

Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School
Special Educational Needs

Friday 17th March 2017

FA Cup Semi Finals

WE HAVE EXTENDED THE BIDDING WINDOW!

Do you support **CHELSEA**, **TOTTENHAM**, **ARSENAL** or **MANCHESTER CITY**?

We are auctioning FOUR TICKETS for one of the FA CUP SEMI-FINAL days at Wembley with hospitality in the VIP Bobby Moore Lounge!

The winning bid can choose which game they would like to go to!

CHELSEA V TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

or

ARSENAL V MANCHESTER CITY

These amazing tickets include:

- Complimentary onsite parking
- 3 course sit down lunch for 4 people in the VIP Bobby Moore Lounge
- Free drinks all day
- 4 seats on the halfway line 10 rows up from the players box

Face value of these tickets is £2,000 as they are the best seats in the house!

The Semi-Finals are on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April

BIDDING CLOSES 10 AM MONDAY 20TH MARCH 2017

Kindly donated by Mr Andrew Morton of Hawk Interiors

If you are interested in the Semi Final Tickets you can bid online at

<http://www.friendsofcollett.co.uk/>

Mulberry Class

Mulberry Class were the lucky ones this week to go to Gravity Force. Everyone was very excited when they left and I didn't see them return, actually thinking about it I haven't seen them since. If your child is in Mulberry Class have they come home yet?

Science Week

Juniper Class walked up to the butchers at Warners End on Monday to collect two frozen Lamb hearts. They examined them to see how the blood is pumped around the heart. They also had a very interesting lesson on hormones this morning.

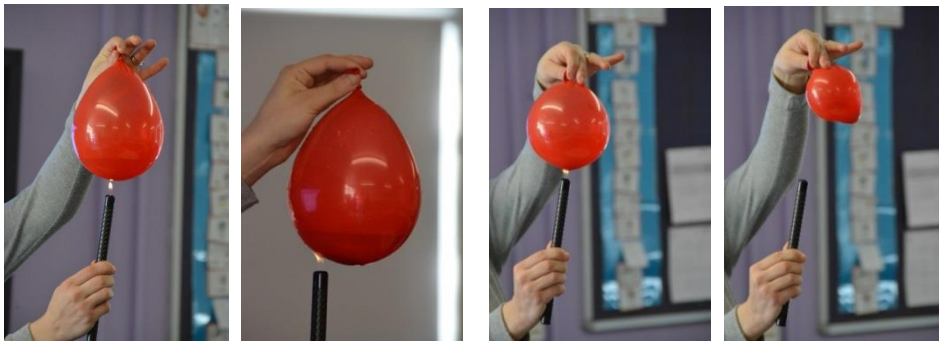


FA Cup Semi Final Tickets



Lamb's Heart

Pine class investigated the effects of heating up a balloon that contains only air and a balloon that contains air and water. They found out that the balloon containing air and water didn't pop as the water absorbs most of the heat, so the rubber doesn't get very hot.



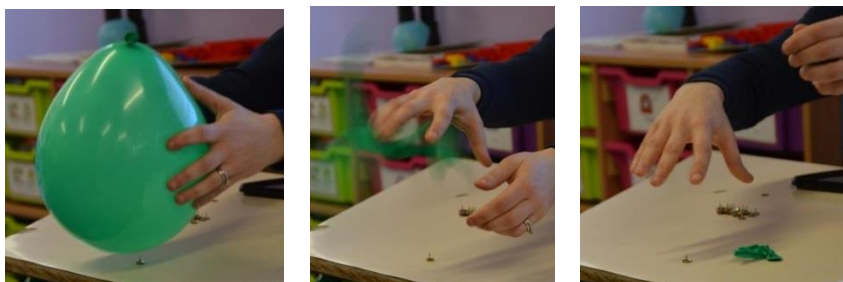
Balloon with Air and Water

Balloon with only Air

Pine and Olive class explored surface area. They rolled a balloon over a single pin and it burst, we then rolled a balloon over several pins and it did not burst. The pressure from a single pin is all in one area of the balloon which is why it pops, but when you roll the balloon of several pins the pressure is shared across the balloon so it doesn't pop.



Balloon on many pins



Balloon on one pin

Dry ice bubbles!



On Wednesday all pupils had the opportunity to experience the mobile planetarium. It was a giant inflatable dome which the pupils and staff entered through a doorway and then sat and watched a short film. It was amazing. On Friday we had a visiting zoo, well a man with some strange animals. He had a Brazilian Snail, some Cockroaches, a Bearded Dragon and a Milk Snake called Milk Shake.

