

# Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School  
Special Educational Needs

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## Olive Class

Well this week Olive Class went to Gravity Force and their teacher came back more excited than the pupils. Mrs Witter bounced through the door telling us about all the fun they had and how at one point she got in the ball pit and then everyone else jumped in. I know the pupils have enjoyed their trip to Gravity Force but it was great to see one of the teachers so excited. Thank you Mrs Witter for brightening up my Monday afternoon.

## Gosling Stadium

Aspen Class visited the Gosling Stadium in Welwyn Garden City on Thursday. It sounds as if they had a great time; they played tennis in a blow up dome, looked around the ski slope, the velodrome, the athletics track, the gym, the sports hall, the clay and the hard tennis courts.

## Cookery

This week some of the pupils are making rainbow wraps - tortilla wraps, filled with a rainbow of healthy ingredients and discussing why we need to eat a 'rainbow' of healthy foods. We will also look at what is in a healthy packed lunch.

A selection of different flavoured potato wedges with dips will be on the menu for some, and discussing how the ingredients influenced the dishes.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/1294/spiced-potato-wedges>

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/1773/lemon-and-rosemary-potato-wedges>

Our Jamie Oliver Level 1 group will be cooking sausages, mash and one accompanying vegetable dish. Jamie Oliver Level 2 students will be cooking pork chops, mash and two accompanying vegetable dishes. Both groups will be learning how to know when meat is cooked through and timing different elements to be served together.

*Mrs Curran, Cookery Teacher*



Restringing a tennis racket



Lemon and Rosemary  
Potato Wedges  
BBC Good Food

## FA Cup Quarter Finals

The FA Cup Quarter Finals are being played this weekend. Are you a fan of Middlesbrough, Manchester City, Arsenal, Lincoln City, Tottenham Hotspur, Millwall, Chelsea or Manchester United? Will your team get through to the Semi Finals?

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.

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.

## Coffee Catch-Up Change of Date

The Coffee Catch-Up which was scheduled for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March has been moved to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. We are hoping that more parents and carers will be able to come along as it is the last day of term. It also falls within World Autism Awareness Week.

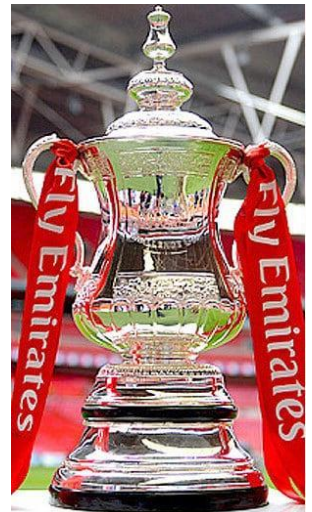
## Autism Awareness Week

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 is Autism Awareness Week and during this week, the emphasis will be to teach our pupils "It's Okay To Be Different."

Pupils across the school will be taking part in workshops in class. The teachers will be encouraging them to emphasis the difference between themselves and others in a positive way. They will have time to reflect on how their friends are different to them.

The world would be a boring place if we were all the same!

To celebrate World Autism Week the Friends of Collett will be hosting a special Coffee Catch-Up after assembly on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. All parents are invited to attend. This is replacing the Coffee Catch-Up scheduled for Friday 17th March.



FA Cup Semi Final Tickets



## Governor Vacancy

We have parent and co-opted governor vacancies at The Collett School.

This is a great opportunity to be part of the development and monitoring of this fantastic and unique school. Governors are fully immersed in the strategy and detail of the school and meet regularly. There is a time commitment required of successful applicants - usually evenings, though also school day visits and meetings. Governors would be invited to be part of the curriculum committee and/or the finance and resources committee, working together as the Full Governing Body.

If interested, please contact the Headteacher in the first instance.

## Garden Cuttings

Now Spring is here, I am sure many of you will be taking the opportunity to spend time in your gardens. If you are green fingered and take cuttings of your plants could you please take an extra one for us. We would like to develop our planted areas.

## Law change for using your mobile phone whilst driving

It is illegal to use a hand-held phone or similar device while driving, or riding a motorcycle - this is still the case stopped at traffic lights or queuing in traffic. Did you know? It is also illegal to use a hand-held mobile when supervising a learner driver or rider.

New penalties now mean that motorists and motorcyclists caught using a phone while driving and riding will receive six penalty points on their licence and a £200 fine. This means that new drivers, within two years of passing their test, run the risk of losing their licence for a single offence.

Keep safe – put your phone away in the glove compartment.

## 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.



Plant Cutting



Easter Raffle

## Quiz Night

Tickets are now available for the Quiz Night on Thursday 30th March from 7-10pm. The evening is being organised 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 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017?

