



Monkton PS and EYC Newsletter

November 2024

Well it's November already! I hope that you all had a lovely October break. October has been another quick and busy month which included our annual Foodbank collection, parents' evening, our Harvest Assembly, an EYC Halloween Bookbug session and the Parent Council Halloween discos.

This month we have lots of exciting things planned including P5-7 pupil groups, a 4 week block of PEEP sessions for EYC families, the Remembrance Service, Children in Need, Book Week Scotland and the P5 Day of Dance (which the pupils have been practising hard for).

This month, please pay particular attention to the dates section of this newsletter and take note of dates which involve your child(ren). I have tried to add as many of the dates as I can of activities and events that we have planned from now until the end of 2024 however, if there are to be any last minute changes or additions, we will inform you as soon as is possible.

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)



Wednesday 6th November 2024 - Parent Council meeting, 6:30pm in school meeting room - all welcome.

Thursday 7th November 2024 - Shaun and Toni (from South Ayrshire Information and Advice Hub) drop in session, 8:45-11am in school - all parents / carers and members of the community are welcome to use this service when it is available in the village (see poster below).

Thursday 7th November 2024 - PEEP Orim through stories session (4 week block) with Nicola Lawrence in dining hall - 9:15-10am (poster with more details below). All EYC families welcome - sign up in EYC foyer or ask a member of EYC staff.

Friday 8th November 2024 - P5 Sharing the Learning - 2-2:45pm - all P5 parent / carers are invited along

Sunday 10th November 2024 - Remembrance Service at Monkton War Memorial (near the cross) - all P7 pupils have been invited to attend but all other pupils and families are welcome, meet at 10:40am for 10:45am start.

Friday 15th November 2024 - Children in Need - all children / staff invited to dress down (no football strips) and bring a donation if they can. P7 will organise activities for classes.

w/b Monday 18th November 2024 - Book Week Scotland.

Thursday 21st November 2024 - Flu Immunisations.

Friday 22nd November 2024 - P1-3 Sharing the Learning - Book Week Scotland theme - all P1, P2 and P3 parents / carers are invited to attend, 1:30-2:30pm.

Monday 25th November 2024 - P5 Day of Dance event.

Friday 29th November 2024 - P6 Sharing the Learning - 2-2:45pm - all P6 parent / carers are invited along.

Monday 2nd December 2024 - Royal Navy STEM team delivering workshops to P5, P6 and P7 (pm).

Tuesday 3rd December 2024 - South Ayrshire Dance Competition.

Wednesday 4th December 2024 - EYC Christmas PEEP session with Nicola Lawrence in dining hall, 9:15-10am - all EYC families welcome.

Wednesday 4th December 2024 - P7 to ChrisMaths event at Prestwick Academy.

Thursday 5th December 2024 - Shaun and Toni (from South Ayrshire Information and Advice Hub) drop in session, 8:45-11am in school - all parent / carers and members of the community are welcome to use this service when it is available in the village.

Thursday 5th December 2024 - Monkton Christmas Fayre 6-9pm in the school.

Tuesday 10th December 2024 - P1 and P2 Nativity Performance at 9:30am - each child can have 2 parent / carers attend.

Tuesday 10th December 2024 - EYC Christmas Show at 1:30pm then Stay and Play - each child can have 2 parent / carers attend.

Wednesday 11th December 2024 - EYC and School Christmas Lunch.

Wednesday 11th December 2024 - P7 Christmas Disco at Prestwick Academy - 6-7:30pm.

Friday 13th December 2024 - P3-7 children and staff at pantomime - Mother Goose at the Gaiety Theatre, Ayr (am).

Friday 13th December 2024 - EYC Christmas Party (pm).

Tuesday 17th December 2024 - P6/7 Christmas Party (pm).

Wednesday 18th December 2024 - P3, P4 and P5 Christmas Party (pm).

Thursday 19th December 2024 - P1 and P2 Christmas Party (pm).

Friday 20th December 2024 - School closes for Christmas holidays at 2:30pm (EYC at 3pm but can be collected earlier).

Monday 6th January 2025 - School and EYC reopens at 9am.

Updates (UNCRC Article 17)



This section contains important updates and information.



