

Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School
Special Educational Needs

Friday 9th June 2017

Have you nominated us yet?

As a Co-Op member you receive 5% of the cost of Co-Op goods purchased and 1% goes to a nominated community project. We have been lucky enough to be selected as a community project which is a great opportunity for the school. If everyone brought a bottle of milk all the pennies would add up and lets admit it, every penny counts! You can shop in any Co-Op Store or even if you are having to use the Co-Op Funeral Services we would still receive the 1% of your purchase.

It is quick and easy to become a member but also means that you can be raising money for new sensory equipment for the pupils of The Collett School.

Please choose us as your nominated community project 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

Cancelled

The Donkey Sanctuary were due to come to school on Monday to provide Donkey Therapy for the pupils but unfortunately they had to cancel due to the lack of volunteers. The purpose of the intervention is to encourage interaction, communication and build self-esteem. We have seen first-hand that this therapy has helped a number of our pupils and when parents had the opportunity to take part in a practical session themselves they said that they could see and feel the benefit themselves.

As we saw this week, the Donkey Sanctuary relies on the help and kindness of volunteers to be able to visit schools like ours and make a difference to the lives of children. If you have some spare time and are able to help please contact the school office and we can then give you the contact details for Kelly Fox from the local Donkey Sanctuary.



Thank you to the
volunteers

Science

Sycamore Class went to Tring Museum on Tuesday to support their work on DNA. Having a class teacher that is a bit of a mad scientist (in the nicest way) they have been looking at how DNA is different for all living things. They decided to visit the Tring Museum to see how animals adapt to their surroundings, for example; polar bears have thick fur, ducks have webbed feet, etc. Everyone seemed to enjoy their trip and I am hoping that Mr Linford will let me see the pictures as there seems to be some unusual shots of the animals.

GCSE

It has been a busy week for our four pupils from Aspen Class. On Tuesday they sat their GCSE English language and yesterday they did their second Maths paper. We are all extremely impressed by the maturity of the pupils and wish them the best for their final exams next week.

Cookery

This week we have been making delicious fruit smoothies and having fun experimenting with different fruit combinations.

Some students have been getting food ready for their class picnics, making sausage rolls, veggie rolls and mini quiche tarts.

Mrs Curran, Cookery Teacher

Voting

Thursday was a big day for everyone, both in and out of school. The country was heading to the polling stations at the same time as pupils and staff in school headed to our polling booth in the hall. Miss Davey had issued everyone, pupils and staff, with polling cards and set up a table with a screen to give the pupils a true experience of what a real polling station is like.

There were four candidates, all with extremely worthwhile manifestos. After school the count started and the results were announced in assembly this morning.

Abaigh	Aimma	Lillie	Nicky
Week of non-uniform	Friendship bench in the playground	Fill the potholes round treehouses	Bikes and cycling proficiency
28	36	20	61

Miss Davey now has the task of looking into obtaining a number of bikes and cycling proficiency classes.



Staff and Pupils voted



The Big Weekend

On Sunday, weather permitting, our brave volunteers will be taking to the skies. Our skydivers will be going up to 13,000 feet before leaping out of the plane and free falling for approximately 1 minute before the parachute opens and they float back down to earth. Then later in the day our wing walkers will be strapped, one by one, to the top wing of a bi-plane. The plane will then race along the runway and take to the skies doing several fly pasts so we can all see them happily smiling and waving.

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.

All money raised will go towards providing the much needed facilities and equipment that our pupils need.

Evacuation Chairs

We have received a number of Evacuation Chairs but do not require all of them.

An Evacuation Chair is a specially made, light weight chair which is used to evacuate a person with mobility problems in the case of an emergency.

If you know of a company or club that would benefit from having an 'Evac Chair' we have two that are available. Please ask them to contact the school office.

Sunnyside Rural Trust

On Saturday, 10th June, the Sunnyside Rural Trust are holding a Spring Plant Sale at the Hemel Food Garden between 11:00 and 3:00 pm. There will be summer bedding plants, music, a BBQ, local produce from their farm shop, create your own hanging basket, decorate a plant pot, adopt a hen and much more. I must admit the 'adopt a hen' has sparked my interest, an unusual thing to have at a Summer Fayre, maybe I need to speak to Mr Holt-Allen.

Westfield Academy

Are still running their Wednesday Pan disability session at Westfield Academy from 6pm – 7pm.

The session covers football skills in a fun and engaging environment with experienced coaches for ages 8 – 15 and 16 – 25 years old.

For more information on attending the sessions please contact Karen Stephanou on karen.stephanou@watfordfc.com



Skydive



Wing Walk



Oaklands College Summer Fayre

This Sunday the St Albans Campus will be hosting their Summer Fayre. Entry and parking are free and there are lots of activities for everyone to enjoy; lamb racing; sheep shearing; birds of prey displays; sports competitions; tractor and trailer rides; craft stalls; funfair; inflatable; beauty treatments; live bands; plant sales and much more. For further details please visit www.oaklands.ac.uk or call 01727 73700.



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.

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!



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



Achievements and Results

Achievements

Reading – Jasmine, Lewis D, Connor V

Silver Award – Abaigh

Platinum Award – Ricky, Connor O'B, Lewis C

Friday Assembly

Fox Class showed a video of all the things they have been doing this year. It is no wonder that the pupils go home with smiles on their faces. They have been on a Bear Hunt, written a story, enjoyed snack every day, looked after horses, had fun swimming ... WOW!

Thank you Fox Class for sharing your video with us.

Mr Hoult-Allen spoke about the General Election that took place yesterday and our very own Collett Election. It was great seeing so many of the pupils and staff discussing the manifestos of the four candidates and going along to the polling booth. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Forthcoming Events

June Events

Mon 12th to Fri 16th June – Music Theme Week

Monday 12th June – GCSE English Paper 2



Fox Class



Tuesday 13th June – GCSE Maths Paper 3

Tuesday 13th June – President Sports Experience Day, Cavendish School

Wednesday 14th June – Whipsnade Zoo Trip

Wednesday 14th June – Masonic Fishing Day

Friday 16th June – Friends of Collett – Coffee Catch-Up after assembly

Friday 16th June – Yr 12 Last Day

Friday 16th June – Donkey Sanctuary

Monday 19th June – Pine Class to Gravity Force

Tuesday 20th June – Donkey Sanctuary

Tuesday 20th June – Yr 11/Upper School – Thorpe Park

Friday 23rd June – Last Yr 11 assembly

Monday 26th June – Aspen Class to Top Golf, Watford

Thursday 29th June – Year 11 last day

Thursday 29th June – Year 11 Leavers' Prom

Mrs Rachael Lampey

The Collett School

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