



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,

There are now only 2 more full weeks left of this half term...and we still have all of this to come: Class Outcomes; a Family Christmas Treasure Hunt; an online Christingle Service; Christmas Jumper Day; Christmas With Dickens; Christmas performances; Christmas Class Bubble Party lunches; a Zoom Family Christmas Quiz! More details about all these events are below. **It's only 22 sleeps until Santa!**

Marazion Christmas Pledges

The theme of our Monday assembly and our circle times this week has been 'creative enterprise' and we are linking this theme to 'giving something back.' 2020 has been an extraordinary year for all of us and we want to make sure that the people in our community have all they need this Christmas. So, we are writing 'Christmas Pledges' to hang on our school Christmas tree - a promise to give something back to our local community this Christmas. We want to think about how we can look out for others who are nearby and make sure that they are not lonely, sad or worried this Christmas. We will share some of our ideas in next week's newsletter. Our first idea is to join in with the kerbside carols planned locally (starting TODAY Thursday 3rd December) @ 8pm from our doorsteps (see information attached electronically and details of this week's Funky Friday session below). More information can also be found here: <https://www.reallylovelyprojects.org.uk/kerbside-carols>

Marazion Christmas Jumper Day - NEXT Friday 11th December

We are supporting Save the Children by donating £1 and wearing a funky festive jumper to school NEXT Friday 11th December. This is a lovely way to remind ourselves just how lucky we are to have the wonderful things we have, especially over this festive period when others have so much less. Thank you for your wonderful support.

Marazion Zoom Christmas Family Quiz (MZCFQ) - NOW Thursday 17th December @ 6.30pm

We have postponed the quiz so that there is more notice of the date for your diary. A flyer for the quiz is attached electronically to this newsletter. Thank you to all of you who have already sent in your email address and £5 cash 😊 MZCFQ will now take place on Thursday 17th December @ 6.30pm - this is a brilliant way for us to get together at the end of a very difficult year. We have a few different quizmasters who have prepared a round (including Christmas themes of course). Please join us - remember that this quiz is for the local community so please let your family, friends and neighbours know that they can join us for an evening of festive fun too!



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



Marazion Family Treasure Hunt Wednesday 2nd - Wednesday 16th December

Treasure hunt maps and clues are available NOW. You can order and collect them from class teachers between Wednesday 2nd and Wednesday 16th December. The cost is £1. All correct entries will be put into a draw to win a chocolate treat. All completed clues must be given in to school by **Thursday 17th December**. Proceeds raised will go to Marazion School.

Other Marazion Christmas Events

Virtual Christingle: On Thursday 10th December Hope, Faith and Empowerment are taking part in a 'live' online Christingle Event focusing on the environment, led by Canon Nigel. Courage and Love are taking part the following week as the service is recorded and available online from Friday 11th December. Thank you to St Mary's C of E School and Penlee Cluster who have provided Christingle bags for us for FREE - a gift to our community at this challenging time. **KS1 Nativity:** This year we are performing 'Hey Ewe, 'the Christmas story told from the unique point of view of the sheep. A reminder that you can practise the songs at home with your child via their Seesaw account. **KS2 Celebration:** Our KS2 Christmas celebration is 'Follow that Star' with both staff and children starring in this special festive performance. Please note that both KS1 and KS2 productions will be posted online this year. **Christmas Lunch:** There are Class Bubble Party Bags for Christmas Lunch. A reminder to pre-order your child's/children's Christmas Lunch by TOMORROW Friday 4th December by contacting the School Office. Christmas lunch costs £2.34. Thanks.

Autumn 2020 Class Outcomes

This term we are organising class outcomes differently. Class Bubbles are celebrating this term's learning over the next 2 weeks. Unfortunately, we are unable to involve members of our school community in these events at this time. Love are creating Christmassy loveliness using their new printing skills and crafts learnt during Woodland School; Hope have designed and created a plastic free shopping bag themselves - these have already been sent home; Love and Hope are also performing the nativity; Faith are celebrating on Tuesday 8th December with a wonderful walk following the Cober river from source to sea, wearing the woolly hats that they have made themselves; Courage are celebrating on Thursday 17th December - watching the actual moon landing and speaking to a special guest visitor (via Skype) who is in charge of communications between the Moon and NASA; Empowerment are celebrating on Monday 7th December, changing a blank t-shirt into a work of art using their favourite quote/precept linked to their work on 'What is Freedom?' The Lovely Art Ladies, Emma and Lesley, are also creating a mural based on these designs for the wall outside of the school hall.

