



# MARAZION SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Autumn 2 precept:

***It's not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters. Epictetus***

Dear Parents,

Marazion School started Christmas last Thursday with 'Step into Christmas' by Elton John as the music for Celebration Assembly 😊 We felt the need for some seasonal cheer. We are loving it so far - Funky Fridays have a Christmassy theme; classrooms already have some sparkles and we have been given the task of designing the Town Mayor's Christmas card - Derek Laity has asked us to include a Christmas themed 'rainbow of hope' in the design. More details about other Christmas events soon...it's only 43 sleeps until Santa!

## Children in Need (CIN) 2020 - TOMORROW Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

CIN 2020 is tomorrow and we are celebrating with a Dress Down Day - pay £1 and wear your pyjamas; onesie; jeans; sparkly outfits! We are also taking part in the 'Act Your Age' Challenge over the next 10 days.. Simply take your age, the combined age of your friends, family and workmates, or the age of something or someone special, and turn it into a fundraiser. It could be the distance you cover, the duration you do it for or the number of things you do. Taking on a challenge is a brilliant way to get outdoors and feel good. We are working in our Class Bubbles - doing our bit to change young lives across the UK.

## Marazion COVID-19 Information

Marazion School health and safety procedures and risk assessments linked to COVID-19 were sent out electronically with last week's newsletter. This information is also available on the school website. Attached this week is a final November 2020 risk assessment with some further information added as well as an appendix about the cleaning in school.

## Marazion School 2020 Harvest Festival Celebrations

Thank you for all of your support for our 2020 Harvest Celebrations - our harvest gifts for the residents of 'Courtlands' are being delivered tomorrow afternoon. These include an exercise video from Courage; lots of lovely soap and hand cream; plants and flowers as well as beautiful handmade gifts. We have also included cards and postcards, spreading loads of Marazion kindness in these difficult times, making a real difference to the wonderful residents of Courtlands 😊 We hope to send a weekly message of Christmas Cheer from next Friday too - Sam will be recording some of our favourite songs to share with the residents in the run up to Christmas.



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## Staffing Update

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Allen on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November as she moves on to a new adventure at Cornwall College. We wish Mrs Allen all the best and would like to say a massive thank you for all her hard work and commitment to Marazion School. We will miss you Mrs Alley!

## Intra Sports Days

As we are currently unable to compete in any local fixtures and events in real time (we are competing virtually in the Penwith PE Challenge), we have decided to organise an Intra Sports Day for each class during this half term led by Mr Tanner. Love are first with a multi-skills festival next Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Love are creating their own obstacle races practising their balance and co-ordination; playing team games and competing in different races such as running, hopping and skipping. Children are outdoors for most of the day so please can they wear warm PE clothes along with hat and gloves. Thanks.

## Marazion School Lunches

A reminder that there are now more options for hot food at lunchtime as well as the option of a cold packed lunch. The new menu is available on the school website. Please note that the cost of school lunches has increased from £2.30 per day and is now **£2.34 per day (£11.70 a week)**. Please can dinner money be paid on Mondays. Thanks. Please speak to Ed or Laura in the School Office if you have any queries.

## Breakfast Club (BC)

Marazion School BC continues in school, starting at 8am. Please can you make sure that if you have booked your child into BC, that you inform us with at least 24 hours' notice if your child is not going to use the BC place. These spaces are very limited and, by not sending your child to BC when you have booked a place, means that you may prevent someone else from benefitting from this provision. Thank you.

