

Collett Catch-Up



Friday 30th September 2016

Battersea Filming

On Monday, Aspen Class welcomed a camera man from Battersea Dogs Home. He was here to see Flynn, the school dog, working with the pupils. Flynn is a Golden Labrador that is mild mannered and loves children. Pupils from all year groups come to see Flynn during the day to read stories to him and give him a stroke. Pupils from Aspen Class look after Flynn during the day, ensuring he has water, taking him for a walk at lunch time and then giving him his dinner. This teaches the pupils responsibility and what is involved in looking after a pet. At the end of the day Flynn goes home with Mrs Wells to rest and relax ready for another day at work. Battersea Dogs Home holds an annual 'Collars & Coats Gala Ball' to raise funds and this year's theme is working dogs. The high profile guests and celebrities will be welcomed by a doggie Guard of Honour and this year Flynn has been invited to be one of the 40 dogs lining the red carpet. The film of Flynn at work will be shown during the course of the evening.

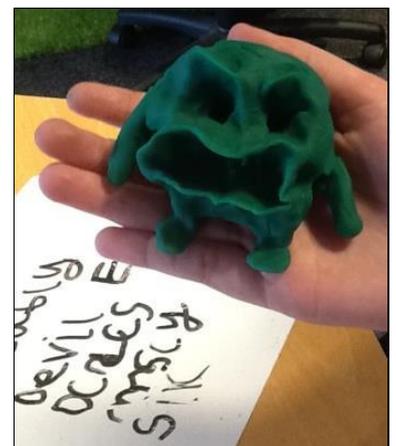


Cookery

This week we have been tempted by the smell of bacon cooking while upper school have been making BLT (Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato) sandwiches. I wonder if Mrs Curran knows how torturous her cooking lessons are for the staff.

Heroes and Villains

Juniper class have been making heroes and villains out of playdoh. They were learning about adjectives and thought of some great describing words. They plan to write a story using their playdoh characters. They had great fun!



Villain

College

On a Tuesday afternoon Aspen Class go to Oaklands College and last week they were enrolled and received their badges. During their visits they will be learning about animal care. This week they cleaned out the goat stables and got to see piglets that were only three hours old, so cute. When I spoke to the pupils of Aspen Class they said “cleaning the goats out was disgusting, they really smelt”, but Mrs Wells, Miss Town and I are very proud of all of them. They have all ‘got stuck in’ as Mrs Wells says and done really well. The college staff take great care of our pupils, there is one goat that they recommend our pupils do not touch for hygiene reasons and I am pleased to say that everyone followed their recommendation. Hygiene and Health & Safety are part of animal care so our pupils will also learn about appropriate clothing to be worn, which tools should be used for which job and to always wash hands thoroughly.



A Happy Goat

New Reception

Mrs Mills and Mrs Weston have been on the move this week. They have been moving from their old office to the office at the front of the school, off our new reception area. They will be able to wave to you as you skip down our ‘Wizard of Oz’ path into our lovely reception area.

We are still waiting for the finishing touches to be completed but we are very happy and excited. We will very soon have the reception area that is secure and reflects the quality and welcoming nature of our school.



New Entrance

Parents’ Listening Service

The ‘Listening Ears’ from the Parents’ Listening Service came into school Thursday morning and were available for anyone who wanted to talk confidentially. They will back on Thursday 13th October. If you would like to contact them for further details their email address is

parentlisteners@collett.herts.sch.uk

URGENT - School Census

If you have not completed and returned the form requesting details about your child’s nationality etc., please do so by Tuesday 4th October. This information is required to complete the compulsory ‘School Census’. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Mills in the school office.



Cineworld Hemel

Autism Friendly screenings at Cineworld differ from regular screenings.

Some of the key differences are:

- Lighting will be kept on during the screening.
- Volume levels will be reduced.
- There will be no advertisements or trailers.
- Seating will not be allocated. Customers will be allowed to bring in their own food.

Screenings will be at 11am on the first Sunday of every month.

The next screening is Pete's Dragon, this Sunday, 2nd October at 11:00 am.

Running time: 103 mins

Synopsis: Newcomer Oakes Fegley is the boy with a magical friend in this remake of the Disney favourite. Grace (Bryce Dallas Howard) has heard stories of a magical dragon for years, from the mouth of her wood-carver father (Robert Redford), However, that's all she thought they were – stories. That is, until she meets ten-year-old Pete (Oakes Fegley) who claims to live alone in the woods with a giant green dragon named Elliott. Grace sets out to determine where Pete came from and the truth about this mysterious dragon. However, a few other people have found out about this remarkable dragon and are intent on capturing it.

This remake of the much-loved 1977 film boasts a stellar cast and state-of-the-art special effects to help bring this enchanting and magical story to a new generation.

Harvest Donations

Please bring in packaged foods for our Harvest Festival. We will be starting our collection on Monday 3rd October. When you are shopping, please consider putting a tin of soup or packet of biscuits or another appropriate item in your basket for our Harvest collection.

Gade Schools Family Support

There are a number of workshops offered by Gade Schools Family Support that can, if there is the interest from parents, be held in school.