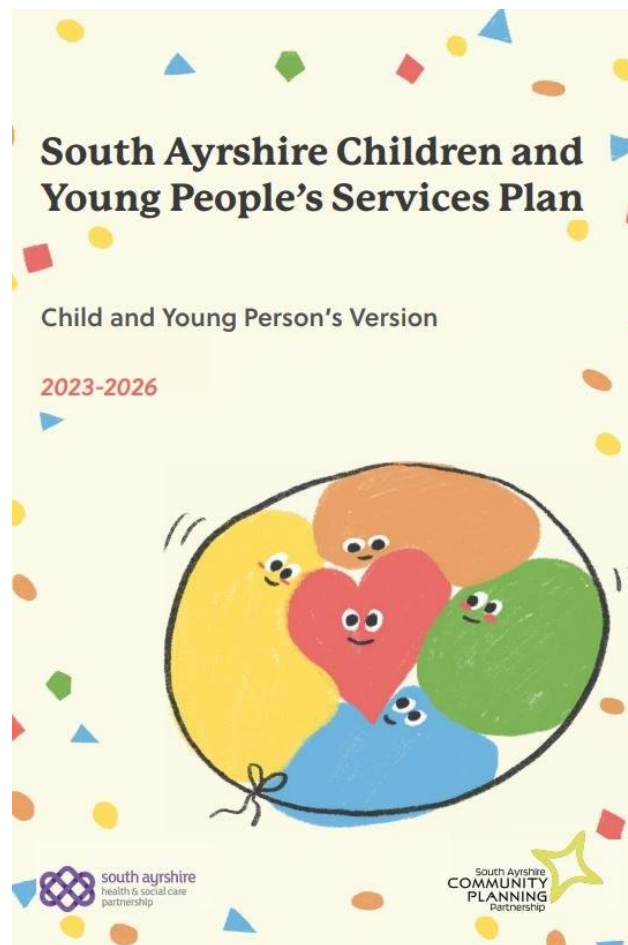
Harvest Collection for Local Foodbank

Thank you for all the donations of food and household items that were donated to the South Ayrshire Foodbank as part of our Harvest Festival. These were collected before the holidays and distributed to the local depot on route to local families in need. Just a reminder that we can make referrals to the food bank so if you are struggling and would benefit from help from this service, please contact Mrs Kenny, Mrs Miller or Mrs Ramsay directly. We will treat your referral confidentially so please ask for help if you need it.



Parent Council Halloween Discos

The Parent Council Halloween discos were a big success and all who attended really enjoyed themselves. A big thank you to the Parent Council for organising the discos and all of the volunteers who helped either before or on the night. All help is greatly appreciated for without it events like these cannot go ahead. Thank you!



The Children and Young People's Version of our South Ayrshire Children's Services Plan 2023-2026

Pupils and schools across South Ayrshire supported the creation of this easy-read version of the South Ayrshire Children's Services Plan 2023-2026 plan. [Clicking here](#) will also take you to our Children's Services website where the very engaging animated version of the plan is located, again with thanks to the pupils who lent their views and voices to the creation of this animation.



Safeguarding at Monkton

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)



P1-7 Homework

Each week class teachers set tasks which reinforce the learning from the classroom which is to be completed at home.

Children are encouraged to read as much as possible at home. They should be encouraged to read what they enjoy including books, comics or magazines either with an adult, sibling or by themselves. Children in P3-7 can read a book at home and then complete the quiz (if there is one) on Accelerated Reader when they come into school.

Each week, details of the home learning to be completed will be written in the homework diary along with the due date. This will help parent / carers know what is to be done and, for older children, will allow them to keep track and learn independence skills which will help them when they move into secondary school. The homework diary should be signed by the parent/carer when home learning tasks are complete/at the end of the week. Home learning is usually issued on a Monday and due back by a Friday.

Homework diaries should be brought to and from school each day. Children in P1 and P2 should ensure that they bring their blue bookbag to and from school each day. Thank you!



Sharing Wider Achievements

If children in P1-7 have any wider achievements that they wish to share, they can bring it into school to share with their teacher and peers on a **Friday**. Alternatively, a photo can be emailed to **Monkton.Mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk** and it will be passed on. Each Friday afternoon, pupils who have shared achievements will have their photo taken (if they have permission) and their achievement will be shared on the Achievement Board outside the dining hall and sometimes on Instagram. The EYC also have an Achievement Wall so that EYC children can share their achievements, however big or small!
Thank you!





Jewellery on PE days

Children should please not wear jewellery to school on their PE days. For health and safety reasons, earrings should be taken out for PE and preferably not be worn on these days. If they cannot be taken out e.g. they have just been pierced, then they should be taped. In general, children should minimise the wearing of jewellery in school in case anything gets lost or damaged in addition to not bringing personal items e.g. toys to school. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

National Standardised Assessments for Scotland (NSA)

This month, all P4 and P7 children will complete National Standardised Assessments (NSA) with their class teacher. P1 will complete these in April / May 2024. In August 2017 Scottish Government introduced the NSA, a single, nationally developed set of standardised assessments for aspects of literacy and numeracy, designed to align with the way we deliver education in Scotland through Curriculum for Excellence. All children in P1, P4, P7 and S3 are assessed once a year (using NSA) in aspects of reading, writing and numeracy. In addition to NSA, ongoing and informal assessment continues to be a central part of everyday assessment in schools. The NSA assess aspects of reading, writing and numeracy, providing teachers with diagnostic information on children's progress in these areas. Children complete the assessments online and they are marked automatically. This gives teachers immediate diagnostic feedback that they can use to help children progress in literacy and numeracy.



