



Monkton PS and EYC Newsletter June 2024

May went past in a flash and we are now into the busy month of June. We have had some sun and it's been lovely and warm at times - hopefully this is a sign that we are going to have a great summer! We are very much looking forward to all the events that June will bring including Sports Day, the Monkton Gala, some more class trips, bump-up days, our P7 Leavers Ceremony and EYC Graduation.

Thank you to all those who completed our Parent Survey. 50 parents (36%) completed this survey which is a good representation from across our EYC and school. Overall, the feedback received was very positive which reinforces what a great job our staff do in school to ensure that children are learning and developing in their care. We are grateful for the feedback which will help to inform our next steps and priorities for next year. There are some suggestions that are unfortunately out-with our control as a school which include lunch menus and out of school care provision - these are things that are led by the local authority so parents would need to get in touch with South Ayrshire regarding these issues. The full results and feedback from the survey can be found here - [Parent-and-Carer-Survey-May24-Chart-results.pdf \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](#)

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

Hope to see you all at the gala this Saturday (see details below).

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)



Tuesday 4th June 2024 - EYC and School Sports Races afternoon at 1:30pm (on field behind school) - parent / carers welcome

Wednesday 5th June 2024 - P1 - P7 potted Sports activities in classes - pupils can wear house colours (if they have them)

P7 to S1 Parent Information evening at Prestwick Academy at 6:30pm

Thursday 6th June 2024 - P1 school trip to Dundonald Castle

Friday 7th June 2024 - Pre-school to P7 reports to be sent home

Saturday 8th June 2024 - Monkton Gala Day (more details to follow)

Monday 10th June 2024 - P4 and P5 trip to Culzean Castle

Tuesday 11th June 2024 - EYC Trip to Kidz Play

Tuesday 11th to Thursday 13th June 2024 - P7 to S1 Transition days at Academies (Marr 11th / 12th & Prestwick 11-13th)

Friday 14th June 2024 - P7 Leaver's Trip

Wednesday 12th June 2024 - Whole School bump-up afternoon / ante-pre Stay and Play in EYC (1:45-2:15pm)

Wednesday 26th June 2024 - P7 Leaver's Ceremony at 9:30am

EYC Graduation at 2pm

Friday 28th June 2024 - School Closes for summer at 1pm (EYC will remain open until 3pm for those who require it)

Tuesday 20th August 2024 - Pupils start back after summer holidays at 9am (P1 children at 9:05am and EYC children 9:30 or 10am)

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

Updates (UNCRC Article 17)



This section contains important updates and information.



- On Tuesday 4th June 2024, we plan to hold our school and EYC Sports Day at 1:30pm, on the playing fields behind the school.
- All EYC – P7 pupils will take part in 2 races each – one flat race and one novelty race. Fly High are also going to join us and do two races for their children. We will also have a toddler race and a parents race at the end for those who would like to take part.
- Parents are welcome to come along to watch the races, from **1.30pm**. Please stick to the spectators side of the field (the side furthest away from the school). All children will remain with their classes in their designated areas.
- At the end of the day, all children will return into school where they will be dismissed at 3pm, following normal routine. Children should not be removed from the playing field area.
- If possible, P1-7 children should wear something with their house colour on it – however, please do not go out and spend money on something new.

- Please ensure that your child wears suitable sports clothing and footwear for the day. They should bring water, a waterproof jacket, sun hat and wear sun cream (if weather is nice).
- If the weather is very wet or the ground is very wet following rain the previous evening or in the morning, we may need to risk assess and take the decision to cancel on the day. We will avoid doing this unless absolutely necessary and will inform parent / carers asap if we do.



*** MONKTON GALA DAY 2024 – 8th June 2024 - 12- 4pm - THIS SATURDAY ***

- Music and dance shows from a local Choir, DJ, and dance groups.
- Games and sport activities from a party entertainer and Active Schools.
- Face Painting, Climbing Walls, Owl Magic, Ninja Assault Course, slides and bouncy castles. The cute Alpacas will be back too.
- Ice Cream Van, Sweets and Cakes Stalls, Coffee Stall, Pizza van and a licensed Bar.

