



MARAZION SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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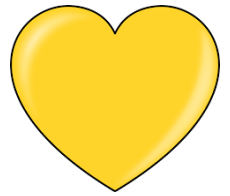
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Dream enormously big.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to 2024 and Happy New Year! As we start the spring term, we are looking forward to our 2024 residential visits to London and Oxford (Year 6); Porthpean (Year 3) and the Isles of Scilly (Years 4 and 5). A reminder that more detailed information about these visits is now sent out by email from your child's class teacher/the group leader, with only brief updates included in the school newsletter.

Staff Update

Lisa Frawley left school and started her maternity leave at Christmas. We wish Lisa all the best for her next adventures and we can't wait to meet the little one. Please note that Lisa managed Marazion School's social media so our socials may be a bit quieter for a while.

Marazion Town Annual Civic Service Procession - THIS Sunday 14th January

The Mayor and Mayoress, William and Judith Collins, welcome all to attend Marazion Methodist Church at 11am to celebrate and reflect on the past year in Marazion. Some Marazion School children are singing at the service. Letters went out on Monday so please return these if you would like your child to attend. Thanks.

School Office Closure

A reminder that the school office is closed from 11am on Mondays and Tuesdays until further notice. Answer phone messages will not be picked up until the following morning. In the event of an emergency, please call the school mobile on **07572495370**.

Year 4 and 5 Isles of Scilly (IOS) Parents' Meeting - NEXT Tuesday 16th January

The approximate cost for the 2024 IOS residential visit is £265. The final cost will be confirmed after the IOS health and safety visit. Please note that you can set up an instalment card NOW and start making payments so that you can spread the cost over 7 months. Please speak to Tamsyn in the School Office for more information and for the pupil premium cost. A Parents' Meeting for this residential visit is next **Tuesday 16th January** in school @ 3.15pm and via Zoom @ 5.30pm. The Zoom invite will be sent out Monday from Mrs Holmes.

Spring Super Learning Day (SLD) - Thursday 18th January

Next Thursday is our spring SLD. The theme is 'The Jungle Book', looking at this classic text by *Rudyard Kipling*. Children are working in vertical groups (Reception to Year 6) and will be involved in different activities throughout the day including finding out about prickly pears and paw paws; investigating animal habitats and dancing like the 'King of the Swingers.'

Marazion Clubs

Marazion Clubs start next Monday 15th January. Please note that some clubs are oversubscribed and will run for 5 weeks with 2 different groups of children. Please look carefully at the clubs letter, which is returned to your child so that you know the start and end date of any oversubscribed club. Please speak to Tamsyn in the office if you require any further information or if you have a query.

Weekly Times Tables Recall Rhyme

This will be a school wide initiative where all pupils from Y3 to Y6 will have the same three rhymes to learn on a weekly basis on a half termly rotation. Research suggests that in order for something to be committed to long term memory, it must be repeated and revisited regularly with gaps in between. This is the rationale behind the half termly rotation. This week's rhymes are:

- Please sir, can I have some more?... 4 times 6 is 24
- More made my belly sore... 6 times 4 is 24
- This one's my favourite rhyme... 7 times 7 is 49
- Get in line, there's a queue... 8 times 9 is 72
- This long line will not do... 9 times 8 is 72

In/Out of School

Tectonics Y6 Topic Launch Day: Tectonics new topic this term is 'No Man is an Island'. Next Monday, 15th January, they are having their Launch Day where they are making; creating and investigating all that islands have to offer. Children can dress up as a resident of any island they choose - a surfer from Hawaii; an Antarctica explorer; a gig rower from the Isles of Scilly. **Marazion School Reading Room (RR):** Children can choose to come into school and read for pleasure from 8.30-8.45am every day. **Luxulyan Valley** are hosting reading sessions during the first week back. **School Visits/Events:** Tectonics have their topic launch (see above) and we have our spring SLD on Thursday.

52 Acts of Kindness 2024

We really enjoyed thinking of ideas for 52 acts of kindness in 2023. This morning, in Celebration Assembly, we decided that we would try and continue thinking about an idea for 1 act of kindness in each week of 2024 😊

Safeguarding Awareness for Parents & Carers

Keeping Children Safe in Sport - NSPCC: Sport is a fantastic thing for children and young people. It helps them socialise, keeps them fit and more importantly can introduce them into an interest for life. One which will increase their quality of life far into the future, setting good habits and instilling values and self-discipline. Engaging with them in this manner can show them new directions for their lives and expand their opportunities. However, like with anything, there are risks, for example away matches; interactions with non-school staff such as coach drivers; out-of-school coaches and other personnel, which can create vulnerability. To help head off these potential issues, the NSPCC has created a page dedicated to offering guidance on how to keep children safe in sporting environments. To find out more please click on the following link: <https://thecpsu.org.uk/parents>

PE and School Sport

PE Days: Children come to school in PE kits on the days they have Games Afternoons/PE sessions. Spring PE Days for each class are: Curious Clouds (Year R/1): Wednesday and Thursday; Rivers (Year 1/2): Monday and Tuesday; Luxulyan Valley (Year 3/4): Wednesday and Friday; Deltas (Year 4/5): Wednesday and Friday; Tectonics (Year 6): Wednesday and Friday. **Fixtures and Events:** There are no fixtures or events next week or during the first week back. **Swimming Sessions:** Year 5 and some Year 6 children are swimming this term. Texts went out earlier this week to all parents/carers as a

reminder. **Pick up is LATER after swimming, 4pm from the playing field.** Pupils 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:** Curious Clouds have gym sessions on Wednesday mornings this 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 think about eating a healthier breakfast this month - you can try fruit porridge; brown bread toast or fruit and yoghurt.

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, Curious Clouds want to say thank you to all the people who are driving gritters and going out early to keep our roads safe.** 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-Rayne, Mabel, Summer and Ruby S.** Children who have earned 40 merit certificates: **Ruby R, Emily, Bella, Kit and Ollie.** Children who have earned 60 merit certificates: **Osian, Maggie-May and Nathan.**

Stars of the Week

In Class: Curious Clouds: **Lola** for being a fabulous role model; Rivers: **Beau** for fantastic independence; Luxulyan Valley: **Kit** for brimming with super enthusiasm in the Stone Age topic; Deltas: **Jonboy** for starting 2024 with an excellent attitude; Tectonics: **Eve** for brilliant learning at home and school. **Sporting:** YR/KS1: **Beau** for wonderful teamwork; KS2: **Ezra** for fantastic effort in tower ball. **Music:** YR/KS1: **Rosenwyn** for outstanding rhythm in music time; KS2: **Maison** for superb effort in music this week.

Good Manners @ Lunch Time and Breakfast Club

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 **Avie-Jane** (Breakfast Club), **Mason, Thabo, Ruby R and Jack P** (Lunchtime).

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to **Beau, Neva, Eve, Winnie, Teddy Bs and Kernow** who celebrated their birthdays during the holidays and this week. Many Happy Returns to you all 😊

Dates for the Diary w/c Monday 15th January

Sunday 14th January: Marazion Civic Service, 11am @ Methodist Church

Tuesday 16th January: Parents' Meeting - IOS residential visit face to face @ 3.15pm and via Zoom @ 5.30pm

Wednesday 17th January: Curious Cloud @ Penzance gym, am; Y5 / Y6 swimming session, pm

Thursday 18th January: Spring Super Learning Day