

Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School
Special Educational Needs

Friday 21st October 2016

Senior Football Tournament

Monday morning there was a buzz around Upper School, our football players were getting ready for the Collett Cup. We had a team of nine; Lee, Leo, Shannon, Billy, Cameron, Josh, Torren, Connor and Ricky, all wearing the Black and White kit of The Collett School. There was a slight delay on their arrival at Garston School due to a flat tire but Miss Thorp took a replacement mini bus to them as soon as we received the call.

Eight teams took part in the tournament; Pinewood School, Falconer School, Batchwood School, The Valley, St Luke's School, Brandles School, Garston Manor School and Collett. Our team played well and the majority of the games were very close but unfortunately we were not winners this year. Mrs Wells and Mr Stocks are extremely proud of the team who held their heads high and played until the final whistle. Well done to everyone!



Team Collett

Juniper Class

One of the things I love about this school is the fact that the pupils are not expected to sit at their desks and learn in the traditional way. Juniper Class have been learning about money and to support this they went for a walk to the shops. I fear that they visited the Bakers and a lot of cakes were brought rather than fruit. Is there any better way to learn about money than be actually using it?



Practical Learning

Cookery

As usual the smell from the cookery room has been amazing this week. The pupils have been making Gingerbread Men but then transforming them into Spooky Gingerbread Men ready for 'Spooky Stories Night'.

Mrs Curran used the following recipe from the BBC website which worked really well.

Gingerbread Men

Ingredients:

350g/12oz plain flour, plus extra for rolling out
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
2 tsp ground ginger
1 tsp ground cinnamon
125g/4½oz butter
175g/6oz light soft brown sugar
1 free-range egg
4 tbsp golden syrup

To decorate:

Writing icing
Cake decorations

Method:

1. Sift together the flour, bicarbonate of soda, ginger and cinnamon and pour into the bowl of a food processor. Add the butter and blend until the mix looks like breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar.
2. Lightly beat the egg and golden syrup together, add to the mixture and mix until it clumps together. Tip the dough out, knead briefly until smooth, wrap in clingfilm and leave to chill in the fridge for 15 minutes.
3. Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4. Line two baking trays with greaseproof paper.
4. Roll the dough out to a 0.5cm/¼inch thickness on a lightly floured surface. Using cutters, cut out the gingerbread men shapes and place on the baking tray, leaving a gap between them.
5. Bake for 12 – 15 minutes, or until lightly golden-brown. Leave on the tray for 10 minutes and then move to a wire rack to finish cooling. When cooled decorate with the writing icing and cake decorations.

Preparation time
30 mins to 1 hour

Cooking time
10 to 30 mins

Serves
Makes 20

Dietary
Vegetarian



Gingerbread Men

Main Entrance

It has been another very busy time during the last week. We have had the flooring laid in our new entrance and corridor and a gate put up to separate the lower school area. We have also planted up some of the areas along the new disabled access path. The pupils enjoyed helping Mrs Lawton.

Donkey Sanctuary

The weather was good when we welcomed the donkeys back to school on Wednesday. Pupils enjoy participating in their care and it is lovely to see many of them interacting with the donkeys and the staff from the donkey sanctuary.



Planting



Therapeutic Animal Care

Uganda

Thank you to everyone who donated a new toothbrush for the children in Uganda. We have sent 87 toothbrushes, which is amazing. The pupils of Mulberry Class have also raised £40 through selling cakes at break time and have written letters to the children in Uganda.

Thank you for supporting the pupils of Mulberry Class help the children of Uganda.

Spooky Stories

Thursday evening pupils came back to school to see what happens after dark. There was a giant spider dangling its legs over the door way to the hall, bats flying around and ghosts in the reception area. I have heard that there was a strange red coloured drink and cakes with eye balls on. I have also heard that there were some strange people around, a witch cutting pumpkins for example.

RE Themed Week

This week was our RE themed week where the pupils tried some new things and also had the chance to experience different faiths.

Mrs Curran made bread and breadsticks with the pupils. Mrs Cripps linked in her music lessons by teaching the pupils the songs for the Harvest Celebration along with the sign language. Andrew Masters held an assembly Thursday for Upper and Middle School and where parents consented, he gave the pupils a bible. Hawthorne and Olive Classes visited the Chapel at Lockers Park School Monday afternoon. Many of the classes took part in some meditation and Mrs Witter provided everyone with a very interesting starter session from 'Mind Space' to introduce meditation to the class.

Mindfulness and the Art of Chocolate Eating!

This should take around 3-4 minutes.

You will need small bars of chocolate enough for each member of the class.

Alternatively the students can take a piece of chocolate from a large bar.

Please read each instruction one at a time before moving on to the next stage

Approach the exercise with an open mind and a gentle curiosity.

There are no rights or wrongs, just individual experiences.



