

St. Modwen's Newsletter

16th November 2018

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a delicious week! We have been competing for the golden spoons again and raising money for Children in Need. The children and staff baked some marvellous celebration themed cakes and the winning classes were:

KS1/EYFS: Miss Crutchley – Year 2B

KS2: Miss Goodman - Year 4B

Thank you so much to Mr Ward our governor for being Paul Hollywood again this year- I enjoyed being his Mary Berry and getting to taste the cakes! There are some photos available on twitter.

Patricia and Joanna in Y6 who are Caritas Champions, led an inspiring assembly earlier this week asking for donations of small toys towards the Shoebox Appeal. The deadline has closed on the boxes but will still be gratefully accepting donations of £3 shipping fees to send them to Africa. Thank you again for your generosity. We are also still collecting mindful colouring books and felt tips for the residents of Tabor House. Myself, Miss Shaw, Mrs Chadfield, Mr Read, Mr Quinn and Miss Smith are beginning our volunteering at the 24 hour homeless shelter later this month and will be able to give your donations to the residents. Thank you again for your spirit of generosity and commitment to social justice. The residents will appreciate how these books can keep their minds occupied during times when they are not allowed to leave the shelter for breaks.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Horobin will be the teacher for the Y1 pupils for the rest of the academic year after Christmas when Mrs Bennet leaves to have her baby. We congratulate Mrs Horobin on her achievement towards gaining QTS this Easter.

A panel convened today to interview hopeful candidates for the positions of Head Boy and Head Girl. The panel consisted of: Myself, Jess Y4, Emil Y3, Anna (Y5), Ben (Y5), Olivia (Y4), Chinelo (Y3), and special guest Mr Gough Chair of Governors. It was a very difficult decision and the quality of applicants was so strong that we decided to create additional posts of Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl. We can now reveal that the first ever post holders at St Modwen's are:

Head Girl: Neha V

Head Boy: Joseph M

Deputy Head Girl: Olivia D

Deputy Head Boy: James W

They have already been given their first task which is to choose how to spend the £50 voucher from WMS which I won on a conference last week! They will also be starting a blog on our website soon so you can keep up to date with all of their latest work!

In assembly this week we celebrated that God loves us all equally and that we all have different types of families with different numbers of people/gender mix in those families. The children showed excellent understanding about our diverse society and how God has made each and every one of us in the image and likeness of God.

Whole School

Attendance

Last Week

95.27%

Target - 95.5%

343 children achieved

100% attendance

Last week.

Well Done!

Well done to:

- Y2A St Luke
- For achieving a massive 100% attendance last week!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the children who raised sponsorship money for our event, which was led by top gymnast Kristian Thomas a couple of weeks ago. The money has been counted and altogether we raised a massive £1,138.00. The money will be spent on new sports equipment for the school, as well as helping to fund our future Olympic and Paralympic champions.

Unfortunately, we were unable to compete in the Y3/4 Swimming Gala this week due to transport issues. The children were obviously disappointed but coped with this very well. Hopefully, there will be another chance for us to compete in a similar gala later on in the school year. Thank you and well done to the team who were Ava, C, Annie D, Jessica R, Abigail C, Sophia W, Orla M, Agata I, Ella L, Ayanna A, Samuel M, Aleks T, Adam C, William R, Edward W, Daniel K and Alan J.

A number of parents and neighbours have asked me to mention the following issues:

-people are parking in the bus bay which is preventing the school bus carrying our pupils from parking safely, please stop doing this, it is putting children at risk; we have had to resort to asking the council to install ANPR cameras there (let's hope they agree)

-parents are driving and then suddenly stopping to do a U-turn to get to the bus bay: this again is causing safety issues, especially for the cars behind who have to break suddenly

-some parents are parking over our neighbours' driveways and then being rude to them when they understandably ask for the cars to be moved from their driveways: please can you respect our neighbours- we have advised them that this is a police/council matter so if you are one of these drivers then you may expect to have had your number plate taken down

-some parents are shouting at other parents on our grounds for parking inappropriately: this is causing distress and whilst the inappropriate parking is indeed not desirable, some parents have reported feeling physically and emotionally threatened by others which again is unacceptable and sets a bad example to the children

-some parents are smoking in their cars: this is a child protection concern. If we know of children who are then getting in to those cars, we have concerns about their health and so will be taking down number plates and reporting these families to child protection services.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support.

Miranda Gibbs

Head Teacher

Coming Soon.... American Theme Day!

Tuesday 27th November 2018

Children can pay £1 to come to school dressed as their favourite American hero, or dressed in red, white and blue. Payments can now be made on Parent Pay.

There will be a special American themed dinner menu on the day. Meals cost £2.30 and can be paid for on Parent Pay.

Children will have the opportunity to play Baseball, Basketball and Dodgeball throughout the day!

