

Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School
Special Educational Needs

Friday 16th June 2017

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Not only are you raising 1% of your Co-op spend for our school you also receive 5% back for yourself ... a 'Win Win' situation and during my recent trip to all the local stores I discovered they have some brilliant offers on.

Please tell your family and friends about how they can support us and help buy much needed equipment for the pupils.

Opening

Last Friday, Gillian Lawton and I attended the opening of Bunnings in Apsley. It is a great store with a wide selection of DIY materials and equipment located where the old Homebase was.

Max Whitlock, our local Olympic Gymnast, was the guest of honour. He was



showing off his gymnastic skills, doing hand stands on the displays etc. He is a very inspirational young man who shared some of his passion with us, other guests and staff. The best advice he was ever given and passes on to everyone is "Set yourself goals ... short, medium and long term goals. Without something to work towards you will not achieve". Max explained that things have not always gone to plan but having goals still meant he had something to strive for. Whilst at Bunnings Max signed a photo and a Team GB t-shirt, both of which will be sold through our online auction starting on 27th October for one week on the lead up to our Charity Dinner & Dance on Sunday 11th November 2017. We are in the process of obtaining auction items and loading details onto the website but please take a look to see if there is anything you are interested in or if you could offer an item or experience that we could auction

<https://www.friendsofcollett.co.uk/>

Sky Dive & Wing Walk

Unfortunately our brave volunteers were unable to Sky Dive and Wing Walk last weekend. Although we all enjoyed good weather it had to be cancelled due to high winds. I believe new dates have been organised. On the other hand it gives everyone longer to 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.

Juniper Class

After the tragic events this week I think we all have a greater appreciation of Fire Fighters and what they face on a daily basis. The fire fighters from Hornsey Fire Station in London were amongst the 200+ who were at Grenfell Tower on Wednesday, a million miles away from welcoming Juniper Class last week. Monday last week Juniper Class went to Hornsey where they were shown around the fire station and the equipment that they use. The pupils got to experience what it is like to wear the firefighting uniform, breathing apparatus and work the hoses. They even got to train in their gym and slide down the Fireman's pole. One pupil, when asked about the trip to the fire station said 'it was the best thing'.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends that have been affected by the tragedy.



Max Whitlock signing a t-shirt



Skydive



Wing Walk



Hornsey Fire Station

GCSE's

Our four pupils sat their last two exams this week, English and Maths. I would like to congratulate you all on your commitment and work that you did for each exam. Every week you attended Revision Club run by Mrs Wells, worked hard in class and revised at home. Now we just wait until 24th August for the results. I would also like to thank Miss Thorp, our examinations officer, for arranging and co-ordinating all the GCSE exams and the accreditations that many of our pupils have entered this year.

Cookery

This week is Healthy Eating Week, in classes and in cookery lessons, the pupils have been discussing how they can be healthier and seeing if they have been able to achieve their healthy living targets.

Creating pictures with salad has been lots of fun this week. The children have been very inventive making robots, funny faces and even a ballerina.

Some have made halloumi cheese salad, for most it was their first time trying halloumi.

Other students have been continuing to prepare food for their class picnics.

Mrs Curran, Cookery Teacher

President Sports Experience Day

Each year The President's Sporting Club holds a series of Sports Experience Days in Chelmsford, Hemel Hempstead and Thetford, when up to 2,000 disabled children from special schools, throughout East Anglia are given the opportunity to take part in over thirty different sporting activities.

The emphasis is on 'experience' – giving the children a 'taster' which may encourage them to continue with a particular sport.

Tuesday, all our pupils went across to Cavendish School for the President Sports Experience Day in Hemel. There were many different sports for them try, lunch was provided and there were also a few famous faces including Frank Bruno and Peter Shilton.

Whipsnade

Lower School enjoyed a visit to Whipsnade on Wednesday. The day was organised by National Rotary KidsOut, a charity born from the Rotary Club.

Every year over 800 Rotary Clubs from all over the UK take tens of thousands of children on a day out on the second Wednesday every June.

It was very hot Wednesday so everyone went armed with water, sun hats and

sun cream and had a really good day. They saw the animals, went on the train and enjoyed a picnic. Thank you to the KidsOut Charity, local Rotary Club Members, parents and staff who all made the day possible.

Fishing

Some of our upper school pupils went fishing on Wednesday with the Masonic Fishing Charity, whose aim is to bring an interactive fishing and countryside experience to people with special needs. It runs fishing events, both coarse and fly and invites participants with special needs to come and join in. This includes anyone over 11 with mental or physical disabilities, the disadvantaged or those who have suffered trauma. They hope to 'Catch The Smile' along the way.

One of our pupils caught an amazing number of fish, Well Done Phoebe, 15 fish!

Chickens

Mulberry Class saw their three chickens out in the run, enjoying the grass, for the first time. Hector, Boris and Pengu loved it, feeling the earth under their feet and pecking away at the ground. They look so fluffy and cuddly,

Independence Day

On 4th July the school dinners will reflect American Independence Day. There will be a burger in a bun, Quorn hot dog, savoury wedges, Boston beans, corn on the cob and chocolate brownie. If your child does not normally have a school dinner on a Tuesday but would like to join in please contact the school office. A junior meal is £2.40, senior meal £2.55. Please pay when booking the school dinner.

The Tesco Bags of Help programme

We are delighted to learn that our application to the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme has been successful again and our project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores during July and August 2017. Voting will take place from Saturday 1st July to Thursday 31st August 2017.

"Bags of Help is Tesco's exciting local community grant scheme where the money raised from the 5p bag charge is being used to fund thousands of local projects in communities right across the UK.

Launched in 2015, Bags of Help sees charities and community organisations awarded grants to fund local projects.

Three community projects in each local area will be voted on by customers in Tesco stores throughout the UK, with projects changing every other month.



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Hector, Boris & Pengu

TESCO
Bags of Help

Following the vote, the project that received the most votes in its area will receive a grant of up to £4,000, second place receiving up to £2,000 and third place up to £1,000. Customers are given a token when they buy their shopping that they can use to make their choice using the voting units in most stores. Groundwork - the community charity with a green heart - administers the funding and is working with Greenspace Scotland to support successful projects in Scotland.”

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

Achievements and Results

Achievements

Reading – Owuraku, Evie

Bronze Award – Eesa, Joe

Gold Award - Ben, Jonathan, Andrew

Platinum Award – Charlie, Coral, David, Miles

Headteachers Award – Liam, Connor

Friday Assembly

Assembly this morning was sad in one sense as we were saying goodbye to our Post 16 students but a celebration in another for everything they have achieved. Kamran showed us his film, Final Ending, about a confused writer; Oliver sang Sky Fall, his first time doing a talent spot and they all received their Year 12 exam certificates for Functional Skills.

Lewis from Juniper Class raised over £1,000 for the school by shaving all his hair off. The money has been used to purchase a class ipad, two bikes, two go-karts and a three person bike. Thank you Lewis.

Forthcoming Events

June Events

Monday 19th June – Pine Class to Gravity Force



Mrs Akhtar on a go-kart

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

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