The themes of these are:

- Managing the Transition to Secondary School
- Understanding Teen Behaviour – Supporting Parents in understanding the physical and emotional changes
- Managing Challenging Behaviour and Anger in Teens – Supporting



Harvest

Parents with Strategies to Resolve Anger and Conflict

- Developing Confidence and Self Esteem – Developing children's confidence to support their learning and development
- Three Steps to Managing Family Challenges – Developing Family Rules, Effective Use of Discipline and Family Problem Solving
- Communication and Getting it Right – How to use empathy and listening skills to improve communication at home
- The Three Steps to the Puzzle that is Parenting

Further details will follow soon on the school website

http://www.collett.herts.sch.uk/?page_id=38

Help!

Please contact Angie Grange on 07999 910799 or

angiegrange26@hotmail.co.uk if you are able to help at the Collett Day on Saturday 8th October from 4:00 pm. There will be a number of stalls with goodies and activities for the children. It will be a great day and lots of fun for the family. The money raised will be used to buy a trampoline for the Upper School playground.

Change of Date

Last week I told you about the planned 'Spooky Stories Night' at The Collett School. This is taking place on Thursday 20th October. Further details will follow soon.

Not Just A Free School Meal

When families claim Free School Meals, the child's school receives additional funding. This funding can be used for staff, equipment and resources to support pupils within the school. Families may also be entitled to other support, for example bus and train travel. Please take 5 minutes to apply online at

<https://beta.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Curriculum Focus

We are continuing with Reading as our focus this week.



The Collett Day

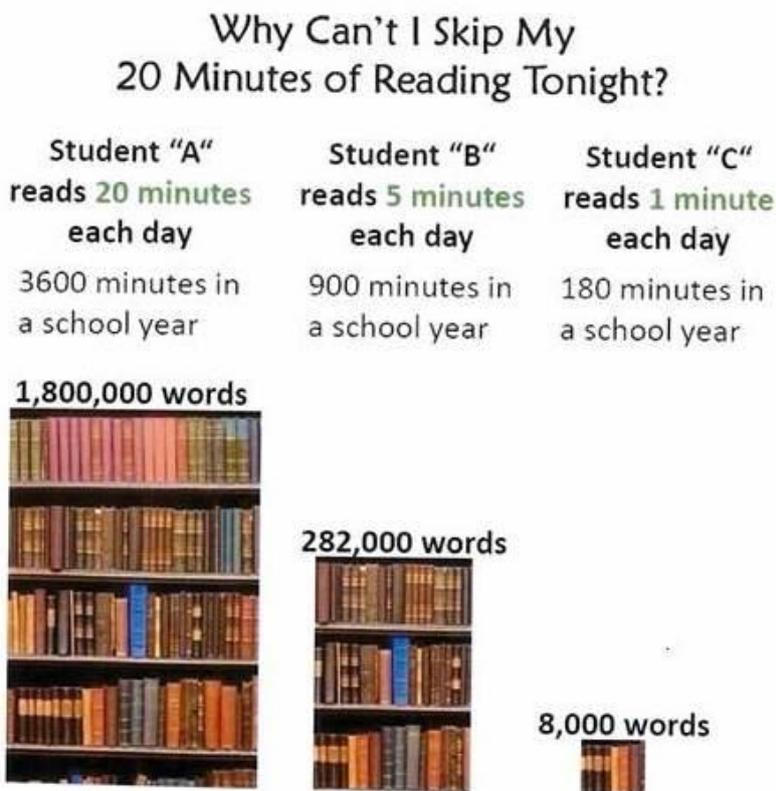


Collett after dark

Reading

Last week I gave a number of website addresses to help with and encourage your child to read. If you have any feedback about these I would love to hear it. Also, if you have found something that helps you and/or your child, please let me know.

When you are a child and your parents say you need to read for 20 minutes, it seems a really long time. But those 20 minutes can make a big difference. Our Literacy Subject Lead gave me the following illustration which demonstrates it perfectly. I never knew that reading for 20 minutes a day could make such a difference.



Achievements and Results

Friday Assembly

This morning we welcomed visitors from Linden Homes to our assembly. The pupils who were in Mrs Witter's class last year went along to one of the Linden Homes sites and saw one of their enormous cranes being taken down. I would like to thank Linden Homes for their continued support. The main topic of this morning's assembly was about having a voice and what that means.

- Being listened to
- Thinking about important things in the school



- Being able to share your ideas
- Know that you are part of improving the school
- Showing you care about the school

Mr Hault-Allen then asked everyone what they may want to talk about;

- Things about your class?
- Things about the environment?
- Things about the world we live in?

And these people are here to listen;

- Adults in the school
- Children in the school
 - Head pupils
 - School council
 - Peer Mentors
 - Librarians

Everyone was then shown a shiny new cup that has been donated by Mr O’Gallagher and will be The Collett Cup for Class Excellence. Every half term a class will win the cup and keep it in their classroom until it is presented to the next class.

It was then time for pupils, staff, parents and visitors to stand and sing along to Olly Murs’ ‘Dance With Me Tonight’, a new but great song for everyone. However, Friday Assembly would not be complete without singing along to Take That’s ‘Rule The World’.

Achievements

Reading Award – Phoebe

Forthcoming Events

October Events

Thursday 6th October – Donkey Sanctuary

Saturday 8th October – Collett Day 4:00pm till late

Wednesday 12th October – No Pens Wednesday

Week commencing 17th October – RE Themed Week

Thursday 20th October – Spooky Stories Night (change of date)

Friday 21st October – Harvest Festival

24th – 28th October – Half Term Holiday (School Closed)

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