

# MARAZION SCHOOL

## GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

### Spring Term 2022

**Chair of Governors: Mrs Caroline Peers**

**Telephone: 01736 710618**

**Email: [chair@marazion.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:chair@marazion.cornwall.sch.uk)**

**Website: [www.marazion.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.marazion.cornwall.sch.uk)**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Marazion School Governors' Spring Newsletter. This newsletter provides you with up to date information about the Full Governing Board (FGB), including how to contact governors and governors' recent actions.

#### **2022 Marazion School Governors' Competition**

For this year, the Marazion FGB want to focus on the wellbeing of our school community. They would like children to design a sensory trail/path for Marazion Woodland. A sensory trail or path has a series of experiences to engage the different senses...so think about what you might touch; smell; feel; hear and even taste! Jumping, spinning, stomping, clapping, being still and quiet are a just a few of the many activities that might also be included in a sensory trial or path. The trail/path will be for both adults and children - a beautiful space and place to hae an adventure and/or just be. The winning design(s) will be used to create the trail/path in our woodland and winners will also be involved in ordering and buying equipment and resources. Entries must be in school by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. This might be a great project for half term.

#### **Marazion School Governing Body**

**Chair of Governors:** Mrs Caroline Peers; **Vice Chair of Governors:** Mr Pete Hamilton; **LA Governor:** Mrs Anne Laity; **Foundation Governors:** Juliette George and Delyth James; **Co-opted Governors:** Mr Jim Allen and Canon Nigel Marns; **Parent Governors:** Mr Pete Hamilton; Mrs Annia McNeill; **Staff Governors:** Jenny Rainbow and Tanya Tredinnick. The FGB currently has 10 members (including the Headteacher).

#### **Marazion School Cohort Governors (CG)**

We have Cohort Governors for each year group and these governors stay with the year group as they move through the school. **CGs for 2021-22:** Caroline Peers, **Year R**; Anne Laity, **Year 1**; Delyth James, **Year 2**; Pete Hamilton, **Year 3**; Jim Allen, **Year 4**; Canon Nigel Marns, **Year 5**; Tanya Tredinnick, **Year 6**.

#### **Ways To Get In Touch**

If you wish to get in touch with any of our governors, there are several ways to do this: contact Ed or Laura in the office and they can get a governor to phone you back and/or arrange a meeting with a governor; email Caroline Peers, our Chair of Governors at [chair@marazion.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:chair@marazion.cornwall.sch.uk); our Parent Governors, Pete Hamilton and Annia McNeill can also be contacted via the School Office. Please note that governors are working with school remotely so it is possible to meet with governors via Zoom or Teams.

#### **Marazion School Governors' Committee Structure**

Marazion FGB has the following committees: **The Quality of Education Committee** (Caroline Peers is the Chair). This committee has a focus on standards; curriculum; quality of teaching; personal development as well as learning and work scrutiny; **Finance and First Committee** (Delyth James is the Chair); **Behaviour and Safety Committee** (Jim Allen is the Chair) and **Pay Committee** (Pete Hamilton is the Chair). Please note that governors also meet as a Full Governing Body every half term. Governor monitoring is being carried out remotely where possible.

## **Partnership Working**

Currently Marazion School is working with: Penwith Education Trust (PET); Marazion and Ludgvan Oasis Childcare Centres; School Effectiveness Cornwall (SEC); Penwith Heads Association (PH); Cornwall Association of Primary Headteachers (CAPH); Youth Sports Trust (YST); Penwith PE Network (PPEN); Wave Behaviour Support Service; Devon and Cornwall Maths Hub; Cornwall Standards Board.

## **What Have Governors Done Recently?**

Our Governing Body is committed to and passionate about providing the very best education for pupils at Marazion School. They both support and challenge the school, holding senior leaders to account. Recently the governors have:

- Continued to work together to organise and manage the education of children at Marazion School during a global pandemic
- Dealt with a range of post pandemic issues in school
- Continued to liaise with Cornwall Public Health and School Effectiveness Teams to manage positive cases of COVID-19 both at Marazion School and in the local community
- Managed a very high level of staff absence due to COVID-19
- Continued to work remotely - most of the governors' meetings are online via Zoom/Teams
- Regularly reviewed COVID-19 government guidance
- Quality assured health and safety procedures linked to COVID-19, including risk assessments
- Arranged Chair and Headteacher Meetings with delegated powers to manage some 'business as usual'
- Carried out staff recruitment via Zoom
- Consulted on local recruitment and retention procedures
- Reviewed school policies and recommended them to Full Governing Board (FGB) for approval
- Attended training: *sexual harassment and peer on peer abuse; Anna Freud staff wellbeing; safeguarding supervision; governor safeguarding update*
- Attended Penwith Education Trust Board Meetings via Zoom
- Carried out governor monitoring visits remotely, where possible
- Involved in the organisation and management of the development of the Marazion School site, working with a range of other agencies

## **Dates in the Diary: governors' meetings - spring term 2022**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January:** Full Governors' Board Meeting, 5.30pm

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February:** Finance and First Meeting, 5.30pm

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** Quality of Education Committee, 2pm

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** Full Governors' Meeting, 5.30pm