

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022**



# The Clock



*From Mrs Piper-Hadfield*

## **Time for the latest news:**

*What a jam-packed half term it has been! From Fitness Day and World Mental Health Day to the Ploughing Match trip, EMBARK Awards and today's celebration of Black History Month, it's certainly been an eventful term at Longford – and that's on top of all of the incredible learning that takes place every day!*

*We also welcomed lots of Longford Little Ones last week, who we look forward to getting to know better over the course of the year.*

*Next term will of course also be an exciting one, with the lead up to Christmas (sorry!)*

## **Time to Celebrate...**



**Mrs Piper's sparklers this week are:**

**Ted Y1** for effort and enthusiasm – nominated by Miss Piper

**Emily Y2** for effort – nominated by Mrs Clarke

**Alfie Y3 and Alexander Y4** for respect and responsibility – nominated by Miss Townsend

**Jemima Y4** for love of learning – nominated by Miss Townsend

**Ray Y6** for enthusiasm – nominated by Mrs Whitney

**Miss Townsend** for kindness and fun – nominated by Jake

**Cover Photo: Our Black History month inspired artwork**



### Celebrating Black History Month

Today, we celebrated Black History Month, focusing on the Windrush.

We did have two guest speakers planned to join us – one of whom travelled over to the UK on the Windrush in 1961! Due to Covid however, they unfortunately had to cancel this morning. This will be rescheduled for next year and we look forward to welcoming them into school then.

We started the morning with an assembly, where Mrs Whitney introduced the day, talking about why we celebrate Black History month. The children then spent the rest of the day exploring the Windrush further through both History and Art, with each class having a focused book and artist, that celebrate black history.

We then joined together at the end of the day so the children could share their artwork and the facts they have found out, with one another.

### Parent Consultations

Please note that we have had to make a change to one of the Parent Consultation Evening dates – these are now set as Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December – booking information will follow next term.

### School Support Lead

I am pleased to say that after a successful interview earlier in the week, we have now appointed someone to the role of School Support Lead. Mrs Shaw will be joining us later on next term. Her role will comprise being in the office, mid-day supervisor and running breakfast club (shared with Miss Beresford). We look forward to welcoming her into the role and having another member of the Longford team.

In the meantime, I ask you to continue sending any information/requests re PayPal etc to myself, as well as using email as the main form of communication.

Thank you for your bearing with us whilst this role is filled and Mrs Shaw commences her appointment later next month.

### Our code breakers at Bletchley Park on Tuesday:



### Keeping Safe – Halloween

With Halloween approaching, children may be heading out on the streets to go trick or treating.

BBC Newsround have put together some tips to share with children, make sure they stay safe, while having fun, these include:

-Making sure a responsible adult accompanies children (it could be an older brother or sister if they're over 16).

-Planning the route before they leave the house

-Wearing reflective or light-coloured clothing so they can be seen

-Carrying a torch to check what's around them and avoid falling over

-Staying close to home and only visit the houses of people you know

-NEVER entering a stranger's home

The full list can be found on their website:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/15167510>

### **The first week back:**

Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>
		Bags2School	Y3-6 Cross	Film Club
			County	
STEM Club	Eco Club	Creative Games Club &	Sports Club	General Club



Important dates for this term:

<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October – half term</b>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – response morning</b>
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Longford Little Ones, 1.15-3pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Parents' Evenings</b>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – response marking morning</b>
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – whole-school theatre trip</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas plays, Wyaston</b>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Church Service</b>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – last day of term</b>