## In School

**Whole School One to One Tuition Programme:** Please note that one-to-one/small group sessions continue before and after school. If you have any questions, please either contact your child's class teacher, Miss Oliver or Miss Rainbow. **Visits:** Courage are going to the beach on Monday afternoon to support their writing, using the environment to develop descriptive language. Please can you make sure that your child has a warm coat in school on this day. Thanks. **Reading Rewards: Courage** are celebrating their first 1000 reads from 2pm on Thursday afternoon by having a Class Party, which will also include a special goodbye celebration for Mrs Allen. Children have chosen to wear their own clothes for the day as part of their reward. **Opera's Raffle:** A reminder that Courage are now running Opera's raffle. Tickets are £1 (for 5 tickets). Please can raffle ticket money be sent into school in an envelope addressed to Mr Groom. The draw will be held on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November**. Prizes are wide and varied, for example a 60-minute facial; a day pass to the *Barbara Hepworth Museum*; a scrummy Sunday lunch for 4 at the Harbour Hotel St Ives. **Funky Fridays (FFs):** Our autumn 2 Funky Friday sessions have a CHRISTMAS theme. This week we are asking you to design, create and make Christmas cards - the learning will be posted tomorrow afternoon by Mr Groom in the 'Activities' section on Seesaw. **Marazion Trees:** Last week's visit from the Cornwall Wildlife Trust was cancelled due to the new lockdown restrictions - this visit will be re-arranged for later in the term. **Marazion School Social Media:** Please note that we are no longer using the Marazion School Blog. We now have Twitter and Instagram accounts as well as Seesaw - all 3 of these platforms can be used to keep you up to date with Marazion School's living, learning and laughing.



## Marazion School Christmas Fayre / Raffle

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel this year's Christmas Fayre. As well as being a fantastic event to buy some goodies and meet Father Christmas, the event also helps us to raise funds to support the school and your children. Instead, we are organising a virtual Christmas Family Quiz Evening and a socially distanced Family Treasure Hunt to spread the Christmas cheer and to raise money for the school. More details soon.

## Marazion School Site

We are currently planning lots of planting on the school site, including in the polytunnel. If you are busy in your garden at the moment please look out for any plants that you might be separating or getting rid of - we may be able to find a place for these. Herbs; flowers; bulbs; seeds and more are all welcome. Recent donations include seeds for sweet peas/cornflowers as well as several rowan trees; rosemary and strawberry plants and a bay tree. We have found a place for all of these 😊

## PE and School Sport

**Swimming sessions:** It now seems unlikely that **swimming sessions** will start this term. **Fixtures and Events:** Next week, children in Year 5 are taking part in the Penwith PE (PPE) Cluster Virtual Event - competing against other local schools and scoring points for Marazion School. For Year 5 children it's a Catch and Clap challenge. **Gym sessions:** Hope had their final session at Penzance Gym last week. Due to the new national lockdown restrictions, we are unable to attend any further gym sessions until further notice. **Optional PE Homework:** For November PE homework, we are keeping the 'Grow More Trees' autumn seed search. You need to collect some seeds, try and grow a tree from these seeds and then nurture the sapling. 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 **Courage** want to say thank you to Miss Rainbow and Miss Oliver for working hard; keeping everyone safe and making the school a lovely place to be. 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: **Alice** for being a superstar showing fabulous confidence daily and amazing Makaton skills; Hope: **Maisie** for challenging herself brilliantly in maths; Faith: **Summer** for giving 100% in maths and literacy and showing super confidence; Courage: **Isla T** for brilliant and fantastic poetry; Empowerment: **Penny** for giving 100% in everything. **Sporting:** YR/KS1: **Fleur** for her marvellous flexibility and wonderful skills in yoga; KS2: **Sebe** for super speedy running. **Music:** YR/KS1: **Tegen H** for fantastic singing support; KS2: **Isla T** for brilliant progress in ukulele.

## 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: **Khianna** (Breakfast Club), **Sebe**, **Teddy B**, **Maisie M** and **Christina**.

## 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: **Amy Rose**, **Aurora**, **Kelsie**, **Locryn**, **Maisie**, **Ruby**, **Simi**, **Theo**, **Eve**, **Khianna**, **Lilla**, **Lola**, **Maisy**, **Summer**, **Teagan**, **Alfie**, **Blue**, **Bobby**, **Emily G**, **Holly**, **Isla T**, **Jackson**, **Kai**, **Lugo**, **Nyla**, **Rosie**, **Tallulah**, **Sanou**, **Rufus**, **Morgan**, **Christina**, **Gracie May** and **Leo**.



## Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to **Indy** and **Jonboy** who celebrated their birthdays this week. Many Happy Returns to you both ☺

## Dates for the Diary w/c 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Class Bubble Clubs (BC) currently suspended**

**One to One sessions continue**

**TOMORROW Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November:** Children in Need 2020 - Dress Down Day

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November:** Love's Intra Sports Day; Courage @ Marazion Beach, pm

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November:** Courage Reading Reward, pm



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