

Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School
Special Educational Needs

Friday 24th February 2017

Welcome Back!

We're running a mile every day! Classes run for 15 minutes each day to build up stamina, have fun and get healthy. We're also supporting adults and pupils in wearing slippers in the building, to add to the homely atmosphere of the school and see if it supports progress like the research suggests!

Hawthorn Class

This week it was the turn of Hawthorn Class to visit Gravity Force in St Albans. They left school excited and when they returned they were still excited but also very happy.

PE Kits

It is very important that all pupils bring their PE kit into school every day. As we know exercise is an important element of keeping our bodies and minds healthy. Due to safety concerns no pupil will be allowed to take part in their PE lesson without the appropriate clothing. Any pupil who does not have their PE kit will be sent to another class for the duration of the lesson. We appreciate your co-operation with this matter.

Wednesday College

Our pupils that attend college on a Wednesday with Mr Tomlinson are making the most of the opportunities available. Liam and Crystal are really enjoying the DJ Club at lunchtime where they are learning to spin some tracks!

Miles goes to the lunchtime computer club.

Abigail showed her PowerPoint to the class about jobs she found and liked on a jobs database called Jed. She was the first to present and communicated very well.



Mr Hoult-Allen wearing
his slippers



DJ Club

Spring

As everyone knows, we celebrate being different and the fact that Spring has sprung is another reason to show it. If you have been into school this week you will have noticed that Mrs Mills has decorated the Reception area with Spring flowers in a very unusual way.

New Medical Room Being Built

We have accessed grants and trusts to fund a medical room, which is currently being built at the front of the school. Looking beautiful, like all our new building work, we will be better able to support children, doctors, the school nurse and ambulance crew. You may not know, but 72% of our pupils have medical needs that require on-going support.

Cars Characters

George in Pine Class has given all his friends and adults a nick name, but not just any old nick name; he has matched their personalities with a character from the film Cars. He himself is Lightning McQueen, with Miss Rockley being his best friend Mater. Mrs Self is Sally and Mrs Dearlove-Blake is known as Hippie. You may think this is just a nice playful thing to do but in fact it has helped all the pupils in the class with their communication which has benefited them across all areas of the curriculum. Well done George on such an inspirational idea.

Cookery

Welcome back to the second half of our spring term, the days are getting warmer and the spring flowers are starting to bloom. Here in the cookery room we have been making Jamie Oliver's wild rice salad, tuna rice salad and marmite and cheese scones.

We have been discussing where food comes from such as allotment, bakers, supermarket, back garden. Now it is getting warmer perhaps you would like to grow some food, you could try a hanging basket of tomatoes or a few herbs in a pot?

We have also been learning how rice is grown and harvested.

Mrs Curran, Cookery Teacher

Recipes that are used can be found on the school website under Learning and Cookery.

<http://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/2045/cheese-and-marmite-scones>

<http://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/681634/helpyourself-tuna-rice-salad>



Spring has Sprung



Cars Characters



Jamie Oliver's Wild Rice
Jamie's Home Cooking Skills

Kindness To Others

Lewis from Juniper Class has shown a real act of kindness. He needs to have his head shaved for a medical reason so has decided to raise some money for our school at the same time. In just two days he has reached over £500 which is amazing. If you would like to make a donation you can either send it into school in an envelope labelled 'Lewis Donation' or go onto Local Giving - <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/nicihancock347#>

Lewis has been a real inspiration to his friends from Juniper Class as they have all chosen an activity to raise money via sponsorship:

- Andy, Carlo, Miles and Coral are swimming 5 lengths
- Danny, Jacob and Connor are taking part in a punching marathon against a punch bag
- Abigail and Phoebe are taking part in an exercise marathon

Book Character Day

On Thursday 2nd March we will be celebrating World Book Day by dressing up as a character from a children's book. There will be a range of fun lessons and activities to help further develop everyone's love of books and reading. Please remember that outfits should be suitable for a day at school.

Quiz Night

On Thursday 30th March from 7-10pm there will be a Quiz Night run by Collett Innovative industries (Aspen class) and Warriors ABC with proceeds going towards new sports equipment that will benefit both the school and the boxing club. Tickets are £10 each which includes food (bring your own drink) and we are hoping for 10 teams of 10 people. There will be a raffle and prizes for the winning team. The defending champions are the school teachers.

