

St. Modwen's Newsletter

14th Sept 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had wonderful, first full week! Hopefully you have seen our twitter pictures of Miss Smith's project this week which was to organise the whole school to join in with the Body Coach's live streaming of his HIIT workout- well done to all of our children and staff who took part, it is great to see so many people starting the term as we mean to go on, with healthy lifestyles! Another live streaming opportunity this week was when we all joined Archbishop Bernard whose Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was live streaming from Our Lady of St Fatima's Primary School in Quinton. Thank you to Mr Quinn for organising this and to Father Stephen for leading us in prayer.

Children are being asked to think about their manifestos if they wish to stand for School Council this year- it is election time again! We are also going to be launching a Parent Council, project managed by Mr Masters, one of our parents. He and I have met and liaised in recent months, looked into Parent Council practices in other schools and are currently finalising some proposed terms of reference, election/voting arrangements, timelines etc. We have been factoring in the responses about this from the parent questionnaires last Easter with regards to eligibility and numbers on the council. Mr Masters will chair for the first year, beyond which it will be down to members' votes. We are currently looking at examples from other schools and your responses as parents on the questionnaires to determine the proposed length of office for each member. If this is something which interests you, you may want to start thinking about your own manifesto! The Parent Council is the representative body for all parents of pupils at St Modwen's Catholic Primary/Nursery School. It is designed to be parent-friendly and it's a great opportunity to become more involved in, and more informed about, the decisions which affect your child's school.

What are the aims of the parent council?

- To work in partnership with the school to create a welcoming and inclusive environment
- To promote a partnership between the school/pupils and parents, seeking parents views for the class you represent
- To develop and engage in activities which support the education and welfare of the pupils
- To identify and represent all parents' views on educational and welfare matters
- To support the work of the St Modwen's Catholic Primary/Nursery

Whole School Attendance

Last Week
95.8%

Target - 95.5%
352 children achieved 100% attendance Last week.
Well Done!

Well done to Y4 -
St Theresa of Calcutta
For highest attendance last week!

What it is not:

- a forum for airing personal grievances or anecdotal complaints- the Complaints Policy should be followed in these situations
- a replacement for the school's senior management team or governing body

Areas that the school would like to consult the Parent Council about initially are as follows:

- the format and type of content on the end of year school reports
- uniform
- tuckshop/dinners
- the end of year awards tradition
- homework
- curriculum enrichment opportunities
- becoming more 'eco friendly'
- suggestions regarding topics of school workshops
- consideration of current and future workplace needs in relation to our curriculum to secure the best possible future employability of our children
- communications between home and school
- much more besides...I am sure parents will have plenty of ideas!

Thank you to Tempest photography and our office team who organised the school photos today! Tempest tell us we are one of the smoothest most organised schools to work with- so a special thank you to Miss Downer and Mrs Rooney who have done their level best with this. We have taken all of the sibling photos today of the children in their uniforms and Mrs Rooney has apologised for any confusion about pre-schoolers. Tempest will be back later in the year to take class photos so if there are any individual issues, we can rectify these then. Many thanks for your ongoing support and a special thank you to those parents who make a point of showing their appreciation to our hardworking office staff, as quite often the staff in the office don't always see people unless there is a problem and they are very patient absorbing any frustrations which may be directed at them for things that may be out of their hands. Thank you.

A huge thank you to Mrs Perkins for organising a choir to take to Young Voices again this year! Please note that until January, the choir on a Thursday evening is only open to those who will be joining us for the Young Voices event in order to enable Mrs Perkins to train the voices she will be taking! There will be other clubs coming up in the year for children, thank you.

A special thank you goes to one of our Foundation Governors and parent, Rose Millward for securing us a school bus! Our transportation was ceased by the council last summer as part of the cuts but Mrs Millward has worked extremely hard to ensure that those families who need a school bus can still access one. We have been impressed with the older children who look after the younger children on the bus. All children are seen on to the bus by parents at their stop and are seen off the bus by staff at the back gate here, and are led in, with older children escorting younger children to the classrooms (as is typical for those who are dropped by foot or car).

Mr Hubbard and I have had a meeting about putting pathways into the garden today and he is keen to get going. Thank you also to Mrs H Williams for meeting with myself and Mr Heald today to talk about upcoming fundraising dates.

Thank you to the following children who were my first 'Head's Friday Lunches' fellow diners: Zara and Edward Y6; Josh and Fabien Y5; Joseph J and Kuzhaima Y4; Maisy and Lilly Y3; Noah and Chris Y2; Charlie D and Eleanor Y1: you were all highly entertaining and interesting to talk with!