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



Advice and Support for Families



Monkton Primary has the continued backing from South Ayrshire Council's Information and Advice Hub.



Shaun and Toni will provide a free, confidential, and impartial, information and advice service in welfare benefits, money/debt advice to families.

They will be able to support in areas such as:-

- Checking your entitlement and supporting you in making claims
- Advice regarding Free School Meals, School Clothing Grant, Scottish Child Payment and any other eligible grants
- Budgeting and money advice

If you would like to speak with Shaun or Toni, they will be available from 8:45am – 11:00am on Thursday 7th November and Thursday 5th December.

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend during these times you can contact the Hub directly using the following link [Digital referral form - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](#) (when using this link please select **Yes** to 'Would you like access to any other services?' and type **FAO Community Team and Monkton Primary**) or by calling 0300 123 0900.



SAC FAMILY LEARNING TEAM

**HELLO MONKTON EYC
PARENTS/CARERS AND
GRANDPARENTS!**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FAMILY FUN AND LEARNING
ON: THUR 7TH, 14TH, 21ST, 28TH NOV
TIME: 9.15 - 10.00 AM
WHERE: MONKTON EYC
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

Nicola.Lawrence@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

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SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S CONFIDENCE

HAVING FUN WITH MUSIC, SONGS AND RHYME

HELPING TO MAKE MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS WITH OUR CHILD

TALKING AND LISTENING WITH EACH OTHER - HELPING DEVELOP GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILLS



**MONKTON,
AYR, KA9 2RH**

**MULTI SPORTS FOR ALL AGES
P1-P7**

EVERY WEDNESDAY!
(excludes October Holiday)

**TIME :
415PM-515PM**

SCAN ME TO SIGN UP NOW







FREE

FOOTBALL

>>> SOUTH AYRSHIRE

TRAINING & COMPETITION.

in association with Cambusdoon FC, we are excited to launch **Inspire Football South Ayrshire** - for young people (P7-S6) with a disability and/or additional support needs.

If you are serious about your football and want to develop your skills under the guidance of experienced SFA coaches - **this is the opportunity for you.**





STARTING BACK:
WEDNESDAY, 21ST AUG
16.30-17.30
EVERY WEEK

VENUE:
CAMBUSDOON SPORTS CLUB
2 BURNS' WICKET
AYR, KA7 4NH

Enquiries:  Eoin.Yates@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Booking:  CLUBSPARK.NET/ACTIVESOUTHAYRSHIRE



New recycling bins in South Ayrshire Schools

New recycling bins have been introduced in schools across South Ayrshire, thanks to funding from the Scottish Government's Recycling Improvement Fund - administered by Zero Waste Scotland.

The new triple unit bins, shown below, mirror the domestic waste collection bins used at home and will improve the internal infrastructure in every early years centre, primary school, secondary school and special school throughout the authority. This will help increase the amount of materials that are recycled in South Ayrshire.



Details of what goes in each bin is shown below.

Non-recyclable waste	Paper, card & cardboard	Metals, plastic & cartons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper towels Disposable paper cups Plastic Bags Biscuit and crisp wrappers Sweet wrappers Packaging soiled with food Paper with glitter and glue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean cardboard Clean Paper Magazines Newspapers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tins and cans from food and drink packaging Empty plastic bottles Plastic food containers Empty yoghurt pots Milk and juice cartons

As part of the introduction of the internal bins our Waste Management Team visited each school and delivered a presentation to the whole school to help the staff and pupils understand what goes in each bin. Posters were also provided beside each set of bins and videos were produced which have been made available to each establishment. Introducing these bins will increase awareness of the importance of recycling from early years through to secondary schools and into adulthood.

Keep water beads away from young children



Children love water beads. But it's really dangerous if a young child swallows them.



They expand in the belly and can block the bowel. Some grow as big as golf balls.

A child may need major surgery to remove them. So please keep them away from young children.



If you suspect a child has swallowed a water bead, get medical help straight away.

Scan to learn more



www.capt.org.uk

[@ChildAccidentPreventionTrust](https://www.facebook.com/ChildAccidentPreventionTrust)

[@capt_charity](https://www.instagram.com/capt_charity)

Communication (UNCRC Articles 3 and 5)



Communication with parents / carers continues to be of upmost 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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[@MonktonPS – Primary and Early Years](#)

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!