



Monkton PS and EYC Newsletter

September 2024

We are already in September and we have been back in school for two weeks – time flies!

Our children have all settled in very well and seem happy to be back in the school and EYC routines. There have been very few tears from all of our new children (and staff) which has been great. Staff are enjoying being back and leading learning – we feel very lucky to have fantastic children who work hard and are keen to learn.

A big shout out to our P7 pupils who have been amazing buddies to the new P1 children – thank you for all of your help! P1 are already outside at break and lunch time with the whole school. If we can support in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

As always, we are here to help. Please do not email staff directly but instead please email the school mailbox on Monkton.Mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk or contact the school office on **01292 473456** and your enquiry will be directed to the right person.

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 2nd September 2024 - Home learning (homework) will start for pupils

Wednesday 4th September 2024 - Photo Studio, Ayr in school / EYC to take photographs of all children

Friday 6th September 2024 - Meet the Teacher (classroom / EYC open for parents to come in and see classroom and meet staff) 2:30-3pm

Thursday 19th September 2024 - Fundraising Event for school / EYC fund (more details to follow)

Class Newsletters to be sent to parent / carers and added to website

Friday 20th and Monday 23rd September 2024 - School / EYC closed for long weekend

Friday 27th September 2024 - EYC PEEP Bookbug Welcome session with Nicola, 9:15-9:45am (see poster below)

Monday 7th - Thursday 10th October 2024 - Foodbank collection

Thursday 10th October 2024 - Parents afternoon / evening with Book Fair

Monday 14th to Friday 18th October 2024 - School / EYC closed for holidays

Monday 21st October 2024 - In-service Day - school and EYC closed for pupils

Wednesday 30th October 2024 - Parent Council Halloween Discos for EYC - P7 children - times to be confirmed

Updates (UNCRC Article 17)



This section contains important updates and information.



Uniform

The wearing of school uniform is very much encouraged at Monkton and P1-7 children should wear full uniform to school every day except for special activities / events which we will notify you of in advance. Children should not come to school dressed for PE but instead should use the items stored in their gym bag or bring their PE kit in for their gym days

Water bottles and Homework Diaries

All children in the school should bring a filled water bottle (water only - no juice) to school each day. Children should also bring their Homework diaries to and from school each day. Please check the diary each night as staff may write notes in them. You may wish to write a short note in the diary to staff although please note if it is something urgent or regarding medication, please contact the office to ensure that the message gets to the member of staff immediately. Thank you.

ParentsPortal

Please remember that you can now report your child's absence through ParentsPortal. If you have not already signed up for this, please do so asap. You can contact the school office if you need help to do this. Thank you!

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Consultation for Early Learning and Childcare

South Ayrshire Council is undertaking a consultation on the future of Early Learning and Childcare in South Ayrshire. This link <https://forms.office.com/e/E0TUhuii4U> and QR code will take you to the survey.

The council are keen to hear from current users of the services and also those who may access early learning and childcare in the future.

The survey closes 22nd September 2024.

Thank you!



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). Both the HT and DHT are also PREVENT officers.

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

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



Sharing Achievements

This year, we will not have weekly assemblies however, children will continue to be encouraged to share achievements in the school and EYC. If your child has an achievement, they can bring it into school / EYC to share with their teacher, EYP and peers on a **Friday**. Alternatively, a photo can be emailed to Monkton.Mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk - which will be passed on. We will continue to display achievements on the Achievement Board in school and sometimes on Instagram. Thank you!



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



PRESS STATEMENT & SOCIAL MEDIA

Airehow STEM Week – Free STEM family drop-in sessions at Prestwick Airport

As the 2024 International Ayr Show – Festival of Flight fast approaches we're getting ready to kick things off with STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics!)

Around 600 S2 pupils from South Ayrshire schools are being given the chance to take part in a week-long programme of activities at Prestwick Airport focussing on STEM between Monday 2 and Friday 5 September.

On top of this, we're also offering families the opportunity to come along to one of our free STEM drop-in sessions on Wednesday 4 September. Here they will be able to experience what the school pupils enjoyed during the week.

These sessions will feature many aerospace companies, delivering a range of activities. They include an aerospace quiz to find out how much you know about the aerospace industry and where you may be amazed by some of the answers!

There will be drone and flight simulator challenges, aircraft hydraulic and wiring challenges, along with other engineering and code challenges. You will also be able to experience some of the amazing technology in virtual reality and meet with aerospace company experts themselves to find out what they do and what job opportunities are possible at Prestwick and beyond.



Two sessions will run in the airport's Aviator Suite. The first from 6pm – 7pm and the second from 7pm – 8pm.

Thanks to the generosity of Prestwick Airport, parking for these sessions will also be free. All you need to do is bring your parking ticket into the event and staff will authorise it.

Places on the sessions are limited so book now at <https://buil.ly/4dGPA1W>

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Bookbug Sessions

Free **story**, **song** and **rhyme** sessions for babies, toddlers, pre-school children and their families

WELCOME BOOKBUG SESSIONS



at

Where: Monkton EYC
When: Friday 27th of Sept
Time: 9.15 - 9.45 am

It will be great to see you there!

Bookbug Sessions are fully inclusive and open to all families, regardless of age, disability, sex, gender identity, race, religion or belief, or sexual orientation. All welcome our events and!

To find details of your nearest Bookbug Session, please visit scottishbooktrust.com/bookbug

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). 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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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!***

Our Values

The school values are **Honesty, Compassion, Respect, Responsibility and Equity.**

For a number of years, the school has shared values with the other schools in the Prestwick Academy cluster. 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.

Our 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!