Thank you for all the donations for the school's Mystery Bottle Stall and also the Parent Council's Teddy Tombola. We are very grateful for all donations received.



The EYC are looking for items for their outdoor mud kitchen so if anyone has any of these items that they are finished with, that are in good used condition, please hand them into the EYC or main office:-

- Pots
- Cups
- Kitchen utensils
- Baking trays
- Scales
- Measuring jugs
- Recipe books
- Chopping boards
- Cutlery
- Plates

Thank you!

Football Strip Sponsorship

Our football team require new football strips for next season so we are reaching out to see if anyone is able to (or knows anyone who might be able to) sponsor or help us get new kits for the P6/7 school team. Please contact the school office if you think you can help or have any ideas. Thank you!



Sign Up to Parentsportal

Monkton Primary School and Early Years Centre recently went live with Parentsportal and we currently have a 73.94% uptake. We are keen to encourage as many parents as possible to sign up to this new system to fully achieve the benefits offered. Parentsportal provides a secure digital solution to the traditional school bag run, making it easier for parents and carers to manage paperwork connected with school activities, allowing them to obtain information about their child's educational progress at a time that suits them. This will include access to information such as Annual Data Packs which can now be offered online, consent forms, parental reports, pupil timetables, school calendar, school notices, etc as well as providing links other useful sites, such as Parent Pay, South Ayrshire Council website, and more. We will also be introducing additional services to the platform during 2024.

How to access Parentsportal

1. Download the parentsportal.scot APP using the QR codes (picture beside)

OR visit <https://parentsportal.scot/home/>.

2. Log in to Parentsportal using '**my account**'. If you already have a mygovscot '**my account**' click the link to **Sign In**. If you don't have a mygovscot '**my account**' click the link to register for this in the first instance, and then sign In.

3. Once registered you will be prompted to '**Link Your Child**' where you can provide details relating to your child. Once the details are matched you will be sent a security code to either your mobile number or email address registered with the school. The security code is to provide additional security before your child's record is linked. Your request will then be sent the school for approval and you will be notified of the decision to approve the link on your email.

4. The details added must match the information held within the school or a match may not be found. If anyone has any issues, please contact the office who will be able to provide assistance.



We have been made aware of some of our pupils mis-using social media, particularly What's App, Snapchat and Tik-Tok. This is all happening out with school but unfortunately sometimes make their way into the school and cause issues, which then takes up an unproportionate amount of time in dealing with this. During assemblies and through class lessons, we have been talking to the children about Internet Safety and using phones / tablets safely however, we need your help to reinforce this message at home. We really cannot stress enough the importance of managing what your child is doing on their phone and how often they use them. Apps such as TIKTOK, SNAPCHAT are for children aged 13+. These age restrictions are in place because generally primary school children can be exposed to things which can damage their mental wellbeing and self-esteem. Thanks for your continued support with this - we do appreciate it is tricky because of peer pressure to be on these apps, but would urge all parents to consider the risks these pose. Thank you!



Child Protection (UNCRC Articles 19, 20 and 24)

The safety and wellbeing of children at Monkton Primary School and Early Years Centre is our upmost 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)



Next Year's class structure and staffing

We can confirm that our class structure for next session will consist of 7 classes – **P2/1, P2, P3, P4, P5, P6** and **P7**. This is the first time that we have had a composite class in the school for a few years but it is common in schools and used to happen in Monkton every year in the past. There is a low intake of P1 children this coming year and as you know, our current P1 class is big which is why there will be a composite class. The P1 teachers will work closely with the HT / DHT when forming the composite class, taking social friendships and academic progress into consideration. More information on composite classes can be found here - [Information on composite classes - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

We are still working with the local authority to finalise our staffing for next session and we were interviewing for teaching staff last week. We will share our final plans with parents / carers as soon as we can, probably just before the bump up afternoon on 12th June 2024.



