



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,

We have done it! We have 'adjusted our sails' again, with school fully open for a whole half term 😊 It has been a wonderful time with everyone back together, getting used to our new normal, which is now normal for us. We couldn't have done any of this without you - we really feel that we have done this together. Massive thanks for all you have done: not parking on School Lane; managing the staggered start and finish times, including Class Bubble Club/Friday afternoon pick-ups; keeping in touch and giving feedback about our different school day. We all really appreciate your care and support 😊

Living Learning Laughing (LLL) Virtual Drop In

We organised our first LLL Drop In of the school year this week, including Zoom Question and Answer sessions with class teachers. Thank you for all the positive comments about the different format - we wanted to make sure that you are able to review some of your child's work; see classroom environments (inside and outside); hear about learning planned for the year; find out more about class teachers; have an opportunity to meet and chat with other parents in your class community as well as your child's class teacher. Children's work and videos from teachers are on Seesaw (SS) - you can log into SS using your child's SS password. Please contact your child's class teacher if you need any further information - see below for how you can stay in touch.

Marazion Trees

Thank you for your amazing support for our 'Just One Tree' (JOT) Dress Down Day last week - we raised £105, which means that JOT will plant 105 trees all over the world. Wow! We are hoping to plant more trees on our school site this year, including lots of trees that are native to Penwith. See below for our tree themed PE Homework for half term.

Marazion School Lunches

We are increasing the range of hot food available after half term and continuing to offer the option of a cold packed lunch. The new menu is attached electronically to this newsletter and is also available on the school website. We are keeping the Class Bubble (CB) lunchtimes for next half term so children will continue to eat their lunch in the classroom. This system has worked well so far. Please note that school lunches cost £2.30 per day (£11.50 a week) and dinner money needs to be paid on Mondays. Please speak to Ed or Laura in the School Office if you have any queries.



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



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 leave a message for class teachers on Seesaw
- ✓ 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 continue to offer support, for example Family Workers; Speech and Language Therapy Team; Early Help Team. Referrals can still be made if you need additional support from outside of the school team - please speak to Miss Rainbow or Miss Oliver about this.

In School

Funky Fridays (FFs): This week the theme for FF links to Marazion School 2020 Harvest celebrations (see below) and is posted by Miss Rainbow and Miss Oliver. The learning is posted in the 'Activities' section on Seesaw. **Friday Afternoons:** A reminder that on Fridays the Marazion school day ends at 1pm; 1.15pm or 1.30pm. This continues for at least the autumn term to allow teachers to have their planning, preparation and assessment time so that they can remain full time in their class bubbles for the rest of the week. Funky Fridays will continue online via Seesaw on Friday afternoons.

Woodland School: Please can children in Love class wear old clothes that they don't mind getting dirty for Woodland School on Friday: joggers; jeans; well-worn sweatshirts and shoes that your child can put on and off by themselves are all ideal. If your child does not have wellies at school, please remember a pair of them as well ☺ Thanks. **Class Bubble Clubs (BC):** A reminder that after school Class BCs are running again as usual after half term but **please note that Faith Class BC is now on Mondays** (not Tuesdays as before).

Reading Rewards: Courage and Empowerment have reviewed and redesigned their reading incentives from after half term. Children in Courage and Empowerment have decided that they want to work as a team, earning collective reading rewards that count towards a class treat. Children need to earn 1000 reads as a group to earn a reading treat. **Marazion School's Year of Recovery:** We start next half term with a Marazion Book Day (MBD), which has a focus on recovery - more details below.

Marazion School Site

We continue to develop a Marazion Woodland on our school site. Recent additions include: cornflowers (as you already know); tree stump seats for the large outdoor table; several wonderful wooden mushrooms that also make amazing seats; wooden picnic furniture where we can eat; meet; work or just be. More plans for next half term hope to include: more wooden seating; a smaller outdoor table; lots of tree planting; a water plant feature; a living roof on our fairy house; the start of a Year 6 flower garden. Thank you for all the wonderful birthday 'garden gifts' we have received so far - they are brightening up all our outdoor spaces. If anyone has any spare bulbs / rosemary / thyme or any bay trees to donate to school that would be fantastic - thanks.



Marazion Playing Field (MPF) Playground - OPEN!

Thank you to Marazion Town Council and MPF Association for a fabulous and fantastic new playground. Children in Love class were the first to play in the new lovely space on Tuesday after it was opened by Marazion Town Mayor, Derek Laity at 11am. Love class had so much fun and can highly recommend the playground to you all! The playground is open just in time for half term so make sure that you plan a visit to try out all the new equipment.

