

Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School
Special Educational Needs

Friday 11th November 2016

RAF Hendon

Juniper and Aspen Class visited RAF Hendon on Monday and had a great time. A member of the museum staff allowed them to try on some of the uniforms and handle some of the artefacts. A while later they even got to sit in a plane. The pupils were very excited to see some of the planes etc that they have been learning about in class.



RAF Uniform

Dodge Ball

Unfortunately the girls Dodge Ball was cancelled at the last moment Tuesday morning.

Riot Police Visit The Collett School

It's alright you don't have to worry! One of our parents is a Police Officer and he very kindly spent the day in school visiting each classroom. In Lower School he spoke to the pupils about being a Police Officer and they got to try on his riot gear. For the Middle and Upper School classes he also spoke about online safety. How the pupils can protect themselves. The staff thought it is unfair that the pupils were having all the fun so they decided to have a little competition of who could put on all the riot gear the quickest. The winner was Mrs Evans in an amazing 35 seconds. All the pupils and staff would like to say a big thank you to our very kind parent for spending the day with us.



Mrs 'Riot' Blackman

Functional Maths Week

Olive Class were making the most of Functional Maths Theme Week by going out and about into the community. On Tuesday the children bought penny sweets at the newsagents in Warners End and on Thursday, the class went to the café at Tesco's, Jarman Park. The children were so independent, asking for the items they wanted to buy, going up to the till and exchanging money. The adults in Olive Class said what a pleasure they were to take out and how well they represented the school - well done the children in Olive Class!

Olive Class are not the only ones who have had fun learning and using Maths this week. Owls Class have been learning and using shapes. All pupils have also used their Maths skills and knowledge during Cooking by measuring out their ingredients for their Jammie Buns.

Rebound Therapy

More pupils have had the opportunity to use our big trampoline this week. Some during PE lessons and others as part of Rebound Therapy. I managed to see one class during their PE lesson and we have some very talented pupils. I also witnessed some staff having a go, obviously testing the equipment in a health and safety capacity. It is so lovely to hear everyone encouraging each other and having fun.

Transport Training

Thursday morning all the taxi drivers and transport assistants attended training which was run by Miss Thorp. Our school protocols for when the pupils are on the taxi were discussed in an effort to standardise care. Everyone was also informed of the procedures for drop off and pick up times.

Anti-Bullying Week

As next week is National Anti-Bullying Week, we have a number of things planned. Mrs Akhtar has passed three books to the teachers, one each for Lower, Middle and Upper School. This week the pupils in Middle and Upper School discussed online safety with one of our parents who is a Police Officer.

Collars and Coats Ball

Last week I wrote about Flynn's moment in the spotlight at the Battersea Collars and Cuffs Ball. If you would like to read the press release from Battersea Dogs and Cats Home please follow the link ...

<https://www.battersea.org.uk/about-us/press/press-releases/battersea-heroes-steal-show-charity%E2%80%99s-annual-fundraising-collars-coats>

Sports Fixtures

Mr Stocks has compiled a table of the sports fixtures that our pupils have the opportunity to participate in. It can be found on the school website currently under 'Latest News'.



Flynn

Charity Event

Our online auction ended today and the Champagne Gala Dinner Dance and Auction will be taking place at Shendish Manor tomorrow night. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the auction by bidding or donating an item.

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 champmw1@icloud.com. All money raised will be donated to The Collett School.

HAND – Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database

The HAND website has a News section that can help keep you up to date with activities and news. <http://handnews.hertscc.gov.uk/issue-26-november-2016/in-the-news/welcome-to-your-november-hand-news>

HAND is free to join and all information is held confidentially. They 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.

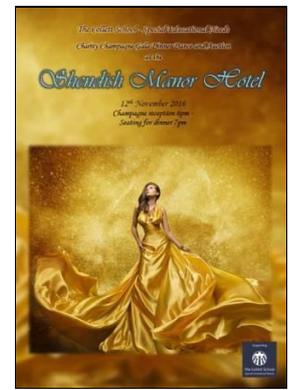
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hand or call 01992 556984

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



Charity Champagne Gala Dinner Dance



HAND

Curriculum Focus

Last week, I asked parents and carers to vote for which subject should be our Curriculum Focus this term. I received a number of responses and will be starting the new subject next week.

Achievements and Results

Achievements

Bronze Award – Abigail, Lillie, Mahima, Maddox, Ethan, Elisha, Torren, Josh, Harvey, Tristen, Danny

Reading Achievement – Martyn, Harry, Hannah, Connor

Friday Assembly

Today was Sycamore's Class assembly but as we have come to expect, Mr Linford and his class put their own twist on things. Like everyone else, Mr Hoult-Allen expected to see the class sitting at the front of the hall but no, they were sitting in their usual places. Mr Linford then explained that they had already completed their assembly ... they had made it into a film!

At the beginning of the film we were introduced to Vader, their class hamster. He was happily running in his ball. We then saw the pupils enjoying dodge ball, Rebound Therapy, Snakes & Ladders, Minion Monopoly, their spelling bucket and finger Olympics. It may sound as if they do not complete much work but board games like Snakes & Ladders and Monopoly are extremely good for their maths skills. The spelling bucket has words written on pieces of paper which are picked out by one pupil and read to their classmate who then has to spell the word. This practices reading and spelling. I must admit, finger Olympics was my favourite. Place one hand palm down on a flat surface and lift each finger individually from thumb to little finger and back again. Now how many can you do in one minute? Kian did 11. This increases dexterity and hand eye co-ordination which benefits pen control. Thank you Sycamore Class.

Mr Hoult-Allen spoke about Remembrance Day, World War I, World War II and the wars still going on today. The pupils have been learning about war in lessons and were willing to share some of their knowledge during assembly.

One thing I did not realise was that the first tanks were tested at Hatfield House.

We welcomed visitors from Osbourne and The Little Thatch Company. The ladies from Osbourne held a race night in October and raised approximately £1,000 for The Collett School. Our very own Mrs Lawton won all the races as well as having a great evening.



Race Night

The Little Thatch Company is the company that designed and built our new entrance. They worked every day during the summer holidays to ensure that the school was safe for everyone to return in September, even delaying their own honeymoon. They did have a little help from another company 'Your Hole's Our Goal!' when holes were needed for foundations etc but otherwise all the work was completed by hand. The final piece was installed this afternoon and it has received a lot of attention. Why not pop in and have a look? The Talent Spot today was Adam singing Can't Stop the Feeling by Justin Timberlake, well done!



New Entrance



'Your Hole's Our Goal!'

Forthcoming Events

November Events

14-18 November - Anti-Bullying Theme Week

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

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