



MARAZION SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Geography is destiny. Abraham Verghese

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another school year: 2023-24. We hope that you have had a wonderful summer. A reminder that this year is **The Year of Geography** and the class names are linked to this theme: Year R/1: **Curious Clouds**; Year 1/2: **Rivers**; Year 3/4: **Luxulyan Valley**; Year 4/5: **Deltas**; Year 6: **Tectonics**. We have already been busy thinking about Adventure Days for each class; relaunching the Reading Room at the start of the day; a dance project; girls' football skills development and maths discovery sessions. We are very excited about another year of wonderful living, learning and laughing by the sea.

2023-24 Birthday Treats

Just a reminder that if you would like to bring something into school to celebrate birthdays, please can this be a flower/plant to grow in our outdoor area or a book for the classroom bookshelf. Thank you very much.

2023 Adventure Days (AD)

All classes are having an extended day (AD) this half term. These days allow children to shine in and outside the classroom as well as providing an opportunity to develop and establish a whole class team and ethos. Further information will be sent out by email from your child's class teacher. Children work outside the classroom and then eat lunch together as well as staying in school for a late afternoon meal.

Safeguarding Awareness for Parents & Carers

Another reminder about **Social Stories**. One of our main priorities as educators is to make sure that our children are safe and emotionally well at school. We have been using social stories in Monday assemblies, including using mindful meditation to calm our brains; inspire creativity and boost our social-emotional skills. We have loved this! Below are some links to more resources with ideas about ways to feel calmer and to help manage any worries. Have a look at *Smiling Mind* and the *Calm Zone*.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>

[Smiling Mind](#)

In/Out of School

Marazion Clubs: After School Clubs start from Monday 25th September, forms will go out next week. **Marazion School Reading Room (RR):** Children can choose to come into school and read for pleasure from 8.30-8.45am every day. **Tectonics** (Year 6 classroom) are hosting reading sessions next week. **School Events:** Reception children can start full time at Marazion School from Thursday 14th September. **School Visits:** Next week **Rivers** are off to the beach and **Tectonics** have a Surf Safe Day. All details about school visits are sent to parents by email from their child's class teacher.

PE and School Sport

PE Days: Children come to school in PE kits (not the usual school uniform) on the days they have Games Afternoons/PE sessions. Autumn PE Days for each class are: Curious Clouds (Year R/1): Thursday; Rivers (Year 1/2): Monday and Tuesday; Luxulyan Valley (Year 3/4): Monday and Friday; Deltas (Year 4/5): Wednesday and Friday; Tectonics (Year 6): Wednesday and Friday. **Fixtures and Events:** Rivers have the first of 5 tennis sessions from next Monday 11th September. **Swimming Sessions:** Tectonics (Year 6) have swimming sessions this half term from Wednesday 27th September. **Gym Sessions:** Gym sessions begin next Monday, 11th September, for Luxulyan Valley. A reminder that all children need to wear a t-shirt that has no buttons to the gym. Thanks. **Sporting Event:** For this term we are following the 2023 Invictus Games, which start this weekend. Paul Case is competing in several events and we should be able to have lots of information from Paul about how Team UK are doing. Wow! **Optional PE Homework:** For September homework, we are asking you to write a postcard for Mr Case wishing him luck for the games 😊 We are so proud of Mr Case!

52 Acts of Kindness, 17 to go!

We want to spread joy in every week of 2023 by doing something kind - giving our time, empathy, support and thought to find ways to help the people around us. Kindness is FREE. We need to have 4 more ideas for acts of kindness to be at the right number of weeks. So: **1.** Pay for an extra coffee or hot chocolate in a café and leave the free drink for the next person; **2.** Buy some flowers / pick some flowers from your garden for a friend; **3.** Read a story to someone in your family; **4.** Have some quiet time - be kind to yourself. For **Week 35**, Tectonics have an idea for this week's act of kindness: try and donate a can of tinned goods to a local food bank.

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 (or the whole school) will choose who they want to say thank you to. **This week, Tectonics want to say thank to all search and rescue workers for keeping us safe when we are doing the things we love: swimming in the sea; exploring caves; climbing mountains.** We will clap together to support this in classes this week.

Stars of the Week

Stars of the Week will be back next week.

Certificate Awards

Children are awarded merits for demonstrating a great attitude to their work, friends, adults and the environment. There are no certificates to be awarded 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 **Eve** (Breakfast Club) **Lyra, Ruby R, Vinnie** and **Harry N** (Lunchtime).

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to **Hope, Simi, Molly, Bella** and **Destiny** who all celebrated their birthday during the Summer Holidays and Happy Birthday to **Jude, Mason** and **Alice** who all celebrated their birthday this week. Many Happy Returns to you all 😊

Dates for the Diary w/c Monday 11th September

Monday 11th September: Luxulyan Valley @ Penzance Gym, pm; Tennis session (Rivers), pm

Thursday 14th September: Reception children can start full time in school.