Cookery

Science in the kitchen week

We have been learning how temperature changes the structure of food. While making chocolate crispie cakes, the students understood how to change the structure of chocolate from a solid to a liquid using heat and then back into a solid form by cooling.

Some have been recognising the basic forms around us, such as, liquids, solids and gasses. We changed the structure of jelly using temperature control.

Following on from this, pupils made fruit trifle and learnt how to change the volume of cream by whipping air into it.

The process of respiration and how it is used in the bread making process was discussed with some upper school students, while making bread. We then learnt how to prevent food poisoning and how to minimise the conditions bacteria thrive.

Mrs Curran, Cookery Teacher

Lockers Park School

On Friday 31st March Lockers Park School will be doing their Sponsored Walk to raise money for our school. The walk is 5 miles long and will start at 9.30 am from the front of our school. Some of our pupils and staff will be joining them on the walk but may stop at the halfway point and return to school in a minibus. Refreshments will be provided for participants at the halfway point and finish. The route finishes back at the front of Collett and everyone is expected to be back by 11.30 am.

Friday 31st March

There will be no assembly on Friday 31st March due to the Sponsored Walk. However, the Coffee Morning will still be taking place 9.30 am in the Art Room. There will be tea, coffee and cake for everyone. All parents and carers are invited to come along and enjoy a relaxing chat with other parents and carers. We will also have some leaflets about some holiday activities and information on why the donkey sanctuary visits the children.



Bearded Dragon



How temperature affects chocolate

Autism Awareness Week

Monday 27th March to Sunday 2nd 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 emphasise 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 31st March. All parents are invited to attend.

Naidex is almost here!

We are only weeks away from the biggest disability and independent living event in Europe, have you registered for your free ticket yet?!

Returning under new management to the Birmingham NEC from the 28th - 30th March, Naidex is set to smash all expectations. 250 exhibitors, 185 CPD accredited seminars and 12,000 visitors. This is an unmissable event for anyone who lives with or cares for a disabled person, is working in the disability sector, or is in fact disabled themselves.

Get involved - register for your FREE ticket and be a part of this remarkable event. <http://naidex.co.uk/>

When Is The Show?

28th to 30th March 2017, NEC, Birmingham

Doors: Tues & Weds 10AM - 5PM, Thurs 10AM - 4PM

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 30th March 2017.

Quiz Night – only two weeks to go!

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 11th June 2017?



Plant Cutting



Easter Raffle



Wingwalk

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.



Sainsbury Active Kids

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

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

24th May - Fit for Fun

21st June - Jungle Jo

19th July - Fit for Fun

20th Sept - Herts Inclusive Theatre

DSPL | Developing Special
Provision Locally
Be involved, make a difference

18th Oct - Fit for Fun
22nd Nov - Yoga
13th Dec - Christmas Party
17th Jan - Fit for Fun
21st Feb - Sublime Science
21st March - Fit for Fun
19th April – 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 for more information and to register for other workshops including EHCP, SEN Support and SEND Navigator.

Curriculum Focus

ARTISTS AND SCIENTIST: MORE ALIKE THAN DIFFERENT!

Art and science. To those who practice neither, they seem like opposites, one data-driven, the other driven by emotion, however, science and scientific ideas have inspired art and artists for a long time, artists such as Leonardo DaVinci,

Picasso, Turner and Kandinsky. In harnessing the scientific zeitgeist of their times to the making of their art, they showed how scientific ideas can inspire great art.

"The arts inspire innovation by leading us to open our minds and think in new ways about our lives - including the work we do and the way we work"- CEO of Boeing, W James McNerney

Below are some links to projects that provide the pupils with opportunities to develop their art and science skills.

<https://uk.pinterest.com/pin/44191640073829110/>

<http://www.learnplayimagine.com/2014/02/combining-art-and-science.html>

<https://artfulparent.com/childrens-artful-science-experiments>



Combining Art & Science



Friday Assembly

There was no assembly this morning due to the visiting Zoo.

Forthcoming Events

March Events

Monday 20th March – Juniper Class to Gravity Force

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

Thursday 30th March – Quiz Night

Friday 31st March – Lockers Park School, Sponsored Walk

Friday 31st March – No Assembly due to sponsored walk

Friday 31st March – Coffee Catch-Up 9.30 am

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

Mrs Rachael Lampey

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