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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are in the festive season and prepare for a well-earned break, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a wonderful few weeks at Macaulay.

First and foremost, I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to our class reps, PTA, and all the volunteers who made the Christmas Fair such a huge success. It was a true celebration of our Macaulay community spirit, and I'm thrilled to share that we raised an incredible £1,855 on the day! These funds will be used to purchase a new sound system for the school hall, which will significantly enhance our performances, assemblies, and other special events for years to come. Your generosity and support make this possible—thank you!

I'm also delighted with the success of our recent Open Days. Prospective parents were full of praise for the children's dedication to learning and the positive, focused atmosphere across the school. Thank you to everyone—staff and pupils alike—who contributed to showcasing Macaulay.

Additionally, we recently conducted a pupil survey to gather insights from our children about their experiences at school. We're excited to share the children's answers on page 2 of this newsletter.

As we prepare for the holidays, I'd like to wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our school community—I look forward to seeing you in the new year, ready for another exciting term of learning and growth! We return to school on Monday 6th January and look forward to seeing you all then.

Warm regards,

Susan Eade
Headteacher

We would like to express a huge thanks you to the PTA who raised a massive £1855 at the Christmas Fair !

All if this would not be possible without the support of the class reps , listed. Do reach out to them if you would like to be a Rep next term or help with PTA activities

THANK YOU
SO MUCH!

Join us for the
Christmas Service
@ 10am on Thursday
19th December
Holy Trinity Clapham
All Welcome

Last Day of School before
Christmas holidays
Thursday 19th December
School finishes at 3.15pm

PTA Reps

Nursery - Shereen S
Reception - Hannah
P/Lucy A
Year 1 - Christine H
Year 2 - Sue R
Year 3 - Sophia M
Year 4 - Alexandra P/
Annelie P
Year 5 - Sue R/Ayse S
Year 6 - Helene B

SCHOOL VALUES

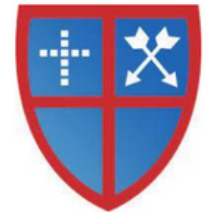
Our School Value this term is;

Thankfulness

“Rejoice always, pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in
Christ Jesus.”

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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PUPIL VOICE

These are a few comments from pupils that they have left about the subjects they enjoy.

Maths



"Maths is my favourite subject because it can be useful and I sometimes like to do the hard questions" Year 4

"I enjoy adding big numbers and the games that we play to practice our maths. I have learnt that it is good to make mistakes as they can help us to learn" - Year 2

"I am really happy about the progress that I have made in learning fractions and percentages. I have done well with percentages before but I'm now doing some much more tricky ones" – Year 6

English



English lessons inspire me to write imaginative stories, I like coming up with my own ideas and using new vocabulary" - Year 5 Child

"I am most proud of the neat work that I do in my English work book and all the writing that I like to do" Year 2

Geography



"I like learning out how we can help to look after the rainforest" – Year 3

"I enjoy learning new things that I didn't know before such as how to read maps" Year 5

"I like to using maps to explore different parts of the world which makes me curious to learn more about places when I go home" Year 6

The thing I most enjoy about our history lessons is the new things that I learn. I really like the role play that we do in history lessons and also when we have to pick out key information from stories that we are learning about. – Year 5 child

History



"I enjoy everything about history, especially learning about the Romans and how the past links to the present day" Year 4

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EYFS CHRISTMAS AT MACAULAY



This term, Nursery explored the Festival of Lights, learning about global celebrations and exploring light through creative activities. These festive moments, including Christmas-themed fun, brought joy and wonder to their learning!

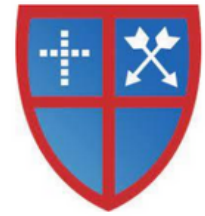


STAY AND PLAY

Parents/Carers joined our Stay and Play sessions in both Nursery and Reception - sharing festive activities with the children. Together, they created joyful memories, enjoyed crafts, and celebrated the holiday spirit in a warm, cheerful atmosphere!



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CHRISTMAS AT MACAULAY



HTC Experience Christmas



Children enjoyed a wonderful Christmas experience hosted by Holy Trinity Church, Clapham. In the New Year, the church will also be conducting Christianity lessons with KS1 and KS2, enriching their understanding of faith and values.



MACAULAY NATIVITY



Year 1 delighted everyone with their performance of The Big Little Nativity, bringing the Christmas story to life with heartwarming acting and songs. Nursery, Reception and Year 2 joined in with festive singing, spreading holiday cheer!

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CHRISTMAS AT MACAULAY

KS2 CHOIR

KS2 Macaulay children brought festive cheer to Clapham Common Tube Station with their wonderful Christmas carol singing. Their joyful voices brightened the day for commuters and spread holiday magic!



KS1 Pjama Party



KS1 enjoyed a magical PJ Party inspired by The Polar Express! They watched the festive film, sipped hot chocolate, and were thrilled by a special early visit from Santa himself!



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SPECIAL CLASSES



Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of Macaulay School** if they sign up by Friday 1st January. Parents should quote MCCH2027 when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at perform.org.uk/try. Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from [here](#).

Click to find [your nearest classes](#) or view a list of [all areas](#).



An adventure awaits on the other side of the wardrobe this February. Join Susan, Peter, Edmund and Lucy as they battle the White Witch and cheer Aslan the Lion. With magical creatures, snowy landscapes and a triumphant royal victory, Narnia is the perfect destination for your child this February half-term.

Packed with brilliant music, energetic dance routines and fabulous costumes, children will be immersed in [confidence-building games and activities](#) while they make friends and have heaps of fun. They'll also get a personalised certificate after performing a sensational showcase to family and friends.

Click for [more information](#), [your nearest venues](#), [what parents say](#) or [book online](#).