New Tooth Brush



Collett Witch



Meditation

Mindfulness and the Art of Chocolate Eating!

Consider the wrapped chocolate -

Does the wrapper make a sound? What colour is it? What does it say?

Where did it come from?

Open the chocolate, slowly -

Do you feel a sense of anticipation, or an urge to immediately put the chocolate in your mouth? What physical sensations do you have? What emotions are you feeling? Just note them.

Look at the chocolate-

Consider its texture, colour, weight...Smell the chocolate - does the smell trigger any other senses? Where do you feel your sense of smell?

Place the chocolate in your mouth but DO NOT EAT!!

How does it feel as it melts?

Where in your mouth can you taste it?

What is the consistency?

What is happening with your mouth, teeth, tongue, lips as it melts?

Move the chocolate around your mouth

Does the area of taste change?

Does the taste itself change?

What is happening to the chocolate?

How do you feel?

Swallow the chocolate, focusing on the sensation.

Is there a lingering taste?

How do you feel physically and emotionally?

Take a little while to consider the experience.

Group Discussion

How was this different from your general chocolate-eating experiences?

More intense? Frustrating? More pleasurable?

Were you more aware of your emotions during the exercise?

Would this change your future experience of eating chocolate?

Why?



A great excuse to eat chocolate

Auction Site Launch

At midday on Monday 31st October we shall be launching the Auction Website, two weeks before our Charity Champagne Gala Dinner Dance and Auction at Shendish Manor. We have some amazing items, totally unique. Are you interested in golf or football, wingwalking or bungee jumping, aromatherapy or jewellery, a signed copy of 'My Son's Not Rainman' by John Williams? There are so many items I can't list them all. Please log on

and have a look. Details will be sent to everyone on Monday 31st October and will also be available on the school website.

Car Wash

Don't forget - Juniper Class will be doing a car wash on Friday 4th November between 12:45 and 2:30 pm. The cost will be £5.00 and any additional donations will be gratefully received. The money raised will be going to Make a Wish Foundation.

Volunteers

Before the summer holidays several brave people took to the skies to raise money for The Collett School. Mrs Lawton has provisionally booked the date of Sunday 11th June for Wingwalking and Tandem Skydives so if you are interested in an experience of a life time please contact Mrs Lawton via email on gillian.lawton@collett.herts.sch.uk

Charity Event

Mrs Lawton has been busy planning and organising our next major fundraising event. In November we will be hosting a Charity Champagne Gala Dinner Dance and Auction at Shendish Manor. Details regarding tickets etc can be found on the school website under 'Fundraising'. An online auction is run for the week leading up to the event and we are still looking for items to include. Do you have any contacts that could donate an unusual item or experience? We are also looking for bottles of Champagne.

Curriculum Focus

Reading

You may be aware that the fictional bear, Winnie the Pooh is 90 this year and to celebrate a new adventure has been released to celebrate both his and the Queen's birthday. In the new adventure, Winnie the Pooh and The Royal Birthday, he travels to Buckingham Palace with his friends, Christopher Robin, Piglet and Eeyore. I believe there is also a new character. Has anyone read the new adventure?

A book that some of our older pupils or fluent readers may like is ***The Lord of the Rings***. An Epic, High Fantasy Novel written by the English author J.R.R. Tolkien has sold over 150 million copies and is one of the bestselling novels ever written. ***The Lord of the Rings*** consists of three volumes; The



Car Wash



Charity Champagne Gala
Dinner Dance



Winnie the Pooh

Fellowship of the Ring, The Two Towers and The Return of the King. It has been reprinted many times and translated into 38 languages. It has also been made into films. You may love it or hate it, why not give it a go and let me know.

Achievements and Results

Friday Assembly

Due to our Harvest Festival we did not have the normal Friday assembly.

Harvest Festival

This year our Harvest Celebration was held at the Salvation Army in the town. Some of the pupils were taken down in the mini buses but most walked. The service was lovely. Thank you to our readers; Logan, Connor, Crystal, Jordan, Aemma, Hannah, Zak, Andy, Shannon, Darrah and Lee. Thank you to all the pupils for their wonderful singing. Their enthusiasm for 'Conkers' was amazing and the beautiful way they sang 'I am the Earth' was stunning.



Harvest Collection

Achievements

Bronze Award – Lucy-May, Ethan, Harry, Coral, Lewis, Jack, Phoebe, Miles

Forthcoming Events

October Events

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

Monday 31st October – Back to school

November Events

Tuesday 1st November – Flu Vaccine

Thursday 3rd November – Parents' Listening Service 9 – 11 am

Friday 4th November - Olive Class Assembly

Friday 11th November - Sycamore Class Assembly

7-11th November - Functional Maths Theme Week

14-18 November - Anti-Bullying Theme Week

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