

# Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School  
Special Educational Needs

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017

## Sycamore Class

This week it was the turn of Sycamore Class to visit Gravity Force in St Albans. It surprises me every week how many of the pupils are more excited about the socks they get than their experience at Gravity Force.

## Stamps

Voles Class are entering a competition to design a stamp for the Royal Mail. As many of the pupils did not understand what a stamp is or why we have them, Mrs Graham planned an interesting trip and homework. The whole class went for a trip to the Post Office, where they went in, in pairs, asked individually for a stamp and paid the man. Mrs Daly said all the pupils were brilliant; they each asked nicely and said please and thank you. Once everyone had brought their stamp, they returned to school where they looked at them, discussing what picture is on them and what they are used for. Their homework is to take them home and with the help of their family write a letter to themselves, put it in an envelope addressed to school, place the stamp in the top right hand corner and then post it. This has given the pupils a real understanding and first hand experience of where and how to buy a stamp and what they are used for. The stamp that they brought and stuck on a letter that they posted will arrive at school, just for them.



Royal Mail Stamp

## World Book Day

Thursday was World Book Day and most of the pupils and classroom staff arrived at school dressed as their favourite book character. This year we had lots of 'Wallys' from the 'Where's Wally books'; we had witches, cars, Little Miss characters, a Police Man, Harry Potter, Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf even followed her to school too. Mr Holt-Allen was Shakespeare, Mr Doyle from Olive Class was Tinky Winky from the Telly Tubbies, one of the pupils was 'The Boy Who Wore a Dress', it was great to see everyone enjoying themselves.



Mr Doyle as Tinky Winky

## Congratulations

Wednesday lunch time the fire alarm was activated due to a localised fire in one of the class rooms. Aaron initially noticed the fire and got Miss Browne-Powell who then evacuated the pupils from the area, raised the alarm and successfully extinguished it before any damage was caused. All other staff and pupils evacuated the buildings promptly and sensibly, meeting at the designated fire evacuation points. At the end of assembly this morning one of the fire engines from Hemel Fire Station came to school and presented Aaron with a certificate of bravery for raising the alarm. This is the first certificate they have presented this year. Aaron then got to sit in the back of the fire engine and talk to a member of Green Watch on their radio.

Well Done to Aaron and Miss Browne-Powell for their quick actions.

## Cookery

This week is one of my favourite weeks- PANCAKE WEEK!

Some children will be preparing their chosen toppings and perhaps trying new fillings. Others will be making the batter and perhaps have a go at tossing the pancake. We will see how many pancakes Neil will need to scrape off the ceiling by the end of the week.

It is also art week. The pupils will be creating pieces of art with food. So much fun this week!

[http://www.jamieshomecookingskills.com/recipe\\_print.php?title=one-cup-pancakes](http://www.jamieshomecookingskills.com/recipe_print.php?title=one-cup-pancakes)

*Mrs Curran, Cookery Teacher*

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

## Cow Roast

The Cow Roast Inn in Tring, which is under new management, have chosen us as their dedicated charity to whom they donate money too from any raffles and kids events. They are announcing us at their launch party on Saturday 4th March, it would be great if as many family and friends from The Collett Community could go along. There will be live music, a charity raffle, Peppa Pig Bouncy Castle, Kids play barn and kids eat for £1, Free Wine Tasting, Free Bubbly and Nibbles. Call 07526253332 or email [cowroastinn@mail.com](mailto:cowroastinn@mail.com) to secure your free tasting platter and drinks voucher!



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Pancakes  
Jamie's Home Cooking  
Skills

## FA Cup Semi Final Tickets

Are you a football fan or would like the experience of going to an FA Cup Semi Final match? Then we are the people to know!

We have four tickets to one of the Semi Final games on which will be held at Wembley Stadium on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017. These amazing tickets include hospitality in the VIP Bobby Moore Lounge with a 3 course sit down lunch; free drinks all day; 4 seats on the halfway line 10 rows up from the players box and complementary onsite parking.

The face value of these tickets is £4,000 as they are the best seats in the house! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Andrew Morton of Hawk Interiors who kindly donated them.

The Quarter Final games take place during the weekend of Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March and include:

- Middlesbrough v Manchester City
- Arsenal v Lincoln City
- Tottenham Hotspur v Millwall
- Chelsea v Manchester United

Four of these teams will be in the semis, is one of them your team?

