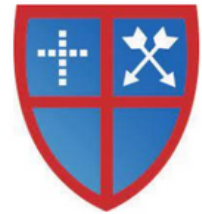


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HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers

I cannot quite believe we are already half-way through this academic year. We have exciting events planned for this term so please do take note of our diary dates on Page 2.

At the end of last term, Early Years celebrated Chinese New Year. They had a party, dressed up and made spring rolls; which were delicious. Thank you to the Early Years team for organising this opportunity. All children also enjoyed a lunch prepared by our chef and her team. It is the year of the Dragon according to the Chinese Zodiac. The Dragon is considered a symbol of strength, courage and good fortune.

Art week and the workshares were a great success and there are examples of the artwork created by the children on Page 3. Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and activities to inspire a love for reading will be enjoyed across the day. We look forward to the online workshops by the author James Campbell, who wrote Funny Life of Teachers and Funny Life of Pets.

It is Red Nose day on Friday 15th March 2024; Mrs Francis and the School Council are working on ideas to raise money for comic relief and more information will be sent out closer to the time.

Our House Points system is up and running. Children are awarded house points for demonstrating Resilience, Responsibility, Creativity and Compassion. I am very proud of the children displaying these values, as it is evident across the school. This makes Macaulay a special place to learn and flourish.

Resilience	Responsibility	Creativity	Compassion
			



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

See Page 2 for the full list of upcoming events !!

SCHOOL VALUES

Our Christian Value this term is:
Compassion



NURSERY SPACES AVAILABLE!

Exciting news!

We currently have openings in Nursery. Your recommendation means the world to us—please share this news with friends and family.

Let's grow our community together!
Please share our website www.macaulaycofeschool.co.uk or email: admissions@macaulay.lambeth.sch.uk



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Spring Term 2024 – Key Dates and Upcoming Events

When	What	Where
Tuesday 27th February @9.00am	Parent workshop – “What is the role of the Educational Psychologist in the School?”	In School
Thursday 29th February 8.00 – 8.30 am	Block 1 YR5 Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning Sessions start	In School
Thursday 29th February 3pm - 8pm	Parent Conferences Nursery – Year 6	In Hall
Friday 1st March 3.15pm	Preloved Uniform and Preloved World Book Day Costumes sale	In Playground
Monday 4th March	Year 3 and 4 Bikeability	In Playground
Tuesday 5th March	Year 3 and 4 Bikeability	In Playground
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day Dress Up as a book character Reading Activities Across the Day	In School
Thursday 7th March	Year 1 and Year 2 Library Visits	Clapham Library
Thursday 15th March	Year 3 and 4 Library Visits	Clapham Library
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day “Wear Something Red” All Pupils	In School
Friday 15th March	PTA Bingo Night	In School
Thursday 21st March	Year 5 and 6 Library Visits	Clapham Library
Monday 25th March @1.30pm	Lambeth Music Festival KS1 Choir + Year 3 Choir Members	Royal Festival Hall
Tuesday 26th March 6-7pm	NSPCC – Online Internet Safety Workshop	Online via Zoom Link
Wednesday 27th March 9.00am	EYFS and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade	In School
Thursday 28th March 8.00 – 8.30	Last Session of Block 1 YR5 Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning Sessions	In School
Thursday 28th March @10.00am	Easter Service led by Year 5	Holy Trinity Church
Friday 29th March	Easter Holidays - School Closed	Whole School
Monday 15th April	All Pupils Back to School	

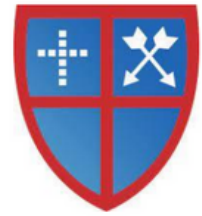
Please look out for emails from class teachers regarding class trips!

