



Monkton PS and EYC Newsletter March 2024

Another month has passed and it is now March. Spring time is upon us and we have lighter days and evenings! There are signs of growing flowers and animals.

February was another quick and busy month with lots of activities / events. P1 and EYC registration have taken place for next session. We had a dress down day in aid of the Crosshouse Children's Fund (see below). On the Inservice day, staff were looking at the Respectful Relationships Policy which we are currently reviewing. The Parent Council Spring Disco was well attended and enjoyed by all - thank you to the Parent Council for organising. The EYC have been on several trips linked to their learning including to the airport and Stewart Travel in Prestwick - a big thanks to the organisers of this. The Youth Music Initiative has started with P3 and P4 pupils on a Thursday and there have been a variety of lunchtime and afterschool sports clubs on offer throughout the school week. P6 Parents came in last week to share the learning with their child - all linked to their climate / sustainability topic. We have had pupils represent the school at a variety of authority events including a netball competition, a Mini Tennis competition, the Prestwick Schools Symposium and the Alloway Burns Club P7 Burns Supper. We continue to attend Cosy Spaces run by the Monkton Community Council and this week, 5 pupils attended a CPR session that they were running.

March will be another exciting, busy month which includes World Book Day, Parents appointments, Comic Relief, the P7 Residential Trip, P2/3 trip and P5 'Sharing the Learning'. Please see the 'Dates for your diary' section below.

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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Dates for your Diary (UNCRC Articles 28, 29 and 31)



Monday 4th - Friday 15th March 2024 - Fairtrade Fortnight

Thursday 7th March 2024 - World Book Day (no dressing up required)

Wednesday 13th March 2024 - Parents' afternoon, 3:15-5:45pm

Thursday 14th March 2024 - Parents' evening, 5:30-8pm

Friday 15th March 2024 - Comic Relief (dress down day and optional donation)

Parent Council dance bingo fundraising evening 6:45pm for eyes down at 7pm at Carvick Webster Hall

Monday 25th - Thursday 28th March 2024 - P7 on residential Trip to Dumfries House

Tuesday 26th March 2024 - P5 Sharing the Learning with parent / carers (all welcome) at 2:15pm

Thursday 27th March 2024 - P2 and P3 Trip to Riverside Museum

Thursday 28th March 2024 - School closes at 2:30pm (EYC doors open from 2:30-3pm) for school holidays

Monday 15th April 2024 - School / EYC re-open at 9am

Updates (UNCRC Article 17)



This section contains important updates and information.



As a school and EYC, we managed to raise £183.81 for Crosshouse Children's Fund when we dressed down on Friday 9th February 2024. All of our children heard about the hospital and work of the charity as part of the Ted-cation programme and we presented the cheque to the charity then. Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthwhile cause.



A big thank you to all the parents / grandparents / friends who came into the EYC and school during the World of Work week. We really appreciate the time that was given to support this. Our children enjoyed hearing about a variety of jobs and reflecting on their future career aspirations. We plan on making this a regular event so please let us know if you have any feedback or would be able to spare some time to talk to children about your career.



We are taking part in the South Ayrshire 'Beat the Street' game which is running from 14th February to 27th of March. The children are very enthusiastic about it and are proud to be earning points while walking, cycling or scooting. Please register your card and link with the school account. There are spare cards available at the office if you need additional cards for family members or friends. If possible, please complete the short survey as it gains extra points. Please use the map to find where the boxes are to tap when you are out and about. Thank you for your support with this game. For more information and to check where we are on the leaderboard - please go to [South Ayrshire | Beat the Street](#).



We link closely with the Monkton Community Council and took part in their recent Road Safety Competition (which we are waiting to hear who the winners are) and attend the Cosy Spaces events with each class. The Monkton Community Council is looking for new members to join. The next meeting is on Thursday 21st March 2024 at 7pm in Carvick Webster Hall so please go along if you would like to join or hear about their work or go to [Monkton Community Council | Facebook](#) for more information.

parentsportal.scot

The new Parentsportal.scot has now launched. This online portal allows you to see info about your child at a time that suits you! Find out more info and register here - <https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/parents-portal> You have been sent details of how to sign up for your child(ren). Once you have signed up, you can complete the annual data check for your child(ren). If you need any help or support to do this, please contact the school office. Thank you.



