



# The Clock



From **Mrs Piper-Hadfield**

**Time for the latest news:**

*A big well done to our fabulous Year 5 & 6 pupils who attended the QEGS Indoor Athletics event on Monday afternoon. They had a great time competing against other local schools!*

*Mrs Clarke was very proud of the way they showcased their sporting talents in the field events, which included soft javelin and speed bounce, as well as the enthusiasm and determination they displayed throughout.*

*Thank you to Mrs Clarke and Miss Harrison for enabling the children to attend this event.*

## Time to Celebrate...



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

**Scarlett YR** for kindness and cooperation – nominated by Mrs Whitney

**Ollie YR** for kindness – nominated by Charlie

**Edward S Y1** for effort in Maths – nominated by Chloe

**Photo: Representing Longford – our Y5/6 athletics team**



## Random Acts of Kindness Day & School Walk

We will be celebrating the above event day next Friday and as our plans will involve the local community, we will also be going on this half-term's village walk then too.

Please can children therefore bring wellies in a named bag with them next Friday (16<sup>th</sup>). Thank you.

## Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic book fair will be visiting school once again this month, throughout the following dates:

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February**

This means that it will be with us for parents' evenings.

The fair will be displayed in Owls' classroom and so we invite children and parents to visit from 3.15pm onwards on the nights it is with us (excluding parents evenings on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, when we just invite the parents who have slots scheduled on those evenings).

## Follow us on Social Media!

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## EMBARC Dance Festival

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, Longford have been invited to enter a group dance into a trust-wide dance festival, which is being run for the children by the High Sherrieff of Derby.

Our Y5/6s are currently practising a routine for the QEGS dance festival (21/05 – details to follow soon) and will be representing us on 14<sup>th</sup> March too.

The event will be taking place at the New Horizon's Centre in Langley Mill. The event is free however, we do of course still require consent, so please provide this via ParentPay.

The bus will be leaving school at **8.15am** and arriving back at school around **3.45pm**.

We're very excited about this event and can't wait to share our routine and watch the routines of the other schools within our EMBARK family!

A West End theatre event for our Y3/4 children will be happening around the same time but we are awaiting further details on this.

## World Book Day

Please see Mrs Whitney's letter regarding details of our World Book Day celebrations on 7<sup>th</sup> March. It's always a highlight of the school year and we're already excited for this year's plans!

## Celebrating Achievements Outside of School

We are aware that we have lots of children achieving great things outside (as well as inside) of school and so going forward, thought it would be great to celebrate these in the newsletter.

To start us off, we have Olivia in Y6 who is a very passionate and successful athlete.



Olivia has recently swum in two county championship races at Moorways - the 100m freestyle (17<sup>th</sup>) & the 50m breaststroke (15<sup>th</sup>). This weekend she will swim in the 100m breaststroke.

Olivia definitely shows the school value of resilience outside of school too, training 4 times a week with Ashbourne Swimming Club.

Olivia also regularly competes in triathlons and enjoys dance, hockey, riding and cricket.

What an inspiration! We'll be rooting for you this weekend Olivia.

We look forward to hearing about the achievements of more of our children in the coming weeks (please just email me with details and a picture!)

## Next week

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>
	Monthly Church-led Assembly	Longford Little Ones – 1.15pm		Celebrating 'Random Acts of Kindness Day'
				School Walk
				Last day of term
Lego Club (Mrs Whitney)	Gymnastics Club (Primary Stars)	Creative Club (Miss Beresford)	Table Tennis (Primary Stars)	Games Club (Miss Beresford)

## Important dates for the Spring Term:

<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b> – Longford Little Ones
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b> – Celebrating Random Acts of Kindness Day & School Walk
<b>HALF TERM (19<sup>th</sup> Feb – 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb)</b>
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> &amp; Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b> – Parent Consultation Evenings
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b> – World Book Day & Owl's school trip
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b> – EMBARK dance festival
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service delivering workshops in Robins & Owls
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Parent Response Marking morning
<b>w/c 25<sup>th</sup> March</b> - Easter Celebrations
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Good Friday (school closed)
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS (1<sup>st</sup> April – 12<sup>th</sup> April)</b>