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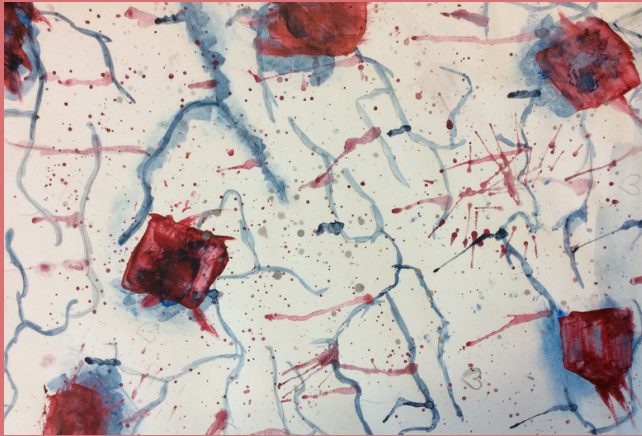
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ART WEEK!



YR 6 ARTWORK



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YEAR 1 CLARICE CLIFF INSPIRED ART



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BY JACOB FABIYI YEAR 5

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PTA NEWS!



Dates for the Diary!

The PTA are raising funds for a new Lower Playground, in addition to the variety of other ways they support the school.

Please mark your diaries and get ready to join in the fun!

Friday 1st March after school - 'Pre-loved' Fancy Dress Sale!

In advance of World Book Day on the 7th March, the PTA are holding an annual fancy dress sale. It's time to raid those closets, unearth any hidden treasure your children may have outgrown and bring them to the school office.

Support the PTA and help another Macaulay family find the perfect costume.

Friday 15th March - 7-9pm Bingo Night!

You don't know what you are missing if you haven't yet been to a Macaulay Bingo night! A fun evening of socialising with other parents and teachers, the event is open to everyone. Back by popular demand is Miss Milham's 'Music Round'.

A cash bar and snacks are available on the night, but it's only £1 to play!

Friday 22nd March after school - Year 3 Macaulay Friday Social (theme TBC)

After a svelte ski-themed toasties and jammin' Jamaican food, who knows what delicious delicacies the Year 3 parents and carers will decide on for the next Macaulay Friday social extravaganza?! Keep an eye out for forthcoming details.

Exciting news about the lower playground!!

The lower playground needs an update and the PTA have been looking at what they can do to help. This scheme was originally developed with the help of Ms Samways and Mrs Eade is keen, along with the help of the PTA (led by parent Steve Andrews) to see it succeed.

It's a very exciting prospect to improve this area for our children's play and learning environment!

The Revamp!

The whole revamp will include -

- Cutting into the bank at the bottom of the playground to make a new 'auditorium' which can be used for outside teaching including drama lessons
- A new pirate ship to replace the fort
- Additional planting near the perimeter fence
- Planting some extra trees
- A fairy ring
- A maze which will replace the old brick planter

Funding this exciting scheme...

We don't have the funds to carry out all our plans straight away so we hope to do it in phases. The **first phase** will involve the auditorium, the maze and we aim this will be finished before the end of the school year.

Fundraising has already started!

In November 2023 Steve Andrews raised more than £1,500 taking part in a sponsored bike ride from Brighton to London.

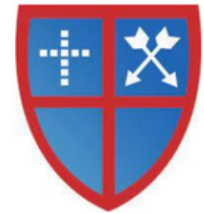
His **JustGiving page** is linked to the PTA which of course is a charity. Steve's page is still open, so if anyone would like to donate towards it please type in the following link **stephen-andrews-1696411816655** in the JustGiving search bar.



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INTERNET SAFETY DAY



During Internet Safety Day on Tuesday 6th February, the children thought about the benefits of the online world, but also the risks. We talked about how to keep ourselves safe online and what we can do if we are made to feel worried or uncomfortable by anything we see on the internet.

As a school we follow the [4Cs of online safety](#) - content, contact, conduct and commerce. The 4Cs of online safety gives schools a framework to recognise and manage risk. It helps protect children and respond appropriately to concerns.

Please see this useful link:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

Parent Zoom Session - Tuesday 26th March 2024

Our parent and carer zoom session has been organised for **March 26th at 6-7pm**. The NSPCC will run this and it is a great chance to hear from an expert and ask questions.

We really would encourage you to come along as it should be an informative and helpful event.

Login details for this event will be emailed nearer to the time