



# MARAZION SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Spring 2 precept:

**'I come from Yorkshire. We don't give up!' Captain Sir Tom Moore**

**We come from Marazion School. We don't give up!' us**

Dear Parents,

Marazion School is fully open and we are having a brilliant time - back together and getting on with it, finding our stride. Having said that we didn't want to use the phrase 'catch up'...we have changed our minds. We do want to 'catch up' on some things: swimming; Easter egg hunts; visits to the zoo/cinema/theatre; camping; sleepovers; playing with friends; birthday parties; haircuts; eating ice-cream with grandparents; Christmas; hugs; holidays; get togethers; eating out; climate change marches...these are just some of the things we want to do soon!

### Current Lockdown Restrictions

Although all children returned to school last Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, please note that current lockdown restrictions remain. England is still in a national lockdown. You must stay at home, leaving only where permitted by law, and follow the rules in the [national lockdown: stay at home guidance](#). We cannot relax too soon - please note that measures such as social distancing at drop-off and pick-up times are as important as ever. Thank you.

### Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Test Kits

Households of primary school children can now get tested using LFD test kits. The nearest collection centre is at St Erbyns Car Park, Clarence Street, Penzance - open 1.30-7pm every day or you can order for home deliver at [www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-test](http://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-test)

### Safer Internet Day

Last Thursday was Safer Internet Day. Online safety is a very important part of our curriculum as the internet is used by all of us and, of course, we have all been online so much more in recent times. Children discussed what they do online as well as how to stay safe online. Some children talked about playing games that are not age appropriate. Following these concerns about pupils accessing inappropriate games and apps, we wanted to remind you about the *common-sense media* website, which is the leading independent source for recommendations and advice to support families and give reviews and ratings about online apps, gaming and resources. Please follow this link for more information: <https://www.common sense media.org>. A reminder that we also have an online safety information page on the school website.

### Parking at Drop Off and Pick Up Times

A reminder that the Marazion Community Centre has lots of parking available for drop off and pick up times. Speak to Laura or Ed in the School Office to arrange a pass that you then display on your windscreen. This is the safest place to park and then walk to school. Thanks.



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



### **2021 World Book Day (WBD) Vouchers**

Last Thursday was World Book Day - we are celebrating a Marazion Book Day with this year's WBD theme of 'share a story' on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March. The 2021 WBD vouchers have already arrived in school and have been sent home today. These vouchers can be taken to local bookshops and swapped for the £1 WBD books or can be used to take £1 off any book/audiobook costing £2.99 or more. The vouchers are valid until 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

### **Funky Fridays (FF) - Spring 2**

From this Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March, FFs are focusing on being back together as a family and reconnecting school to home life. This week Miss Oliver is asking families to read a poem written by 'The Secret Headteacher' and to write their own verse to make our own Marazion version. There will also be an opportunity to share highlights of the week now that all of the children are back to school. A reminder that FF learning is now posted at 9am on Seesaw if you want to have a screen free afternoon.

### **West Cornwall Songfest 2021 - NEXT Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Next Thursday Courage are performing in the 2021 West Cornwall Songfest, which is taking place online. We have again been working with the lovely Angela Renshaw to learn and perform our songfest songs. The theme for Songfest this year is *Recovery*.

### **Red Nose Day (RND) 2021 - NEXT Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

RND is NEXT Friday! This year has been very unpredictable, but one thing we can rely on is the power of laughter to connect us all - 'Funny is Power' is this year's theme. For RND, please can children wear something red. Class Bubbles are competing in a 'Red Nose and Spoon' race to raise money for Comic Relief. We will also have a bucket outside school at drop off time for RND donations. Any donation, no matter how big or small will help make a big difference to this fantastic charity in a very difficult time.

### **Parent Child Progress Meetings (PCPMs) 2021**

We would usually be organising our PCPMs for all classes from next Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Please note that these meetings are now postponed until the summer term.

### **School Devices**

Thank you for returning our devices (and chargers) - we have nearly all of them back in school already.

### **School Uniform**

A reminder that, up until the Easter Holidays, we are asking children to wear comfortable clothes and shoes, that they can also do PE in, **with a school sweatshirt**. School sweatshirts can be ordered from *Exhibit 1* in Hayle. Children will also need layers if the weather is cold as we have windows and doors open to provide good ventilation in school. Children also need a waterproof coat if the weather is wet. A reminder for children to bring an oversize t-shirt into school that they do not mind getting messy - this t-shirt will stay in school to be used for any activities that require aprons/overalls. Thanks for all the t-shirts that are already in school.

### **Playing Field Play Area Update**

A reminder that Marazion Town Council have decided that the play areas are not opening yet. If things go to plan, it is hoped they will re-open around the 29<sup>th</sup> March when outdoor gatherings of either 6 people or 2 households will be allowed, providing greater flexibility for families to see each other. Thank you all for supporting us in this matter.

### 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 we want to say thank you to the children of Marazion School for coming back to school brilliantly.** We also clapped together as a whole school to say thank you during today's Zoom Celebration Assembly.

### PE and School Sport

**Cornwall School Games:** Cornwall School Games are now complete and the organisers would like to send a big well done to Marazion School for taking part. **Penwith PE (PPE) Cluster Virtual Event (CVE):** This event has now finished and we hope to have the results soon. **Daily 60 Second Active Challenge:** This week pupils have taken part in a variety of different 60 second daily challenges, including Step Ups, Burpees and Top Ten. **Optional PE Homework:** For March we are asking you to create a March Happiness Calendar - this is an idea from this week's *Rainbow Ideas*, which you can find pinned at the top of your activities in Seesaw. Staying happy and positive is so important at the moment 😊

### Stars of the Week

**In Class:** Love: **Otis** for settling so well into school and showing wonderful art skills; Hope: **Nhovi** for a super first week in school and for making lots of new friends. Faith: **Jay-J** for coming back to school with 100% enthusiasm and dedication to his school work; Courage: **Holly** for working super hard with brilliant focus; Empowerment: **Dayton** for an amazing return to school. **Sporting:** YR/KS1: **Alex** for marvellous participation in active sessions; KS2: **Isla** for showing fantastic and fabulous rugby skills. **Music:** YR/KS1: **Orla** for superb music making during lockdown; KS2: **Bobby** for being fabulous during practice for the 2021 West Cornwall Songfest.

### Good Manners / Certificates Awards

Good Manners and Merit Certificate awards are currently suspended.

### Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to **Jay-J**, **Aurora** and **Poppy** who celebrated their birthdays this week. Many Happy Returns to you all 😊

### Dates for the Diary w/c 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Parent Child Progress Meetings postponed until the summer term

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March:** Staff Assembly (Kayleigh)

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March:** Zoom Celebration Assembly @ 9.30am; 2021 West Cornwall Songfest @ 1.30pm (Courage)

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March:** 2021 Red Nose Day