

Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School
Special Educational Needs

Friday 18th November 2016

Glitz And Glamour

Last Saturday the red carpet was out at Shendish Manor for the supporters and staff of The Collett School. Everyone was welcomed by Brian Sanders F.G.P.T., a Professional Toastmaster and shown into the Champagne Reception where the evening started. Whilst we all enjoyed our Champagne we were entertained by a lovely singer who continued during the meal. The doors were opened to the main room, revealing tables dressed with candles, feathers and gems. After a very enjoyable three course meal Mr Houlton-Allen commenced the live auction. There were four items; a child's battery powered Ford Truck, four VIP tickets to the Rugby Challenge Cup Final at Wembley, a four-ball at the prestigious Centurion Golf Club and the very popular Christmas Dinner in the Harry Potter Great Hall at Warner Bros Studios. Not only were people in the room bidding but we also received closed bids and there was a very lucky telephone bidder who did win his item of choice. The dance floor was then filled with people enjoying the band. The whole evening was a great success, thank you Mrs Lawton for all your hard work in arranging and co-ordinating the event. Thank you also to the members of staff who worked behind the scenes setting everything up and ensuring the evening ran smoothly. An event that everyone who attended enjoyed and are already asking Mrs Lawton to arrange the next one. The Online Auction and Dinner Dance raised an amazing £15,000. Thank you to everyone who supported us.



Charity Champagne Gala
Dinner Dance

Remembrance

Mulberry and Olive Classes visited the War Memorial in Boxmoor earlier this week. Miss Davey had shown her class an old photo of relatives who were relations of her Great Uncle. Whilst at the memorial they found Miss Davey's Great Uncle's name. This brought the experience of war and remembrance to life.



Anti-Bullying Week

This week has been National Anti-Bullying Week and all the pupils have been involved. Lower School read the book 'Each Kindness' and made their own jar of kindness to share with everyone. Middle School read 'Bully' and used the book as inspiration to design and make board games. The games have a set of questions where everyone can learn about how to prevent and stop bullying. Upper School are continuing to read 'Wonder' which is a story about a boy who was born with a deformed face. He starts school and notices how people react to his appearance. "You can't blend in when you were born to stand out." This book sounds particularly moving and one that I think I shall read myself. Our Peer Mentors have been in the playgrounds this week promoting anti-bullying and friendship. They are also working on an updated Anti-Bullying Policy which all the pupils will receive.

Autumn Art

Aspen Class has been looking at the British artist Andy Goldsworthy OBE. He is a sculptor, photographer and environmentalist who produces pieces of art using brightly coloured flowers, icicles, leaves, mud, pinecones, snow, stones, twigs and thorns. Goldsworthy has been quoted as saying *"I think it's incredibly brave to be working with flowers and leaves and petals. But I have to: I can't edit the materials I work with. My remit is to work with nature as a whole."* His art is specific to its surroundings and is captured in beautiful colour photographs.

The pupils of Aspen Class went out and collected a selection of leaves, twigs and flowers with the intention of producing their own Goldsworthy inspired art and they certainly achieved that. The work produced was absolutely amazing, well done everyone!

Parents' Listening Service

Our Parents' Listening Ears were in school again, Thursday morning. They provide an independent, confidential service to parents and carers who would like to talk to someone. The Listening Ears have personal experience of having a child with a special need but are available to listen to anyone about any subject.



Aspen Art inspired by
Andy Goldsworthy

Coffee Catch-Up

After assembly parents and carers enjoyed a hot cup of coffee, a lovely slice of cake and a chat. The Coffee Catch-Up gives parents the opportunity to relax and talk to other parents/carers. The next one is on Friday 9th December 2016. If you are free why not pop along.

Storm Drain Fun

As you know we have had some rain this week which has caused some unusual activity in the new reception area. Last week the class was installed covering the storm drain and this week we have actually got to see rain water running through it. One evening, when it started raining after the pupils had gone home, there was a group of staff huddled around the glass, mesmerised by the flowing water.

Adult Advent Calendar

Tickets have gone on sale this week for the Adult Advent Calendar which has 25 bottles of alcohol including Red and White Wine, Whiskey, Vodka, Mulled Wine and Champagne. Tickets are £5.00 each and will be drawn on Friday 16th December, just in time for a Happy Christmas!



Adult Advent Calendar

Family Night In

How better to spend an Autumn evening than with the contents of the luxury 'Family Night In' hamper. It is packed full of goodies; drinks, nibbles, double DVD and the must have game 'Pie Face Showdown' complete with squirty cream. Tickets are on sale now until the end of Friday 2nd December for £3.00. It will be drawn on Monday 5th December.



'Family Night In' Hamper

Oaklands College Twilight Taster Sessions

A great opportunity for Year 11 students to gain some hands-on experience in a taster from a wide selection of subjects and find out what college life is really like. Booking is essential. For further details and to book a place, email sue.mckinnon@oaklands.ac.uk or call 01727 737561. There are different curriculum areas held at the two sessions, check our school website – Latest News for further details.

St Albans Campus – Wednesday 30th November 4:30 – 6:00 pm

Welwyn Garden City Campus – Thursday 1st December 4:30 – 6:00 pm

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.

Curriculum Focus

Many parents expressed an interest in Maths, explaining that they are sometimes unsure of what they can do to help their child and the terminology that is used in school. For this reason, I am pleased to say that Maths will be the Curriculum Focus for this term.

