



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,

A reminder that Marazion Clubs start from next Monday 20th January. Clubs letters have gone back out to children today. Please note 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.

Marazion Town Annual Civic Service

The Marazion Town Annual Civic Service is this Sunday 19th January. The Mayor, Cllr John Nicholas, welcomes everyone to attend the service to celebrate and reflect on the past year in Marazion. Some Marazion School children are singing at the service. Please join us at 10.15am at Marazion Town Hall for the procession at 10.30am, this is followed by a service at All Saints Church from 10.45am.

No Parking on School Lane

A reminder that we ask parents and families not to park in Marazion School car park or on School Lane at drop off and pick up times, including for Breakfast Club drop off. This makes sure that there are no traffic problems, and the road/school car park is not dangerous, so children and adults remain safe at these times. Parking on School Lane is only for exceptional circumstances - these circumstances do not include bad weather or if you are running late. A reminder also that parents can park at Marazion Community Centre at drop off and pick up times - car passes are available from the School Office. Staff on gate duty will be reminding people about parking at the start and the end of the school day. Many thanks for your support to keep School Lane and access to school safe for everyone.

Marazion School Academy Conversion

We wanted to let you know 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 recently 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.

The National Measurement Programme - Next Monday 20th January

The School Nursing Team are in school next week to check height and weight of the Reception and Y6 children as well as vision testing for Reception children. More information and opt out options are on the links below for each year group:

<https://www.healthycornwall.org.uk/make-a-change/2024-child-health-programme-reception-year/>

<https://www.healthycornwall.org.uk/make-a-change/2024-child-health-programme-year-6/>

Year 6 2025 Residential Visit to London - Tuesday 24th to Friday 28th February

Children in Year 6 are visiting London from Tuesday 25th to Friday 28th February (not March as in last week's newsletter - sorry). A kit list and an itinerary for the visit has already been sent out. Please note that the total cost of the visit is £250, **which must be paid by Friday 7th February**. We have again been able to subsidise the cost so that it remains @ £250 - this subsidy is provided from Marazion School's fundraising money. Please note that there is a subsidy available for pupil premium children. Please contact Lewis Groom, Group Leader, if you have any queries or you require any further information about the visit.

Marazion School Uniform - Swimming Trunks/Costumes

A reminder that Marazion School uniform includes black swimming trunks (not board shorts) / swimming costumes as well as goggles and swimming caps. 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. Please speak to Miss Oliver about sourcing this uniform.

Spring 1 Themes

This term our **Vision and Aims Board** focuses on Marazion School's **VISION**: *to make sure that all our children know who they are, they have a place in the world and a voice that must be heard*. The theme for assemblies and circle time during this half term is **Going for Goals**. Children are dreaming big; planning to reach a goal; recognising the importance of persistence and celebrating success. The **precept for spring 1** is at the top of this newsletter.

Safeguarding Awareness for Parents & Carers

A reminder about the **Sport Welfare Officer Network - Active Partnerships**: A professional network of Sport Welfare Officers is being created to better to protect under-18s in sports. Active Partnerships is in the process of looking to create this network. For more information please follow the link below:

<https://www.activepartnerships.org/services/programmes/sport-welfare-officer-network>

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. **Mercury** are hosting the RR next week. **School Visits/Events**: Next week, Mercury are starting art sessions at Mounts Bay Academy, led by MBA staff, which will continue for 4 weeks; Moana are out and about in Marazion to inspire their artwork; Year 6 and Reception have height and weight checks and Reception also have vision testing. Further information about school events/visits is sent out by email from your child's class teacher.

PE and School Sport

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**: There are no fixtures or events next week. **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.

Request for Absence Form

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

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, Franklin want to say thank you to the wonderful scientists who make fantastic discoveries and make our investigative learning so exciting.** 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: **Callie, Lola, Mason, Hope** and **Josh J.** Children who have earned 40 merit certificates: **Toby P, Ella, Lani, Nancie** and **Kyron.** Children who have earned 60 merit certificates: **Harrison C.**

Stars of the Week

In Class: Moana: **Solomon** for fabulous progress in reading; Franklin: **Lowen** for being a wonderfully enthusiastic scientist; Mercury: **Edi** for being super engaged in all lessons and for making a fantastic start to Marazion School; Mitchell: **Ruby** for being super brilliant working with fractions. **Sporting:** YR/KS1: **Erin** for fantastic ball skills and teamwork. KS2: **Chloe** for excellent football skills. **Music:** YR/KS1: **Piran** for always giving 100% in music sessions. KS2: **Hope** for amazing singing.

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 **Tali** (Breakfast Club) **Edi, George, Anna** and **Erin** (Lunchtime).

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to **Digby** who celebrated his birthday this week. Many Happy Returns to you 😊

Dates for the Diary w/c Monday 20th January

Monday 20th January: Height and weight checks for Reception and Year 6, am; Mercury @ Penzance gym, pm; Marazion Clubs start, 3.15-4pm

Tuesday 21st January: Vision test for Reception, am; Mercury @ MBA, pm

Wednesday 22nd January: KS2 swimming session, pm - **LATER pick up @ 4pm from the main playground gate**