

# MARAZION SCHOOL

## GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

### Spring Term 2024

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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.

#### Marazion School Governors' Competition (GC) - Sensory Trail/Path

Mabel (the winner of the most recent governors' competition) continues to work with Katy and Tobias (our gardeners) to create her design for a sensory trail/path in Marazion Woodland. A sensory trail or path has a series of experiences to engage the different senses - a beautiful space and place to have an adventure and/or just be. Please note that the GC is now not an annual competition.

#### Marazion School Governing Body

**Chair of Governors:** Caroline Peers; **Vice Chair of Governors:** Annia McNeill; **LA Governor:** Derek Laity; **Foundation Governors:** Jim Allen; Delyth James; **Co-opted Governors:** Caroline Peers; Canon Nigel Marns; Rosemary Harvey; **Parent Governors:** Stuart Firth; Annia McNeill; **Staff Governors:** Jenny Rainbow; Tanya Tredinnick. The FGB currently has 9 members (including the Headteacher). We are delighted to welcome Rosemary Harvey to the Marazion Governing Board. Rosemary joined the board as a co-opted governor in November.

#### 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 2023-24:** Canon Nigel Marns, **Year R;** Tanya Tredinnick, **Year 1;** Caroline Peers, **Year 2;** Derek Laity **Year 3;** Del James, **Year 4;** Annia McNeill, **Year 5;** Jim Allen, **Year 6.**

#### 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** (Tanya Tredinnick is the Chair) and **Pay Committee** (Jim Allen is the Chair). These committees all meet via Zoom. Governors also meet as a Full Governing Body every half term - 3 of these meetings are face to face and 3 are via Zoom. Governor monitoring is carried out via Zoom or face to face.

## **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 Tamsyn in the office and she 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, Stuart Firth and Annia McNeill can also be contacted via the School Office. Please note that governors are now working with school remotely so it is possible to meet with governors via Zoom/Teams as well as face to face.

## **Partnership Working**

Currently Marazion School is working with: Penwith Education Trust (PET); Leading Edge Partnership Trust (LEAP); Marazion and Ludgvan Oasis Childcare Centres; Cornwall Association of Primary Headteachers (CAPH); Youth Sports Trust (YST); Penwith PE Network (PPN); Devon and Cornwall Maths Hub; One Cornwall; Kernow Learning.

## **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 deal with post pandemic issues in school
- Continued to discuss the current funding crisis in schools
- Continued to manage staff absence/child absence
- Continued to work remotely where it is more effective and efficient
- Continued to work as an associate partner with Leading Edge Academy Trust (LEAP)
- Continued to have the option of Chair and Headteacher Meetings with delegated powers in order to manage some 'business as usual' if required
- Reviewed school policies and recommended them to Full Governing Board (FGB) for approval
- Attended training: *Safety in School; KCSIE 2023; Safeguarding Responsibilities for Governors; Advanced Safeguarding for DSLs; Ending DA & SV in Cornwall; Equity and Diversity training; Educational Visits Coordinator Refresher; 2020-2023 SIP Review; Cyber Security; Unconscious Bias*
- Attended Penwith Education Trust Board Meetings
- Carried out governor monitoring visits remotely and/or face to face
- Continued to organise and manage the development of the Marazion School site, working with a range of other agencies
- Monitored the impact of the installation of solar panels.

## **Dates in the Diary: governors' meetings - spring term 2024**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January:** Full Governors' Board Meeting, 5.30pm via Zoom

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January:** Finance and First Meeting, 5.30pm via Zoom

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March:** Quality of Education Committee, 4pm via Zoom

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March:** Full Governors' Meeting, 5.30pm via Zoom