

Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School
Special Educational Needs

Friday 9th December 2016

Winning Monday

Edith from Foxes Class is the proud winner of Mike Penning's Christmas Card Competition. Each year Mr Penning asks the pupils of Lower School to design a Christmas Card which he then has printed. Monday morning Mr Penning visited school and presented Edith with her prize. Over 2,000 cards of Edith's design have been sent out, one already arriving in Australia.

The winning ticket for the 'Family Night In' raffle was also drawn Monday and the winner is Ellie from Hawthorn Class. I am sure she and her family will have a great time with all those goodies.

Congratulations to Edith and Ellie



Edith and Mike Penning

Girl Power!

Our Junior Girls Dodge Ball Team did us proud this week; they came second in the tournament at Ware. There were five teams but as with most of the tournaments, our team is the only one that has members with mobility restrictions, the others are from schools that only have pupils with behaviour issues.

'Ho Ho Ho'

Voles Class went on a fantastic trip on Wednesday, so fantastic the staff were queuing up to help. They went to Crews Hill, Enfield, got on a train that went through a winter wonderland and at the end of the line was Santa Claus.

Carol Singing

Yesterday the pupils went up to Tesco, Jarman Park, to sing Carols for the staff and shoppers. It was great that so many of the parents also managed to see them and even have a drink in the café. We have received lots of positive comments from staff, shoppers and parents, well done everyone. Many were impressed with the signing to the carols. An amazing £656 was collected.



Carol Singing

Coffee Catch-Up

After assembly this morning a group of parents enjoyed a chat over coffee and cake. The next Coffee Catch-Up will be on Friday 20th January 2017. If you are free, please come along.

Juniper Christmas Lunch

The pupils and staff from Juniper Class enjoyed their own Christmas lunch today. They walked up to the Top of The World at Warners End and had a lovely lunch together to celebrate Christmas. What a lovely idea.

Friday Afternoon

What better way to spend a Friday afternoon before Christmas than watching Polar Express and eating popcorn? This is the treat that the pupils deserve for pestering their parents to complete an Ofsted Parent View Questionnaire.

Delivering Special Provision Locally

Autumn 2016 Newsletter is on the school website under 'Latest News'.

Exciting News!

THE COLLETT SCHOOL SEN has just joined [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

In a nutshell, it's a really easy way for us to generate free donations whenever our supporters shop online.

Here's how you can help:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofcollett> and join for free
2. Get shopping at over 3,000 shops and sites – including Sainsbury's, John Lewis, Argos and Amazon
3. Feel great, because every time you shop, you'll collect a donation for Friends of Collett

It doesn't cost you a penny extra, when you shop the easyfundraising way the retailer pays a commission and this gets turned into a donation for us!

I'd be thrilled if you joined, your help will make a real difference.



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!

KIDZONE

Christmas Disco with DJ, festive dancing, fun and games.

Thursday 15th December (5:00 pm to 6.30 pm)

Tickets £7.00 pre booked or £8.00 on the day (Price includes play entry)

Tel No. 01442 878441 email: info@thekidzone.co.uk

Gade Schools Families Support

The latest Gade Schools Families Support Newsletter is on the school website under 'Latest News'. The newsletter covers the period of January to April 2017 and has details of a variety of courses that may be of interest. The course titles are:

3 Steps to Managing Family Challenges

Families Feeling Safe Course

Becoming a Digital Parent

Autism Support – 1:1 Advice Sessions

Managing Anger in the Family

Managing Behaviours of Teenagers with Additional Needs

Family Toolkit (Deadline to book is Wednesday 22nd February 2017)

Families In Focus

A Complete Guide to Parenting Children with Additional Needs – for parents caring for children under 11 years old with any SEND. A diagnosis is not needed to book a free place on this course. The course will be running at Collett and we are happy for parents with children attending the school to have priority booking. Dates and times: **Wednesdays** 7pm to 9pm January **11th, 18th, 25th** February **1st, 8th, 22nd** March **1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd** (no session over half term).

This popular, tried and tested parenting course is facilitated by Francine & Lesley who are experienced and qualified trainers, one of whom has a son with Autism and challenging behaviour. Ten sessions of two hours sharing tried and tested techniques and strategies to parent children with a range of additional



Adult Advent Calendar

needs and/or disabilities effectively in the 21st Century.

Topics included:

- ✓ Exploring the challenges and stresses of parenting children with additional needs.
- ✓ Gain understanding and build resilient family relationships by sharing the emotional journey of parenting children with SEND.
- ✓ Strategies, solutions, tips and ideas on managing behaviours that challenge.
- ✓ Issues siblings may experience as a result of living with a sister/brother with additional needs/challenging behaviours.
- ✓ Tried and tested communication techniques to reduce angry outbursts
- ✓ Techniques to manage conflict and so much more....

Curriculum Focus

Numicon

This is an excellent maths system which uses a multisensory approach to arithmetic teaching for children aged 4-7, and for older pupils with SEN.

Numicon uses patterns, colours and shapes to represent each numeral; these pieces are structured so that number relationships can be seen in a way not provided by written numerals. Kits can be purchased online from a variety of sites including Amazon.



Numicon Starter Kit

Achievements and Results

Achievements

Bronze Award – Emily, Lewis, Marcus, Shaun

Silver Award – Kerrie

Reading Achievement – Connor, Kiera, Mason, Sevda, Elisha, Jacob, Shuhag, Aron

Friday Assembly

There was a real party atmosphere in the hall this morning for assembly.

Everyone was coming in wearing their Christmas jumpers and Mr Houlton-Allen was wearing a Santa Hat, Christmas Glasses and had small baubles hanging in his beard. The School Council raised £92.85 for Cancer Research with their Christmas Jumper Day, selling cakes and biscuits and face paints.

It was Juniper Class's assembly today and they told us snippets of what they have been learning. They obviously do a lot of work but when they showed us how they learn to count it sounded and looked more like a party. Jack

Hartmann has produced a number of educational songs/videos which the pupils love. If you are interested they can be found on You Tube. Danny showed us his division skills, Andrew read a book review he had written and Andy read out his 'Postcard Home' that he had written based on Mr Tom. To finish off the assembly everyone had to stand and we sang 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' in French. There seems to be no end to the talent of Juniper Class.

Our visitors from Hightown Housing Association presented Mr Houlton-Allen with a cheque for £9,500 and 36 blankets for the pupils. They raised the money by holding a Golf Day, Quiz Night and not sending each other Christmas cards.

Dacorum Innovative Group also joined our assembly and presented Mr Houlton-Allen with a cheque for £500 which the businesses have raised. This money will be used to replace some of the bikes for lower school.

Thank you Dacorum Innovative Group and Hightown Housing Association for your support and the amazing donations.

Aspen Class were in the 'Spot Light' with their Anti Bullying Play that they wrote and performed for everyone. It was all their own work for their Drama Assessment and it had the hall in silence. Well Done!

Forthcoming Events

December Events

Week of Monday 12th December – Christmas Theme Week

Monday 12th December – Boccia at Garston Manor

Friday 16th December – Assembly and Staff Pantomime

Friday 16th December – Christmas Dinner for Staff and Pupils

Friday 16th December – School Disco and Santa!

Monday 19th December – Lower School Nativity Play 1:00 & 6.00 pm

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

Mrs Rachael Lampey

The Collett School