In School

Year One Hearing Test: All children in Year 1 are being offered a hearing test on Tuesday 8th December here at school. If you do not want your child to take part, please call the School Office. Thanks. **One to One Sessions:** Please note that ALL One to One Sessions ARE running for the last 2 weeks of term. **Class Bubble Clubs (BCs):** Please note that Class BCs are NOT running during the last 2 weeks of term. Class BCs will restart in spring term. **School Uniform:** As the weather turns colder we are keeping our well-ventilated spaces in school. Please note that extra layers (a fleece; hat; gloves; furry boots) can be part of school uniform for this time. Adults in school are also wrapping up to stay warm. **Funky Fridays (FFs):** Our autumn 2 Funky Friday sessions have a CHRISTMAS theme. This week the focus is 'Kerbside Carols' and how we can get involved, including joining live practice events on Friday afternoons. The learning will be posted tomorrow afternoon by Sam in the 'Activities' section on Seesaw.



Lockdown Memories

Attached electronically is some information about *Union Chapel* and their new creative project for the community, *In Union*. Would you like to share your experiences of 2020? Share your experiences of the last year, hear and read others, and be part of a wider community highlighting communal stories of the year that was 2020 - reflecting how we changed, what was hard, what we learnt, and what needs to change for the future.

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 say thank you to Santa Claus and all his Elves who are working hard through the COVID-19 pandemic to make Christmas a special time for us all. We also clapped together as a whole school to say thank you during today's Zoom Celebration Assembly.

PE and School Sport

Swimming sessions: Swimming sessions will not start this term - we hope to be back at the pool early in the new year. **Fixtures and Events:** The *Penwith PE (PPE) Cluster Virtual Events* have now finished with both KS1 and KS2 finishing in 3rd place - a special mention for Year 6 who came first out of all competing schools in their virtual challenge. Well done everyone! Through December we are taking part in Penwith PE's *Activity Advent Calendar* - 60 second bursts of festive exercise each day - as well as taking inspiration from *Cornwall Outdoors Advent-ure Project*. Next week there is a *Penwith Santa Challenge*, classes are organising Santa themed activities for our Christmas Jumper Day next Friday. **Gym sessions:** Hope had their last session at Penzance Gym this week. Next term, Empowerment class are going to Penzance Gym. More details in the New Year. **Intra Sports Days:** Empowerment took part in their Intra Sports Days this week, competing in different sports such as: netball, cricket, rounders as well as a variety of sports day races. Purple team were victorious. The last Intra Sports Day is for Hope on Monday 14th December. **Optional PE Homework:** For December PE homework, we are asking you to think about organising a Christmas Family Sports Event - it could be a winter walk; a festive Boot Camp or a sea swim.

Stars of the Week

In Class: Love: **Tegen** for being wonderful and super responsible and independent; Hope: **Destiny** for putting 100% effort into the Nativity performance and knowing all the words of all the songs; Faith: **Isla Rose** for always giving 100%; Courage: **Blythe** for showing huge commitment and dedication in all she does; Empowerment: **Sophie** for great enthusiasm in her 1-1 sessions and for amazing maths. **Sporting:** YR/KS1: **Chloe P** for brilliant basketball skills; KS2: **Poppy** for showing excellent sportsmanship in PE. **Music:** YR/KS1: **Kit** for superb singing in nativity practice; KS2: **Nyla** for fantastic performing in Christmas rehearsals.

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: **Kai** (Breakfast Club) **Fleur**, **Theo J**, **Lamorna** and **Penny**.

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 **Harry H**, **Alice**, **Tiga**, **Teddy B**, **Bella**, **Vinnie** and **Lily G**. Children who have earned 40 merit certificates: **Lamorna** and **Sophie**.



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to *Frankie* and *Toby J* who celebrated their birthdays this week. Many Happy Returns to you both 😊

Dates for the Diary w/c 7th December 2020

Wednesday 2nd - Wednesday 16th December: Marazion Family Treasure Hunt

Thursday 17th December @ 6.30pm: Marazion Zoom Christmas Family Quiz

Class Bubble Clubs are NOT running during the last 2 weeks of term

ALL One to One Sessions ARE running during the last 2 weeks of term

Monday 7th December: Empowerment Outcome - Art and Design Day

Tuesday 8th December: Faith Outcome - source to sea walk; Year 1 Hearing Test, am

Thursday 10th December: Virtual Christingle Event @ 2.15pm

Friday 11th December: Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day