

Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School
Special Educational Needs

Friday 5th May 2017

PGL Liddington, Swindon

Wednesday morning some of our Upper and Middle School pupils left school in two mini buses, they were on their way to PGL Liddington. This is a residential trip where the pupils get to enjoy outdoor activities for example giant swing, Tunnel Trail, zip wire, toasting marshmallows over a campfire, raft building and canoeing.

Next week I shall let you know how much fun everyone had.

Activities Week

Wednesday morning the reception area was full of pupils all eager to leave.

The pupils from Upper and Middle School that have not gone on the residential trip are enjoying three days of activities.

Wednesday everyone boarded a coach and set off for Lea Valley Country Park, <https://www.visitleevalley.org.uk/>. They enjoyed orienteering and a 'Field to Fridge' experience where they see how crops are grown on the farm, how milk gets to the supermarket and what a farmer's job is like.

Thursday was lots of school based fun. There was a giant race track set up in the hall where everyone had the opportunity to use one of the hand held controllers and race the model car around the track. There was fun in the cookery room making rocky road and fruit smoothies. The pupils showed the staff how Zumba should really be done. There was also animal handling in Mulberry Class where the pupils had the opportunity to touch the guinea pigs, a snake and giant cockroaches and learn about the other animals that were there. Some of the pupils told Miss Davey how the animal handling made them feel; brave and brilliant, calm, cool, chilled, happy, animals do not judge you, I overcame fear, excited.

Today they have been to Fuzzy's Farm, <https://fuzzys.farm/> for a Native American Day. Mrs Mills and Mrs Curran have gone to cook everyone a BBQ lunch.



PGL Liddington



Fuzzy's Farm

Lower School

The pupils in Lower School have also had a week of fun, it has been Bug Week. They have been on 'Bug Hunts' in our woodland area, enjoyed singing bug songs, making hats and models. Thursday Mrs Morrison made herself a bug hat and wore it proudly all day. Today Voles Class have come to school dressed as all different bugs.



Cookery

We have had a very quiet week in the cookery room as middle and upper school have been on activities week. Lower school made delicious fruity yoghurt cups, having fun mashing different fruits and layering them with oats and low fat yoghurt. Fruity yoghurt cups -

<http://www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/lets-get-cooking-at-home/recipes/fruity-yoghurt-cups/>

Mrs Carter and Mrs Daily made rocky roads and fruit smoothies with some of middle and upper school on Thursday. The students said they were delicious!
Mrs Curran, Cookery Teacher

Hive Workshop

A number of parents came to the sensory processing workshop held at school this week. Many of them expressed how interesting and helpful it was. If you would like details please contact the school office.

Richard and Jaco

There was an extremely interesting documentary screened by the BBC in April. It is about a father and his son who has Autism. A member of staff watched it on BBC iplayer and found it very interesting.

Richard and Jaco: Life with Autism:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b08l684l/richard-and-jaco-life-with-autism> via @bbcplayer



Bug Hats



Fruity Yoghurt Cups



Parents' Workshop



Richard and Jaco: Life with Autism

Paralympic Athlete Visit

We are taking part in the 'Sports for Schools' scheme which brings a top athlete to our school to encourage children to take part in more sport. On Friday 19th May, Sean Rose, a skiing and water skiing world champion and double winter paralympian will be coming to school. During his visit he will be talking to the pupils and encouraging them to take part in a sponsored fitness circuit. The circuit consists of four exercises and everyone is encouraged to do as many repetitions as possible in 1 minute. Once everyone has completed the circuit Sean will hold an inspirational assembly and pupils will have the opportunity to ask him any questions. A proportion of the money raised by the sponsorship goes to Sports for Schools to enable them to help the athletes and support a number of children's charities. The remainder of the sponsorship will be given to the school to purchase sports equipment. If you would like to know more please watch the following short video <http://youtu.be/a6KXpZsu8eQ>.

Sponsorship forms will be sent home next week.

There will be no assembly on Friday 19th May.

Sing A Long

Have you ever wanted to sing with a Rock Choir? Well we may be able to make your dream come true. On Thursday 8th June we will be hosting a social "sing along with the Rock Choir" evening for staff, pupils and families. More details are to follow so keep your eyes open.

