

St. Modwen's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very exciting week, starting with Monday's assembly where we announced some additional jobs in our school. For outreach and charitable acts of mercy we will have a team known as the 'Caritas Champions'. This year the following children have been selected: Joanna, Patricia, Mark, Owen, Angelina, Oskar N, Roman, Keeley, Natalia S and Damon. We wish them every blessing in their endeavours to help those in need and I look forward to my first meeting with them on Monday. Mr Read has selected the following children for his first Sports Council and we also congratulated them on Monday: Alfie H, Dante P, Seth W, Neha V, Amara S, Joseph M, Dawid G, Grace M, Sofii S, Jaina M, Maks Z, Noah C, Ania K, Olivia M, Nikola Z and Megan H. The Sports Council will be leading on promoting sports in our school and being ambassadors as pupils from a Platinum award winning school- we also wish those children every blessing in their work. Mr Quinn has announced that there are vacancies for Prayer Leaders in Y5 and Y6. These children will be asked to plan prayer sessions for the younger children, using the Prayers Under the Stairs area. Their prayer focus to begin with will be for those who CAFOD raise money for. The Caritas Champions will be planning a fundraiser for CAFOD in their meeting on Monday, with ideas and input from aspiring prayer leaders too.

The senior leadership team welcomed Mrs Sharon McCall to our meeting on Monday evening. Sharon runs the programme at Tabor House in Birmingham- the area's only 24 hour shelter for homeless people. Our SLT will be visiting in November and trailblazing some volunteering on evening shifts at the centre, other staff are also keen to be involved. We are very blessed to have such a compassionate staff team who 'walk the talk'. We will be donating adult colouring books and felt tips for some mindful colouring sessions. The residents at the centre are keen for things to keep them occupied and focused on the here and now: if anyone would like to donate a set of felt tips and/or mindful colouring book, our Caritas Champions will be collecting them in school- please send them in with your child and thank you again- your generosity for the St Chad's babies project was overwhelming and I am sure we will get a similar response.

The St Modwen's Football Teams competed in the East Staffs Sports Tournaments this week.

On Tuesday our Y5/6 Girls Team finished in 3rd place, with the players receiving a bronze medal each. The girls were fantastic and won their group after winning every game. They won 4-0 against Eton Park, 2-1 against Scientia, 1-0 against William Shrewsbury and 3-0 against Rykneld. Unfortunately, we were unable to beat Richard Wakefield in the semi-final but 3rd place is still an outstanding achievement. Well done to Grace M, Alex S, Amara S, Neha V, Sofii S, Olivia M, Ania K and Imogen A.

Whole School Attendance

Last Week
97.49%

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

Well done to:

- Y3A St. Faustina
- Y3B St. Pascal of Baylon
- Y4A St. Josephine Bakhita
- Y6A Blessed Dominic Barberi

For achieving a massive 100% attendance last week!

Last night, the Y5/6 Boys teams played in the same tournament. The Y5 team were brilliant against children who were a whole school year older than them and won against Holy Trinity 2-0, a very credible 0-0 draw against Edge Hill Y6 saw them pick up 4 points in the group after losing our other two games. The team finished 4th in the group overall. Well done to Gaspar Z, Seb H, Thomas W, Sam B, Ollie R, Noah C, Maks Z, Archie M and Lewis M.

The Y6 team also did the school proud. They won against Horninglow 1-0 and drew two of their games 0-0, only losing one game in the group. They finished 2nd in the group and missed out on a place in the semi-finals by a single point. Well done to Kacper K, Alfie H, Emil K, Dante P, William P, Dawid G, Kamil K, Joseph M, Patryk M and Bartek K.

We have welcomed Mrs Leigh Roberts to the office as Mrs Salt's assistant. Her vast knowledge, skills and experience will be of great benefit to the smooth running of our school. We thank Mrs Christena Nolan for her upbeat energy in the office these last few weeks since starting- it has really supported Mrs Salt and Miss Downer in the office reorganisation. We also look forward to welcoming Miss Amy McCallum to the team after half term. Thank you all for your patience whilst we have had some temporary staff supporting the work of the office in this period of transition.

