

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022



# The Clock



From **Miss Piper**

**Time for the latest news:**

*I am not sure how we are already half way through this half-term! Time really does seem to be flying by. This week, I have been able to spend quality time in each classroom and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying all of their new topics, as well as discussing what they have learnt so far – from the properties of metal in Robins, to the development of a PT plan so as to correctly exercise muscles in Owls!*

## Time to Celebrate...



**Miss Piper's Sparklers this week have been:**

**Eva B Y1** for love of learning - nominated by Emily G

**Robins** for kindness – nominated by Mrs Bates

**Olivia, Florence, Eva** for bravery & maturity – nominated by Miss Piper

**Charlie Y3** for friendship – nominated by Alexander

**Thomas Y3** for resilience – nominated by Lacey

**Sophia Y4** – for being a reflective learner – nominated by Lucy Y4

**Madeline Y5** for love of learning – nominated by Mr White

**Cody Y6** for resilience – nominated by Mr White

**Eva & Safiyah Y6** for love of learning & teamwork – nominated by Mrs Simpson

### Cover Photo

**Queen Victoria's visit to Longford!**



## Welcoming Mrs Whitney

This Spring term, we welcome Mrs Whitney as a member of the Longford teaching team. Mrs Whitney is a highly experienced teacher and English lead and joins us from an inner city school in Derby. The children in Owls & Woodpeckers already know Mrs Whitney, having been taught by her for two weeks last term. She will be both teaching in the Owls' class and running interventions across KS2. We are all thrilled to have her join our team, bringing her wealth of expertise to the school.

## Intervention Support

This term, additional provision has been allocated for small group & 1:1 intervention support across school. Mrs Bates will be running phonics & reading support in KS1, Mrs Whitney will be providing English support in KS2 and I will be providing Maths support in KS2. The groups of children receiving support are reviewed regularly and allocations made based upon children's progress and areas for support.

We are pleased to be able to offer this increased level of provision for our children, to ensure that attainment gaps are addressed and all children achieve their best.

## Longford Little Ones

Please note that our next date for 'Longford Little Ones' (for reception children joining us in September) is Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Children's Mental Health Week

The week of 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> February, is 'Children's Mental Health Week'

This year's theme is 'Growing Together':

***Growing Together** is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'.*

Within school, we will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.

We will also be taking part in 'Dress to Express' on **FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY** to raise awareness around children's mental health and help raise vital funds to ensure every child has easy access to mental health support.

Children simply have to come dressed in a way which they feel expresses themselves! The more creative, the better!

I will pop a donation link up on the day, for any families wishing to donate to this fantastic cause.

For more information, please visit the website: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>



## **Next week:**

Monday 31st	Tuesday 1st	Wednesday 2nd	Thursday 3rd	Friday 4th
WPs – swimming				
Hockey Club	Drama Club	Creative Club	Commando Joe's Club	Games Club



