

# Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School  
Special Educational Needs

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## Parents' Evening

Thank you to all those parents who attended Parents' Evening on Tuesday. It is hard to think that it is almost another academic year finished. It was not only an opportunity to meet your child's teacher but our Speech and Language specialists and representatives from Oaklands and West Herts Colleges were also available.

There was also the chance to sample some of the school dinner options. Mandy and Eileen had a selection of our school dinner menu for everyone to try. I must admit I did sample the Pork Grill and the 'Best of Both' rolls but it all looked good. Mandy and Eileen were also able to help a number of parents with queries. Thank you Mandy and Eileen for working a very long day and producing extra food.



Taster Session



## Weather

Last week I mentioned about the pupils still being allowed out for fresh air even though it was raining. This week the weather has done another sudden change and has been glorious. When we return to school after the half term break, hopefully the weather will still be nice. If it is, please ensure you put sun cream on your child in the morning before coming to school and provide them with a water bottle which can be refilled during the day.

## Donkey Therapy

Our favourite donkeys were back in school on Tuesday. It was lovely to see the pupils from Lower and Middle School grooming and walking them. It must be very warm for the donkeys as they really looked as if they were enjoying being groomed. I would like to thank the lovely volunteers who come along with the donkeys; they are always happy, helpful and patient. It is because of them that the Donkey Sanctuary is able to visit us and other schools; thank you!



Thank you to the  
volunteers

## GCSE Maths

Thursday was an important day for four of our pupils from Aspen Class. It was the first paper of their GCSE Maths exam and they did brilliantly. They kept calm, worked their way through the questions and went back over them to check their answers. Well done everyone; the four pupils and Mrs Wells, Miss Town and Mrs Hicks for all the work and preparation you have done.

Good Luck also to all our pupils who will be sitting further GCSE exams after the half term break.

## Cookery

The students have been working so hard this half term with enthusiasm and focus. As a reward, we have been creative and made different coloured icing and decorated biscuits.

Some have been making stewed fruit for their American pancakes, while others made french bread and fish goujons or toast and heated beans in a microwave.

<http://www.jamieoliver.com/recipes/fish-recipes/baked-sole-goujons/>

<http://www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/lets-get-cooking-at-home/recipes/mini-pancakes-with-blueberry-sauce/>

*Mrs Curran, Cookery Teacher*

## Voting

When we return after our week off, the candidates will be in their run up to the Collett Election on 8<sup>th</sup> June. We have had posters around school showing everyone who the candidates are and what they would like for several weeks but this past week there have been more appearing on all the main doors.

Do you know who your child is interested in voting for?

Below are the candidates and their wishes incase you would like to discuss the election with your child.

**Abaigh** would like a whole week of non-uniform.

**Aimma** would like a 'Friendship' bench in the playground.

**Lillie** would like the potholes in the grass around the tree houses to be filled.

**Nicky** would like bikes and cycling proficiency.

## Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines

This morning we were joined by Tracey and Laura, two of our Skydivers and Hannah, Gemma and Matt three of our Wingwalkers. They enjoyed an assembly, a tour around the school and then a cup of tea and freshly made sausage rolls. I look forward to seeing them on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June all wearing



American Pancakes

**VOTE**

their 'Supporting The Collett School' t-shirts. They will be joined by Vicky, Freya, Gabrielle, Wendy, Alex, Nathan, Ian, Kirstie and Barry who will be leaving skydiving and John who will be wingwalking.

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 Local Giving webpage 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.

## The Clock is Ticking

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](https://membership.coop.co.uk/sign-in?_ga=1.88688152.2043471850.1492781401)



Skydive



## 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!



## Oaklands College Taster Day

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

Email [info@familiesinfocus.co.uk](mailto:info@familiesinfocus.co.uk) or Visit & book from our website

[www.familiesinfocus.co.uk](http://www.familiesinfocus.co.uk)

## National Autistic Society

Autism Show in London on 16 - 17 June 2017.

Hear the UK's leading autism professionals and researchers

- learn practical strategies and approaches
- discover hundreds of specialist products and services
- listen to the experiences of adults on the autism spectrum
- access specialist clinicians, therapists and legal advisers
- seek out the EHCP Help Centre
- join the LEGO® Therapy Workshops
- pop in to the Autism Uncut Cinema.



[http://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/media-centre/news/2017-01-25-autismshow.aspx?utm\\_source=The%20National%20Autistic%20Society&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=8253749\\_17.05.17\\_Autism\\_Show\\_London&utm\\_content=banner&dm\\_i=YA3,4WWMT,P8ZIJK,IMU3T,1](http://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/media-centre/news/2017-01-25-autismshow.aspx?utm_source=The%20National%20Autistic%20Society&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=8253749_17.05.17_Autism_Show_London&utm_content=banner&dm_i=YA3,4WWMT,P8ZIJK,IMU3T,1)

## Curriculum Focus

### PSD Skills

As half term is approaching it provides a fantastic opportunity for our children to practice their PSD skills at home. While at home this week it would be fantastic if you could support your children in developing their independent skills. Support and encourage your children to make a drink, snack or meal for the family. Maybe you could take a picture and send it into school to show what they have made. We look forward to hearing about what they get up to.

## Achievements and Results

### Achievements

**Reading** – Isobel, Andy, Victor, Logan, Marcus, Sevda, Murray, Ben, Tristen,

**Silver Award** – Felix, Kiera, Andrew, Jacob,

**Gold Award** – Murray, George, Alfie, Lee, Billy, Kian, Carlo, Connor, Dominic, Cameron, Zak, Leo, Darrah, Ian, Victor, Danny, Phoebe, Torren, Reece,

**Platinum Award** – Nicky, Jordan, Crystal, Connor, Josh,

### Friday Assembly

Bonjour!

It is French theme day today and Mr Hoult-Allen greeted everyone with “Bonjour. Aujourd’hui est le 26th Mai 2017.” He then talked about what reminds us of France and some common phrases.

History Today: - 26th May 1897: Bram Stoker’s ‘Dracula’ goes on sale in London.

Everyone was in the spotlight today. Mr Hoult-Allen asked the pupils what is important when the sun is shining; drinking water, wearing a hat, sunglasses were all answers that came flowing back.

Mr Hoult-Allen wished our wingwalkers and skydivers good luck for 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017.



French Day

# Forthcoming Events

## June Events

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – Pupils return to school

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 11s Non-uniform

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – Juniper Class to London Fire Brigade, Hornsey

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June** – GCSE English Paper 1

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June** – GCSE Maths Paper 2

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June** – ~~Rock Choir Sing Along Evening~~ CANCELLED

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> to Fri 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Music Theme Week

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June** – GCSE English Paper 2

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June** – GCSE Maths Paper 3

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June** – President Sports Experience Day, Cavendish School

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Whippsnade Zoo Trip

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Masonic Fishing Day

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Friends of Collett – Coffee Catch-Up after assembly

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Donkey Sanctuary

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Yr 11/Upper School – Thorpe Park

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Last Yr 11/12 assembly

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Aspen Class to Top Golf, Watford

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 11 Leavers' Prom

*Mrs Rachael Lampey*

*The Collett School*

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