Y3 have been focusing their learning in conjunction with Black History month and have been researching the lives of inspiring people such as Rosa Parks-check out our twitter feed for some photos! Also available on twitter are some pictures of the wonderful art work the children have been preparing for this afternoon's performing arts showcase: donation buckets are available as this letter goes to press but if you missed them and you are now reading this after the event, we will gladly accept late donations. We especially congratulate the following children who demonstrated their various talents, gifts and skills for the showcase in the hall too: _Olivia D, Phoebe O, Freya, Annie and Isla D, Oliver B, Magda R, Mike R, Kris Z, Hanna M, Maks M, Lennie G, Charlie F, Alexis M, Emil M, Emefa B, Olivia B, Chizaram L, Freddy S, Gasper Z, Josh G, Kacey H.

A special thank you goes to Miss Miller for her exuberance, enthusiasm; flexibility and optimism in putting the arts showcase together; Mrs Roberts for ordering the Food van; Mrs Salt for writing the risk assessments and helping me with arrangements for the X Factor contestant Georgia Burgess; Year 6 School Business Pupil Clerks for promoting and getting resources ready for our Georgia Burgess concert: Laura, Jaina, Oliwia, Sienna, David, Neha, Freya, Rihanna, Lily, Sofiia, Olivia, Tanisha, Keeley, Sandra, Alex, Patricia, Julia, Ansa and Alexandra; Mr Heald our PTA link for his positivity and 'can do' attitude to making these things happen and to all of the staff who have made the event happen this afternoon. Great thanks also to Angela Swinson, Helen Williams and the PTA team for all of their work towards this fundraiser- we look forward to letting you know how much was raised. We thank our hosts Mr Brassington and Miss Miller as well as all the staff who work to promote performing arts in our school, especially Mrs Perkins, Miss Smith and Miss Innwood. A special thank you also to the staff at Robert Sutton for promoting our event to their pupils and to Georgia for coming along- Simon Cowell definitely made the wrong choice sending Georgia home from judges' houses! It was a fantastic concert, enjoyed by young and old! It has been a wonderful community event bringing us all together- like a festival! Thank you to Michael at Universal Talent for making it possible for Georgia to visit us today and inspire the children to follow their dreams.

Whilst we endeavour to give parents at least 2 weeks' notice for events, as we did for the performing arts event from 4pm-6pm today, regrettably we were only able to give last minute notice about Georgia's visit due to the nature of securing the arrangement and finalising/confirming the details. We were presented with a last minute opportunity and had a choice between refusing it as we were only able to give parents short notice, or accepting it for the benefit of those who could make it between 6pm-7pm. Thank you for your support and understanding.

We have another celebrity coming to visit us next week! Mr Read has secured Olympic Team GB gymnastic medallist Christian Thomas to come and inspire us next Wednesday....watch this space for updates and thank you for giving generously on the children's sponsor forms towards school funds.

Thank you to Burton Fire Service for welcoming our Y5 pupils this week and for all of the staff who went along. Our children were extremely well behaved and were able to witness a real call out- prayers are offered for those involved in the incident. The fire fighters were very good at informing children as to ways in which they can stay safe.

A special thank you to Miss Abbey this week for providing an abundance of conkers for our EYFS pupils to play with (within the sensory experience tray: not swinging them on a rope!).

We are all feeling very Autumnal!

And finally a huge congratulation to Miss Miller for passing her driving test- watch out motorists!

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.

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 | | | |
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| St. Jerome | St. Gregory | St. Augustine | St. Ambrose |
| 592 | 652 | 550 | 601 |

Inspirational Quote of the week

1 Corinthians 12:4

“there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit”

Virtues Certificates

Reception A – St. Gabriel – Daniel K
 Reception B St Raphael – Jessica M
 Y1JH St Matthew – Olivia C
 Y1AB St Mark – Alicja W
 Y2AS St Luke – Wezi N
 Y2JC St John – Maria G
 Y3TB St Faustina – Marcel
 Y3TG St Paschal of Baylon – Dominik
 Y4DR St Josephine Bakhita – Annie D
 Y4HG St Theresa of Calcutta – Joseph OD
 Y5NH St Maxmilian Kolbe – Martyna
 Y5LP St Alphonsa – Adam T
 Y6 DQ Blessed Dominic Barberi – Nevaeh- Grace
 Y6 JD Blessed John Henry Newman – Seth W



Reconciliation and First Holy Communion (All in Church)



| Meeting | Date | Time and Place |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 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 |
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Confirmation Meetings and Enrolment (All in Church)



| Meeting | Date | Time and Place |
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| 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 |
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| 19 th October 2018 | 4-6pm | Talent Showcase |
| 19 th October 2018 | 6 -7pm | Georgia Burgess Concert |
| 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.

Our Spiritual Garden Sponsors include:



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