



MARAZION SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Why be a star when you can make a constellation? Mariam Kaba

Dear Parents,

This is the first newsletter of the summer term, and this term is always a lovely, busy one. Year 3 went to Porthpean yesterday morning on their residential visit and are back tomorrow @ 4pm; summer Marazion clubs start next Monday 28th April; Sports Day is on Monday 19th May, join us on the playing field from 1.30pm; the KS2 summer production is in July and children are preparing for the production in this term's Funky Fridays. Let's hope the sun is shining loads and it feels like summer.

The Netflix Series 'Adolescence'

'Adolescence' has sparked lots of conversations amongst parents and staff about the management of social media and this is brilliant. Understandably, some parents are concerned about children's responsible use of smart phones. We do not allow children to bring phones into school and as a school we would like to promote limiting children's use of phones, instead encouraging face-face interactions. *Smartphone Free Childhood* are encouraging parents to sign a pact to choose to wait to give their child a smartphone until at least Year 9. If this is something you would like to sign, here is the link: <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk>

If you have concerns about your child's online safety, in particular the language of social media including emojis, please speak to your child's teacher or to Miss Rainbow, our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Bank Account Changes - Cash Only

Please note that you are still unable to pay into our bank account due to our conversion to Crofty Education Trust. Parent Pay should be up and running in the very near future! In the meantime, school lunch, residentials and breakfast club payments still need to be paid by cash to the office in advance. Many thanks.

2025 Residential Visits

Year 4/5 Residential Visit: Children in Year 4 and 5 are off to Camp Kernow from Wednesday 18th to Friday 20th June. A Parents' Meeting for this residential visit is in school next Tuesday 29th April (straight after school). **Year 6 Oxford Residential Visit:** A reminder that children in Year 6 are visiting Oxford, a university town, from Tuesday 20th May to Friday 23rd May. Parental consent forms were sent out yesterday and need to be returned to school by Tuesday 6th May.

Summer 2025 Marazion Clubs

Marazion Clubs start next Monday 28th April - clubs forms have gone back out to children today. KS2 Art Club is oversubscribed so please check the form carefully to which weeks your child is attending. Please note that KS1 Drawing club starts on Wednesday 7th May - not next week. Also, *Global Boarder's (GB) Surf Club* starts from today. This club has a cost, payable to GB, and parents are responsible for both drop off and pick up. Forms are available from the School Office.

Inset Days 2025-26

Marazion School inset days for next year are: Monday 1st September; Monday 20th - Friday 24th October; Wednesday 11th March and Monday 1st June.

Next year, Marazion School is having a 2 week break over the October half term. This has been achieved by taking an inset day for staff training in the school holidays (on 1st September); children returning to school in September a day early (on 2nd September) and adding an additional day to the end of the summer term (Friday 24th July). We are also using 2 training days, which staff will work as 'twilight' training, which is after 5pm. Overall, the number of days the school is open to children has not changed. This pattern of term dates has been used really successfully by a number of primary and secondary schools in Cornwall and other local authorities. We plan to review this pattern during the 2025-26 school year before deciding on our dates for the following year.

Safeguarding Awareness for Parents & Carers

A reminder about the **Loudmouth Training and Screen Time Project - Loudmouth**. 'Loudmouth', an innovative company specialising in using theatre to explore complex themes in the personal; social; health and economic (PSHE) space, has announced new training programs recently, including the **Screen Time** programme, aimed at Years 6 and 7, and has been backed by OFCOM. If you are interested in looking at what they have to offer please follow the link below:

<https://www.loudmouth.co.uk/>

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. **Franklin** are hosting the RR next week. **School Visits/Events:** Next week we have Marazion School Book Day and Camp Kernow Parents' Meeting. More detailed information about school visits/events is sent out by class teachers.

PE and School Sport/Clubs

Please note change of PE days for this term. **PE Days: Moana** (Year R/1): Thursday (look out for Miss Hall's emails about other days to bring PE kit); **Franklin:** Year 2 is Monday and Thursday / Year 3 is Monday and Wednesday; **Mercury** (Year 4/5): Wednesday and Thursday; **Mitchell** (Year 5/6): Wednesday and Thursday. **Fixtures and Events:** Children in Mitchell and Mercury are taking part in *Cornish Pirates* rugby training sessions on Thursdays for 6 weeks, starting today. Next week, there is a girls' and boys' Football Festival and a Quadkids event - both for children in KS2 and both @ MBA. Letters for both events have gone out this week. Please see below for dates and times. **Swimming Sessions:** KS2 Continuing Swimmers are swimming every Wednesday. A text goes out on Mondays to parents/carers as a reminder. **There is a LATER pick up after swimming, which is 4pm.** Please note that children need 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 Moana are going to Penzance Gym this half term on some Monday and some Friday afternoons - check the Dates for the Diary below. Children need to wear a t-shirt that has no buttons to the gym. Thanks. **Optional PE Homework:** For April, as the weather gets warmer, try to get to the beach to do a Beach Clean...save the seal!

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, Mercury want to say thank you to all the people who work hard to protect rainforests.** We clapped together in Celebration Assembly this morning to support this.

Stars of the Week

In Class: Moana: *Taran* for fabulous enthusiasm and curiosity; Franklin: *Jude* for wonderful work; Mercury: *Bella* for fantastic resilience; Mitchell: *Lilly-May* for a brilliant positive attitude to learning. **Sporting:** YR/KS1: *Winter* for superb swimming. KS2: *Kit* for amazing effort in relay practise. **Music:** YR/KS1: *Henry* for wonderful pirate singing. KS2: *Fearne* for beautiful 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 *Ethan* (Breakfast Club) *Lilly-May WM*, *Kelsie*, *Wesley* and *Erin* (Lunchtime).

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to *Kaya*, *Florence C*, *Toby P*, *Nathan* and *Kyron* who have or are celebrating their birthdays over Easter and this week. Many Happy Returns to you 😊

Dates for the Diary w/c Monday 28th April

Monday 28th April: Moana @ Penzance gym, pm; Marazion Clubs start

Tuesday 29th April: Summer Marazion School Book Day; Camp Kernow Parents' Meeting @ 3.15pm (in school); Sailing Club starts (weather dependent)

Wednesday 30th April: KS2 swimming session, pm - **LATER pick up @ 4pm from the main playground gate**; No KS1 Drawing Club; Girls' and Boys' Football Festival @ MBA - **LATER pick up @ 5pm at Marazion School**

Thursday 1st May: Cornish Pirates KS2 rugby sessions, pm

Friday 2nd May: Quadkids sporting event @ MBA, am (Year 3/4); pm (Y5/6)