

Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School
Special Educational Needs

Friday 28th April 2017

London Marathon

Congratulations to Mrs Graham who completed the London Marathon in 5 hrs 28 mins. This was her second marathon in two weeks and will be running her third, in Edinburgh, during the May half term. Completing just one marathon is an achievement, but three in two months is amazing.

Mrs Graham, who only started working here in September, is raising money for The Collett School as she feels passionate about the school and our aims for the pupils. To read Mrs Graham's story please visit her Local Giving page

<https://localgiving.org/fundraising/emma-triplemarathonchallenge/>

If you would like to make a donation, this can be done via the Local Giving page or by sending it into school in a marked envelope 'Marathon Donation'.

Comic Relief

Do you remember Red Nose Day? Many of the pupils and staff wore red and Mulberry class held a cake sale. They had also been selling Red Noses to raise money for Comic Relief and I would like to congratulate everyone involved for raising an amazing £310, well done.

Independence

Pine Class have been developing their independence skills. They have been learning how to fold blankets, tie their shoe laces and make a great cuppa tea. I now know where to go on my break as Lucy May makes a very good cup of tea along with Ethan.

Cookery

Following on from last week... what the students can do at home if they are hungry (with adult supervision); they have made microwave jacket potatoes with chosen filling or the older students made homemade beef/vegie burger with lettuce and tomato.

Some of the Year 11 students took their BTEC cookery exams on Monday and exceeded my expectations. They were all well organised, controlled their



Mulberry Class Cake Sale



Independence

anxieties, read and followed complex recipes, kept time management and sequenced tasks appropriately. They all produced amazing dishes of well balanced meals. Some of the students' faces were a picture when they had finished, they were so proud of their achievement and so was I.

Mrs Curran, Cookery Teacher

Drama Accreditation

Tuesday morning I was invited to watch Aspen Class perform Macbeth for their Drama Accreditation. The pupils had written their own script during a number of workshops and found props. They were brilliant; they remembered their words, actions and places.

Later in the morning all the girls and Jamie from Hawthorn Class performed their version of Macbeth. The pupils had chosen the type of staging they wanted to use themselves and each had learnt the words and actions for two characters. Their projection was excellent and the performance extremely enjoyable.

Well done to everyone involved in both performances.

New Arrivals

It surprises me every year how quickly chicks grow. All eight chicks are thriving and enjoying the attention. The pupils are very attentive and are ensuring they are fed, watered and kept clean. It is lovely to see that the chicks are different colours and have different little characters. Thank you to the adults for allowing the pupils to have such a great learning experience.

Emotional Regulation

The Hive invited parents to attend a workshop about Emotional Regulation which was held this week. The school has introduced the 'Zones of Regulation Framework' to all pupils and we were therefore keen to share with parents how they could apply some of the strategies at home with their child. Thank you to all those parents that attended. If you were unable to attend the workshop but would like some information, please contact Mrs Gray via the school office.

Donkey Therapy

This week we had a visit from the Donkey Sanctuary. The purpose of the intervention is to encourage interaction, communication and build self-esteem. All children had the opportunity to meet the donkeys throughout the day.



Macbeth



Great learning experience



Donkey Therapy

STOP THE PRESS!

The candidates for the Collett Election on 8th June have now been named ... Lillie, Nicky, Abaigh and Aemma. All were introduced to everyone during assembly this morning and they were each proudly wearing a different coloured rosette. We will provide details of their manifestos as soon as they are released.

Bank Holiday Weekend

We have an extra-long weekend for the May Day Bank Holiday and an INSET day on Tuesday. As school is closed to pupils on Monday and Tuesday I have included some websites where you can find ideas and details of things that may help you entertain your children.

<https://www.wherecanwego.com/whats-on/hemel%2bhempstead>

<https://www.netmums.com/westherts/whats-on>

<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/east/hertfordshire/hemel-hempstead>

<https://www.familiesonline.co.uk/local/hemel-hempstead-west-hertfordshire/in-the-know/free-things-to-do-in-hemel-hempstead-berkhamsted-and-tring>

If anyone has details of clubs and activities that are suitable, please let me know and I can include them in the Catch-Up and school website.

How Can I Help?

There are many ways you can help our school.

- Do you work for a company that would choose 'Friends of Collett' as their nominated charity for a year or even one fundraising event?
- Could you host a coffee morning or cake sale either at home or at work?
- Choose 'Friends of Collett' as your charity when taking part in a marathon or run
- If you or someone you know raises money for 'Friends of Collett' will your or their employer take part in 'Matched Giving' and double the amount of money raised?
- Do you shop on line? By registering with Easy Fundraising and shopping at your usual sites via Easy Fundraising, you could help raise money without any effort or extra cost.

