



St Modan's High School

Newsletter – December 2019



Merry
Christmas



COMMUNITY CONCERT

Our annual Community Concert was a truly amazing musical night. We had soloists to choirs, Ukuleles to Bagpipes, Strings to Percussion. The pupils from both St. Modan's and our partner Primaries were a credit to their schools and their families. Thank you to all who took part as well as the support we get from elsewhere. Looking forward already to next year!

SCHOOL TRIPS UPDATE

Madrid Trip

A group of S5/6 pupils recently spent a fantastic 3 days in Madrid where they had the opportunity to try some traditional Spanish tapas, attend a language school and visit the Royal Palace. Activities also included a trip to the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, the Las Ventas Bullring and a Flamenco show. It was truly an incredible trip with some outstanding young people who were a real credit to their school and families.



ANTI-BULLYING TRAINING

Some of our S3 pupils attended the Diana Award Anti Bullying Training in September this year. Interesting and informative training provided for our young people. S3s have been positive and engaged. Looking forward to them bringing this back to St Modan's High School as anti-bullying ambassadors.

MOTOR SPORT CHAMPIONSHIP

Jack Hall (S5) has finished the J1000 Ecosse Junior Rally Championship Season as the 2nd Overall Scottish Junior Rally Driver. He has worked really hard over the year improving all the time and is proud to have finished on the Championship podium. Huge congratulations Jack!



ART NEWS

MacRoberts Art Centre

Well done to all the St Modan's pupils who were exhibited in the MacRobert Arts Centre. From nearly 400 entries Lauren Gilvear (S3) achieved Highly Commended, Mique Burgoyne (S4) third place and Ethan Brown (S3) first place. Huge congratulations to all!

Kelvingrove Art Competition Awards Ceremony

Well done to the pupils who attended September's prize-giving ceremony at Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. St Modan's performed exceptionally well this year and these pupils are now part of the long history of medal winners in this prestigious competition, which attracts thousands of entries each year. Congratulations to all!



AWARDS CEREMONY



Our annual Awards Ceremony recognising some of the fantastic achievements of our young people took place in our Benedict Hall on Thursday 26th September. We were joined by a number of our key partners and local elected members at this event. Our guest speaker was Mr John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills. Pupils were not just recognised for significant achievements academically but also in terms of personal achievements and service to our school.

P6&7 OPEN EVENING

We were delighted to welcome a huge number of young people and their parents/carers to school for the primary 6 and 7 open evening. You know it's going to be a good night when you have to bring in extra seats! Pupils and their parents/carers were treated to a variety of workshops across the school. They got a sample of learning in all the different curricular areas, got to tour the school, heard about extra-curricular activities and tasted the food provided by Stirling Council catering services. Everything from Bunsen burners and basketball to noodle bars and construction were on show. The feedback was phenomenal and some fantastic young people left full of excitement about what lies ahead.

ACTIVE STIRLING CYCLING PROJECT

Miss Paterson, one of our PE Teachers, has been working hard with our Active Stirling Modern Apprentice, Sam, to provide two Health and Wellbeing groups looking at cycling and fitness. With the advice and guidance of Stirling's Youth Participation Team, they are working towards a 'Hi 5 Award' while keeping themselves fit and active. The young people in S1 and S2, involved in the group have been really positive and engaged in all the activities learning important skills while enjoying the activities involved.

MERCHANT NAVY DAY

Congratulations to Olivia Mumford of S6 who performed her first duties as Lord Lieutenant's Cadet, raising the Red Ensign flag on Merchant Navy Day in Stirling. Olivia is also taking part in the Nanchang International Military Tattoo in China later this year and is one of only 25 cadet musicians representing Scotland. Wow!



SPORTING NEWS

Ten-pin Bowling

Matthew Crossan (S6) and Amy Addison (S3) competed in the Triple Crown Ten Pin Bowling Competition in Belfast last weekend. Matthew won 3 silver medals, one each for U21 Doubles, U21 Triples and U21 Team. Amy won 2 Bronze medals, U19 Trios and U19 Team despite a wrist injury. Well done to both!

