



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 are nearly half a term into this school year and many things about Marazion School are the same: we are a family and a community; we support the whole child; we have sport, music, art and DT as very important parts of our curriculum; we are smiling at all our friends - reconnecting; rediscovering and restoring. We are doing some things differently though and learning to readjust. So, this week we held our Early Reading Meeting via Zoom and next week Canon Nigel joins us virtually for his first Marazion assembly of the year. Our Harvest Festival and the first Living, Learning, Laughing Drop In of the year are both planned for the last week of this half term - more details about how we are doing these differently next week.

Marazion School COVID-19 Response - Testing Kits

As you may already be aware, schools in England have been sent an initial supply of ten test kits and schools are also able to apply for more. These tests are provided to **protect** pupils and staff by improving access to testing; to **prevent** and **control** outbreaks by identifying cases early and to provide **reassurance** and allow those who test negative to carry on studying and working. Marazion School test kits should **only** be offered in **exceptional circumstances** to individuals (pupils, teachers and staff) who:

- may have **barriers** to accessing a test **elsewhere**
- despite **repeated, sustained** efforts, have not been able to access a test.

Using our test kits may prevent partial or full school closure if we are able to use them for staff and allow staff who test negative to keep working. Please note that schools will **not be conducting coronavirus tests on site**. The test kits are suitable for use for children of Primary age - if the individual is **under 18**, testing kits must be given to their parent or carer. Parents or carers are required to administer the test to children **under the age of 11**.

Drop Off and Pick Up

Please note that if your child is going to be late in the morning and miss the drop off point for their Class Bubble then parents/carers **MUST** call the school office and let them know. On arrival at your child's designated drop off point, please can you call the office and then a member of staff will meet you there. This is very important in order to reduce contact between the class bubbles. This protocol also applies to pick up times. Again, please call the office and make them aware that you are going to be late. You will then be told where to pick your child up from. Thanks.



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In School

Marazion School's Year of Recovery: This week we are focusing on **replenish and restore** - thinking about how we can find ideas for OUR 'Time Out to DO.' **Funky Fridays (FFs):** FFs are now online and the theme for this half term is 'Recovery'. The learning is posted in the 'Activities' section on Seesaw, which you can access using the codes that have already been sent home. Teachers are not responding to learning during the afternoon. However, they are able to see all of your brilliant thinking, ideas and creativity and will be approving posts. This week, the learning focuses on mixing music with mindfulness and is posted by Sam. **Dress Down Day:** Next Friday 16th October is our first Marazion Dress Down Day. We are supporting 'Just One Tree' who have a global mission for reforestation. Please bring in £1 for a tree if you wish to wear your own clothes then. **Surfers Against Sewage (SAS) Ocean School:** Classes are also taking part in the SAS Ocean School morning next Friday 16th October. Children are taking part in question and answer sessions with guest speakers and discussing how we can all work together save our oceans. **Incredible Bulk (IB):** A reminder that the IB refill van is in the Marazion Community Centre car park next Friday 16th October from 2-3.30pm. **Adventure Days (ADs):** This year's ADs are now completed. Please note that payment for Hope's AD is due now - please contact Laura or Ed if you want any further information. Thanks.

Autumn 1 Themes

For the autumn term our **Share Your Views (SYV)** board focuses on our memories from lockdown. Our **Vision and Aims Board** (in the learning area outside Courage's classroom) focuses on our **first aim** - Our school aims to support and celebrate the whole child to reveal: **A love of life, learning and laughing** - thinking about how this first aim is reflected in our daily school life. The theme for assemblies and circle time during this half term is **Be the Best You**. Pupils are thinking about how they can get to know themselves better, manage emotions and make good choices. We are finding inspiration from the **The Firework Maker's Daughter** by Phillip Pullman. Our **precept for autumn 1** is at the top of this newsletter ☺

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:** Next week children in Year 1 are taking part in the Penwith PE (PPE) Cluster Virtual Event - competing against other local schools and scoring points for Marazion School. This week children in Reception took part in an Air Balloon Challenge. Next week it's a Super Slalom Run Challenge for children in Year 1. **Gym sessions:** Hope have gym sessions at Penzance Gym on Wednesday afternoons. These sessions are Covid safe and pupils are attending in smaller groups of up to 15, which means that the 2 groups will have 3 sessions each this half term. **Sporting Event:** For this half term we are following the Premiership and Championship as well as the Women's Super League (WSL) and Women's FA Championship. In the WSL, Arsenal Women and Everton Women continue their unbeaten runs. In the Premiership, both Liverpool and Manchester United suffered massive defeats, losing 7-2 and 6-1! Bristol City stay top of the Championship and Liverpool FC Women are top in the FA Women's Championship. **Optional PE Homework:** For October we are asking you to create a new PE activity/game that we can use on the playing field during sports sessions and at lunchtimes. Thanks Betty for the fab idea for homework this month!

Marazion Full Governing Body (FGB): Parent Governor Vacancy

A reminder that we currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our FGB. Information about how to apply to be a parent governor is attached again to this newsletter electronically - please speak to Laura or Ed if you have any queries about this. If you would like to find out some more about the role of a parent governor, you can email Caroline Peers (our Chair of Governors) at chair@marazion.cornwall.sch.uk or speak to Pete Hamilton, Parent Governor, (in the fresh air) at drop off or pick up time. The closing date for applications is Monday 19th October.



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 **Hope** want to thank police officers who are helping us to follow the rules, including the rules about socially distancing. 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: **Ethan** for being super kind and considerate to others; Hope: **Jacob** for always challenging himself; Faith: **Indy** for being brilliant in all she does; Courage: **Blue** for working so hard and being wonderfully helpful; Empowerment: **Harrison** for his excellent effort in literacy, including amazing progress in his handwriting. **Sporting:** YR/KS1: **Ruby** for fabulous gymnastics skills; KS2: **Sophia** for fantastic effort in rugby Music: YR/KS1: **Martha** for brilliant joining in during class singing time; KS2: **Sebe** for his sensational ukulele skills.

Good Manners @ Lunch Time and Breakfast Club

We celebrate with children who have displayed fantastic manners at Lunchtime as part of our Monday morning assembly. This week congratulations to: **Ohran** (Breakfast Club), **Teddy B, Alex, Kodie** and **Olly C** (Lunch Time).

Certificate Awards

No certificates have been awarded so far this term. Watch this space!

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to **Amy-Rose** and **Josh** who celebrated their birthdays this week. Many Happy Returns to you all 😊

Dates for the Diary w/c 12th October 2020

w/c **Monday 12th October:** PPE Cluster Virtual Challenge - Year 1 pupils

Wednesday 14th October: Hope gym session @ Penzance Gym, pm

Friday 16th October: 'Just one Tree' Dress Down Day; SAS Ocean School, am; Incredible Bulk van @ Marazion Community Centre car park 2-3.30pm

