



MARAZION SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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The greatest danger is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it. **Michelangelo**

Dear Parents,

Massive thanks for making sure that there are no traffic problems at both drop off (including Breakfast Club drop off) and pick up times by not parking on School Lane or in the school car park. This means that these spaces are not dangerous so children and adults remain safe at these times. A reminder that parents can park at Marazion Community Centre at drop off and pick up times - car passes are available from the School Office. Many thanks for your brilliant continued support to keep School Lane and access to school safe for everyone.

2025 Marazion Town Annual Civic Service

A big thank you to *Amy-Rose, Esme, Fearne* and *Maggie-May* for singing beautifully at the Marazion Town Council Civic Service last Sunday. They were fantastic ambassadors for Marazion School. We are so proud of them!

Marazion School Academy Conversion

A reminder that the Department for Education (DfE) Regional Director has approved the academy conversion of Marazion School to join Crofty Education Trust (CET). We have also received an Academy Order from the DfE, which enables the school to convert to an academy. Marazion School is now working with the DfE, CET and Penwith Education Trust regarding 'onboarding' - the process of becoming an academy.

Request for Absence Form

A reminder that we have a new updated Marazion School Request for Absence Form. A copy of the form was attached to the newsletter last week and it is also available on the school website.

Marazion School Uniform - Swimming Trunks/Costumes

Marazion School uniform includes black swimming trunks (not board shorts) / swimming costumes as well as goggles and swimming caps. The reason for standardising the swimwear is to maintain consistency in our school uniform, prevent distractions and ensure children are wearing suitable clothing for safety and to improve swimming technique. School provides swimming caps and goggles but please note that school can also provide black trunks or swimming costumes if you are unable to source either of them.

Safeguarding Awareness for Parents & Carers

Earlier this month OFCOM, the UK communications regulator, published their 'Best Practice Principles by Design' pledge. The LEGO Group, Google Search, Pinterest and Roblox are among those who have signed up to this strategy. The pledge is an important development in children's safety online. If you wish to find out more please click on the link below:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/ofcom-releases-three-year-media-literacy-strategy/>

In/Out of School

Marazion School Reading Room (RR): Marazion School's RR is open. Children can choose to come into school and read for pleasure from 8.30-8.45am every day. **Mitchell** are hosting the RR next week. **School Visits/Events:** Next week, Mitchell have their Topic Launch and they have a visit from Andrew George, Liberal Democrat MP of St Ives constituency; Mercury are continuing their art sessions at MBA and Reception and KS1 are out and about in Marazion again to develop their map making skills. Further information about school events/visits is sent out by email from your child's class teacher.

PE and School Sport

Marazion Clubs: Marazion clubs for the spring term have already started. A reminder that Dodgeball and KS1 Craft Club are both oversubscribed so, as usual, the clubs have 2 groups of children who attend the club for 5 weeks. Please make sure that you check which group your child is in. Thanks. Marazion clubs run after school from 3.15-4pm (except LEGO League and Rock Band) and pick up is from the main playground gate. **Please note KS1 Multi Skills after school club on Tuesday is cancelled next week, pick up at 3.15pm as normal.** **PE Days:** **Moana** (Year R/1): Thursday; **Franklin:** Year 2 is Monday and Thursday / Year 3 is Monday and Wednesday; **Mercury** (Year 4/5): Monday and Wednesday; **Mitchell** (Year 5/6): Wednesday and Friday. **Fixtures and Events:** Some KS2 children have a Cross Country event next week, letters have already gone out. See below for date and time. **Swimming Sessions:** Some Year 3 children and some continuing swimmers in Year 4, 5 and 6 are swimming this half term. A text will go out on Mondays to parents/carers as a reminder. **There is a LATER pick up after swimming, which is 4pm. Please note that we are now asking for children to be picked up from the main playground gate @ 4pm. Thanks.** Children need swimming kit (black costume or rash vest/trunks - not board shorts) and goggles (if you have them) as well as a £1 contribution towards the cost of the sessions. School provides swimming caps. Thanks. **Gym Sessions:** Children in Mercury (Year 4/5) are going to Penzance Gym on Mondays this half term. Children need to wear a t-shirt that has no buttons to the gym. Thanks. **Optional PE Homework:** For January, we are asking you to go on a walk and play Winter Walk Bingo (WWB) - an example of WWB is attached to this newsletter. If you want to create your own WWB, the School Office have some blank WWB grids.

Say Thank You to Someone Somehow

We want to say THANK YOU to different people/organisations every week. One class (or the whole school) will choose who/what they want to say thank you to/for. **This week, Mitchell want to say thank you to structural architects and engineers for the wonderful bridges they create, allowing us to stay connected.** We clapped together in Celebration Assembly this morning to support this.

Certificate Awards

Children are awarded merits for demonstrating a fantastic attitude to their work, friends, adults and the environment. Children who have earned 20 merit certificates: **Teddy Bs, Willow, Beau, Anna, Lyra M** and **Simi**. Children who have earned 40 merit certificates: **Lyra G, Tiga, Melodie, Molly** and **Sophia**. Children who have earned 60 merit certificates: **George, Imogen** and **Ruan**.

Stars of the Week

In Class: Moana: **Ruan** for showing brilliant resilience in literacy; Franklin: **Mason** for always giving 100%; Mercury: **Robyn** for fabulous and fantastic fraction work; Mitchell: **Jacob** for always being kind and respectful and for amazing literacy. **Sporting:** YR/KS1: **Callie** for wonderful work in multi skills session. KS2: **Nathan** for superb gymnastics. **Music:** YR/KS1: **Ruan** for excellent singing and timing. KS2: **Daisy** for super ukulele playing.

Good Manners @ Breakfast Club and Lunch Time

We celebrate with children who have displayed fantastic manners at Lunchtime and during Breakfast Club as part of our Monday morning assembly. This week congratulations to **Noah** (Breakfast Club) **Arthur, Emily, Teddy Bw** and **Ruan** (Lunchtime).

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to **Fearne, Winter, Sophia** and **Florence W** who celebrated their birthday this week. Many Happy Returns to you all 😊

Dates for the Diary w/c Monday 27th January

Monday 27th January: Mercury @ Penzance gym, pm

Tuesday 28th January: Mitchell Topic Launch; Mercury @ MBA, pm; KS1 Multi Skills after school club cancelled; some KS2 @ Cross Country event- **LATER pick up @ 5.20pm from school**

Wednesday 29th January: KS2 swimming session, pm - **LATER pick up @ 4pm from the main playground gate**