



MARAZION SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

We are nearly in the month of December and we are looking forward to celebrating the festive season, starting with the Marazion School Christmas Fayre NEXT Thursday 6th December. Massive thanks to our Parent Volunteers (PVs) who have already been working hard to create flyers and posters; organising stalls selling wonderful gifts; providing a space for Year 6 pupils to sell their Christmas gifts as part of their 'Trade Your Way' project and, of course, making sure that Santa can join us! Once again, thank you Marazion PVs - we really appreciate your hard work and commitment to our school. The Christmas Fayre is at Marazion Community Centre from 2pm. Come along and start (or finish) your Christmas shopping, browse some great local craft stalls, take part in a brilliant raffle and don't forget Santa's Grotto. Marazion Rotakids also have a stall at the Christmas Fayre and there are Rotakids' Christmas cards and gift tags available to buy NOW from the school office. December dates are at the bottom of this newsletter for your information.

Dress Down Day - TOMORROW Friday 30th November

A reminder that tomorrow is a tombola Dress Down Day - so bring a jar of lovely things (hair bobbles; stationery; pennies; fruit gums; soaps; lego; biscuits; teabags or coffee; hot chocolate and marshmallows) into school and wear your own clothes for the day.

Autumn Term Outcomes

All classes are sharing this term's learning through Outcomes, which are taking place over the next couple of weeks. Pupils in Tangos and Fandangos are preparing *First Aid Well Being Boxes* to bring home and you are invited into school NEXT Wednesday 5th December. Parents from FF class are welcome to come in from 2.50pm and watch their child's fact file and taste some flavours from around the world. Parents of pupils in TTs can come into school, collect the children's boxes and have a chat about their progress from 2.45pm - healthy snacks will be available. Pupils in Funky Chickens are entertaining friends and family at the Funky Chickens Circus NEXT Tuesday 4th December - there will be hot dogs and popcorn for everyone to enjoy. Pupils in Cha Chas and Disco Dudes are working with Dance Republic over the next few weeks and are performing at Exeter University, Penryn Campus, alongside *Propeller*, *Altitude* and *Falmouth University* students. Tickets are available for this performance, on the AMATA website or you can copy and paste this link, <https://amata.ticketsolve.com/shows/873595913>. Our performance is on Wednesday 12th December.

Online Safety

We remain concerned that some of our pupils continue to play 'Fortnite.' This is a violent game where the player's aim is to fight to the death. Please see the information below about this game from the 'Common Sense Media' website - www.commonsensemedia.org This website aims to improve the lives of children and families by providing independent reviews, age ratings, & other information about all types of media and is an important resource for families to use in order to stay safe online.

*This survival-action game is a bit like what you'd get if you combined a sandbox-building game like Minecraft with an action shooter like Call of Duty. On one hand, it's getting major points with kids and parents alike for building teamwork and thoughtful collaboration. On the other hand, it's a combat-based game with tons of guns and violence. Common Sense recommends Fortnite for **TEENS 13 AND UP**, primarily because of the open chat and action violence.*

Fortnite is a video game for PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Windows, Mac, and mobile that takes elements from sandbox-building games and adds the fast-paced action of a third-person shooter. There are two modes to the game: a solo version called Save the World and the hugely popular multiplayer version called Battle Royale. But the game's online chat feature - especially in Battle Royale - can expose younger players to offensive language or mature content from random strangers.

Tate Art Competition

Pupils in Terrific Tangos recently entered an art competition 'What makes me Happy' organised by the Tate St Ives. Out of 700 entries **Destiny** and **Jonboy** were chosen as winners. Congratulations to you both! Children's work for this competition will be shown on a rolling film at the Tate Art Gallery in St Ives between Thursday 6th December to Sunday 9th December inclusive from 10am to 4pm. Feel free to visit the gallery with NO CHARGE for entry if you let the staff at the front desk know that you are visiting the Young Art Exhibition.



Help generate funds for the school by doing your **CHRISTMAS** shopping through 'The Giving Machine' register today at <http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/>



Lost Property

A reminder that lost property can be found in the silver bin in front of the office so please remember to check there for any lost items. Please can you make sure that you clearly name your child's uniform as this helps to reunite clothes with the owners. Thanks. We are displaying lost property in the school hall TOMORROW Friday 30th November from 3.15pm. Any unclaimed items will be recycled.

Primary School Places for September 2019

Parents of children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 need to apply for a primary school place for September 2019. **Please note that the deadline for applications is 15 January 2019.** Please refer to the School Admission pages on the Cornwall Council website, which includes advice and guidance on the process at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/>

After School Clubs Update

A reminder that after school clubs finish for this term NEXT Friday 7th December except for Chess, which has its final session TODAY Thursday 29th November as Thursday 6th December is the Marazion Christmas Fayre. **Please note that Making a Splash club runs until Wednesday 19th December.**