Easy Fundraising

THE COLLETT SCHOOL SEN has joined [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

In a nutshell, it's a really easy way for us to generate free donations whenever our supporters shop online.

Here's how you can help:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsocollett> and join for free
2. Get shopping at over 3,000 shops and sites – including Sainsbury's, John Lewis, Argos and Amazon
3. Feel great, because every time you shop, you'll collect a donation for Friends of Collett

It doesn't cost you a penny extra, when you shop the Easyfundraising way the retailer pays a commission and this gets turned into a donation for us!

You can get some great deals on travel, insurance, house hold bills – why not have a look and help the school at the same time?

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

Women & Girls' Disability Football Festival

Saturday 20th May, 1pm – 2.30pm, Kings Langley FC, Global Metcorp Stadium
Come and join Watford FC CSE Trust to take part in a variety of Free football activities. All abilities are welcome including friends and siblings of the players. Receive a FREE T - shirt and ticket to watch Watford Ladies FC V's Millwall LFC at 3pm
For more information or to book a space please contact Karen Stephanou on Karen.stephanou@watfordfc.com



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

Curriculum Focus

This term our focus will be on PSD (Personal and Social Development) which is a main focus for us at Collett. PSD is made up of five areas; Citizenship, Emotional Development, Healthy Living, Independence and Social Development.

PSD - Keeping Safe

As summer is on its way and the weather is getting better, you might be spending more time outside and be walking more to enjoy the sunshine. It is very important for our children to be safe and aware of dangers around them. Teaching children to cross the road safely while on a journey can be very stressful and difficult to do as there are many dangers around, many of which our children do not see. There are some fantastic websites to support the

teaching of this to the children. Below are a few websites that are useful.

<http://www.a2bsafely.com/> - An interactive quiz to support older children and young adults in road safety.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/GreenLightPPV/> - At a cost of £1.49 a month or £9.99 for a year and a 14 day free trial to support younger children with educational videos around walking by a road, getting on and off a bus, car safety and more. Some videos can be found to watch free on YouTube.

<http://www.brake.org.uk/> - A fantastic website with supportive ideas to support children with many disabilities including Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD); Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD); Dyspraxia (or Developmental Co-ordination Disorder); and Dyslexia.



Online game

Achievements and Results

Achievements

Reading Award – Adam, Gene,

Silver Award – Edith, Isobel, Thomas, Edwards, Beale, Harvey, Tristan

Gold Award – Jordan, Ricky, Coral, Temur, Jamie, Abigail, Nicky, David, Connor

Platinum Award – Lewis

Headteacher's Award - Andy

Friday Assembly

We had a real treat in this morning's assembly; Anne from Leavesden Heritage Trail came along with Will Lee, an artist. Will makes statues and furniture from wood and has been asked to make a piece for the Leavesden Heritage Trail.

They were in school today to ask for our help as Will does not know what to make. Anne gave us some of the history of Leavesden and how during the Second World War planes were made on the site where Warner Brothers Studios now stands.

After assembly Will demonstrated how he makes statues from wood using chain saws. The pupils were fascinated to see a block of wood transformed into a beautiful owl sitting on books.

At the end of assembly Mr Chaplin showed us a short film of the trip to Fairthorne Manor. The pupils had a great time, we saw them on the zip wire, make a den in the woods, enjoying a boat and a train ride, taking the Hovercraft over to the Isle of Wight, playing on the beach, having great fun on the water slide and cooking their dinner. It is no wonder everyone came back tired, I was tired just watching it all.



Will making a statue



Forthcoming Events

May Events

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd May – INSET – School Closed to Pupils

Wednesday 3rd May – Friday 5th May – Activities Week & Residential Trip

Monday 8th May – Pantomime in School, Little Princess

Tuesday 9th May – Juniper Class, London Southbank

Tuesday 9th May – Donkey Sanctuary

Tuesday 16th May – HPV Vaccine, Years 8 & 9

Friday 19th May – Sports for All Event

Friday 19th May – Coffee Catch-Up Morning

Tuesday 23rd May – Donkey Sanctuary

Tuesday 23rd May - Parents' Evening

Friday 26th May – French Theme Day

Mon 29th May to Fri 2nd June – HALF TERM

Mrs Rachael Lampey

The Collett School

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