

# Collett Catch-Up



**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

## **MUSIC OPEN MORNING HITS THE RIGHT NOTES**

Our Project Play Music Open Morning, provided by Hertfordshire Music Service (HMS), went down a treat with all the students who took part on Wednesday. HMS brought in 5 clarinets, 5 violins, 4 trumpets, plus an ukulele and a djembe and 47 of our pupils from years 4-11 came with music teacher Mrs Cripps in small groups to try out these instruments.

Mrs Cripps said: "It was a noisy but wonderful morning, very inspiring and our pupils responded brilliantly with great enthusiasm."

In fact, the session proved so popular with our students that many asked to have lessons! A letter has been sent to parents/carers already regarding this. Lessons cost £26 per term. This is only available for the 2018-19 academic year.

## **WE'LL MISS YOU, FLYNN**

As many of you know, Flynn – Collett's wonderful 'school dog' – retired in January after years of dedicated service to our pupils. Sadly, the news came through this week that Flynn had passed away.

"Some of the most wonderful people are the ones who don't fit in boxes"

Tori Amos

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **SEPTEMBER**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

School Council Elections

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Coffee Morning, 9am

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

Open Morning, 9am

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Parents' Evening, 4.30pm-6.30pm

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

Sequoia Class Assembly, 8.45am

Silent Disco – Lunch & Evening

### **OCTOBER**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

No Pens Wednesday

**Visit us for more info. at**

[www.collett.herts.sch.uk](http://www.collett.herts.sch.uk)

**You can also follow us on social media, find us on**

**Facebook, [Friends of Collett](#)**

**or Twitter, [@CollettSchool](#)**

Originally a Battersea dog, Flynn had been by our side for many years, whether joining us on school trips or simply bringing laughter and joy to those who needed it most as he strolled from class to class. He will be sorely missed by pupils and staff.

Thank you to those who left their kind messages on our social media accounts – it is fantastic to have such wonderful support.



## **JOB SUCCESS FOR COLLETT STUDENT**

A student from Willow Class is pleased to announce that he has attained his first job – and they did it all by themselves! It is fantastic to see this level of independency from our students – huge congratulations from all the staff! The student in question will be helping out at a local shop.

## **NEXT COLLETT EVENT – MUSIC QUIZ & SILENT DISCO**

Our next event will see a music quiz and silent disco take place at the school on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September!** Tickets cost £10 and include a fish & chip supper. Bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles and arrive at the school at 7pm. For more information, please contact Jan Maddern on 07711066696 or email [admin@collett.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@collett.herts.sch.uk) – thank you!

## **WELCOME BACK, PARENTS/CARERS!**

Hello to new parents/carers and those who have returned for another year. There's plenty of opportunities to get involved with Collett! The PTA is up and running and the very first AGM will take place on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October**, 7pm-8.30pm. All parents/carers and staff are welcome to attend! As well as this, **the first Coffee Morning of the year is on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September**. Again, all are welcome – we hope to see you there!

## **NEW COLLETT MUSIC WORKSHOPS**

We are pleased to announce that we have been funded to receive fantastic music workshops again this year. Unfortunately, the popular Boom Buckets is fully booked. However, we are very lucky to have

## **QUICK REMINDERS**

Our current school lunch menu is [available here](#).

**WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL**

## **OFFICE UPDATES**

### **DSPL 8 DROP IN MEETINGS**

Upcoming mini drop in consultations for those living in the DSPL 8 area are listed [on our website](#).

### **FAMILY SUPPORT COURSES**

Upcoming Gade Schools Family Support Courses are listed [on our website](#).

### **FREE DYSLEXIA COURSE**

A free 3 hour course for parents/carers with a child with dyslexia. Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 10am-1pm at Hobbs Hill Wood School, Hemel Hempstead.

To book a place please contact Ashley Fabray on 07525 917 125 or email

[fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk)

## **WHAT'S ON NEAR YOU**

### **CINEWORLD AUTISM FRIENDLY SCREENING**

The next screening will be of Christopher Robin on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 11am. Hemel Hempstead Cineworld will be participating.

### **HERTS NUTRITION SERVICE**

BeeZee Bodies, a free nutrition service provided by Herts County

Risenga Makondo who will join us to run African Drumming sessions in the music room. Each class has been allocated a half term of sessions on a Friday morning. The autumn 2018 timetable is as follows: first half term from 11am-11.30am, Leopards Class, from 11.30am-12pm, Dragon Class. Second half term, from 11am-11.30am, Panthers Class, from 11.30am-12pm, Cedar Class.

### **CARING FOR CARERS WORKSHOP**

A new workshop from NHS Wellbeing provides support for carers by acknowledging difficulties as well as introducing a range of self-care tips, tools and strategies based on proven psychological techniques.

This service is free and there is no need to book – for 16 years and above. The service starts on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 5.30pm-7pm at South Hill Centre, Cemetery Hill, Hemel Hempstead.

### **HEMEL HEMSPTEAD JOBS FAIR**

The Hemel Hempstead Jobcentre Plus Jobs Fair on 28th September is the perfect place for upper school students to explore career options and think about post-school life. The event is free for all and is open 10am till 2pm on the day. Dress to impress and bring plenty of CVs!

### **AND NOW TO SIGN OFF WITH A BABY PHOTO**

Collett's Miss Prendiville gave birth to Nancy last Friday, weighing 7lbs 3oz. Congratulations!!

**Thank you for reading!  
Have a great weekend  
everyone.**

***Mr Harry Crawford  
The Collett School***



Council, provides healthy eating workshops for parents/carers and children. Programmes will be starting at JFK School, Hemel Hempstead from 5pm-7pm on Thursday evenings.

Visit [www.beezeebodies.com](http://www.beezeebodies.com) for more information.

### **ONLINE THIS WEEK**

This online map, created by the National Autistic Society, shows which shops will be participating in the Autism Hour initiative on 6<sup>th</sup> October across the UK. A very useful tool! [Click here to see.](#)

### **FACT OF THE WEEK**

Only 16% of autistic adults in the UK are in full-time paid employment, and only 32% are in some kind of paid work – we at Collett aim to change that!  
*National Autistic Society*