Tandem Sky Dive or Wingwalk

Do you or anyone you know fancy taking to the skies and helping to raise money for the school?

I did the Sky Dive last year and it was an amazing experience. My fear level was very high as I do not like heights but the thrill and views were definitely worth it.

Are you available on Sunday 11th June 2017?



Wingwalk

Parent Network Drop-In

Support, information & learning groups for parents caring for children with special education needs and/or disabilities - no need to book just turn up!
Delivered by experienced, trained facilitators with over 25 years of personal experience and professional knowledge to share.

Hemel Hempstead South Hill Centre, Cemetery Hill, Hemel Hempstead HP1 1JF

Monday 9.30am to 12pm

13th March – Listening techniques to help our children with feelings

March 6th & March 27th 9.30 – 12.00 Parent Network Host Training

Watford – Stanborough Centre 609 St Albans Road Watford WD25 9JL

Monday 6.30 -9pm

13th March Listening techniques to help our children with feelings

Stevenage – Phoenix Centre, The Hyde, Stevenage, SG2 9SE

Thursday 9.30am to 12pm

16th March - Listening techniques to help our children with feelings

St Albans St Michaels Parish centre, St Michael Street St Albans AL3 4SL

(Park in Verulamium Museum free after 6.30) Monday evenings 7-9pm

27th February- Guest: Andy Lawrence manager of HCC 0-25 together service

20th March - Listening techniques to help our children with feelings

www.familiesinfocus.co.uk

Sainsbury Active Kids

Do you shop in Sainsbury or know people that do?

We are 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.

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)



Parent Network

In partnership with Families in Focus



Sainsbury Active Kids

Free Workshop

Dacorum DSPL Area 8 are pleased to present

Understanding ASD and Managing Anger & Anxiety

Free workshop for parent carers of children and young people by ADD-vance
ASD/ADHD specialist trainers

Friday 28th April 2017 9.30 am – 1.30 pm

Gade Community Meeting Room, Chaulden Junior School, School Row, Hemel
Hempstead, HP1 2JU

What are the Learning outcomes?

- Understand what is ASD
- Recognise the diagnostic criteria for ASD
- Identify strengths and difficulties faced by a child with ASD
- Have a better understanding of what is anger and the rage cycle
- Have a better understanding of why children and young people with ASD and ADHD are more likely to experience anger, anxiety and distressed behaviour
- Discuss why children with ASD/ADHD often have challenges with distressed behaviour and anger
- Discover top tips and tools to help your child

To book, please call Ashley Fabray on 07525 917125 or email
fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk

Places are limited – please book early to avoid disappointment!

Please note that this course is only open to Dacorum parents/carers.

Curriculum Focus

Art - Making A Connection!

Did You Know?

That drawing is one of the most important activities you and your students/children can do. Not only does it provide the basis for other creative activities - like painting, sculpture and printmaking - but it also provides a direct link with reading, writing and especially mathematics.

The connection between drawing and geometric shapes and measurements simply cannot be denied. And do you know what else? Drawing is the single most accessible form of art available. All you need is a pencil and a sheet of paper.

Have a look at <http://www.kinderart.com> for some fantastic art ideas that support the connection between art and other subjects.

Achievements and Results

Achievements

Silver Award – George, Victor, Danny

Gold Award – Lewis

Reading Achievement – Kevan, Liam, Mahnoor, Jordan, Ethan, Lukas, Suhag

Friday Assembly

Mr Houlton-Allen explained to the pupils and staff that we will be celebrating World Book Day next week. He asked several pupils and staff what books they are currently reading and has suggested that we create a list of books that have changed our lives. We all read different types of books, fiction and non-fiction, but it would also be nice to know about those books that may have had a real impact on someone's life. Is there a book that you have read that changed your life?

Forthcoming Events

February Events

Monday 27th February – Art Theme Week

Monday 27th February – Sycamore Class to Gravity Force

March Events

Friday 3rd March – World Book Day Dinner

Monday 6th March – Olive Class to Gravity Force

Thursday 9th March – Aspen Class to Gosling Stadium

Friday 17th March – Coffee Catch-Up straight after assembly, all welcome

Tuesday 21st March – Music Festival – Lower & Middle School

Thursday 30th March – Quiz Night

Friday 31st March – End of Term – School Finishes at 1:00 pm

Mrs Rachael Lampey

The Collett School

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