Useful Maths Websites

Below are a number of websites that our staff find useful and may also be of interest to you and your child.

www.mymaths.co.uk

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/

www.bbc.co.uk/education

<http://mathszone.co.uk/>

www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html

<http://mathsframe.co.uk/>

www.ictgames.com/resources.html

www.mad4maths.com/

<http://interactivesites.weebly.com/math.html>

www.coolmath-games.com/

www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/

For Reception pupils

<http://www.nickjr.co.uk/>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>

For Year 1 pupils

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>

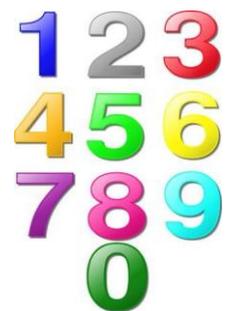
For Year 2 pupils

www.crickweb.co.uk

www.iboard.co.uk

For Year 3 pupils

<http://nrich.maths.org/frontpage>



For Year 5 pupils

<http://nrich.maths.org/frontpage>

www.nrich.maths.org.uk

A really rich resource, for extending students, with new activities each month; use the Archive to find activities and solutions from previous months.

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies

Activities and games based on CBeebies characters such as the Teletubbies, Fimbles, Tweenies and Bob the Builder. Aimed at ages up to 6.

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/digger

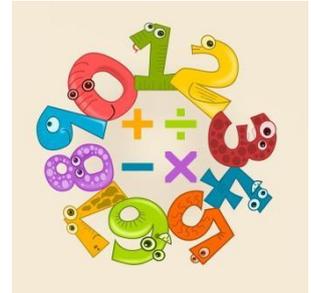
Digger and the Gang activities to support Year 3 and 4 of the National Strategies for Literacy and Numeracy and KS1 and KS2 programmes of study.

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/numbertime

Number Time activities a lot into the Numeracy Framework for Reception Year and Years 1 and 2.

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/starship

Aimed at children preparing for KS1 National Tests in English.



Achievements and Results

Achievements

Silver Award - Liam

Bronze Award – Temur, David, Adam, Crystal, Gene, Suhag, Murray, Oliver, Jamie, Kamran, Charlie, Lucy, Daniella, Aron, Nicky, Connor, Harry, Piper

Reading Achievement – Connor

Bronze Buddies (0, 2, 5 & 10 Times tables) – Lee, Billy, Darrah, Andrew, Zak, Torren

Silver Buddies (3, 4, 9 & 11 Times tables) – Billy, Torren

Gold Buddies (6, 7, 8 & 12 Times tables) – Billy

Platinum Buddies (12 x 12 & Division Facts) - Billy

Friday Assembly

What a morning of entertainment. Thursday evening Lockers Park School held a Musical Competition with the theme of 'Happy'. The competition was fierce but we were privileged to have the winning choir and their Music Teacher, Mr Shaw, come and sing their song – Happy Together. Congratulations!

Maddison Desborough, a 15 year old vocalist, treated us to 'Hurts' by Emeli Sandé and 'Rolling In the Deep' by Adele. Everyone sang along, clapped and really enjoyed it. Maddison has been singing since she was three years old and

regularly posts her latest material on You Tube (www.youtube.com/MaddiGD).

The Spot Light was on Flynn, our fabulous dog. A couple of weeks ago Flynn, Ms Wells and Ms Stocks went to the Battersea Collars and Coats Ball. The focus of the ball this year was dogs working in the community. Along with being part of the Guard of Honour along the red carpet, Flynn was also invited onto the stage along with another dog that regularly visits the Chelsea Pensioners.

Whilst the dogs were on stage Battersea showed a short film of the work that they do and the impact it has for the Chelsea Pensioners and our pupils. Thank you Battersea for allowing us to show the film during assembly and thank you Flynn for being such a great member of our school.

It was definitely an assembly full of talent, Torren showed the short film that he had made during Art. With the help of his friends they made flat paper figures with split pins that Torren then animated. Torren you certainly have a talent and we look forward to seeing more of your work. Jack treated us to 'Wings' by Little Mix and had everyone singing and clapping along. Friday morning assemblies are undeniably the highlight of the week for pupils, staff, parents and carers. If you have not managed to come along to one, I really recommend them.



Flynn

Forthcoming Events

November Events

Wednesday 30th November – Junior Football (The Valley School)

December Events

Thursday 1st December – Aladdin Pantomime

Friday 2nd December – Advent Assembly

Thursday 8th December – Carol Singing at Tesco

Week of Monday 12th December – Christmas Theme Week

Monday 12th December – Boccia at Garston Manor

Tuesday 13th December – Lower School Nativity Play 1:30 & 4.30 pm

Friday 16th December – Coffee Catch-Up after assembly

Friday 16th December – Christmas Dinner for Staff and Pupils

Monday 19th December – School Disco and Santa!

Tuesday 20th December – Christmas Service at St Mary's Church 10 am

Tuesday 20th December – School Closes 1:00 pm for Christmas Break

January Events

Thursday 5th January – INSET DAY (School Closed to Pupils)

Friday 6th January – INSET DAY (School Closed to Pupils)

Monday 9th January – Pupils Back to School

Wednesday 11th January - Table Tennis Senior (9,10,11) Hailey Hall

Tuesday 17th January - Basketball Senior (9,10,11) The Valley School

Monday 23rd January - Girls Basketball All ages The Valley

Oaklands College

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

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Mrs Rachael Lampey

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