



# Monkston Primary School

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## Newsletter

14<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

### Year 4 production

Last week, year 4 dazzled us with their outstanding performance of *Minotaur*. Their acting and singing were exceptional, supported brilliantly by the ambitious set and stage design. Well done, Year 4!



### Language of the Month

Mrs. Cook, our MFL lead, has been working alongside our team of language ambassadors to celebrate the diverse range of languages spoken at Monkston. This month, the focus was on Estonia, and we are thrilled that this initiative has caught the attention of the Estonian Government!

Two of our pupils, who attend the Estonian Global School, shared this exciting news with their teacher. The school proudly featured it on their website, which was then noticed by the Estonian Embassy in London. The Estonian Ambassador and Cultural Attaché personally reached out to the children's parents to express their gratitude to Monkston Primary School for promoting the Estonian language. We are incredibly proud to see our language celebrations making such a meaningful impact!



### School Uniform

Over the past few weeks, we have noticed that some children are not wearing the correct school uniform. We would like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of ensuring that children come to school in the appropriate uniform each day. **In particular, children are wearing hoodies, leggings and colourful trainers when it is not their PE day.**

### Boys/Girls

- Shorts / Trousers/ Skirt - navy blue, black or charcoal grey
  - **Skirts should be knee / just above knee length and allow for some movement. If skirts become too short, then class teachers will issue a reminder about the length of skirts.**

➤ **Cycling shorts and leggings are NOT permitted as part of our daily school uniform unless being worn under a skirt.**

- Polo shirt - white or sky blue
- Sweatshirt/cardigan - navy blue
- Sensible low-heeled, **plain** black trainers/shoes

**For PE days ONLY**

- Shorts – **plain** navy blue or **plain** dark colour [knee-length cycling shorts can be worn for PE only]
- T-shirt – **plain** white
- Trainers – **plain** colour [such as black, grey, navy or white]
- Pupils will need warmer clothes during the winter. We suggest a **plain** navy, grey or black tracksuit top and bottoms.

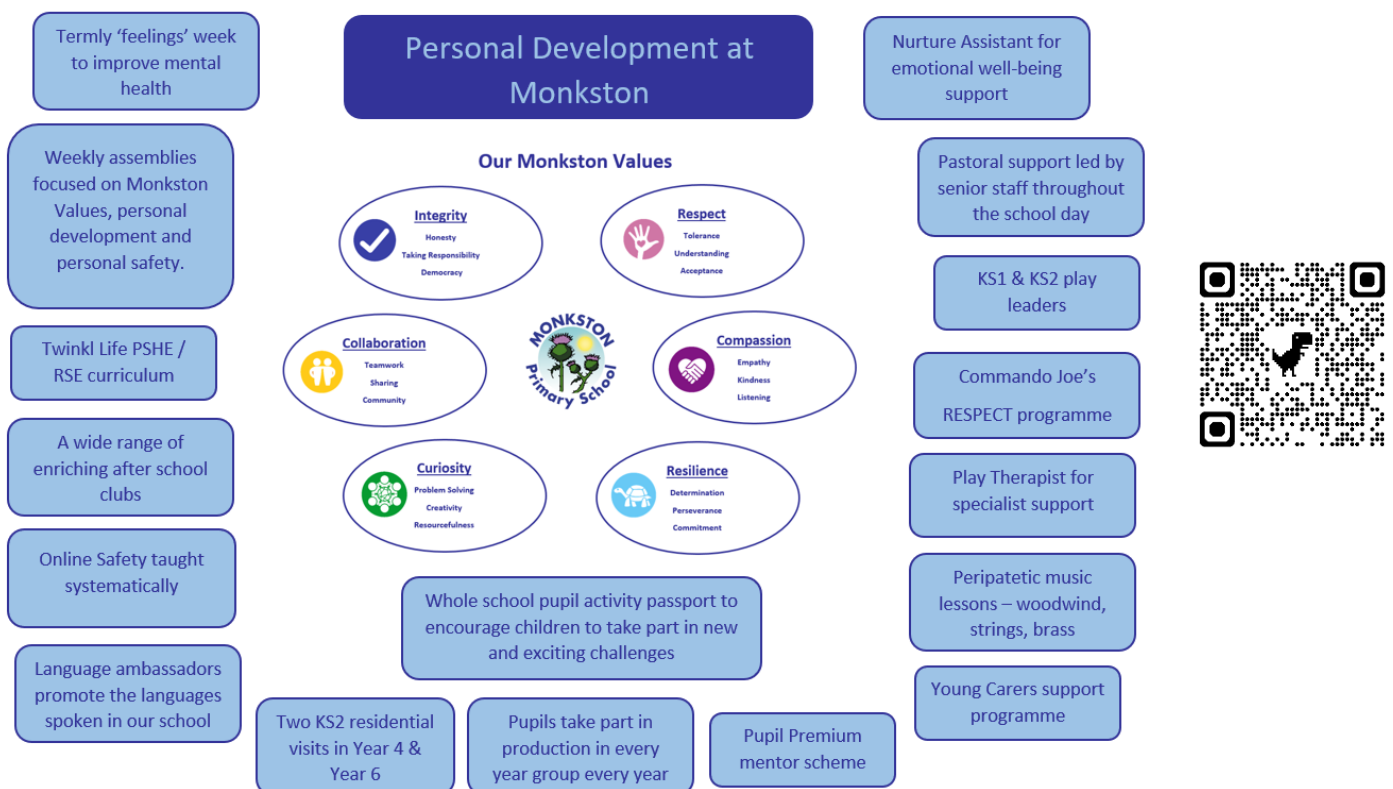
Wearing the correct uniform helps to create a sense of belonging and pride in our school community. Please take a moment to check that your child is following the school's uniform policy. If you have any concerns or need support with uniform, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Reminder letters will continue to be sent home with your child if the incorrect uniform or PE kit is worn into school.**

**Parent / Carer Survey**

A huge thank you to all the parents who took part in the parent/carer survey last month. It is always valuable to receive feedback about your child's experience at Monkston. We were particularly thrilled that 100% of parents who responded felt that their child does well at Monkston Primary and that 99% of parents said their child feels safe and is happy here.

One area we would like to address is the question relating to your child's wider personal development. While 87% of parents agreed that we support their child in this area, we wanted to take this opportunity to highlight the work we do to support the personal development of all pupils. The overview below showcases much of the work we do in school, and we have also included a QR code linking to the personal development page on our website. This page provides further details for those who are interested in learning more.



For those parents who raised issues or concerns in the survey, our senior leadership team will be in touch to discuss these with you. Thank you for your continued support!

I hope that you all enjoy half-term next week and take the opportunity to rest and spend time together. I look forward to seeing you all back on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**.



Kind regards

*H. Williams*

Mrs Hannah Williams

