

Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School
Special Educational Needs

Friday 4th November 2016

Welcome Back!

Our first week back after the half term holiday has flown by so quickly. The pupils came back to school on Monday with a spring in their step and a smile on their face.

IT'S LIVE!

Mid-day Monday was a big day for Mrs Lawton. She had been working very hard during the half term holiday setting up the Auction Website and at 12:00 Monday it went live. We are fast approaching the end of the first week and I am delighted to say that not only does the site look amazing but that many people have already registered and placed bids on many of the items. The site will close mid-day on Friday 11th November and a number of the items will go on to the live auction during the Charity Champagne Gala Dinner Dance at Shendish Manor.

If you have not already had a look at the auction site on <http://www.friendsofcollett.co.uk/> please do, there are some 'money can't buy' items.

Flu Vaccine

Our school nurse and her nursing team arrived Tuesday morning with everything they needed for the Nasal Flu Vaccines. There were an amazing 82 pupils expected to have their vaccine and only a few refused. The teachers had worked with the pupils in their classes using social stories which helped a number of them as they knew exactly what was going to happen. Mrs Weston and the nursing team were extremely proud of all the pupils. Their excellent behaviour and co-operation meant that everyone had received the vaccine by lunch time, in half the length of time that was expected.



Online Auction



Nasal Flu Vaccine

Rebound Therapy

Miss Maloney and Mrs Gray have this week started Rebound Therapy with some of the pupils.

Rebound Therapy is the use of trampolines to provide alternative opportunities for movement, therapeutic exercise and recreation. It helps movement; promotes balance, relaxation, sensory integration; improves fitness and exercise tolerance, communication skills; and helps increase or decrease muscle tone. The benefits can be both Physical and Therapeutic. Physical Effects - Cardio-Respiratory, Muscle tone, Postural and balance mechanism, kinaesthetic awareness. Therapeutic Effects - on movement, perception, communication and interaction. Each pupil has an individual purpose for rebound therapy and will have a different range of experiences and needs from it. Some pupils use it for a sensory experience or release in tension whilst others may use it alongside physiotherapy to help with respiratory and other physical difficulties.

As the activity is a lot of fun and enjoyable it can also enable it to be used as a motivational aid to learn.

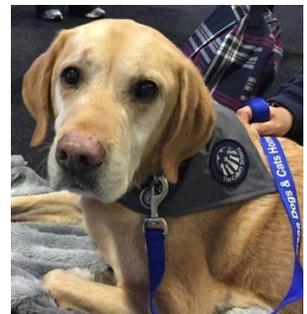
The pupils that have had a go this week have not only enjoyed it but they have also been focused and responsive.

Collars and Cuffs Ball

Battersea Dogs Home held a magnificent gala ball to fundraise for the thousands of dogs they rehome each year. This year the theme for the ball was 'Dogs who work in the community' and as a result our lovely Flynn was invited along to take part. Previously, a film crew had been along to school to take a short video of him and the children. This was shown on the big screen in front of hundreds of celebrities, who seemed visibly moved by the impact of our beloved pet.

Everyone seemed to know who Flynn was and that he worked at our school. In fact Ms Wells and Ms Stocks didn't get a second look throughout the whole day. For instance, Dr Christian spent a good 10 minutes stroking him and talking about the bond between Flynn and vulnerable children. During rehearsals, Flynn enjoyed the attention by spinning, jumping and refusing to stay still for the directors. However, when he walked onto stage in front of the crowd he stood proud and still, facing the audience in true Collett fashion.

He posed as part of the Guard of Honour and he conducted interviews with the press, although he wasn't very forth coming about his role due to the lack of treats! An altogether glamorous occasion that continued to put The Collett School on the map.



Flynn



Ms Stocks and Ms Wells with Flynn on Red Carpet

Bonfire Dinner

Today the pupils were treated to a Bonfire Night Themed Dinner. Alongside the usual Friday pizza there were 'bangers' and a lovely cup cake with 'sprinkles'. The pupils and some staff certainly appeared to be enjoying it.

Bonfire Night

Bonfire night can be very exciting but also very dangerous. Here are a few recommendations from Hertfordshire Constabulary and the Safer Neighbourhoods Team.

DO

- Keep your distance from fireworks
- Go to an organised fireworks display – it's the safest way to enjoy them
- Be considerate to others

DON'T

- Handle fireworks if you're under 18
- Let off fireworks in a public place or anywhere between 11pm and 7am

HANDS – Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database

Parents and Carers of a child or young person with an additional need or disability aged 0 – 25 years can join HAND online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hand or call 01992 556984. It is free to join and all information is held confidentially.

HAND can provide you with a newsletter each term; concessions on leisure facilities; information on benefits, activities, support groups and much more; an opportunity to influence planning of future services.

Dodge Ball

Some of our Upper School pupils went off to The Valley School in Stevenage this morning to play Dodge Ball. There were a total of six teams, The Valley, Pinewood, Hayley Hall, Garston Manor, Batchwood and the great Collett. Our team played very well and achieved a score board of 'Won 3, Lost 2, Drew 1'. Overall they came second, losing to Batchwood by 1 point. We are very proud of Torren, Lee, Leo, Danny, Connor, Zak, Josh and Kevan.



Bangers and Sprinkles



Firework Safety



HAND

Car Wash

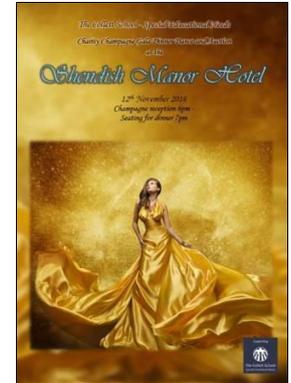
Juniper Class did a car wash in the rain this afternoon and still managed to have smiles on their faces. The cost of a car wash was £5 and there was also the opportunity to have a cup of tea or coffee in the hall whilst waiting. They raised £50 for the Make a Wish Foundation. Well done Juniper Class!



