty@skinemilns.com for more info.

AYR UNITED FC



FROZEN

DISNEY PLAYMAKERS 2

AYR UNITED FOOTBALL ACADEMY

WHAT'S ON?
GIRLS ONLY DISNEY PLAYMAKERS
WHERE
BELMONT ACADEMY
WHEN
FRIDAY 6.00-7.00PM

10 week programme for 5-8 year old girls starting on Friday 29th September costing £40 for the block.



Scan the QR code or follow the link for more information or to book your place now

#WEAREUNITED



2018/2019 girls

Do you want to start playing football, make new friends, have fun and join one of the largest Football clubs in South West Scotland?

Glenburn MWFC are recruiting girls born in 2018/2019 to come and join our fantastic club. This club will be coached by our own PVG cleared and SFA qualified coaches and first aiders.

WHERE?

Gym Hall, Prestwick Academy, Newdykes Road, Prestwick, KA9 2LP

WHEN?

Every Tuesday from 6-7pm!!

HOW DO I JOIN?

Contact our Head of Youth Development Ryan Douglas on glenbummwyouthdev@gmail.com or on Twitter [@glenbummwfc](https://twitter.com/glenbummwfc) or at Glenburn-MWFC on Facebook

Come and be part of South Ayrshire Active Schools Club of the Year for 2022

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 WITH AYR FILM SOCIETY
 AT AYR TOWN HALL



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 Per
 Person



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AYR FILM SOCIETY

AYR UNITED FC

AYR UNITED FOOTBALL ACADEMY

OCTOBER FOOTBALL CAMP

WHAT'S ON?
 HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMP

WHERE
 QUEEN MARGARET ACADEMY

WHEN
 TUESDAY 17TH - FRIDAY 20TH

5-13 YEARS OLDS | BOYS & GIRLS
 SESSIONS ON OUTDOOR ASTRO
 ACCESS TO INDOOR GAMES HALL
 10AM TO 3PM | £80 FOR 4 DAYS FOOTBALL

Scan the QR code for more information or to book your place now

#WEAREUNITED



LEARN 2 MINI'S GYMNASTICS

BOOSTS STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY,
ENDURANCE, COORDINATION
& SOCIAL SKILLS



BOOK TODAY



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Communication



Communication with parents / carers continues to be of utmost importance to us.

Important updates / information will be sent to you by **email** or **text** message so please check regularly for these.

Instagram is being used for reminders and to share learning in class (2 posts per week per class). Learning Journals are used in the EYC (minimum of 1 post per child per week). You will receive 2 class newsletters per year outlining what your child will be learning in class: EYC - P7.

If you have any feedback, questions (however small) or information to be shared, please phone the school on **01292 473456** or email us – Monkton.Mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

If you have any class based / individual pupil concerns, please contact the office to arrange to talk to your child's class teacher or EYC key worker as first point of contact. In some circumstances, you may wish to talk to -

•**Mrs Miller** if your child is in **EYC, P1, P2 or P3** or **Mrs Ramsay** if your child is in **P4, P5, P6 or P7**.

Please **do not email class teachers, HT or DHT directly** as they may be out of school with no access to emails. Instead, please contact the school office to make an appointment or email the school mailbox with your enquiry. It will be passed on and they will respond to you during school hours usually within 5 days.

If you are not happy with the outcome of your enquiry, you have the right to escalate your complaint to the authority - <https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/complaints/>

Contact Us





01292 473456



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<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sa/monktonpsandeyc/>



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EYC use [Learning Journals](#)



Our Vision, Values and Aims



Our Vision

*At Monkton, we encourage and support every child to be the best they can be. Our ambition is to close the attainment gap by stretching and challenging all children. Children are encouraged to have high standards and be aspirational about their future. A school in the community as well as a community in the school. **At Monkton We Fly As High As The Sky!***

Prestwick Cluster Values

For a number of years the school has shared values with the other schools in the Prestwick Academy cluster. These are Honesty, Compassion, Respect, Responsibility and Equality. The cluster schools have also created 'Our Prestwick Promise' which is-

“We aim to work collaboratively across the cluster, supporting and challenging each other to improve outcomes for children and young people and to help raise attainment for all. We will work together across establishments to support equity and address gaps by sharing time, expertise and resources. By working collaboratively, we endeavor to reduce workload and provide consistent approaches, pedagogy and systems to promote high quality learning and teaching.”

Each year, we create a Prestwick Cluster Action plan which we work together on throughout the school session.

Aims

Fantastic futures for all!

Learning life skills!

You have pride in the school!

Hard working children and helpful staff!

In Monkton, everyone is included!

Great learning experiences (including play)!

Heart of the Monkton community!