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.' 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. Children can create and make as part of tomorrow's Funky Friday as well as over half term. Please can you send any harvest gifts into school by Wednesday 4th November. You might prefer to buy a gift, for example a magazine; book; candle or some bubble bath; hand cream or similar and then wrap it carefully in plastic free packaging.

Marazion Book Day (MBD) - Tuesday 3rd November

Our autumn MBD is on Tuesday 3rd November (the first week back after half term) and is a celebration of 'feel good' books, linking to our current theme of *Recovery*. Classes are focusing on a number of books including *The Invisible String*; *The Dot* and *The Lion Inside*. Children are working on a range of activities including making their own string of important people; creating an emotions word tree and dot illustrations. To celebrate this MBD our lovely Art Ladies (Emma and Lesley) have painted our favourite (10) Marazion 'feel good' books on the steps outside Faith class. The steps look fab - see attached photos. Thank you again Emma and Lesley!

Whole School One to One Tuition Programme

We are providing the opportunity for some of our pupils to have one-to-one/small group support before and after school in addition to one to one/small group interventions during the school day. These sessions are supported by school staff, usually from the child's class bubble. Sessions focus on maths, reading or writing and are part of our whole school catch up programme following extended school closures due to Covid 19. A letter will be sent home with your child if they are going to be taking part, with days and times. If you have any questions, please either contact your child's class teacher, Miss Oliver or Miss Rainbow.

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:** After half term, children in Year 3 are taking part in the Penwith PE (PPE) Cluster Virtual Event - competing against other local schools and scoring points for Marazion School. For Year 3 children it's an Obstacle Challenge. **Gym sessions:** Hope continue with their gym sessions after half term at Penzance Gym on Wednesday afternoons. These sessions are Covid safe and pupils are attending in smaller groups of up to 15. **Sporting Event:** For this half term we have been following the Men's and Women's Premiership/WSL and Championships. Both were back last weekend with Everton still top after a 2-2 draw with Liverpool. There were also 3-3 draws for Chelsea against Southampton and Spurs against West Ham. In the Championship, Reading lead the way after beating Wycombe followed by Bristol City and Watford. Meanwhile in the Women's Super League, Arsenal are top after winning 6-1 against rivals Tottenham closely followed by Chelsea, Everton and Man United who are all unbeaten. **Optional PE Homework:** For half term we have a 'Grow more trees' autumn seed search. We are asking you to collect and grow a tree from seed and then nurture the sapling - see more information in the attached booklet. This booklet was sent out with last week's newsletter and is also available on the school website. So grow on, why not give it a go!



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 **Miss Rainbow** and **Miss Oliver** want to say thank you to all the elderly people in our community for being brave and brilliant and wise. We also clapped together as a whole school to say thank you during today's Zoom Celebration Assembly.

Greenwood Penny (GP) Christmas

Please note that the usual GP Christmas letters are not being sent out this year due to the current unprecedented times. It is hoped that Father Christmas can be in Marazion on Christmas Eve this year but this depends on the national covid-19 guidance at the time.

Stars of the Week

In Class: Love: **Bella** for superb progress, in particular in writing; Hope: **Theo** for brilliant writing and independent literacy; Faith: **Harry** for wonderful creative writing; Courage: **Bobby** for showing super amazing resilience; Empowerment: **Logan Ch** for fabulous maths. **Sporting:** YR/KS1: **Destiny** for fantastic gym skills; KS2: **Kodie** for brilliant tag rugby skills. **Music:** YR/KS1: **Stephen** for the best singing; KS2: **Holly** for marvellous ukulele progress.

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: **Sophie** (Breakfast Club), **Blythe**, **Winnie**, **Penny**, **Hugh** and **Daisy T**.

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: **Betty**, **Archie D**, **Frankie**, **Olivia**, **Toby M**, **Archie A**, **Poppy**, **Rory**, **Sammy** and **Zach**.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to **Penny**, **Kit**, **Ezra** and **Teddy E** who celebrated their birthdays this week. Many Happy Returns to you all ☺

Dates for the Diary w/c 2nd November 2020

Class Bubble Clubs (BC) are on as usual - note Faith's BC is now on Mondays

Monday: Love BC; Faith BC; Empowerment BC

Tuesday 3rd November: Marazion Book Day; Hope BC

Wednesday 4th November: Hope gym session @ Penzance Gym, pm; Courage BC

