

Our Learning journey so far.....

At Monkton EYC, the children and staff had a busy period in December with watching 'Santa's Cousin Bob', performing a Christmas show to families and a fabulous Christmas party with a special visitor.



This term, the children have been learning about Scotland. They have been trying Scottish foods, learning Scottish songs and poems as well as making arts and crafts linked to Scotland. All children in the EYC performed the songs and poem 'Wee Willie Winkie' in front of the whole school at the annual Scottish Poetry Concert - well done everyone!



Children continue to go to the woods for 'Forest Kindergarten' on a Tuesday morning although recently due to the winter weather, children have been going for walks around the village.

This term, the EYC children are also getting weekly music sessions with Mr Hill (Music Teacher) on a Wednesday morning. They have been enjoying body percussion and learning some Gaelic words / songs.

Staff plan fortnightly using Curriculum for Excellence Early Level benchmarks ([earlylevelbenchmarksallareas.pdf](#)) and ensure that planned experiences support the progress of developmental milestones. Staff are also responsive by supporting children to plan and shape their own learning.



Keep an eye on our notice board and Seesaw for further information about learning and events.

Parental Involvement

Parent / carers being involved in the EYC and their child's learning is of upmost importance.

Parent / carers can get involved through:-

- *Home learning tasks and lending library.*
- *Stay and play sessions.*
- *Personal Plans and child profiles.*
- *PEEP sessions (see dates section).*
- *Events and activities throughout the year e.g. Christmas Show, Sports Day, Graduation.*

Please let us know if there are any other ways that you would like to be involved or any suggestions that you have. Thank you!



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Keeping Healthy



On a Thursday and Friday, we go to the Gym Hall for our P.E. sessions. So far, we have been enjoying developing our ball skills, playing games and trying some Scottish dancing. We now have Thomas from Active Schools working with us every Thursday.

Children play in outdoors in the garden area each day. Please ensure that your child comes prepared for this each day e.g. with older clothing, warm clothing and layers to take off when back inside.

Dates for the Diary

- **Wed 11th-Fri 20th Feb** - Personal Plans meetings
- **Thurs 12th Feb** - Parent Council Spring Disco - EYC 4-5pm
- **Mon 16th - Fri 20th Feb** - EYC registration week - returners to the EYC need to reapply.
- **Mon 23rd - Fri 27th Feb** - World of Work week
- **Thurs 5th March** - World Book Day (no dress up required)
- **Fridays 6th - 27th March** - 4 week block of PEEP sessions with Nicola Lawrence - 9:15-10:15am.
- **Friday 20th March** - Comic Relief - dress down and donation.
- **Thursday 2nd April** - Stay and Play session (1 adult per child), 9-9:30am
- **Friday 15th May** - Sports Day races on field
- **Friday 26th June** - EYC Graduation (am)

Reminders

- ❖ The EYC doors are open each morning from 8:55am and close at 9:10am. Please try to drop your child off during these times as it allows children to settle and the session to start. Late comers may miss out on events / activities.
- ❖ Please encourage your child to leave toys and personal items at home as if they bring them into the EYC with them, they may get lost or broken. Also, sometimes children try to 'sneak' toys from the EYC home - please discourage your child from taking anything and if you find items in their pockets, please return them to the EYC the next day.
- ❖ Children should wear old clothes to the EYC as when playing they may get messy, dirty or get paint or pen on them.

Thank you!