



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 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:

- *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.

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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 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)



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)





Registration for Early Learning and Childcare for session 2025/26

Opens Monday 3 March,
closes Sunday 9 March

- South Ayrshire children have access to 1140 hours of funded early learning and childcare.
- Children who turn 3 between March – August 2025 are eligible to start in August 2025.
- Children who turn 3 between September 2025 - February 2026 are eligible to start the week after their 3rd 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

For more
information please
view the video here



Funded Providers can provide flexible options.

Application form and details on how you can access your funded hours in local authority settings and funded providers can be found by scanning this QR code:



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Making a Difference Every Day



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



The Information and Advice Team... Your Journey to Financial Wellbeing



Find us here on

Monkton Primary School

6th March 09:00 – 11:00
&
3rd April 9:00 – 11:00

Drop in available – No appointment needed!



FREE SCHOOL MEALS



Primary 1 – 5

All children between p1-p5 are entitled to free school meals.

HOWEVER, an application must be made to ensure provision over school holiday periods!

After Primary 5

You may still be entitled to free school meals if you are on a low income.

Your child can get free meals in school if you get:

- Universal Credit (where your recently earned income is not more than £700)
 - Income Support
 - Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
 - Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Toni from the Information & Advice Hub is here to help you apply. Pop in for a chat at one of her drop-ins at our school. No appointment needed!



Or you can contact the Hub using the following link - [Digital referral form - South Ayrshire Council](#)
Please state on the referral that you are applying for free school meals.

South Ayrshire Wee
Carers & The Iris
Presents

A WEE NIGHT AT THE OSCARS

MARCH 3RD DOORS 6PM

Ayr Town Hall
Email carers@south-ayrshire.gov.uk
to book your seat

 south ayrshire
health & social care
partnership

 THE IRIS
FILM | THEATRE | MUSIC

 South Ayrshire
Young Carers

Neuro Connections Peer Support Group

for Families of Neurodiverse Children and Young
People

What to Expect:

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

Upcoming Sessions:

Thursday 6th March 2025

Z1 Girvan – 6pm – 7:30pm

Monday 10th March 2025

Z1 Girvan – 12pm – 1:30pm

Tuesday 11th March 2025

The Place – 12:30 – 2pm

Wednesday 12th March 2025

Monkton and Prestwich Parish Church – 6pm – 7:30pm

Thursday 13th March 2025

Troon Scout Hall – 6pm – 7:30pm

Tuesday 18th March 2025

Carrick Centre Maybole – 12:25 – 2:15pm

Wednesday 19th March 2025

Troon Scout Hall – 12:30 – 2pm

Tuesday 25th March 2025

Carrick Centre Maybole – 6pm – 7:30pm



Scan the QR Code to book your place

or visit:

tinyurl.com/AberlourPeerGroups



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Wednesday 9th April 2025
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Tuesday 15th April 2025
Carrick Centre Maybole – 12:45 – 2:15pm

Wednesday 16th April 2025
Monkton Parish Church – 6pm-7pm

Wednesday 16th April 2025
Troon Scout Hall – 12pm – 1:30pm

Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Carrick Centre Maybole – 6pm – 7:30pm



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Or Visit:
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Or phone:
Fleur Steven – 078549 58121
Lorna Farmer – 078490 85092

Registered Scottish Charity no. SC0317991

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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<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!