Next school session, we will continue to open both gates in the morning and at the end of the day as the rear entrance is handy for those who live at the top of the village e.g. Fairfield and it reduces some of the congestion at the front of the school. Therefore, pupils will be able to enter the playground from whichever gate suits best from where they live / are dropped off.

The front and back gates will open at 8:50am each morning. All pupils will enter the school building at 9am each morning.

There will be one morning break for all P1-7 pupils from 10:30 am – 10:45 am.

There will be one lunch time for all pupils from 12:30 pm - 1:15 pm. There will be a rota in operation with some classes going into the hall for lunch first and others going outside to play before being called in.

Home time will be 3pm each day. P1-3 pupils should be collected from front gates where possible (unless prior arrangement). P4-7 pupils can choose to leave via the front or back gate.

The EYC doors will open in the morning from 8:55-9:10am and be open for pick up between 2:45-3pm.

There is a breakfast club that that is operated by Fly High from 7:45am – 9am each morning in the school dining hall. More information on this can be obtained by phoning (01292) 475360 or emailing info@flyhighearlylearning.co.uk.

After School provision is available and more information can be found here: Out of School Club in Prestwick - Prestwick Afterschool Care - Childcare.co.uk



1 - Uniform for 2024

The wearing of school uniform is very much encouraged at Monkton and we would like every child to wear full uniform to school every day.

Our uniform consists of:

White or pale blue polo shirt or shirt and tie

Black skirt, pinafore or trousers

Blue tartan skirts or pinafores (if preferred)

Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan

Black blazer or blue checked dresses (in summer)

Any items you may require during the year can be purchased from:

JW Brown, Shewalton Road Irvine Tel: 01294313863, Email:sales@jwbrownindustrial.com Website: jw-brown.co.uk

or

Trutex School Shop, 75 Dalblair Road, AYR KA7 1UQ Telephone: (01292) 291024

You may be eligible to apply for a school clothing grant - <https://beta.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

To avoid loss please ensure that all your child's clothes and belongings are clearly labelled with their name.



The school will provide all children with a book bag to carry their reading book and any items of homework. They may wish to bring a school bag too but it is not a necessity. Children will receive a homework diary.

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



Get ready for some fun at the
**MONKTON SUMMER
CEILIDH**

with music from the fabulous Tattiewalkers



— Carvick Webster Hall, Monkton —

**SATURDAY
15TH JUNE 2024**

— Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm —



Licensed Bar. Over 18s only.

Tickets available from: Monkton Convenience Store, The Post Office and Snack Express

Do you live in South Ayrshire and care for a child or young person with a diagnosed or suspected neurodevelopmental difference?

We are looking to speak to parents and carers of children and young people with suspected or diagnosed neurodevelopmental differences to hear your experience of existing supports to help inform new services in South Ayrshire.

Sign up to one of our focus groups taking place across South Ayrshire. Each session will last two hours and refreshments will be provided.

4th June, 10am - 12pm
The Ark, **Ayr**

6th June, 10am - 12pm
Z1 Youth Bar, **Girvan**

11th June, 12.15pm - 2.15pm
Monkton and Prestwick North Parish Church Hall, **Prestwick**

13th June, 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Online, via MS Teams

17th June, 10am - 12pm
Troon Town Hall, **Troon**

20th June, 12.15pm - 2.15pm
Maybole Town Hall, **Maybole**



**South Ayrshire
Neurodevelopmental
Family Focus Group**

We want to hear from you



Please ensure you sign up if you wish to attend this event.
To RSVP, please scan the QR code or visit <https://shorturl.at/c44dO> and book your place at one of our focus groups. If you require more information or help with signing up, please contact info@nest.scot

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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Monkton.Mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk



<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!