

Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School
Special Educational Needs

Friday 20th January 2017

It is hard to believe that we have already completed two weeks of the Spring Term. I would like to Welcome our new families to The Collett School and wish everyone a Happy New Year.

New School Hours

We experienced a few problems with the new school hours on the first day but they are now working well. A smaller number of pupils than expected signed up for the after school clubs so we have been forced to drop a number of the clubs and alter others. The pupils that are attending a club appear to be enjoying themselves.

Swimming

Lower School now go swimming late morning on a Wednesday and return to school during lunchtime. All the pupils then enjoy some play time and a packed lunch in their classroom.

Time to Wash

The pupils in Owl Class spent time this week learning how to wash their face and hands and brush their teeth. After a little resistance we had bright clean teeth, shiny faces and clean hands. As I listened to Mrs Blackman explain to the pupils how to wash their faces, I was reminded of the scene from Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

Job Applications

Juniper Class have been learning how to complete job application forms. They know that the important information is their contact number, date of birth, address and parent's details. They have looked at application forms from Morrisons and McDonalds.



Brushing Teeth

Cookery

Last week we were making pizzas. The children used a muffin base, prepared their chosen toppings and made their pizza look appetizing. They have also been looking at pizza and relating them to the 'Eatwell Plate' and which foods belong to each group.

The older pupils make pizzas from scratch, making their own pizza dough <http://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/2037645/very-simple-margherita-pizza>

The pupils in Aspen Class, who are doing their Jamie Oliver Level 2, were challenged to create a weekly meal plan for four people using £80 budget. A challenge for us all!

This week we are making pasta salads and learning that pasta is a healthy food that fills you up and it can be used in lots of different meals.

Some Upper and Middle School classes are cooking the pasta themselves and discussing how the ingredients relate to the Eatwell Guide. We will also continue discussions on budgeting meals and planning your weekly shopping list. *Mrs Curran, Cookery Teacher*

Coffee Catch-Up

After assembly this morning several parents and carers gathered for a chat over coffee and cake. It was very relaxed with lots of giggles. There were also some discussions that a number of mums found very useful, some helpful hints and tips.

Parent Network Drop-In

The Parent Network in partnership with Families in Focus CIC has a Drop-In session on Monday 30th January at the South Hill Centre between 9:30 – 12:30. More dates will follow.

Sainsbury Active Kids

Sainsbury are running their Active Kids scheme again this year. The vouchers are available from stores from the 25th January. We will be collecting the vouchers again this year, so please, if you shop in Sainsbury send your vouchers into school. If you also have any family and friends that have any vouchers, we will gladly put them to good use.



Pizza



Parent Network

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Sainsbury Active Kids

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 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....



Easyfundraising

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/friendsocollett> 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.



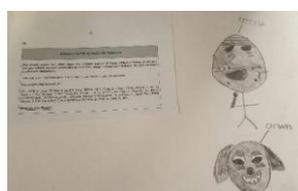
Curriculum Focus

Our focus this term will be **Art**

In the area of Art and Design we, as a school, offer the following accreditation:

- WJEC-Entry Pathways Qualification in Creative, Media and Performing Arts.

The WJEC suite of Entry levels certificates, awards and diplomas are provided within the Qualification and credit framework (QCF). This framework recognizes the achievement of all learners, enables individuals to establish routes to achievement that are appropriate to their needs and is based on clear design features that are easily accessible.



- WJEC GCSE ART & DESIGN- this course is designed to provide engaging, challenging, coherent and meaningful learning experiences through a flexible structure that supports the sequential and incremental development of creative practice.



Achievements and Results

Achievements

Bronze Award – Ewan, Ethan, Crystal, James, Jack

Silver Award – Jasmin, Thomas, Samuel

Reading Achievement – Mason, Josh, Alex, Felix, Elli, Owurako, Kian, Evie, Carla

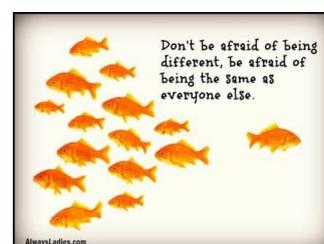
Friday Assembly

Hawthorn Class did a lovely assembly this morning; they showed us what they have been doing since September. In Cooking they have been learning about healthy living, in Art they have learnt about Monet and Van Gough and painted their own portraits, they have sold ice creams and brought food at MacDonalDs. Crystal told us about her role as Head Girl and showed a short film that she made giving a tour of the school.

Mr Hoult-Allen spoke about Martin Luther King and the famous speech that he made in 1963.

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character."

Mr Hoult-Allen explained about prejudice against people because they are different; they have different colour skin or hair, that they talk differently etc. It is like bullying. He then said that in America President Elect Trump has said prejudiced things about people from Mexico. He wants to keep them out of the USA by building a huge wall. Mr Hoult-Allen then told everyone that they are special, they are great and not to let anyone treat them badly.



The Spot Light was on George because he had made a super castle from cardboard etc. He did it because they have been learning about the Battle of Hastings in Pine Class.

We welcomed a new member of staff, Mrs Trainer who is working in Vole Class as a Teaching Assistant. We said a big thank you to the Student Teachers who have spent time in school this week.

Forthcoming Events

January Events

Monday 30th January – Chinese New Year Dinner

February Events

Monday 6th February – Owl Class to Gravity Force

Thursday 9th February - Pupils' Valentine Disco

Friday 10th February - Basketball Junior (7,8) The Valley School

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February – Spring Half Term, School

Closed

Monday 20th February – Hawthorn Class to Gravity Force

Monday 27th February – Art Theme Week

Monday 27th February – Sycamore Class to Gravity Force

Mrs Rachael Lampey

The Collett School

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