



MARAZION SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Autumn 1 precept:

“And then we smile at all our friends.”

Kae Tempest (formerly Kate Tempest)

Dear Parents,

Next week is the last week of this half term and we are going to end autumn 1 with a Pumpkin Party at Marazion School. Each class is taking part in a Halloween Scarecrow Competition; pumpkin decorating / carving on our very own pick your own pumpkin patch; creating a Halloween themed paper mask to wear on the last day of this half term. If you would like to donate any hay bales, pumpkins or materials, that would very much be appreciated. These things can be dropped off at your child's normal drop off point in the morning. Thank you. We also have our first Living, Learning, Laughing Virtual Drop In of the year next Tuesday 20th October (more details are below).

Dress Down Day - TOMORROW Friday 16th October

Tomorrow Friday 16th October is our first Marazion Dress Down Day of the school year. We are supporting 'Just One Tree' with their global mission for reforestation. Please bring in £1 - Just £1 plants 1 Tree - and wear your own clothes for the day. Why not wear green or blue as well to show your support for point 5. of our Green Charter? ☺

Incredible Bulk (IB) Refill Van - TOMORROW Friday 16th October

A reminder that the amazing IB refill van is in the Marazion Community Centre car park TOMORROW Friday 16th October from 2-3.30pm. Bring your own containers to refill. If every family makes one small change the impact would be immense. Please support this Marazion School PFS initiative and help our planet.

Living Learning Laughing (LLL) Virtual Drop In - NEXT Tuesday 20th October

Teachers are sharing children's work via Seesaw next Tuesday from 10am, giving you an opportunity to review your child's work, identify successes so far and next steps for improvement. Also posted on Seesaw is a virtual tour of your child's classroom and a video of your child's class teacher introducing themselves and the Marazion School Year in their classroom. Each class teacher is holding a Question and Answer Session via Zoom next week - a chance to chat with your child's teacher and class community, which is usual for our autumn Parents' Meetings. Please note that these Zoom sessions are not to discuss the progress of individual children:

Tuesday: 3.45pm Courage - Mr Groom; 4.15pm Empowerment - Mr Searle; Wednesday: 3.45pm Love-Miss Hall; 4.15pm Hope - Mr Mitten; Thursday: 3.45pm Faith - Mrs Rescorla and Mrs Holmes. Zoom invites for these sessions will be sent out to you via email by your child's class teacher.



Help generate funds for the school by doing your shopping through 'The Giving Machine'
- register today at <http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/>



Class Bubble Clubs - CANCELLED for NEXT Week

The first LLL Virtual Drop In is next week (see above). As Class Teachers are holding Zoom sessions for parents, there are NO CB Clubs next week. Please note that CB Clubs are running as normal w/c Monday 2nd November (the first week back after half term).

Stay in Touch - Appointments in School

We want to remind you about the ways you can contact us:

- ✓ Class teachers, Miss Rainbow and/or Miss Oliver are available at drop off and pick up times (in the fresh air) every day - there is no need to make an appointment to speak to us then
- ✓ You can email staff - staff email addresses are on the school website
- ✓ You can phone the school office on 01736 710618
- ✓ You can phone the School Office and ask for a member of staff to call you back
- ✓ You can phone the School Office and ask for a more private appointment with a member of staff at the start/end of the day outside on the school site
- ✓ You can have a Team/Zoom meeting with members of staff to discuss any queries, concerns, suggestions; your child's progress - we can organise the invites for these meetings and they can be arranged at any time

We aim to ALWAYS be available to talk to you so please make sure that you contact us in any of these ways. Although we might meet in a different way in the current circumstances, we are still here to listen at any time. Please note that other external agencies that we work closely with are continuing to offer support, for example Family Workers; Speech and Language Therapy Team; Early Help Team and referrals can still be made if you need additional support from outside of the school team.

In School

Marazion School's Year of Recovery: This week we are focusing on **responsibility** - thinking about how *with great power comes great responsibility*. **Funky Fridays (FFs):** FFs are online on Friday afternoons and the theme for this half term is 'Recovery'. The learning is posted in the 'Activities' section on Seesaw. This week the focus of the FF session is giving new musical life to things we might throw away and is posted by Mr Groom. **Surfers Against Sewage (SAS) Ocean School:** Please note that the date for the SAS Ocean School is Friday 13th November not tomorrow. **Marazion School Technology:** During lockdown some of our families used school ipads/computers to support remote (home) learning. Please can you make sure that any school i-pads/computers are returned to school as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Marazion School COVID-19 Response - Testing Kits

As you may already be aware, schools in England have been sent an initial supply of ten test kits and schools are also able to apply for more. These tests are provided to **protect** pupils and staff by improving access to testing; to **prevent** and **control** outbreaks by identifying cases early and to provide **reassurance** and allow those who test negative to carry on studying and working. Marazion School test kits should **only** be offered in **exceptional circumstances** to individuals (pupils, teachers and staff) who:

- may have **barriers** to accessing a test **elsewhere**
- despite **repeated, sustained** efforts, have not been able to access a test.

