



MARAZION SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope that you have had happy holidays. We have had a brilliant first week back and are already busy with our September Adventure Days (ADs). Both Maths Magicians and Adders have spent time together this week, getting to know each other during an extended day. We feel that this is very important for adults and pupils at the start of a school year and provides a chance to build the class team and for everyone to be able to shine both in and out of the classroom.

Newsletter NOW out on THURSDAYS

Please note that, for this school year, Marazion School weekly newsletters are sent out on Thursdays.

Marazion School's Year of Maths 2017

LET'S CHANGE THE WAY WE THINK ABOUT MATHS...this is our mission for 2017! Last year parents, pupils, staff and governors got together and thought about maths with the support of Dan Simons who leads Maths Challenge training locally, working with the Cornwall and Devon Maths Hub. Comments gathered during the evening showed lots and lots of interest in the problem-solving approach to learning that we are developing in our learning and teaching in maths across the school. Think of pupils in a lift moving up together rather than pupils learning on an escalator - hope this makes sense! This approach is working as our 2017 KS2 SATs results for maths were above both national and Cornwall 2017 averages. We are very excited to get started on our Year of Maths, which includes Super Learning Days; a Maths Open Afternoon; reasoning areas; a Parents' Workshop with Dan Simons and a Maths Magician of the week.

September Adventure Days 2017

There are 2 more ADs next week for Fabulous Fibonacci (NEXT Wednesday 13th September) and 2 Infinity and Beyond (NEXT Thursday 14th September). Both classes are camping overnight at Beare's Den. Information about both days has gone out this week and is attached electronically to this newsletter. **Please can parental consent forms be returned to school by Tuesday 12th September.** Thanks. Itineraries for the ADs of Maths Magicians and Adders are also attached. The cost of the ADs is £12.50 per pupil and this should be paid in full by the end of September. Thanks. Please note that there is a subsidy available for pupil premium pupils.

After School Club Update

Autumn 17 after school clubs start on Monday 25th September. A letter including information about these clubs goes out next week. We are delighted to be able to also offer an after-school surfing club, led by Global Boarders (GB), this half term (a legacy from last year's Year of Water), which starts next Wednesday 13th September. Please note that this autumn surf club is NOT subsidised by PVs so the cost is £12 per session but there is a subsidy available for pupil premium pupils. Payment for this club must be made weekly before pupils go to each session or in full (for all 5 sessions - £72) next Wednesday. Letters have gone out and please return the slip at the bottom of this letter to express an interest. There are 15 places available so a raffle will be held if the club is oversubscribed. Thanks.

Marazion School's Ocean Pledge

Another wonderful legacy from our Year of Water is the Ocean Pledge made by last year's oldest pupils. Pupils asked every child to bring a refillable drinks bottle in their packed lunch and for us all to use refillable drink bottles in school and when out on school visits. Other pledges are to use compostable plates, forks etc at school events; to reuse plastic cups in our Healthy Tuck Shop and to stop using plastic containers in our school packed lunches. To take this further, from September 2017, we are making a refillable water bottle an essential part of Marazion School school uniform. Our pupils are passionate about this pledge and you have also been passionate about supporting them in this. A massive thank you to all of you! It was also great to find out that Borough Market in London is currently phasing out the sale of plastic water bottles and offering free water fountains. Amazing!

Marazion School Curriculum

From September 2017, all classes are working with **termly** themed topics from fairytales to dinosaurs to magical creatures and going for gold. Curriculum information goes out next week with further information about the autumn term's lovely living, learning and laughing. A reminder that pupils are also starting each term's topic with a LAUNCH to inspire and, at the end, an OUTCOME to celebrate the learning for each term. We are delighted that Emma and Lesley (our lovely Art Ladies) are again working in each class over the school year, adding specialist art provision to our specialist PE/SS and music. Every Year 6 pupils mentioned the Art days as a 'must have' at Marazion School as part of their Year 6 Exit Survey. A reminder that if you have any queries, comments or suggestions about our curriculum, please talk to Miss Squibb.