If you are interested in the Semi Final Tickets you can bid online at <http://www.friendsofcollett.co.uk/> from 1:00 am on Monday 13th March, until bidding closes at midnight on Thursday 16th March.

The Semi-Finals are on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April. The date the tickets are for will be published on Monday 13th March.

## Easter Raffle

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for the tasty Easter Raffle. There are four great prizes, each containing chocolate and a voucher for either a family pass to Farmyard Funworld in Bushey, Climbing Experience for two at the XC Centre, two passes to Gullivers Theme Park or three passes for Kidzone. Tickets are £1 each, available from the school office, and the winners will be drawn on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

## 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.



FA Cup Semi Final Tickets



Easter Raffle

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017?

## 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**

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

[www.familiesinfocus.co.uk](http://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:



Wingwalk



In partnership with Families  
in Focus



Sainsbury Active Kids

### **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 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017)**

### **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 Week!**

What an exciting week, all pupils across the school have had the opportunity to try and explore new techniques and experience new ways of painting and drawing. They have worked on both small and large scales. Using their

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environment to create beautiful pieces of art, some of which have been abstract. The pupils have explored different artists, traditional and contemporary artists.

During middle school's assembly the pupils were taught how to use simple shapes and lines to create cartoon faces, they were all very pleased with their achievement's.

Have a go yourself using the following link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7TXEZ4tP06c&safe=active>

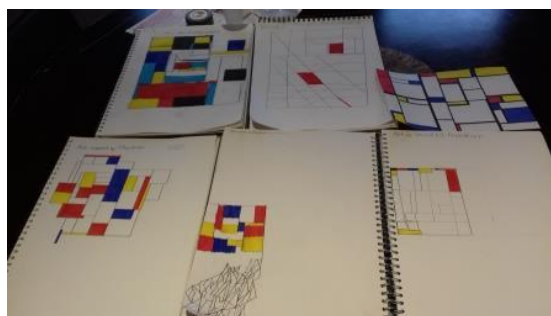
Pine Class explored the artist Andy Goldsworthy. They collected natural materials from the nature trail and joined the materials together to create their own piece of art work in the styles of Andy Goldsworthy.



Sycamore Class used balls and paint to create a large abstract piece of art. They dipped the balls in paint and rolled them across a large sheet of paper. The result was AMAZING!



Juniper class have been very busy during art week, they decorated pebbles copying aboriginal art, they have created artwork inspired by Mondrian and they created junk models and clay sculptures for the unique art competition.



# Achievements and Results

## Achievements

**Bronze Award** – Jack, Joshua, Leena, Zsofia, Sophie, Owuraku

**Silver Award** – Ricky, Lewis, Temur, Josh, Adam, Piper, Nicky, Connor, Jordan, David

**Gold Award** – Crystal, Hannah, Ethan

**Platinum Award** – Harry, Andy, George

**Reading Achievement** – Harry, George, Owuraku, Eesa, Carlo, Lewis

**National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme, Foundation Climber** - Ricky

## Friday Assembly

This morning Pine Class talked about what they have been learning about and doing in class. They spoke about non-fiction books, their posters and Egyptian artifacts that they have made using clay and other materials. How they went to our nature trail to collect twigs, leaves and grass for art and the fun they had making their 'yummy' pancakes. But I have to admit that the performance they did at the end was brilliant. They showed us their dance routine that they had developed with Mrs Dearlove to a popular rap. The pupils really got into character with their snapback hats and dance moves.

Congratulations to the pupils and staff of Pine Class for an amazing assembly.

Mr Houlton told everyone that today in 1966; the BBC announced that it would begin broadcasting television programmes in colour. Also that in 1875 George Bizet's opera called 'Carmen' premiered in Paris. We saw some pictures of the pupils that went to the Careers Fair at DESC earlier in the week and heard how they found it very useful.

The School Council Members will be selling Red Noses next week for Red Nose Day and will also be selling cakes for the next three Fridays.

## Forthcoming Events

### March Events

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – Olive Class to Gravity Force

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March** – Aspen Class to Gosling Stadium

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Science Theme Week

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – Mobile Planetarium in School

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Coffee Catch-Up straight after assembly, all welcome

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Zoolab – animal handling experience

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – Music Festival – Lower & Middle School

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – Quiz Night

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – End of Term – School Finishes at 1:00 pm

*Mrs Rachael Lampey*

*The Collett School*

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