

Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School
Special Educational Needs

Friday 21st April 2017

Welcome Back

Am I the only one that felt the two weeks holiday went really quickly? I hope everyone had a good break and managed to make the most of the good weather that we had.

It was lovely to welcome all our pupils back Tuesday morning; I can't believe it is already the summer term. There are lots of exciting things planned and of course some of our pupils will be sitting their exams in the coming months.

Fairthorne Manor 2017

The children had a fabulous week and were a real pleasure to take away. On the Monday a lot of them overcame their fears and conquered the Zipwire over the lake. They were so proud of themselves once they had done it and rushed back to have another go. Tuesday they worked together and built an amazing den in the woods. This mostly kept the rain out when the 'storm' hit after 45 minutes. Then Wednesday we had a lovely day on the beach at the Isle of Wight although it started to rain just before lunch so we had to return to Fairthorne Manor early. We then went into the gym hall and had a fun packed hour kicking balls and scoring baskets, by the end there were lots of hot and sweaty children. On Thursday we visited Manor Farm where we made bread, rag rugs, did some washing, had a Victorian school lesson and milked a cow. Friday the children were brilliant at helping carry all the bags and load the bus to come home, some even had tears in their eyes when we left Fairthorne Manor as they had such a wonderful week. Overall the children amazed us with their independence levels and determination to achieve tasks set.

Alex Chaplin, Emily Smith, Kelly Southwood, Andy Double & David Doyle

Junk Modelling

Mrs Blackman from Owls Class is asking for empty packets and boxes so the pupils can do some junk modelling. I don't know if they have a specific project in mind but I am looking forward to seeing the results.

If you have any empty packets and/or boxes, please send them into school in a plastic bag or leave them at reception. Thank you for your help.



Mr Double

Cookery

It has been great to be back with the students in the kitchen making lots of delicious food. We have been discussing what the children do when they are hungry at home; ask a grown-up to make some food or get up and choose some food from the cupboards and fridge and make a snack for themselves? As you can imagine there was a general feeling that the grown-up should make the snacks. So this week we made apple and cream cheese wraps, cheese straws and egg fried rice.

<http://www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/lets-get-cooking-at-home/recipes/rice-plain-egg-fried-and-mushroom/> rice recipes

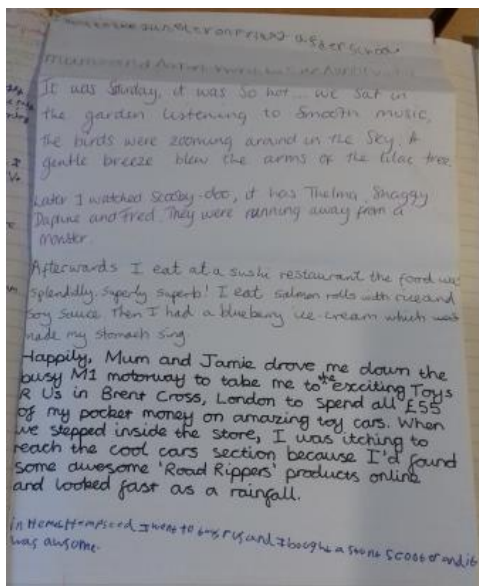
<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/1228635/cheese-straws> cheese straws recipe

Some of our year 11s will be taking their Jamie Oliver BTEC cookery exam on Monday 24th. They have all been working so hard throughout the year in preparation for the exam. I am so very proud of their attitude and determination to achieve the qualification. I know each pupil will give 100% effort and I wish them the best of luck.

Mrs Curran, Cookery Teacher

Juniper Class

Earlier this week I had a visitor from Juniper Class. Phoebe brought me a piece of A4 paper with all different handwriting on it. As I sat and read it, I realised that it was different people saying what they had been doing. In their Literacy lesson, Juniper Class had blended sentences recounting what they had done during the Easter Holidays. It was brilliant, thank you so much for showing me Phoebe.



Blended recount of Easter Holidays

New Arrivals

Hares Class have been welcoming some new arrivals this week. They have watched eight eggs hatch and beautiful chicks arrive. The pupils have loved watching them and have all been very confident and careful whilst picking them up and holding them.



Chicks

WOW!