In School / Out and About

Optional Homework Project: Our optional homework project linked to Mr Men and Little Miss stories and/or illustrations needs to be in school by NEXT Monday 11th September. For this school year, optional homework projects are now termly and linked to the class topic. **Summer Things to Do:** We celebrated things that pupils have done over the summer in Celebration Assembly today. **Early Reading Meeting:** Parents of pupils in Years R, 1 and 2 are invited to an Early Reading Meeting NEXT Wednesday 13th September from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Please come along and find out about learning and teaching in reading at our school. If you cannot make this meeting, please speak to Miss Hall, Miss Squibb or Mrs Rescorla about an alternative date and time. **Inset Days 2017-18 and 2018-19:** A reminder that our inset days for this school year are again in June 2018 - Monday 4th June to Friday 8th June. Please note that the inset days for the following school year are in July 2019 - Monday 22nd July to Thursday 25th July with a fifth day on Monday 4th September 2018. We know that it is important for you to have this information well in advance so that you can make plans knowing these dates are set. **Autumn term LAUNCH Days:** Pupils are launching their termly topic in style: Shape Shifters are dressing up as their favourite character from a book and visiting Tangled Wood; today, Adders are searching for dinosaurs at Paradise Park; yesterday, Maths Magicians visited a cave, waterfall and enchanted woodland dell in North Cornwall in search of magical beasts; Fabulous Fibonacci and 2 Infinity and Beyond are taking part in their own Olympics at the Royal Duchy of Cornwall athletics track.

PE and Sport in School

Fixtures and Events: There are no fixtures or events next week. **Optional PE Homework:** For September, inspired by the *Cycling Tour of Britain*, pupils are tasked with snapping a picture of themselves on wheels. **Friday Boot Camps:** Boot Camp starts tomorrow and is on EVERY Friday from 8.15am. BC is open to staff, pupils, parents and governors. Start the term and end the week with a blast! **Sporting Events:** We have been following the 2017 *Cycling Tour of Britain* all this week, finding out which rider is wearing which jersey: green; yellow; blue and white ; white with green spots or red and green. After yesterday's Stage 4 Elia Viviani has the lead. **A Mile a Day:** Pupils and staff are now ending lunchtime every day by walking, jogging or running a mile around the school site. This is a great way to finish our lunch break. **School Fitness Week (SFW):** Marazion School is taking part in Joe Wick's SFW NEXT week from 11th to 15th September. Every day he is hosting a live 20 minute workout at 10am. Each class is taking a turn to work out with the Body Coach, starting with FF on Monday. Let's get active and have fun! You can join us from your living room, kitchen or yard!

Stars of The Week

In Class: Shape Shifters: **Isla** for being super smiley and confident; Adders: due to their Adventure Day Adders will have 2 stars next week; Maths Magicians: **Ollly** for facing his fears and being super brave; Fabulous Fibonacci: **Jack** for being super focused and for an amazing Olympic Torch; 2 Infinity & Beyond: **Troy** for brilliant focus and fab art work. **NEW Maths Magician:** YR/KS1: **Jay-J** for wonderful number work; KS2: **Dillianne** for superb knowledge of the Fibonacci sequence. **Sporting and Music Stars** will start next week.

Certificate Awards and House Points

Certificates and house points will start in a few weeks.

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: **Callie, Lola** and **Faye** (Lunchtime) and **Lola** (Breakfast Club).

Many Happy Returns

Sophie, Ethan, Tooley, Callie, Ellie-Mae, Callum B, Rory, Zach, Kai B and *Isobel* all celebrated their birthday during the summer break and *Aaron* and *Rohan* both celebrated their birthday this week. Many Happy Returns to you all 😊

Dates for the Diary 2017-18

Dates for the Diary information for this school year is attached electronically to this newsletter and is available on the school website.

Dates for the Diary w/c 11th September 2017

Monday 11th to Friday 15th September: *School Fitness Week* with the Body Coach

Wednesday 13th September: Fabulous Fibonacci and 2 Infinity and Beyond Olympic Launch Day

Wednesday 13th September: Early Reading Parents' Meeting

Wednesday 13th September to Thursday 14th September: Fantastic Fibonacci AD

Thursday 14th September to Friday 15th September: 2 Infinity and Beyond AD