Using our test kits may prevent partial or full school closure if we are able to use them for staff and allow staff who test negative to keep working. Please note that schools will **not be conducting coronavirus tests on site**. The test kits are suitable for use for children of Primary age - if the individual is **under 18**, testing kits must be given to their parent or carer. Parents or carers are required to administer the test to children **under the age of 11**.



Marazion School 2020 Harvest Festival Celebrations

This year Marazion School's Harvest Celebrations are supporting the elderly people in our local community - we are sending harvest gifts to the residents of 'Courtlands.' Next week's Funky Friday session has a Harvest theme - we are asking children to create and make harvest gifts to send to Courtlands, for example letters; postcards; cards; flowers; home grown fruit and vegetables; baked cakes and treats. This can also be a job for half term. Please can you send any harvest gifts into school by Wednesday 4th November. You may prefer to buy a gift, for example magazine; book; bubble bath; hand cream; candle and then wrap it carefully in plastic free packaging.

PE and School Sport

A reminder that we will give you more news about **swimming sessions** as soon as we have it. **Fixtures and Events:** Next week children in Year 2 are taking part in the Penwith PE (PPE) Cluster Virtual Event - competing against other local schools and scoring points for Marazion School. Next week is a Star Jumps Challenge. **Gym sessions:** Hope have gym sessions at Penzance Gym on Wednesday afternoons. These sessions are Covid safe and pupils are attending in smaller groups of up to 15, which means that the 2 groups will have 3 sessions each this half term. **Sporting Event:** For this half term we are following the Premiership and Championship as well as the Women's Super League (WSL) and Women's FA Championship. No Men's Premier League or Championship this week due to the International Break, where England beat Belgium 2-1 in the Nations League. Meanwhile in the WSL Arsenal are still top after winning 5-0 against Brighton, with Everton the other unbeaten team after beating West Ham 3-1. Also, Chelsea Women beat Man City 3-1. **Optional PE Homework:** For October, we are asking you to create a new PE activity/game that we can use on the playing field during sports sessions and at lunchtimes. Thanks Betty for the fab idea for homework this month!

Marazion Full Governing Body (FGB): Parent Governor Vacancy

A reminder that we currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our FGB. Information about how to apply to be a parent governor is attached again to this newsletter electronically - please speak to Laura or Ed if you have any queries about this. If you would like to find out some more about the role of a parent governor, you can email Caroline Peers (our Chair of Governors) at chair@marazion.cornwall.sch.uk or speak to Pete Hamilton, Parent Governor, (in the fresh air) at drop off or pick up time. The closing date for applications is NEXT Monday 19th October.

Say Thank you to Someone Somehow

Lots of us said THANK YOU to lots of different people during lockdown, including taking part in the NHS Clap for Carers. We want to keep doing this, so every week one class will choose who they want to say thank you to. This week **Love** want to thank farmers who work hard to grow our food. We also clapped together as a whole school to say thank you during today's Zoom Celebration Assembly.

Stars of the Week

In Class: Love: **Martha** for showing super enthusiasm and responsibility; Hope: **Chloe P** for perseverance and attention to detail while exploring portraits; Faith: **Maisy** for being amazing and giving 100% in all she does; Courage: **Olivia** for giving 100% in everything; Empowerment: **Gracie** for wonderful focus. **Sporting:** YR/KS1: **Nathan** for amazing skills in the great balloon challenge; KS2: **Christina** for fantastic tag rugby defending skills. **Music:** YR/KS1: **Jonboy** for fabulous effort in singing/music time; KS2: **Oscar M** for superb effort in ukulele sessions

Good Manners @ Lunch Time and Breakfast Club

We celebrate with children who have displayed fantastic manners at Breakfast club/Lunchtime as part of our Monday morning assembly. This week congratulations to: **Lamorna** (Breakfast Club), **Maggie-May, Josh, Betty, Alex and Scarlett.**



Certificate Awards

Children are awarded merits for demonstrating a great attitude to their work, friends, adults and the environment. Children who have earned 20 merit certificates: **Josh**, **Sophie** and **Daisy H**.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to **Lily G**, **Anna** and **Logan Ch** who celebrated their birthdays this week. Many Happy Returns to you all 😊

Dates for the Diary w/c 19th October 2020

NO CLASS BUBBLE CLUBS THIS WEEK

w/c Monday 19th October: NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Sessions - see letter attached electronically; PPE Cluster Virtual Challenge - Year 2 pupils

Tuesday 20th October: LLL Virtual Drop In via Seesaw from 10am - pupils' work; Courage Zoom Q and A @ 3.45pm; Empowerment Zoom Q and A @ 4.15pm

Wednesday 21st October: Hope gym session @ Penzance Gym, pm; Love Zoom Q and A @ 3.45pm; Hope Zoom Q and A @ 4.15pm

Thursday 22nd October: Faith Zoom Q and A @ 3.45pm