In School

School Council Appeal: Marazion School Council have decided that they would like to support the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal. This helps local families to give their children a Christmas. Gifts are for the age ranges 0-18 years old. Ideas for gifts are toys for the younger children and toiletries for teenagers. So pupils have asked that when you are out shopping, can you pop an extra gift in your basket to help others that are not as lucky as us. This would be fantastic. Thank you. **Residential Visits 2019:** Please note that a non-refundable deposit of £25 is due by Thursday 20th December for 2019 residential visits. Thanks. **Christmas Raffle Tickets:** Every child has taken home an envelope of raffle tickets for the Marazion Christmas Fayre, which Marazion PVs would love you to sell. There are lots of amazing prizes to be won. Please can you return the completed tickets and money collected to Laura or Ed in the school office. Thank you. **Wrapping Up:** As the weather gets colder and wetter, please can you make sure that your child has a coat and hat in school and maybe a scarf and some gloves as well. We go outside in most weathers and so it is important that your child is warm and comfortable in the fresh air. Please note that PE kit for games afternoons in the cold weather should also include joggers and a fleece and maybe a hat and some gloves. Thanks. **Dance Workshop:** Pupils in DDs and CCs are continuing to work with Dance Republic next week to create the dance performance that they are taking to the stage on the 12th December. Please can pupils bring in a small working torch, a pair of black shorts and a black t-shirt if they have these things. - these are part of the performance. **Christmas Wishes:** We are asking pupils to write a Christmas wish for our Christmas tree this year. Festive tags are available in each classroom but pupils can also choose to design their own tag at home. **Giving Machine (GM):** With only 26 shopping days left until Christmas, please remember to use the GM for your Christmas shopping – this earns cash for school. A GM flyer is attached to this newsletter with more information.

Out and About

Tate Gallery Visit: Beach School is out on the road next Friday. All pupils in TTs are going to visit Tate St Ives to see their artwork, which will be on display. Pupils are also spending some time at the beach. Pupils need to wear warm clothes and wellies or waterproof boots. Pupils are back in school for lunch. **Marazion Lights Switch On:** The Christmas Lights will be switched on in Marazion Town NEXT Friday at 7pm.

Marazion School Reading Homework

Homework for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 is reading every day. Reading is very important in our school and is a major priority for all pupils. Daily reading at home makes such a difference to our children's progress. Please can reading records and reading books be in school every day so that we can organise and manage your child's reading effectively.

Vacancy at Marazion School

Marazion School is looking for a friendly, enthusiastic person to job share the post of Caretaker/Cleaner at our school. We can offer you a family atmosphere and full training from our wonderful Caretaker, Kelly. Please pop into the school office for an application form. The closing date for applications is Monday 10th December.

PE and Sport in School

Fixtures and Events: Next week Year 1 pupils carry on with their Balancability sessions and two groups of KS2 pupils are taking part in an athletics event. Please note that Group 1 will need to be in school for 8.40am (a text has gone out to parents) wearing PE kit. Pupils need a packed lunch - Group 1 are back in school for a later lunch; Group 2 are having an early lunch in school before they go and will be back before the end of the school day. Please see below for dates and times. **Swimming Sessions:** Most pupils in CCs are swimming on Thursdays for this half term. Pupils need swimming kit (black costume or 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. **Gym Sessions:** Pupils in FC are at Penzance Gym on Wednesday afternoons. Please make sure pupils have full PE kit in school all week. Thanks. **Termly Sporting Event:** We have enjoyed following the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup in the West Indies. Well done to Australia who were victorious world cup winners...by 8 wickets - a very convincing win! **Optional PE and SS Homework:** For November pupils have been asked to design a poster to promote the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup.

In Class: Terrific Tangos: **Locryn** for being super brave and wonderfully creative; Fabulous Fandangos: **Josh** for being brilliant at delivering his Nativity lines; Funky Chickens: **Kodie** for sensational work in maths; Cha Chas: **Rohan** for his super attitude to learning and being amazing in dance rehearsal; Disco Dudes: **Reece** for giving 100% effort in maths, especially with tricky fractions. **Sporting:** YR/KS1 **Sophia** for her commitment to all sports; KS2 **Marlie** for amazing work in Bikeability, going from total beginner to really confident. **Music:** YR/KS1: **Rory** for excellent nativity singing; KS2: **Rheya** for her brilliant counting and time keeping. **Dazzling Dancers:** YR/KS1: **Enys** for dressing up and boogying during outside play and **Mr Richings** for fabulous Morris Dancing.

Certificate Awards and House Points

The next update for Certificate Awards and House Points is next 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: **Teddy** (Breakfast Club) **Isla-Rose**, **Jackson**, **Chloe H**, and **Avery** (Lunchtime).

Many Happy Returns

Happy Birthday to **Locryn** and **Frankie** who celebrated their birthday this week. Many Happy Returns to you both 😊

Dates for the Diary w/c 3rd December

Monday 3rd December: KS2 Indoor Athletics @ MBA - first group of pupils in school for 8.40am

Tuesday 4th December: CCs' and DDs' Dance Workshop, am; FCs' Outcome from 2pm in school

Wednesday 5th December: Year 1 Balancability, am; FCs' final gym session, pm; TTs' & FFs' Outcome, pm

Thursday 6th December: CCs' and DDs' Dance Workshop, am; CCs' swimming session, pm; **Marazion School**

Christmas Fayre @ Marazion Community Centre from 2pm

Friday 7th December: Beach School @ Tate St Ives, am; FINAL Funky Friday, pm ; Marazion Lights Switch On, 7pm

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Thursday 13th December: Marazion School Festival of Carols (KS2) @ 6.30pm - Marazion Community Centre

Tuesday 18th December: Marazion Nativity (KS1) - matinee @ 2pm and evening performance @ 5.45pm

Wednesday 19th December: Christmas Lunch (for pupils)

Thursday 20th December: Last day of the autumn term, early finish @ 2pm

Friday 21st December - Monday 7th January: Christmas Holidays