

# Monkton PS and EYC Newsletter March 2025

It is March already and there are welcome signs that Spring is on the way including the lighter mornings and evenings!

February was another quick month in the school and EYC. Pupils in the school have attended sports events, our football teams have been busy with matches and two P7 pupils represented the school at the annual Alloway Burns Club supper in Ayr. The Parent Council ran their Spring Discos which were well attended, a big thank you to the Parent Council for organising and all of the volunteers for giving their time to help on the night. We ended the month with World of Work week last week.

We have many exciting events and activities planned for March including World Book Day which includes a book swap organised by the Parent Council (they are still looking for more donations of books if anyone still has some please), after school clubs, a four week block of PEEP sessions for EYC families, Comic Relief, the P7 Residential Trip to Dumfries House and an EYC Stay and Play. Please check the 'Dates for the Diary' section for more information.

As always, we are here to help. Please do not email staff directly but instead please email the school mailbox on <a href="Monkton.Mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk">Monkton.Mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk</a> 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:

- Dates for your diary
  - Updates
- Learning, Teaching and Assessment zone
  - Community Noticeboard
    - Communication

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



w/b Monday 3rd March 2025 - EYC Registration Week - online (contact office if you need support to complete).

**Thursday 6th March 2025** - 9-11am - Information and Advice Hub drop in service (in school).

World Book Day (no dress up required) - Parent Council Book Swap.

**Thursday 13th March 2025** - EYC PEEP session, 9:15-10:15am - 4 week block begins - please sign up in the EYC.

Friday 14th March 2025 - P4 Sharing the Learning -1:45-2:45pm - all P4 parent / carers invited.

**Friday 21st March 2025** - Comic Relief (red noses will be available to buy for £2 from school from Monday 17th March).

P3 and P5 trips.

**Thursday 27th March 2025** - P1-7 Parents' afternoon / evening - letters to make appointments have been emailed out.

**Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th April 2025** - P7 Residential Trip to Dumfries House.

**Thursday 3rd April 2025** - 9-11am - Information and Advice Hub drop in service (in school).

EYC Stay and Play - baking theme - 2-2:45pm.

Friday 4th April 2025 - School closes for holidays at 2:30pm (EYC at 3pm).

**Tuesday 22nd April 2025** - School and EYC reopens at 9am.

**Wednesday 23rd April 2025** - Parent Council meeting in school at 6:30pm - all parent / carers welcome.

**Tuesday 3rd June 2025** - Sports Day races on field behind school (weather permitting), 1:30-2:30pm - all parent / carers welcome.

Wednesday 4th June 2025 - P2/1 and P2 Trip.

Saturday 7th June 2025 - Monkton Gala - 12-4pm on playing fields behind school.

**Thursday 26th June 2025** - P7 Leaver's Assembly - 9:30-10:30am - all P7 parent / carers welcome.

Friday 27th June 2025 - EYC Graduation - 10:30am - all EYC parent / carers welcome.

## **Updates** (UNCRC Article 17)



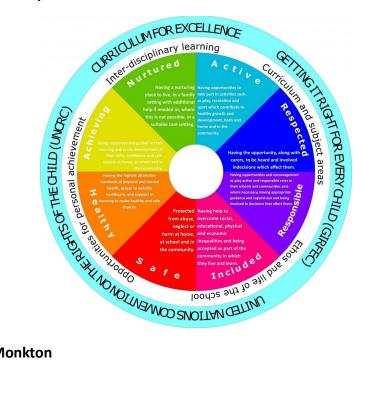
This section contains important updates and information.



#### **Health and Safety reminder**

Once you have collected your child from the school or EYC at 3pm, please leave the school playground. School staff cannot be responsible for children in the playground after school times. The gates will now be closed sharp after 3pm. Thank you!

Also no parent / carers should be using the staff car park AT ANY TIME unless they are a blue badge holder. The car park is small and can get very congested at drop off / pick up times. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



Safeguarding at Monkton

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

Our Child Protection Guidelines can be found on the school / EYC website.