## 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

New Parenting Courses/Workshops April 2017

Booking is essential. Unless otherwise stated all of the workshops/courses will be held at The Gade Community Room, off of Chaulden Junior School, School Row, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP1 2JU

**Managing Challenging Behaviours** (Deadline to book is Thursday 20th April 2017)

**Autism Support – 1:1 Advice Sessions** (Deadline to book is Tuesday 2nd May 2017)

**Managing Anger** (Deadline to book is Wednesday 17th May 2017)

**Autism Support – 1:1 Advice Sessions** (Deadline to book is Tuesday 13th June 2017)

**Boys will be Boys** (Deadline to book is Wednesday 14th June 2017)

**Managing the Transition to Secondary School** (Deadline to book is Tuesday 20th June 2017)

**Understanding Teen Behaviour** (Deadline to book is Tuesday 4th July 2017)

Please note - If you would like to book onto our courses or to find out more information please contact Emma Christie on 01442 278793 or email: [e.christie@cavendish.herts.sch.uk](mailto:e.christie@cavendish.herts.sch.uk)



Wingwalk



Sainsbury Active Kids

## **Dacorum Sibling Group**

The group will be held once a month on a Wednesday 4-6pm for children between the ages of 5-11yrs, for up to 20 children for children that attend schools in the Dacorum area.

Each month there will be a different activity, snack and drink, group games and an opportunity for free play. The group is designed to give young people a break and provide fun activities. There is a £1.00 voluntary donation per a week. Please note a child will not be booked on until the basic information details form is received. Once the form is received and a place is reserved, you will receive a confirmation email.

Hobbs Hill Wood School | 4 –6pm | Snacks & drinks | £1 voluntary donation

For more info contact Ashley Fabray on 07525917125

24thMay - Fit for Fun

21stJune - Jungle Jo

19thJuly - Fit for Fun

20thSept - Herts Inclusive Theatre

18thOct - Fit for Fun

22ndNov - Yoga

13thDec - Christmas Party

17thJan - Fit for Fun

21stFeb - Sublime Science

21stMarch - Fit for Fun

19thApril – Herts Inclusive Theatre

## **New workshops for Herts**

### **Expert Parent - Mental Health & CAMHS - Hatfield**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/expert-parent-programme-navigating-the-health-system-tickets-32520780530?aff=es2>

### **Expert Parent Programme - Navigating the Health system**

The Expert Parent Training Course Central to the Expert Training Programme is the Expert Parent Training Course, a 4-hour training session delivered by experienced parent trainers that will develop parents' knowledge and confidence when dealing with the health system. The workshop is delivered by parent carers who can share this expertise and insight to parents who want to learn more about how to get the best out of the health system for their children. The Expert Parent Programme is unique in that it maps out the current health system specifically to the needs of children and young people with disabilities. By empowering parents to advocate on behalf of their children, the programme has allowed participants to have more effective and

efficient interactions with health practitioners saving time and improving experience for both family and service. Through a combination of face-to-face sessions, online modules and web based resources the programme enables parent carers to better understand the health.

This workshop is funded by Council for Disabled Children (CDC) and features Louise Revnscroft, an experienced parent carer trainer who has family insight of child mental health services.

E-mail [sendpass@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sendpass@yahoo.co.uk) for more information and to register for other workshops including EHCP, SEN Support and SEND Navigator.

## Curriculum Focus

### BIG ART, FOR LITTLE ARTISTS!

I challenge you to make a BIG piece of art?

How big is BIG? If a piece of art is significantly bigger than what you would normally create it is classed as BIG ART!

When creating larger pieces of art pupils make larger movements to move paint across canvas. They also have to keep their vision wide open in order to keep the entire surface in view. They even have to take steps back constantly in order to see the entire piece properly. They literally take up more space with their movements and really occupy a larger portion of the room. When painting big "much more freedom and joy is felt".

Have a look at the website below and have a go yourselves at creating BIG pieces of art.

<http://handsonaswegrow.com/a-big-big-art-collection/>

<http://www.youclevermonkey.com/2014/08/big-art.html>

## Achievements and Results

### Achievements

**Bronze Award** – Josh, Andrew, Kristian,

**Silver Award** – Joshua, Torren, Andrew

**Reading Achievement** – Shuhag, Danny, Miles, Andrew,

### Friday Assembly

Mr Houlton-Allen had 'Spring' in his step this morning. He showed us pictures of the Hindu Spring Festival of colours, Holi. Everyone blows or throws coloured paint into the air. It is a big celebration that everyone participates in. We have some green fingered pupils in school; they were able to identify the Daffodils,



Holi, Hindu Spring Festival of Colour

Bluebells and even the Cherry Blossom in Japan. I think we all celebrate the end of winter, spring brings hope, new possibilities and opportunities and happiness.

Did you know that today in 1959 Barbie was born? Well I bet you didn't know that the original Barbie was apparently modelled on Mr Hoult-Allen!

The 'Spotlight' today was on Hare Class who are extremely dedicated and did the daily mile in the rain. We are very proud of you!

Next Friday is St Patrick's Day and although we will still wear our school uniform, everyone is invited to add something green. Perhaps a green hair ribbon or pair of socks.

## **Forthcoming Events**

### **March Events**

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

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Mulberry Class to Gravity Force

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

~~**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Coffee Catch-Up~~ CANCELLED

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

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Juniper Class to Gravity Force

**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** – Coffee Catch-Up straight after assembly, all welcome

**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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