



# 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,

As we go into our second lockdown of this year, Marazion School remains fully open. We have reviewed all our health and safety procedures and risk assessments, which are attached electronically to this newsletter and also available on the school website. We continue to have the welfare of our school community at the heart of all our decision-making and we are working together. As we are all in this together, we need to be respectful of everyone. So, we have been asking ourselves: How can we help? What should we be doing? What can we do to make sure that we are looking after everyone? WE CAN DO THIS (again)! The precept for this half term (above) inspires us to stay brave and stay strong and motivates us to reveal more of the same brilliant care and support we have showed so far 😊 LET'S DO THIS!

## Marazion Playing Field (MPF) and The Folly Field Playground

Please note that that Marazion Town Council has made the difficult decision to temporarily close both play areas from TODAY Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November until further notice. The council are deeply disappointed that they had to come to this decision. However, whilst the play areas are closed no health and safety checks will be undertaken on the sites. Re-opening the sites will be under constant review. Marazion Town Council have asked that no one enters the play areas until further notice.

## Remembrance Sunday - THIS Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Marazion Town Council have informed us that there is no Remembrance Day Parade this Sunday due to the ongoing COVID 19 situation and the new national lockdown restrictions. Please note that if anyone should wish to pay their respects, lay some flowers and/or wreath at the Town's War Memorial then they are able to do this from 12pm onwards on Sunday. Please make sure that you follow social distancing guidelines at all times. Thanks. Children in Courage are going to the War Memorial next Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November to pay their respects and lay some poem stones. The class bubble will of course follow social distancing guidelines.

## Marazion School Lunches

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.



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



## Breakfast Club (BC)

Marazion School BC has been running successfully for most of this term, 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.

## Opera's Raffle

One of Opera's outcomes (linked to their spring topic work on medicine) was to organise a fundraising event to raise money for school science equipment and for *Doctors without Borders* - a charity that Opera class were very keen to support. This was postponed due to the pandemic. Courage would like to run the raffle now. 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.

## Marazion School 2020 Harvest Festival Celebrations

A reminder that 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.' Please help us to spread kindness to the residents, some of whom will be having a difficult time at the moment. Please send gifts into school - these will be quarantined and then distributed. Homemade cards/postcards or a short letter would also be perfect. The messages would make a real difference to the wonderful residents of Courtlands 😊 We have decided to extend the collection of these gifts and cards for a week so that we can gather as many as possible.

## 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.

## In School

**Funky Fridays (FFs):** Over the next half term, our Funky Friday sessions have a **CHRISTMAS** theme! This week during Funky Friday we are creating a COVID Advent Calendar - thinking of things to do in a safe and socially distanced way each day throughout December. The learning tomorrow is posted by Miss Oliver and is in the 'Activities' section on Seesaw. **Woodland School:** A reminder for children in Love to 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. **Marazion Trees:** We are hoping to plant more trees on our school site this year, including lots of trees that are native to Penwith. We have some tree experts from the Cornwall Wildlife Trust visiting the school site next week to provide advice about which trees to plant where. **Parents' Meeting - Isles of Scilly (IOS) Residential Visit:** Please note that this meeting has been postponed to the spring term. **Reading Rewards:** Children in Courage and Empowerment are now working 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 treat. Love, Faith and Hope continue with the reading karate bands. **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.



### Whole School One to One Tuition Programme

A reminder that 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. **Please note that these sessions will continue in the new national lockdown.**

### Surfers Against Sewage (SAS) Virtual Ocean School - NEXT Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Marazion School is taking part in the SAS plastic free virtual Ocean School morning on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. This three-hour extravaganza will be co-hosted by children's TV presenter Naomi Wilkinson and biologist, presenter and writer Gillian Burke. There is a range of activities from warm-ups, talks and interactive workshops.

### Stay in Touch - Appointments in School

As we move into another lockdown, please make sure that you stay in touch. Below are 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.

### 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 4 are taking part in the Penwith PE (PPE) Cluster Virtual Event - competing against other local schools and scoring points for Marazion School. For Year 4 children it's a Speed Bounce Challenge. **Gym sessions:** Hope had their final session at Penzance Gym yesterday. 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 **Empowerment** want to say thank you to Marazion School Cleaning/Caretaking Team who have done a wonderful job in making sure that we all stay safe and clean in school. 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: **Ezra** for being amazing in all he does; Hope: **Lilly May** for wonderful, thoughtful and interesting ideas during guided reading; Faith: **Eve** for being a super superstar; Courage: **Scarlett** for showing outstanding commitment to all she does; Empowerment: **Dayton** for fabulous progress in his writing. **Sporting:** YR/KS1: **Jonboy** for great sportsmanship and enthusiasm in PE; KS2: **Lacey** for brilliant skills in both rounders and netball. **Music:** YR/KS1: **Chloe P** for excellent Samba rhythms; KS2: **Toby M** for fantastic ukulele strumming.

### 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: **Lilly May** (Breakfast Club), **Theo J, Indy, Isla T** and **Aimee**.

### 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: **Maggie-May, Jack, Sophia, Winnie, Blythe, Lamorna, Ohran, Scarlett, Aimee, Dayton, Elsie, Lacey, Rheya** and **Penny**.

### Happy Birthday

Happy Belated Birthday to **Kelsie** who celebrated her birthday in Half Term and Happy Birthday to **Holly** and **Orla** who celebrated their birthdays this week. Many Happy Returns to you all 😊

### Dates for the Diary w/c 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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

**One to One sessions continue**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November:** Cornwall Wildlife Trust in school (working outside), am

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November:** IOS Parents' Meeting - **POSTPONED to spring 2021**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November:** Courage @ the Town War Memorial, pm

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November:** SAS Virtual Ocean School, am