Brave Men and Women

We have fifteen brave people who have signed up to take to the skies for Collett School. On Sunday 11th June 2017 Vicky, Tracey, Laura, Freya, Gabrielle, Wendy, Alex, Nathan, Ian, Kirstie and Barry will be leaving the ground in an aeroplane but will be coming back down to earth under a parachute. These eleven people have agreed to complete a tandem skydive.

Hannah, Matt, Gemma and John will also be leaving the ground but not IN an aeroplane, they will be standing ON the top wing of a bi-plane. They will be completing a wingwalk.

All of these courageous people are hoping to raise as much money as possible for equipment and facilities for our school. Please support our flyers by either passing the details onto family and friends or sponsoring them via

<https://localgiving.org/charity/friendsofcollett/>

Drop down the "Fundraisers" tab to choose someone to support.



Sean Rose



Wingwalk

What Can I Do?

You can:

- Share our webpage address on Local Giving with family, friends, neighbours, colleagues, customers, anyone and everyone
- Ask the company you work for if they will nominate 'Friends of Collett' as their charity for a year or even one fundraising event
- Be social and host a coffee morning, cake sale or even a cocktail party
- Take part in a run or challenge and choose 'Friends of Collett' as your charity
- Ask if your company will take part in 'Matched Giving' and double the amount of money raised for 'Friends of Collett'
- Shop on line via Easy Fundraising. You can book holidays, arrange insurance, shop at your usual sites and raise money without any effort or extra cost.

Easy Fundraising

Are you like me and prefer to shop from the comfort of your home?

Do you need to book a holiday or arrange car insurance?

Then why not register with Easy Fundraising, do all the things you need to do and raise money for Collett School while you do it?

Here's how easy it is

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofcollett> 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!

Five Months Left

We have 5 months to go, so please support us while we are one of Co-Op's selected community projects.

Co-Op gives 1% of what you spend on its products to community projects selected by Co-op stores near your home. As a member you can choose which cause your 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

Vouchers

Sainsbury have now stopped issuing the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. Please search through your handbags, wallets and kitchen drawers to see if you have any vouchers hiding. We use the vouchers to purchase sensory equipment for the pupils. Please send any vouchers into the school office.



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

Oaklands College Taster Day

Wednesday 7th June Oaklands College will be hosting a taster day at the St Albans and Welwyn Garden City Campuses. Details can be found on our school website <http://www.collett.herts.sch.uk/todays-news>

Curriculum Focus

PSD - Social Development

This term our school focus is Social Development. This can be a very difficult

aspect for our children to understand and master and where our children often get distressed. Providing a wide range of activities to support our children with mastering the skills needed to thrive in the future is key to our children's development.

Activities that can be done at home to support children with eye contact, interpreting facial features and gestures and staying on topic during a conversation can help children and can be done while at the dinner table or whenever there is a spare five minutes.

<http://www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2011/03/28/12-activities-to-help-your-child-with-social-skills/> is a great website offering ideas for games that can be played to support these skills.

Other websites containing games to develop social skills are:

<http://www.encourageplay.com/blog/10-engaging-and-fun-social-skills-group-activities-for-kids>

[http://pbskids.org/itsmylife/games/-games-for-teenagers.](http://pbskids.org/itsmylife/games/-games-for-teenagers)

12 Activities
to help your child with
social skills



Achievements and Results

Achievements

Silver Award – Gabbie, Ben

Gold Award – Jack, Piper, Josh, Josh, Carla,

Friday Assembly

The hall this morning seemed quite empty and we were missing our Upper and Middle School friends. Mr Hault-Allen asked what the pupils had been up to this week and if they had been enjoying activities week. There was a resounding YES! He also spoke to Lower School, asking why there seemed to be a number of bugs in the hall. We all then watched a 15 minute video about Sean Rose's visit to school on Friday 19th May. In the video they showed the four exercises that the pupils will be doing during the fitness circuit and the prizes that they will receive if they raise £15 or £20 sponsorship.

Forthcoming Events

May Events

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

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