

Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School
Special Educational Needs

Friday 12th May 2017

Pantomime

Monday morning the pupils and staff enjoyed a pantomime of Little Princess. There was lots of laughter and excitement as everyone enjoyed themselves.



Little Princess

Art GCSE

Tuesday and Friday five of our pupils from Aspen Class took their Art GCSE. They have spent five hours each day producing some amazing pieces of art. Their attitude and work ethic has been amazing. Well done Billy, Torren, Darrah, Zak and Kristian.

Donkey Sanctuary

Our favourite donkeys were back in school this week. The pupils really enjoy their time grooming and walking them. The donkeys are so placid and also enjoy all the attention.

Olive Horse Care

It appears that Horse Care is not only educational and therapeutic for the pupils. Mrs Witter was caught taking full advantage and who can blame her. It must work because Mrs Witter is always smiling and happy in her work; no wonder the pupils love her.



Excellent Therapy

Juniper Class

The majority of Juniper Class went on a trip to London this week. It was an excellent experience and helped everyone with their travel training. They left school in a mini bus and then got the train into London. Whilst there, they saw the Houses Of Parliament where the politicians are busy working leading up to the general election on 8th June and then walked along the South Bank passed the London Eye, the Royal Festival Hall, London Television Centre, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, Tate Modern. As the tide was out they even got to walk along the banks of the River Thames. Some of the pupils brought souvenirs but all arrived back at school happy and a little tired.



The bank of the River
Thames



PRESS RELEASE

Our candidates for the Collett Election on 8th June have been busy campaigning; they have all put up posters around school. I am very impressed with all the manifestos. Each candidate has chosen what they would like and all benefit the whole school.

Abaigh would like a whole week of non-uniform. I know many of the pupils would love this one.

Aimma would like a 'Friendship' bench in the playground. I think this is a great idea and a wonderful opportunity for the pupils to make new friends.

Lillie would like the potholes in the grass around the tree houses to be filled. This is very good. I think we have a new Health and Safety Manager at Collett.

Nicky would like bikes and cycling proficiency. This is an excellent idea as many of our pupils have bikes and some even ride to school.

I am very proud of how all four candidates have thought seriously about what would make a difference to everyone.

Cookery

We have been having fun with fruit - trying to detect the name of a fruit by taking turns to secretly choose a fruit and the rest of the group then asking probing questions. We discussed the 'shelf life' of fresh fruit and what the benefits of canned fruit are. Using canned fruit we then made fruity oat crumble sundaes. Fruity oat sundaes -

<http://www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/lets-get-cooking-at-home/recipes/fruity-oat-crumble-sundaes/>

At the start of the week we made blueberry muffins and gingerbread muffins using up the left over fruit from last week and discussing what dishes we could make with the ingredients. Blueberry muffin -

<http://www.onceuponachef.com/recipes/best-ever-blueberry-muffins.html>

Gingerbread and apple muffin - <http://www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/lets-get-cooking-at-home/recipes/gingerbread-and-apple-muffins/>

The upper school corridors have been filled with the delicious aroma of fried bacon and onions while the students made omelettes, so scrumptious!

Omelette - <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/1962638/bacon-and-chesse-omelet>

Mrs Curran, Cookery Teacher

Sports for Schools

Friday next week is going to be an exciting day. We will have a real live sports champion and paralympian in school. Sean Rose, a skiing and water skiing world champion and double winter paralympian will be coming to school to speak to all our pupils and encourage them to take part in more sport. Sean will be cheering everyone on as they take part in a sponsored fitness circuit. There will be four exercises, each lasting 1 minute and pupils and staff will be seeing how many repetitions they are able to do in the time. Your child will have brought home today a letter and sponsorship form for the event. All money raised will be used to purchase equipment for the school.

There is a great short video on YouTube if you would like to know what exercises everyone will be doing <http://youtu.be/a6KXpZsu8eQ>.

There will be no assembly on Friday 19th May.



Fruity Oat Sundaes



Blueberry Muffins



Sean Rose

Meet The Team!

Have you ever wondered who cooks the school dinners and if they are the same as when we were at school?