Thank you to Father Long for our first Mass of the school year; Mr Brassington, Mrs Perkins and myself also extended a warm welcome to Miss Downie who has joined us for Mass Musicians with her bassoon! Miss Downie introduced the children to the bassoon- well done Adam in Y4 for knowing what the instrument is called. We now have a bass line so it is all very exciting.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend,

Miranda Gibbs

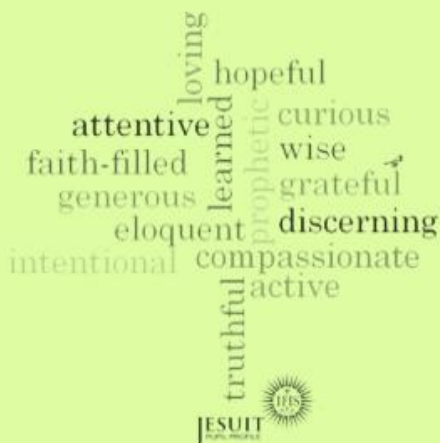
Head Teacher

Attention all car park users:

The car park at the front of school is for visitors and disabled pupils only. We have a number of pupils with mobility difficulties who are unable to come in to school safely or practically when other parents park in the disabled space. **We ask that you model respect, compassion and courtesy to your own children by leaving the disabled parking spaces for those with high needs.** We have put a pavement in place so that Nursery parents can park further back and walk up to the front door. The front car park was never designed to be a Nursery car park. Once all children have been dropped at Breakfast Club, we should not see any parent cars in the visitor area at drop off or collection time unless you are parking because you have a pre-booked appointment with a member of staff.

Virtues Certificates

Y1JH St Matthew – Charlie D
Y1AB St Mark – Sofia
Y2AS St Luke – **Isaac**
Y2JC St John - **Natalia**
Y3TB St Faustina – **Ayanna**
Y3TG St Paschal of Baylon – **Nikola**
Y4DR St Josephine Bakhita – **Giulia**
Y4HG St Theresa of Calcutta – **Joseph J**
Y5NH St Maxmilian Kolbe – **Olivia M**
Y5LP St Alphonsa – **Anna J**
Y6 DQ Blessed John Henry Newman – **Sandra**
Y6 JD – **Louis C**
Ms Gibbs – **Ania K**



Reconciliation and First Holy Communion (All in Church)



Meeting	Date	Time and Place
Meeting 1	Thursday 4 th October	7pm in church
Enrolment Mass	Sunday 14 th October	11am in church
Meeting 2	Thursday 15 th November	7pm in church
First Confessions	Saturday 24 th November	10am in church
Meeting 3	Thursday 31 st January	7pm in church
Listening Mass	Sunday 10 th February	11am in church
Meeting 4	Thursday 2 nd May	7pm in church
FHC Mass Y3 T Brassington	Saturday 11 th May	11am in church
FHC Mass Y3 T Gilmore	Saturday 18 th May	11am in church

Confirmation Meetings and Enrolment (All in Church)



Meeting	Date	Time and Place
Meeting 1	Tuesday 20 th November	7pm in church
Enrolment Mass	Sunday 25 th November	11am in church
Meeting 2	Thursday 24 th January	7pm in church
Handing on the Light of Faith	Sunday 3 rd February	11am in church
Meeting 3	Thursday 7 th March	IN SCHOOL
Confirmation Mass DQ	Wednesday 20 th March	7pm in church
Confirmation Mass JD	Thursday 21 st March	7pm in church

Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
23 rd – 24 th October 2018	4-7pm	Parents Evening
26 th October 2018	2:45pm	Year 3 Class Assembly
12 th November 2018	2:45pm	Year 2 Class Assembly
7 th December 2018	11am	Choir Christmas Concert – Chestnut Grange
W/C 10 th December 2018	TBC	KS1 Nativity
W/C 17 th December 2018	TBC	EYFS Nativity
18 th December 2018	7pm	Year 5/6 Carol Service
23 rd January 2019	7pm	Young Voices Concert
1 st February 2019	2:45pm	Year 5 Class Assembly
29 th March 2019	2:45pm	Reception (Mrs Chadfield) Class Assembly
24 th May 2019	2:45pm	Reception (Miss Harcombe) Class Assembly
14 th June 2019	2:45pm	Year 4 Class Assembly
21 st June 2019	2:45pm	Year 1 Class Assembly

LETTINGS -Our school hall is available for lettings. For more information is available on the school website or by contacting Mrs Salt in the school office.



Our Spiritual Garden Sponsors include:

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