UDO

Ailey Roberts (S1) went to Blackpool last weekend competing at the UDO (United Dance Organisation) street dancing world championship's where she made it to quarter finals for her solo and her team placed second making them world championship runner up's. Well done Ailey!



Riding for the Disabled Equestrian Vaulting

Competition

Millie Boo Smith (S1) received rosettes for her filmed RDA (Riding for the Disabled) equestrian vaulting competition last week. 6th in her individual, 4th in pairs and 2nd in the Team. Well done Millie!

Football

Marc Kilgannon (S4) competed in the Celtic Nations Cup with the Scottish Youth Football Association Development Team, held in Largs. He played three games and the team won 8-1 against North Dublin Schoolboys League, won 2-1 against Larkhall Thistle and lost 3-0 against Northern Ireland Boys Football Association. Overall, his team came 2nd in the tournament. Well done to all!

Figure Skating

Congratulations and well done to Keira Sharpe, (S2) who took 1st place in Tayside international figure skating competition during the summer break. Well done Keira!

Taekwondo

Well done to John Hamill (S1) taking bronze for sparring and silver for special technique at the recent Scottish Taekwondo Championship's in Grangemouth. Well done John!

Boccia

Millie Boo Smith in S1 battled her way to 5 wins at the Right on Target Boccia competition at the Peak on Saturday and whilst beat in the final, came away with silver medal. Congratulations Millie Boo!



S1/2/3 INFORMATION EVENING

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came along last week to our Broad General Education briefing and workshops on Literacy, Numeracy, Mental Well-being and PSHE. Huge thanks to the staff for presenting too. A very successful night.

CHARITY UPDATE

MacMillan Coffee Morning

St Modan's High School has raised over £330 for people living with cancer by hosting an event as part of Macmillan Cancer Support's World Biggest Coffee Morning.

The event was held as a Staff Coffee Morning and a pupil lunch cafe. Thank you to everyone who contributed and well done to all the organisers.

Strathcarron Hospice

A brilliant and fun evening of Bingo in November at McQs in Bannockburn to raise money for Strathcarron Hospice. An amazing £935 raised. Thank you to our S6 Charity Committee for organising and to staff, pupils, family & friends for coming along. Well done!

Shoebox Appeal

Amazing generosity shown by our pupils and staff in giving to the Rotary Club's Christmas Appeal. 40+ boxes for babies, children, teenagers and families to brighten Christmas. True St Modan's spirit!



TEEN TAKEOVER



Our Teens Takeover event with Forth Valley College was a brilliant success! S3 pupils cooked and served a wonderful meal three course in November at the Raploch Campus. This is aimed at developing key employability skills within a real life work environment. Congratulations and thank you to all involved!

REMEMBERANCE DAY

On Monday, 11th November, we marked Armistice Day as a school community with a very moving service. Our S1 boys sang beautifully and our Head Girl led the school in a 2 minute silence. We shall remember them.

S5/6 ASSESSMENTS

COMING SOON

Starts Mon 13th January 2020

S5/6 Assessment Week is coming soon. Please encourage your son/daughter to prepare a study timetable and to stick to it in preparation for the coming examinations. Assessments during this period are a very important part of SQA exam preparation and should be taken very seriously.

Your son/daughter will have received an assessment timetable, a blank pupil timetable and a study planner. Additional resources to support study for assessments can be found on a number of websites including Edmodo and Scholar.

Parents will receive school reports later in the session based on performance until now, including these exams and decisions will be made soon regarding presentation levels using these grades and other assessments.

Please speak to your son/daughter about their assessments and study plan.

The following attendance arrangements will be in place during these exams:

Studying for exams - Pupils may choose to study at home during the prelim diet if parents are happy for them to do so. This arrangement applies to this assessment week and the S5/6 SQA diet in May 2019.

Pupils who choose to attend school during the exam period are expected to study at all times except when they are sitting an exam. In all cases pupils should sign in and out at the main entrance of the school to ensure the school has an accurate record of those in the building in case of fire or emergency. Note that Bus Passes will not be provided to those who decide to return home. Where appropriate some teachers may choose to use this time for individual pupils to complete unfinished work or to reinforce prior learning etc.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our S5/6 pupils good luck in the forthcoming examinations.

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Have a great Christmas break. Happy holidays!

