

# St. Modwen's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all of the wonderful feedback in your parental questionnaires this week and to the three parents who have indicated that they would be willing to be involved in the Parent Council. As this initiative has not really rustled up much interest, we will be revisiting it in the new year. Thank you to Russell Masters for his time and communications to parents to date: Russell and I will be meeting after half term to decide in what format we will proceed to enable parental voice forums, thank you. So far the only suggestions on the feedback forms are for us to extend the size of the car park- it is not going to be possible to do this, and the area is a drop off area rather than a car park. It was wonderful to learn that only 2 parents thought that the 8.40am start had not made a positive difference to the parking: as the overwhelming majority of parents are happy, we will continue to open our gates at 8.40am. The only other dissatisfied comment was regarding the perception of how fair the absence policy for term time holidays is: this will be fed back to the governing body however parents should expect a tough stance on term time holidays, especially if your child has their SATs. Our school is due another Ofsted visit and inspectors will rigorously examine our effectiveness on promoting attendance and will expect that as a Head Teacher I have only authorised on very rare occasions. Thank you for your understanding. Thank you to Mr Gerry Gough our Chair of Governors for making himself available to talk with parents on both Parents' Evenings and also to Mr Aidan Smith the new Head Teacher at Blessed Robert Sutton for his presence at both evenings.

We were thrilled and inspired to have Team GB gymnast and Olympic medallist Kristian Thomas to see us this week. Kristian performed back flips; walking on his hands; headstands and much more besides! He also managed a forward roll dive over 5 children and told us he had never managed 6 people before so he would be best to experiment by using the Head Teacher rather than another child! I must admit I did flinch but it was quite the rush to see him flying over me! Thank you so much to our visitors for inspiring our children towards fitness, strength and flexibility, we all really enjoyed our HIIT workout with Kristian too! Thank you so much to Mr Read for organising this memorable event. We congratulate Keely, Jaina and Julia in Y6 who impressed Mr Thomas with their own routine! Julia has recently achieved her Level 2 award and is now competing against the top 25 gymnasts in the country for her age category- well done Julia, we look forward to you representing St Modwen's in the local schools' gymnastics festival later this year!

Our footballers had some new managers this week: Mrs Pratt, Mrs Robson and Mrs Swift (think Goldie Hawn in *Wildcats* circa 1986). Thank you so much to the three of them- they were very impressed with how the team organised themselves and with their encouragement they secured places in the semi final! A huge well done to the following children: Sam M, Kacper P, Allan G, Daniel K, Alan P, Noah T, Maja K, Ollie E, Jack S, Damian P, Joseph O, Aleks T, Thierry K, Ash P, Jacob R, Jakub W, Max G, Michal W and Wiktor W.

## Whole School Attendance

Last Week  
96.63%

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

## **Well done to:**

- Y1B St Mark  
For achieving a massive 100% attendance last week!

The Caritas Champions are collecting for the Operation Christmas Child appeal for the Samaritan's Purse. There is a flyer attached from Miss Goodman all about how you can help. Each class will be making up 4 or 5 shoeboxes with stocking fillers for children in the 3<sup>rd</sup> world. We are asking for donations of the following: shoeboxes; Xmas wrapping paper; stocking fillers for a range of ages (we are keen to be non-gender specific as a school although the charity are referring to the shoeboxes as '3-7 boy boxes' or '7-11' girl boxes'. Our pupils have been very quick to recognise that boys or girls do not necessarily like certain stereotypical items- well done children! Alternatively, we would really appreciate donations towards the £3 shipping fee which needs to be provided for each box. Thank you for your generosity in enabling children in less fortunate parts of the world to have a gift at Christmas where they would otherwise go without.

We are still collecting donations of adult mindful colouring books and felt tips for the homeless residents of Tabor House in Birmingham. Many thanks again for your generosity.

Mr Brassington and Miss Gilmore's class gave us a wonderful assembly this afternoon and should be very proud of the way they brought their learning to life with singing, confident speaking, drama, dance and much more besides. Well done everyone.

Thank you to Mrs Venning and Mrs Arnold for running the Book Fair this week and to all who supported it, we will receive some generous commission from Scholastic which will be spent on books for the classroom reading areas.

A reminder that on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, the first day back after the half term break, children are invited to wear bright clothes for the 'Brighten up for CAFOD' appeal- it coincides with 'fireworks day' so come as bright as fireworks! We are grateful for a £1 donation to CAFOD for this themed day, thank you for your generosity.

On behalf of all here at St Modwen's, we hope you have a wonderful half term

Kind Regards

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### *Inspirational Quote of the week*

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

- Francis of Assisi



### *Virtues Certificates*

Reception A – St. Gabriel – Marika M  
Reception B St Raphael – Maks K  
Y1JH St Matthew – Haydn C  
Y1AB St Mark – Julia J  
Y2AS St Luke – Jojo P  
Y2JC St John – Zoe L  
Y3TB St Faustina – Nina  
Y3TG St Paschal of Baylon – Ella  
Y4DR St Josephine Bakhita – Victoria S  
Y4HG St Theresa of Calcutta – Phoebe O  
Y5NH St Maxmilian Kolbe – Maria M  
Y5LP St Alphonsa – Lewis M  
Y6 DQ Blessed Dominic Barberi – Julia F  
Y6 JD Blessed John Henry Newman – Maya W

TEAM POINTS			
St. Jerome	St. Gregory	St. Augustine	St. Ambrose
536	692	620	547

### Reconciliation and First Holy Communion (All in Church)



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

### Confirmation Meetings and Enrolment (All in Church)



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

### Diary Dates

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