



The Clock



From **Miss Piper**

Time for the latest news:

It's the start of the summer term and that can only mean one thing...we're back on the field at breaktimes! This is always a highlight of the year for the children and it has been lovely to see them enjoying the additional play space. Let's just hope for some sun over the coming weeks to make it even better!

The start of a new term, also means that the children are introduced to their exciting new topics via immersion...

Time to Celebrate...



Miss Piper's Sparklers this week have been:

Hannah Y6 for offering support – nominated by Miss Piper. Also nominated separately by Mrs Simpson for effort.

Lucy Y6 for friendship – nominated by Lottie

Bobby Y5 for kindness (and cake!) – nominated by Mrs Bates

Edward YR for respect – nominated by William

James Y1 & Georgia Y2 for dedication to learning – nominated by Mrs Clarke

Oliver Y2 for kindness – nominated by Thorley. Also nominated by Mrs Bates for perseverance

Georgia Y2 for resilience – nominated by Mrs Bates

Jemima Y3 for kindness – nominated by Mr White

Tabitha, Billy and Thomas Y3 for co-operation – nominated by Miss Townsend

Cover Photo: Guarding London Bridge in their Commando Joe session!



activities, which act as the hook to really engage them at the start of their topic and throughout. The Owls created a soundscape for their activity and Robins found out about an important event taking place next month!

This half-term, the topics centre around the theme of 'Our Heritage'.

The Robins are looking at London and the Queen, using the text, 'The Queen's Hat', the Woodpeckers are studying the Stone Age, using the texts 'Stone Age Boy' and 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' and the Owls will be studying Shakespeare and the Tudors using 'Macbeth' as their core text.

I look forward to seeing all of the topic learning that takes place this half term.

The Robins' topic will of course also feed into the Jubilee celebrations and our service at the end of the term. This service will actually be slightly different as it will be held on the school field, where we invite everyone to attend, as they would at church. The Robins will have a special treat prepared! It will begin at the usual time of 2.30pm.

The EMBARK Award

It has been great to see children completing activities over the holidays – from theatre visits to cleaning up the local community.

I know a couple of children are also planning a fundraiser, which I look forward to hearing about.

We of course also complete many of the activities within school either through our topics or wider events e.g. 'make an environmental poster' and 'take part in an enterprise project'.

This week's focus is:

'Teach someone a new skill'
(Integrity #13)

It could be anything...teaching someone how to play a new game, or how to solve a maths problem (Y6s, you could try teaching long division to your parents...!)

Whatever you do, let me know! I'd also be happy for children to come and teach me a new skill.

School Photographer

We have the photographer in school on **Wednesday 18th May**. They will be taking whole class and year group photos with all children, plus individual photos for the Y6s.

Inset Days

I can now confirm the inset days for the next academic year (2022-23):

- 1st & 2nd September 2022
- 22nd December 2022
- 5th June 2023
- plus one more which is TBC, as it is decided by EMBARK

This means that the first day back for children in September will be Monday 5th September.

Details regarding staffing next year and transition days will be provided later this term.

Response Morning

The date for the next response marking morning is **Tuesday 17th May**, when you will be able to see all of the exciting curriculum work the children have done in the first few weeks back at school. The classrooms are already displaying lots of new topic vocabulary, to support children's learning.

Governor Newsletter

Going forward, a governors' newsletter will be published each term, with today's being the first one.

Thank you to Mrs Kelsey for putting this together, which details developments that have taken place within school.

Next week:

| Monday 2nd | Tuesday 3rd | Wednesday 4th | Thursday 5th | Friday 6th |
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| Bank Holiday | Y6 SATs Club | | | |



Important dates for this half-term:

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| 9th May-12th May – KS2 SATs week |
| 13th May – whole school walk |
| 17th May – response morning |
| 18th May – school photos (class groups and Y6s) |
| 18th May – Longford Little Ones |
| 27th May – School Service (Jubilee Celebrations) – on the school field + break up for half term |

Future dates to get in the diary early:

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| Friday 1st July – Sports Day & Family Picnic |
| Wednesday 20th July – Speech & Sparkle |
| Friday 22nd July – Y6 Leavers Service (& last day of term) |
| Monday 5th September – Children return to school |