The Parent Council are holding a dance bingo fundraising evening on Friday 15th March 2024 at 6:45pm for eyes down at 7pm. The event is being held in the Carvick Webster Hall in the village and it is BYOB and snacks. Tickets are now available to buy in the village shop and via the Microsoft form sent out by school.



Child Protection (UNCRC Articles 19, 20 and 24)

The safety and wellbeing of children at Monkton Primary School and Early Years Centre is our utmost priority. If you have any concerns about a child protection matter, please contact the school to make an appointment with Mrs Miller (Child Protection Coordinator) or Mrs Ramsay (Depute Child Protection Coordinator).

Our [Child Protection Guidelines](#) can be found on the school / EYC website.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment (UNCRC Articles 28 and 29)



WORLD
BOOK
DAY

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day 2024 and we are aiming to give old books, new life. The Parent Council has collected books over the last few weeks – thank you for all your donations and if you have any more please send them in ASAP - thank you. Each child will be given the opportunity to choose a book / books to take home to read. If possible, children should bring a small donation in exchange for the book and put it in the bucket provided. All proceeds will go to the Parent Council. Any leftover books will be donated to a local charity.

World Book Day is about encouraging children to read for pleasure and pupils will celebrate this through a variety of activities, in class, on Thursday. Each child will also be given a £1 World Book day token which they can take to a bookshop and choose a £1 book for free OR £1 off a book costing £2.99 or more. Children are not required to dress up on this day.

Community Noticeboard (UNCRC Articles 18, 24, 29 and 31)





Every Minute Counts

Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!

Head lice and nits

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact.

Head lice can make your head feel:

- itchy
- like something is moving in your hair

The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice.

You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). You can buy these online or at pharmacies.

How to get rid of head lice

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

You cannot prevent head lice

There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice.

You can help stop them spreading by wet or dry combing regularly to catch them early.

Do not use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. They can irritate the scalp.

There's no need for children to stay off school or to wash laundry on a hot wash.

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**PLAY
 MAKERS**

Inspired by
 Disney

Learn football through play and Disney storytelling.

A new programme to inspire Girls aged 5-8 years
 Ayr United FC, Belmont Academy, KA7 3SN
 Every Friday, 6pm-7pm
 Starts Friday 8th March 2024
 football@aufa.org.uk

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THE GAIETY
 CREATIVE LEARNING

**EASTER
 THEATRE
 SCHOOL**

COMEDY & DRAMA
 1ST - 5TH APRIL

MUSICAL THEATRE
 8TH - 12TH APRIL

9AM - 4PM

AGES 5-8 & AGES 9+

ENQUIRIES: creative.engagement@ayrgaiety.co.uk

Supporting your child's understanding of maths...

CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS OF PRIMARY CHILDREN!!

Have you ever thought "I'm not good at maths."? Does maths make you feel anxious? Every one of us is capable of understanding maths and making mathematical decisions. In conjunction with the Multiply Project, South Ayrshire Council are delighted to invite all parents with primary aged children to attend numeracy workshops focussed on **Multiplication & Division** and **Fractions**. Come along and find out how you can support your child gain confidence and a deeper understanding of maths.

All sessions will take place in **Grammar Primary from 6:00 until 7:30**.

Please register [here](#) if you wish to attend, or scan the QR code...


Primary 2 to 4 (Grammar Primary) 18:00 - 19:30

Subject	Parent Info. Session	Parent & Child Workshop		
		1	2	3
Multiplication & Division	14 th May	21 st May	18 th Apr	25 th Apr
Fractions	22 nd May	29 th May	4 th Jun	11 th Jun

Primary 5 to 7 (Grammar Primary) 18:00 - 19:30

Subject	Parent Info. Session	Parent & Child Workshop		
		1	2	3
Multiplication & Division	14 th May	21 st May	9 th May	16 th May
Fractions	22 nd May	29 th May	30 th May	6 th Jun

Numeracy Parent Workshops (Primary)



Logos: South Ayrshire Council, Multiply, Thriving Communities

Communication (UNCRC Articles 3 and 5)



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 (UNCRC Articles 5 and 18)





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



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EYC use [Learning Journals](#)



Our Vision, Values and Aims (UNCRC Article 2 and 29)



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!