There will be a quiz for all children to take part in, with prizes up for grabs!

Children will be learning to make pom poms!

Please see the flyers below or contact the office for more information.

All funds raised will go towards providing outdoor playground markings for the children.

St.Modwens Catholic Primary School is hosting an



American Theme Day
Tuesday 27th November 2018



Bring a £1 and dress as your favourite American hero for the day



As part of our American Theme day you will be able to take part in a range of American Sports (Baseball, Basketball and Dodgeball) provided by Soccer Stars UK

And enjoy an authentic American Diner Experience – please see American Diner Special Diner Day Flyer

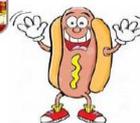


Thank you for your kind donation - Funds raised from our American Theme day will go to providing outdoor playground markings for the children.

St.Modwens Catholic Primary School

American Diner Day

Tuesday 27th November 2018



American Diner Menu
Tuesday 27th November 2018

Grilled Cheeseburgers
Hotdogs (Meat and vegetarian sausages in a bread roll)
Served with side orders: BBQ beans, Corn on the cob and American fries

Pancakes, waffles served with blueberries and maple syrup
Strawberry or Chocolate Milkshakes

Please note our American Diner Dinner Charge is £2.30 if your child is not eligible for a Free School Meal or Universal Free School Meal. We are now taking bookings on ParentPay or at the office for child/ren wanting an American Diner Dinner. Please note you only need to book if your child/ren do not normally have a school dinner.

IICSA Hearing

This weekend Archbishop Bernard Longley will personally be addressing the Archdiocese involvement in the Independent Inquiry into Child Abuse (IICSA) when an open pastoral letter is read out in all churches.

The letter is available on the Archdiocese website:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding and the Church's work, please call 0121 230 6240.

If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

Please pray with us for all victims of abuse, and for all those involved in the work of this important inquiry.

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 is now cashless! You will need to have registered on Parent Pay to make any payments for school trips, dinners, events etc. If you are having any issues registering, or require another copy of your login and password details, please contact the office. Cash will no longer be accepted. 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

Wherever God has put you that is your vocation. It is not what we do, but how much love we put into it.

Mother Teresa



Virtues Certificates

- Reception A – St. Gabriel – Toby M
- Reception B St Raphael – JJ F
- Y1JH St Matthew – Seth C
- Y1AB St Mark –Iga R
- Y2AS St Luke – Natalia S
- Y2JC St John – Sam R
- Y3TB St Faustina – Keeley MW
- Y3TG St Paschal of Baylon – Marvin S
- Y4DR St Josephine Bakhita – Isa J
- Y4HG St Theresa of Calcutta – Patryk N
- Y5NH St Maxmilian Kolbe –Ben J
- Y5LP St Alphonsa – Archie M
- Y6 DQ Blessed Dominic Barberi – William P
- Y6 JD Blessed John Henry Newman – James W

TEAM POINTS

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St. Jerome	St. Gregory	St. Augustine	St. Ambrose
815	1024	746	1037

Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
16 th November 2018	2:45pm	Year 2 Class Assembly
14 th December 2018	11am	Choir Christmas Concert – Chestnut Grange
12 th December 2018	9.30am	KS1 Nativity
13 th December 2018	2.15pm	KS1 Nativity
19 th December 2018	9.30am	EYFS Nativity
20 th December 2018	2.15pm	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



Reconciliation and First Holy Communion (All in Church)

Meeting	Date	Time and Place
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

St Modwen's Book Club

Introducing our new Book Club!

Each week we will provide you with a review of a book. Please contact Mr Brassington or the school office for details of the best priced suppliers if you are interested in purchasing any of the books reviewed.

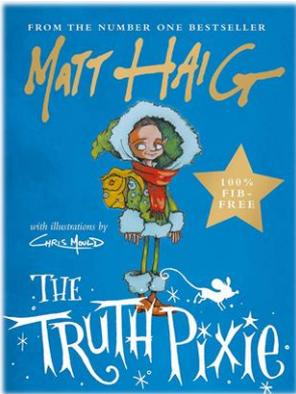
Children will be rewarded for reading a book from the book club as follows:

2 team points for reading the book

4 team points for writing a book review for the library about it

6 team points for lending the book to a friend once the book has been read

Team points can be gained by advising Mr Brassington when the above have been achieved!

BOOKCLUB	
Book:	The Truth Pixie
Author:	Matt Haig
Plot Summary:	The Truth Pixie can only tell the truth, will this get her into trouble?
What we think:	This is an incredible book that offers the chance for discussion about wellbeing and Mental health. It is full of beautiful quotes.
Age group:	There is value for any age. A great bedtime story!
	
<p><i>“Yes, the night has dark bits, but it has stars too, And you’ll feel when they shine, that they shine just for you.”</i></p>	

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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