In science Owl Class have been looking at changing states. They mixed salt in water and hung a paperclip on a piece of string into the solution. They left the crystals to grow for a month and look at the result! We were quite amazed.



Owl's Crystals

Coffee Catch-Up

After assembly this morning a number of parents/carers stayed for the first Coffee Catch-Up of the Summer Term. This morning they sat drinking coffee, chatting and enjoying cakes in our lovely tree house.

During the last Coffee Morning Kelly Fox from the Donkey Sanctuary talked about Donkey Therapy and its impact and benefits. The parents/carers were then invited to take part in a practical session where they groomed and walked the donkeys and could see and feel the benefit themselves. We are looking into the possibility of hosting a Parents/Carers Donkey Therapy Session. If you would be interested please contact the school office.



Cuttings

Did you make the most of the good weather during the Easter break and get out into your gardens? We are very interested in any cuttings that you would be willing to give us as we would love to expand and develop our planted areas.

Co-Op

Are you a Co-Op Member? Co-Op gives 1% of what you spend on its products to community projects selected by Co-op stores near your home. You can choose which cause your own 1% goes to. If you don't, it's shared out between the causes of your nearest Co-op.

Please choose us as your beneficiary and if you have any family or friends who are also members please ask them to choose us.

If you are not a member please sign up https://membership.coop.co.uk/sign-in?_ga=1.88688152.2043471850.1492781401

We have raised £1,125.00 so far

New causes are chosen every 6 months, so please support us while we are one of their selected community projects.



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

Sainsbury Active Kids

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers are available from stores until 2nd May 2017. Last year the vouchers that you collected for us were used to purchase sensory equipment for the pupils. Please check the bottom of your handbags and kitchen drawers for any vouchers that may be lurking. We can put them to good use and it will not cost you another penny.



Sainsbury Active Kids

NEW PAN DISABILITY FOOTBALL SESSIONS

Wednesday 26th April - Wednesday 24th May | 6pm - 7pm @ Westfield Community Sports Centre, Tolpits Lane, Watford, WD18 6NS.

Watford FC's CSE Trust will be delivering a weekly football session in the sports hall, for girls and boys with any disability impairment. Fully qualified coaches will provide a safe and fun learning environment. Please book in advance before Friday 21st April by contacting Karen Stephanou, Disability Football Development Manager on karen.stephanou@watfordfc.com or 07841 028229

Achievements and Results

Achievements

Reading Award – David, Elli, Coral

Silver Award – Ellie, Logan, Katelyn, Marcus, Mahnoor

Gold Award – Mahima, Josh, Miles, Logan

Friday Assembly

Voles Class did an amazing assembly this morning. I don't think I have ever seen such small pupils so happy and comfortable on stage. They finished with their amazing rendition of 'We're Going On A Bear hunt'.

Congratulations everyone in Voles Class for an absolutely brilliant assembly.

Mr Houlton-Allen spoke to everyone about the general election that will be happening and how our School Council will be holding their own election.

There will be three candidates who each will present their wishes and ideas. It

will then be up to the other pupils to vote for the candidate they prefer and think should win. More details will be given next week, so watch this space!

The Spotlight was then on Crystal who showed us a piece of her art work that she did this week at Stevenage College. Well done Crystal, it was amazing.

Aaron then had a number of us in tears with his performance of 'You Raise Me Up' by Westlife. He not only sang the song with feeling but also used sign language. Congratulations Aaron, you were absolutely amazing.

We would all like to wish Mrs Graham from Voles Class the very best for Sunday. She will be running her second marathon in two weeks. During the Easter break she completed the Brighton Marathon in just over 5 hours and this Sunday she will be running the London Marathon. She is raising money for The Collett School and if you would like to donate has a Local Giving page <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/emma-triplemarathonchallenge/>

We will be cheering you on Mrs Graham!!

Forthcoming Events

April Events

Tuesday 25th April – Donkey Therapy

May Events

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd May – INSET – School Closed to Pupils

Wednesday 3rd May – Friday 5th May – Activities Week

Monday 8th May – Pantomime in School

Tuesday 23rd May – Parents' Evening

Friday 26th May – French Theme Day

Mrs Rachael Lampey

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