



As a result of Covid-19, we cannot hold a face to face AGM and to prevent meeting overload I have decided to do a report on the year. Due to the global pandemic, our children left school abruptly in March with no idea when they would return, however due to everyone following the guidance set out by the Scottish Government, we are heading in the right direction and hopefully we will see all of our children back to school in August 2020, safe and well. With exams cancelled and teachers having to teach virtually with limited resources, our children having to adapt to remote learning, parents having to try and work from home whilst trying to motivate and encourage our children to participate in home learning and managing their mental health and well being, has been a struggle for everyone, we have all been on a rollercoaster of emotions but we have got there. It is almost the summer holidays and a time to switch off, try to relax and be thankful.

The purpose of this report is to update all parents, guardians and carers on the activities and progress made over the past 12 months. The Parent Teacher Partnership PTP is the representative body, made up of parents, guardians, carers and teachers to support the communication and interaction between members of the Parent Forum, the school and community.

Research evidence suggests that when schools build a genuine partnership with parents it improves the outcomes for children and young people and transforms the school culture. By listening to what parents have to say it helps their needs and ensures that teachers and parents can work together effectively in support of the child.

St Modan's Parent Teacher Partnership is continually looking at ways of improving communication and interaction with parents.

- The school website is updated regularly with Agendas and Minutes of the PTP meetings.
- The PTP Twitter Account is an active way of provided information on the activities of the PTP, and we would encouraged all parents and carers to sign up to the account.
- We try our best to have a PTP representative at all school events and Parents' evenings.
- The Christmas Community Concert was a great success again this year where the PTP ran the tuck shop and raffle with fantastic hamper prizes, all donated from parents and carers within the school community.

- The “100” Club continues to run with numbers increasing all the time. The charity receiving the funds this year is SCIAF. This together with the raffle has meant a healthy increase in the bank balance which has in turn led to the PTP being able to support bids from various school departments, along with a healthy donation to the Nurture Room, sponsoring a table at the recent Education Awards where the school was nominated for their Parents as Partners Award and a sizeable donation to the Tiny Farm. We decided to postpone draws for the 100 Club during the school closure as we have been unable to access the bank statements, therefore we do not know however the Lotto will be drawn once the school returns.
- We held both a PTP Meeting virtually and the P7 Parent Transition Meeting, both meetings were well received and may be something we consider in future to engage our parents, particularly given our locality.
- I have been involved in the recruitment of our Acting Head teacher and Cynthia Holden and I will be the Parent Members on the Interview Panel for the forthcoming Head teacher Interviews which will take place after the summer term.

I, along with other members of the PTP have also attended the regular Connect meetings (formerly known as the Scottish Parent Teacher Council). There has also been a specific meeting for parent councils within the high school setting and this is a great means of networking with other school parent bodies to share ideas.

The PTP meet five times a year with the final one being the AGM in June, however due to circumstances out with our control, we have not managed to fulfill this but when we have met, we have had very productive meetings. Going forward, we will endeavor to have virtual meetings when face-to-face meetings are not possible.

All parents are welcome to attend any of the PTP meetings. Topics for discussion this term have focused more internally and raising awareness of some of the excellent services and initiatives going on in St. Modan’s including; The Tiny Farm, Mental Health and Well Being, St. Modan’s Big Sisters and ending period poverty, Changes to the SQA Examinations as well as communications, Pre-Loved Uniforms at Stirling Council, Car Parking & Changes to the buses and Fundraising.

The Head Boy and Girl have provided an update at every meeting, giving the PTP an insight into the workings of the Pupil Council and the initiatives they are involved in. Brenna Smith (Head Girl) and Ryan Fitzsimmons (Head Boy) have been a fantastic support to the PTP and we thank them for all their hard work within the school and we wish all the very best for their future.

On behalf of the PTP I would like to thank Mr. O’Neill and Mrs. Friel and for their time, help and support with the PTP during this session, being supportive and increasing parental engagement and involvement throughout the school.

When our school closed in March, our S6 pupils said their final goodbyes and it was a very sad way for them to end their school career. It was also very hard for their families. We had

planned a celebration in April for all pupils and their families but Covid-19 prevented this from happening. I would like to thank all S6 families for your support and dedication to St. Modan's and the PTP over the past 6 years and we wish you all the very best in the future.

On behalf of all the families attending St Modan's a word of thanks must be extended to all the staff for their hard work and dedication to the young people of our school. This year, more so than any other has seen the amazing work every teacher in St. Modan's does for our children. They go above and beyond what is expected of them, they care for and support our children, develop and nurture them and for that we are truly thankful. The Senior Management Team has led exceptionally well and the communication has been fantastic. We hope you all have a great summer break with your families.

Best wishes for a lovely and safe summer,

Clare Malcolm
Chair, St Modan's Parent Teacher Partnership