Well on Tuesday 23rd May, during Parents' Evening, you will have the opportunity to find out. Mandy, our Cook, and Eileen, our Assistant Cook, will be offering samples of two meat dishes, two vegetarian dishes and two desserts along with jelly and fruit during the taster evening. There will be samples of Pork Grill, BBQ Chicken, Cheese Pinwheel/Slice, Macaroni Cheese, Sultana Cookie and Sponge Drizzle Cake. Mandy and Eileen will also be available to answer any questions you may have.

Chewing

Many children like to chew and for many different reasons. Chewing can improve concentration and fulfil a sensory need. There is a UK based company that designs, produces and sells a variety of chew and sensory aids. If you would like more information or are interested please go to

www.chewigem.co.uk

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.

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



Eileen & Mandy



Chewigem Starter Kit



Wingwalk

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

Supporting



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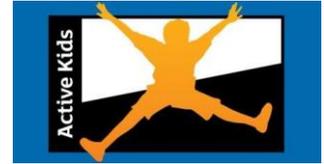
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Vouchers

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



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>

Families in Focus CIC - Handling Anger in Your Family

This very popular & award winning course offers proven anger management techniques for all the family:

Understanding of triggers

Healthy Anger Management strategies for parents and children

Calming Techniques

Creative ways to support children to 'let go' of anger safely

Effective ways to become a Calm and Assertive Parent

Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.30am on June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and July 11th at South Hill Centre, Hemel Hempstead

FREE places are limited, to avoid disappointment BOOK your free place NOW!

Places are limited and must be booked by contacting Lesley & Francine:

Email info@familiesinfocus.co.uk or Visit & book from our website

www.familiesinfocus.co.uk

Curriculum Focus

PSD - Emotional Development

Our children can find it very difficult to understand and manage their emotions and this can cause them to become confused and frustrated. They are often unsure of what others are feeling or why, and it can be very hard to teach our children about all the different emotions they can be feeling. This can particularly be an issue for children with limited vocabulary or communication issues. To support our children we have been teaching them about emotions and how to manage them through the Zones of Regulation program. This works by assigning colours to emotions and allowing children to express how they feel in a simple way. They are also given tools to manage and regulate their feelings. If you have an ipad or android phone you can download a Zones of Regulation app that supports children in learning about the zones as well as how to manage their feelings. They can track their emotions and it supports children to regulate how they feel. It costs £9.99 through the ipad app store and £9.49 on android. There are many other resources that can be found online to support this at home and some of the best are listed below.

Songs to support understanding feelings for younger children:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UsISd1AMNYU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=utZr0dPu5sk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Po5lHYJJQfw&list=RDutZr0dPu5sk&index=7>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ks3IINr6moM> - The way I feel a story for younger children.

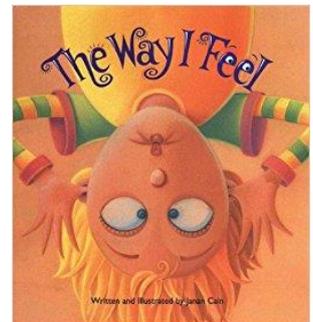
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4HGo4eolZQ&safe=active> - The Colour Monster by Anna Llenas

<http://mrsduranteszones.weebly.com/the-zones-of-regulation.html> - This website has many resources to support the teaching and understanding of Zones of Regulation.

Achievements and Results

Achievements

Reading – Sophie, Abaigh, Alex,



Silver Award – Katy, Noah, Martyn, Ethan, Aimmah, Maci

Gold Award – Kevan, Mason

Platinum Award – Hannah

Headteacher's Award - Mason

Friday Assembly

Today is international Nurses' Day. Nursing staff like you are the superheroes of health care. They are there when needed most, changing lives with their unique set of skills. Today is a chance to say thank you!

On Friday 12th May in 1937, George VI had his coronation.

Our four candidates for the Collett Election on 8th June announced their manifestos during assembly this morning. They were proudly wearing their rosettes.

Forthcoming Events

May Events

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

Friday 19th May – Sports for All Event

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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International Nurse Day