Car Wash

Charity Event

Next weekend is our Charity Champagne Gala Dinner Dance and Auction at Shendish Manor. If you have any contacts that could donate an unusual item or experience we are still interested. We are also looking for bottles of Champagne.



Charity Champagne Gala Dinner Dance

Carib Chil Runninz Event

On Friday 9th December there is a Carib Chill Runninz Event at the Old Verulamians Rugby Club from 7:00 pm to midnight. There will be food, music and a bar with special guests on the nights. Entry and Food is included in the ticket, Adults £20, Children (U16) £8. Tickets available via email champpw1@icloud.com. All money raised will be donated to The Collett School.

Phab Club – Making More of Life Together

A club for 12-19 year olds every fortnight.

They offer a wide range of activities to suit all needs across the available facilities. Through the course of the year they will be hosting; climbing wall, arts and crafts, disco, gym games, petting zoo, karaoke, music workshop, games consoles and many more. The activities will alternate between Merchant Taylors' School and St Helen's School, both located in Northwood. Membership is £10 per year.

If you would like more details please contact Dan Bond (Merchant Taylors' School) on phab@mtsn.org.uk or Andrea Cawthorne (St Helen's School) on phab@sthelens.london

KIDS HUB

The HUBs offers information and support for parents and carers of disabled children and young people aged 0-19 in Hertfordshire.

How does the service work?

The HUBs provide free and impartial support over the phone, by email or face-

to-face (including home visits). The help provided includes the following:

- Helping you find activities, groups and training
- Providing information about benefits and parking
- Supporting you at meetings about your child
- Giving help with relevant forms and letters
- Signposting you to a range of local services for disabled children and young people including specialist services
- Keeping you informed with regular newsletters and updates
- Helping to develop inclusive provision in the community
- Providing a venue to meet for support and networking

We additionally offer:

- A toy and resource library - you can view a copy of the catalogue here
- Access social story software
- Accessible and friendly spaces for parents and professionals to meet (booking required)
- Access to a closed Facebook group just for Parents/Carers

Information provided by KIDS HUB at <http://www.kids.org.uk/hub>

Transport Training

We understand that there have been a number of issues regarding school transport since September. We are aware that there are a number of new drivers and assistants and Mrs Weston and Mrs Thorp have therefore arranged a training session, Thursday morning, for all the taxi drivers and Transport Assistants. They will be sharing our protocols for when the pupils are on the taxi and our procedures for drop off and pick up times. Members of staff from County will also be attending.

Due to this training there will not be an assembly Thursday morning.

Curriculum Focus

Our Curriculum Focus last half term was Reading. I would like to give you, the parents and carers of our pupils, the opportunity to select which subject area we have as the focus this half term.

The options we have are; Number, Personal and Social Development (PSD), Communication, Science, Geography, History, Computing, Art and Design, Cooking, Religious Education.

Simply reply to this email with your chosen subject.



Achievements and Results

Achievements

Bronze Award – Andy, Carlo, Ethan, Mason, Torren, Nina, George, Lukas, Abaigh, Katelyn, Ellie, Reece, Victor, Josh, George, Jonathan, Carla, Alfie, Ben, Aimma, Mason

Reading Achievement - Edith, Ellie, Reece, Connor

Friday Assembly

Olive Class had their assembly first this morning, which was lovely. They told us about what they have been learning, 'up in the sky' and 'celebration time'. They passed on a very important message to everyone about firework safety. Two pupils from Lockers Park School joined us. During the half term they sold popcorn at their football club and raised an amazing £45. They have very kindly donated this money to The Collett School. Thank you so much for your continued support.

There was some happy and some sad news, we welcomed back Miss Prendiville who has returned from maternity leave but we also said goodbye to Miss Wells who has decided to leave to concentrate on her art. Miss Wells is a talented artist and we wish her the best.

Mr Hoult-Allen informed everyone that we have been awarded, again, our Autism Accreditation. This means that when two members of the review team spent two days in our school they saw evidence that we 'are committed to understanding autism and that your service is setting the standard for autism practice'.

The Collett Cup for Excellence has been awarded to Juniper Class! Mr Hoult-Allen explained that it was very hard to choose but was impressed as how the pupils of Juniper Class had come together as a group to support others. Congratulations!!!

Forthcoming Events

November Events

7-11th November - Functional Maths Theme Week

Monday 7th November – Aspen & Juniper Class to RAF Hendon

Tuesday 8th November – Dodge Ball (Girls)

Thursday 10th November – NO ASSEMBLY

Friday 11th November - Sycamore Class Assembly

14-18 November - Anti-Bullying Theme Week



Popcorn Sale raises £45



Thursday 17th November – Parent’s Listening Service 9 – 11 am

Friday 18th November – Coffee Catch-Up after assembly

Wednesday 30th November – Junior Football

Oaklands College

Open Days

Saturday 12th November 2016 **St Albans Campus** (10.00am – 2.00pm)

Tuesday 15th November 2016 **Welwyn Garden City Campus** (5.00 – 8.00pm)

Taster Day

Wednesday 16th November 2016

St Albans & Welwyn Garden City Campus (9.00am – 12.00pm)

Oaklands ‘Have a Go’ Day in Luton

Wednesday 23rd November 2016

UK Centre for Carnival Arts, Luton (9.00am - 3.00pm)

November Twilight Taster Sessions

Wednesday 30th November 2016 **St Albans Campus** (4.00 – 6.00pm)

Thursday 1st December 2016 **Welwyn Garden City Campus** (4.00 – 6.00pm)

Mrs Rachael Lampey

The Collett School

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