

St. Modwen's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Another wonderful week of achievements has flown by! As I type, I can smell the delicious apple crumble being baked by Y6 who are using Mr Quinn's many apples from his back garden- thank you for your generosity Mr Quinn!

A special mention is deserved to our musicians for Mass today: Seth W, Nevaeh, Olivia and Jaina on violins and Olivia and Lily on flutes who accompanied Mr Brassington, Mrs Perkins, Miss Downie and myself today to play the music in Mass: the pupils are absolutely fantastic and it was wonderful to hear Father Stephen praising the whole school for our singing- you all sounded amazing.

A special thank you to Father Stephen for teaching Y5 all about the sacrament of the sick today.

We are going to trial opening the gates at 8.40am in the mornings and the teachers have kindly agreed to open their classrooms to the pupils a little earlier than previously. This is very generous of the staff as it is important prep time for them. This is being done in an attempt to make the parking and drop off arrangements smoother: those who can or wish to arrive that bit earlier can drop children and clear the car park allowing for more cars to come in. It is hoped that this 20 minute window will help stagger the traffic and reduce dangerous parking. If it makes no difference, we will revert back to 8.45am. Thank you to those parents who do use the car park safely: I have noticed however that some are still parking in the disabled spaces without disabilities- please do not do this, we have disabled children here and you are making it hard for them to access the building safely.

We had some visiting Head Teachers, RE Leaders and a Chaplain from 3 other Staffordshire schools this week who came to find out about how we achieved our Outstanding status in our Ofsted Section 48 inspection earlier this year. They were full of compliments and I whole heartedly thank the whole staff team and pupils for presenting the learning environment at its best.

We have some limited places in some of our classes now due to a number of families returning to Poland. Please do let your friends know that children do not have to be Catholic to attend our school and let's see if we can fill these places up by sharing with the community what a wonderful school it is, thank you.

We were very disappointed this week that all of the Meadowside swimming had to be cancelled due to an issue with their pool which they are working on. We are not aware as to whether or not the Y5 will be able to go on Monday but please send in swimming kits just in case. Thank you for your understanding.

Whole School Attendance

Last Week
97.87%

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

Well done to:

- Y1B St Mark and Y3B St Paschal of Baylon for achieving a massive 100% attendance last week!

Hopefully you have already had all of the details from the PTA and Miss Miller/Mr Heald but we are all really looking forward to the performing arts showcase fundraiser from 4pm-6pm next Friday 19th October. You will be able to see the children's summer holiday reading craft project book scenes on display; there will be swan themed art on canvasses produced by each child and you are encouraged to purchase your child's art from our gallery; there will also be a talent show style showcase on the stage hosted by Mr Brassington and Miss Miller. We look forward to seeing you on Friday!

We awarded Mr Read our own 'Sports Personality of the Year' award this week for leading us to the Platinum Games award, here is his report about this week's sporting achievements:

The Y6 Football team kept up their 100% start to the season with a hard fought 2-0 win against Victoria. The goals came from William P and Dawid G, with Dawid picking up the player of the match award after coming on as a substitute and changing the game. Congratulations to Filip who made his first appearance in goal for the school team. The Y5 team also remain unbeaten after a more comfortable 3-0 win against the same opponents. Lewis M and Maks Z scored the goals with the third an own goal. Seb H was player of the match after a solid performance in defence.

St Modwen's hosted the Burton District Netball Tournament this week. Both of our teams played very well and were unlucky not to win our first two games in the groups, unfortunately our shooting was a little off target and didn't match the excellent build up play. The A and B team both finished 3rd in their groups, just missing out on the next round.

Well done to: Noah C, Maks Z, Archie M, Olivia M, Ania K, Amara S, Anna J, Sandra K, Maya W, Neha V and Sofiia S

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing the Y3 at their Holy Communion enrolment Mass on Sunday. Mrs Wardle will be making a cameo appearance to lead the music with Mrs Perkins- thank you Mrs Wardle!

Best wishes

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.

Parent Pay

The school will be going cashless by Monday 5th November 2018. You will need to have registered on Parent Pay by this date. If you are having any issues registering, or require another copy of your login and password details, please contact the office. Cash will not be accepted after 5th November 2018. This includes cash for Break and Breakfast food sales.

Nut Allergies

Please can everyone be mindful of sending children into school with bags of peanuts and birthday treats that contain nuts.

We have numerous children in school who have nut allergies and we all need to be mindful of this and refrain from sending children to class with any foods that contain nuts.

TEAM POINTS

St. Jerome	St. Gregory	St. Augustine	St. Ambrose
268	322	293	345

Inspirational Quote of the week

“To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often.”

- Blessed John Henry Newman

Virtues Certificates

Reception A – St. Gabriel – Gavin A
Reception B St Raphael – Amilia S
Y1JH St Matthew – Katrina J
Y1AB St Mark – Charlie F and Amelia K
Y2AS St Luke – Selena T
Y2JC St John – Maks M
Y3TB St Faustina – Lucas S
Y3TG St Paschal of Baylon – Roksana K
Y4DR St Josephine Bakhita – Jessica R
Y4HG St Theresa of Calcutta – Olivia B
Y5NH St Maxmilian Kolbe – Daniella H
Y5LP St Alphonsa – Scarlett G
Y6 DQ Blessed Dominic Barberi – Christine M and Shiyagan S
Y6 JD Blessed John Henry Newman – Bartek K and Joseph M



Reconciliation and First Holy Communion (All in Church)



Meeting	Date	Time and Place
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
19 th October 2018	4-6pm	Talent Showcase
23 rd – 24 th October 2018	4-7pm	Parents Evening
26 th October 2018	2:45pm	Year 3 Class Assembly
16 th November 2018	2:45pm	Year 2 Class Assembly
14 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.



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