**Developing Young Workforce - World of Work week** 

#### Monday 24th - Friday 28th February 2025

Thank you to all those parent, carers, friends and family who took time out of their busy, working week to come along to talk to children in all classes about their jobs to try to help inspire the next generation to start thinking about their future careers and the skills that they have / might need to do these jobs. We had over 30 volunteers who came into classes over the week with each class - EYC-P7 having at least 4 visitors. A massive thank you to each and every volunteer - without your help this week would not have been such a success - THANK YOU!

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





closes Sunday 9 March

- South Ayrshire children have access to 1140 hours of funded early learning and

   1140 hours of funded ea
- ☑ Children who turn 3 between March August 2025 are eligible to start in August 2025.
- <sup>3</sup> Children who turn 3 between September 2025 February 2026 are eligible to start the week after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

Options available in our Local Authority Early Years Centres :-

#### Option 1

Full Year - Mornings Only 8am - 12.45pm

#### Option 2

Full Year Flexible - 2 ½ days (2 full days 8am - 5.30pm and 1 morning 8am - 12.45pm)

#### Option 3

Term Time - Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm

#### Funded Providers can provide flexible options.



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For more Information please view the video here

south-ayrshire.gov.uk



# HELLO MONKTON EYC AND FLY HIGH PARENTS, CARERS & GRANDPARENTS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR PEEP

ON: THUR 13TH, 20TH, 27TH OF

MARCH & 3RD APRIL

TIME: 9.15 - 10.15 AM

WHERE: MONKTON PRIMARY SCHOOL







LEARNING TEAM









# **Neuro Connections Peer**

## Support Group

for Families of Neurodiverse Children and Young

# People What to Expect:

- A welcooming and supportive environment
   Connect with other parents/carers in your community
   Share experiences and resources
   Information about local services and support

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Upcoming Sessions:
Thursday 6th March 2025
21 Girvan – 6pm – 7:30pm
Monday 10th March 2025
21 Girvan – 12pm – 1:30pm
Tuesday 11th March 2025
The Place – 12:30 – 2pm
Wednesday 11th March 2025
Monkton and Prestwich Parish Church – 6pm – 7:30pm
Thursday 13th March 2025
Troon Scout Hall – 6pm – 7:30pm
Tuesday 13th March 2025
Carrick Centre Maybole – 12:25 – 2:15pm
Wednesday 15th March 2025
Troon Scout Hall – 12:30 – 2pm
Tuesday 25th March 2025
Troon Scout Hall – 12:30 – 2pm
Tuesday 25th March 2025
Carrick Centre Maybole – 6pm – 7:30pm



or visit: tinyurl.com/AberlourPeerGroups



# **Communication** (UNCRC Articles 3 and 5)



Communication with parents / carers continues to be of upmost importance to us and we will communicate in a variety of ways.

Please report absences before 9:30am each morning via ParentsPortal if you can. Use the 'Absence Reporting; tile to do so. This can also be used to record appointments or any time that our child is required to be out of school.

Important updates / information will be sent to you by **email** so please check daily for these. SMS **text** messages will only be sent if your child is absent (if you have not informed us) or for urgent information.

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.

We have created a summary of the online platforms that we use and what information will be sent using each one - ADD LINK TO THIS ON WEBSITE

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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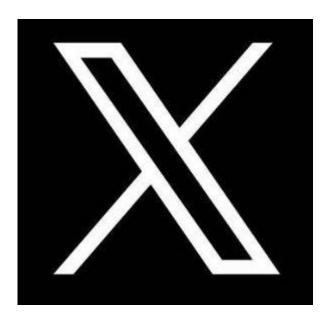
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# https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sa/monktonpsandeyc/



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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!

**G**reat learning experiences (including play)!

**H**eart of the Monkton community!