



Monkton PS and EYC Newsletter April 2025

It is now April and we are in the midst of Spring! It has been lovely to see some sunshine and the lighter mornings / nights are very welcome!

March was another quick month in the school and EYC including World Book Day which included a book swap organised by the Parent Council, sporting events, after school clubs, a four week block of PEEP sessions for EYC families, Comic Relief and our parents afternoon / evening.

This week P7 are away on their Residential Trip to Dumfries House and the EYC are hosting a Stay and Play for parent / carers on Thursday afternoon. At the end of this week, we will break for the Easter holidays. The school will close at 2:30pm and the EYC at 3pm although the EYC doors will be open from 2:25pm for anyone who would like to collect their child with older sibling(s).

When we return from the Easter holidays, we will be into our final term of the session. Please check the 'Dates for the Diary' section for more information on key events.

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.

I hope that you all have a lovely Easter break when it comes!

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*
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 - *Communication*

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



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.



On Friday 21st March 2025 for Red Nose Day, all children and staff dressed down / wore red. The Pupil Council also sold red noses for the full week. In total, the school and EYC raised £391.14 which has been donated to Comic Relief. This is an amazing amount raised - thank you for all the donations.



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.



This survey was on display as a QR code at parents afternoon / evening last week. If you have not yet completed it please use this link - <https://forms.office.com/e/fKHV7idsXC> to do so by Friday 25th April 2025.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey - your views and feedback is invaluable to us.



Save the Date - MONKTON GALA DAY 2024 – Saturday 7th June 2025

Monkton Gala is back for 2025 so save the date! After another successful community gala last year, the gala committee has been working hard to arrange another fun event for the people of Monkton! So far, we have confirmed the following:-

- Evening events during the week of the gala including welly throwing, a treasure hunt and pop up cinema event.
- Entertainment on the day including a DJ and theatre tours of the village.
- Games and sport activities from Active Schools and Killie Community.
- Alpacas, Face Painting, Climbing Walls, bungee trampoline, slides and bouncy castles.
- Ice Cream Van, Sweets and Cakes Stalls, Coffee Stall, Pizza van and a licensed Bar.

The gala committee needs the support of local business to help with funding, raffle prizes and to get involved to contribute to the success of the Gala. If you can donate a prize or supply funding for the gala, it would be appreciated and you can hand into the school office or contact the Chair below. There is also space on the day if you wish to take a stall to promote your organisation. Please contact Catherine Robertson, Chair of Monkton Gala Group (Subcommittee of Monkton Community Council) on clroberton4@btinternet.com or mobile 07494 465661. Thank you.



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.

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



National Standardised Assessments for Scotland (NSA) and GL Assessments - P3 and P6

This month, all P1 children will complete National Standardised Assessments (NSA) with their class teacher. P4 and P7 have already completed these back in November. 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.

P3 and P6 children will also complete GL assessments this month, also for Literacy and Numeracy. These are also standardised assessments which the authority has requested that schools do to clearly identify progress and next steps for each child. Like the NSAs above these will be completed online, in class, with their class teacher.

More details of other ways that we assess your child can be found on the school website - [Assessment-Parent-Leaflet.pdf](#)



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





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Camp

Ayr United - Holiday Football (5 - 13yrs)

Queen Margaret Academy

Football during school holidays for 5-13 year olds. Players will be split into smaller groups dependant on age and ability levels. Holiday football will give the children the opportunity to develop their skill, make new friends and have fun in a safe and supportive environment.

Week	Dates
Easter week 1	Mon 7th April 2025 - Fri 11th April 2025

[Info & Booking](#)

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Prestwick Academy

Football during school holidays for 5-13 year olds. Players will be split into smaller groups dependant on age and ability levels. Holiday football will give the children the opportunity to develop their skill, make new friends and have fun in a safe and supportive environment.

Week	Dates
Easter Week 2	Mon 14th April 2025 - Thu 17th April 2025

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FIND FOURTEEN FILMS FOR FUN FOR SURPRISE PRIZES

Calling all Treasure Hunters!

Hope you have lots of fun finding our film posters in the windows of the amazing shops and cafés out on the Main Street. Just imagine being able to see them again on the Broadway's big screen. Good luck to all!

Guy Walker
Chair, Friends of the Broadway

Attention all Primary 1 – 7 children.

Are you looking for something to do over the Easter Holidays?

Then why not join in our fantastic Broadway Treasure Hunt

For £1 entry fee, all local Primary School Offices can provide the 'Broadway Cinema' worksheets so that you can take part.

The first three correct entries drawn from each school will win a prize. And, the first winner drawn from all five Primary schools in the area will receive another extra special surprise gift.

Draws will take place on Wednesday 23rd April 2025

Thanks to James of The Chocolate Box, and to many of our other local businesses for their kind donations and offering their wonderful ongoing support to both our Broadway and our local children.

Friends of the Broadway Prestwick is a Registered Charity No. SC048992

Prestwick Town Twinning Association
TREASURE HUNT
22nd May- 12th June, 2025



FREE entry for adults and children
Collect entry forms from **Daisy Chain**

See gifts given over 50 years of Twinning, with Germany, Italy and Ohio

Like our Facebook page where you can view more items and learn what we get up to

Open to everyone living and working in Ayrshire.

**WEDNESDAY
21ST MAY 25
AYR TOWN HALL**

**ASN
FAMILY
FORUM**

DOORS OPEN 11.30

***** Tanya Tennant ***
Building Emotional
Resilience and Anxiety
Workshop
12.30 - 1.30
1.30 - 2.00 Questions**

**Market Stalls full of Support
11.30 - 3.00**

Over 25 Organisations

**Including:
Social Security Scotland
Spotty Zebras
NEST
VASA
Aberlour**

**ASN
Family Support**
Offering support, advice
and friendship for any
parents and carers of young
people with Additional
Support Needs (ASN)
living in South Ayrshire.

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MONKTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Monkton Gala Day

Saturday 7th
June 2025

Monkton Playing Fields

12-4pm

Fun activities for all ages

DJ -Dance Shows - Children's Games - Bouncy
Castles Climbing Walls- Food & Drink-Craft Stalls -
Face Painting-Alpaca -Outdoor Games -Tombola
Stalls



Step into Spring Safely

The weather is getting warmer and Spring is on its way...
here are some tips to keep germs at bay...

NHS Ayrshire & Arran's Health Protection Team

If visiting an animal park or farm and feeding or petting animals it is very important to wash your hands thoroughly when finished.

Potential risks

Contact with animals increases the risk of Gastrointestinal infections such as Cryptosporidium or Ecoli





Prevention

- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and running water after petting or feeding animals
- Supervise children washing their hands
- Wash hands before eating
- Use designated cafes or picnic areas
- Avoid the use of alcohol gel

Symptoms to look out for

- Watery diarrhoea
- Stomach pains
- Nausea and vomiting
- Temperature 37.8 °C or above



What to do if you are worried

Speak to your GP regarding your symptoms (Monday – Friday)
 Call NHS 24 on 111 (out of hours)

Did you know?

That alcohol gel is less effective than soap and water at removing certain kinds of germs like Cryptosporidium or Norovirus.



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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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!