

Collett Catch-Up



Friday 20th July 2018

PAN-TASTIC! SCHOOL PLAY IS A HIT

The first performance of our school play finished at 2.15pm today, and what a fantastic show it was – a performance fit for the West End! Congratulations to all involved but particularly the children, who were undoubtedly the stars of the show.

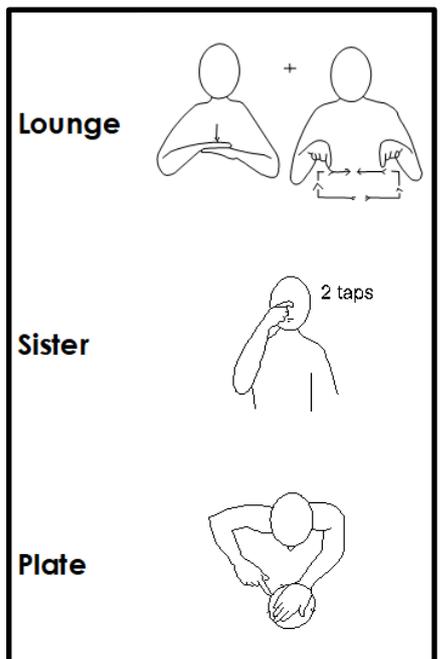
Mrs Brenham, who directed the show, said after the first performance: “I am so, so proud! It’s about believing in the children and pushing them to do things no one thought they could do.

“A lot of them had anxiety and some of the staff were apprehensive about their involvement. So many people in general think that these children are not capable – but having them on stage for that first performance proves them wrong.

“There were some bumps, but it ran so smoothly thanks to the staff. We cannot thank everyone involved enough – it truly was a team effort.”

The next performance is at 7pm tonight – we hope to see you there!

MAKATON SIGNS OF THE WEEK



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

JULY

Monday 23rd July

Transition Day, All Pupils

Tuesday 24th July

END OF SCHOOL TERM, 1pm

SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

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social media, find us on

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MORE TEACHING AWARD NOMINATIONS!



Our staff members are on spectacular form at the moment as two more received teaching award nominations! The teachers of Ravens class, Mrs Dearlove and Mrs Smith, were nominated last week for the Pearson Teaching Awards. The awards recognise and celebrate excellence in education and honour outstanding teachers and teaching, highlighting just how vital success in education is to the health and wealth of the UK. The award also offers opportunities to say thank you to a teacher, which someone has kindly done for both teachers. Elder class teacher Mrs Self was full of praise: “Mrs Smith and Mrs Dearlove have supported their pupils with passion and enthusiasm. They truly care for every pupil in their class.” Mrs Smith said of the nomination: “We got a little overexcited when we read it – we’re now award-nominated teaching assistants!” Mrs Dearlove added: “It’s nice to have the recognition for what we’ve actually done – for what started off as a two week favour into something much more.”

COLLETT TEAMS UP WITH HERTS UNIVERSITY

The Collett School received a certificate of partnership from Dr Lyn Trodd, Dean of the School of Education at the University of Hertfordshire, after some of our staff members contributed to their teacher training programme. A letter from the university stated: “During 2017-18 the School of Education has worked with over 350 Nursery, Primary, Secondary and SEN schools, including The Collett School. Without your support and guidance for our trainees [...] we could not

QUICK REMINDERS

Oaklands College open evenings and other key dates for this year can be found [on our website](#).

Our current school lunch menu is [available here](#).

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

OFFICE UPDATES

REMINDER THAT SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1PM NEXT TUESDAY!!

Allergy information for HCL can be uploaded via [this link](#).

FRIENDS OF COLLETT (PTA)

Sports Day was a great success – thank you to all PTA members who helped organise the event! Same goes for those who helped with refreshments during the **School Play** – another fantastic performance!

Our AGM will be held in September and all are welcome to attend! Final date TBC. *If you wish to join the PTA, please email admin@collett.herts.sch.uk stating in what capacity you can help.*

EVENTS TO KEEP YOU

OCCUPIED THIS SUMMER

TWO FOR ONE AT KIDZONE

Click on [this link](#) to receive a Two for One voucher to use at Kidzone, Berkhamsted. Any parents/carers are free to reproduce an unlimited

possibly train tomorrow's Primary and Secondary teachers."

SKULL-KING AROUND



Acacia class were looking at owl pellets on Wednesday. Science can be gruesome sometimes – just look at that skull! Needless to say the class had loads of fun.

MORRISONS'S QUIETER HOUR IS LAUNCHED

Morrisons have introduced a weekly 'quieter hour' for autistic shoppers who struggle with music and noise across all of their stores. Dimmed lights, less use of the tannoy and quieter check-out beeps are also part of the initiative. The hour will be from 9am-10am on Saturdays.

The initiative follows toy store The Entertainer, who started the 'quiet hour' trend in the UK last year after encouragement from the National Autistic Society. NAS's autism hour takes place nationwide in October. For more info, read the BBC article [here](#).

STAFF MEMBER TAKES ON THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE

A Collett staff member will quite literally be battling an uphill struggle for charity next month. Mr Hunt, who works in The Hive, teams up regularly with friends as Mary's Boys, a group founded in 2013 following the sudden passing of a founder member's mum to cancer.

From Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th August, Mary's Boys will be taking on a new challenge in a bid to raise money for the special care baby unit at Watford General Hospital. The event begins with the Three Peaks

number of these vouchers.

DJ'S PLAY PARK

Exclusive SEN sessions at SJ's Play Park in Jarman Park, Hemel Hempstead. On the third Saturday of every month (July session on 21st), 9am-10am.

BOXMOOR TRUST EVENTS

[Click here](#) for information on a selection of special events hosted by the Boxmoor Trust.

TIPOFF@3 BASKETBALL

TOURNAMENT

A 3vs3 basketball tournament for anyone aged 16-19, Saturday 8th September, 3pm-10pm at Westminster Lodge Sports Hall, St Albans. To get involved call 07379109188 or email connect@kickoffat3.co.uk

DACORUM PHOTO COMPETITION

This summer Enjoy Dacorum are putting your photography skills to the test with their new #LoveDacorum photo competition.

Whilst you're out and about with the kids over the summer holidays, get snapping and sharing your beautiful photos of the district. The competition will be launching 3rd

August when they'll be sharing specific instructions on how to enter, along with revealing their fantastic local prize package. Keep your eyes peeled on

<http://www.enjoydacorum.co.uk/>

Challenge – an ascent and descent of the tallest mountains in Scotland, England and Wales in one continuous attempt in under 24 hours – followed by a 408km two day cycle from Wales to London.

Over the years, the team have raised over £40,000 and aim to raise £20,000 for their latest endeavour. To donate and support the team, visit [this link](#) – good luck, Mr Hunt!

MEET THE TEAM

Each week we'll be getting to know a different staff member at The Collett School. This week, we put our administrator, Goska Panasiuk, under the spotlight!

I was born in Poland but I have now lived in the UK for 16 years. My name translated to English means Margaret even though it doesn't



look any similar. I have two beautiful children: Filip who is 11 and Maya who is five. It has been nearly one year since I started working at Collett and I absolutely love it – I've been warmly welcomed to the team and I feel at home here! The children are definitely the highlight of my days. It is my first job at a school and I had to do a lot of learning as I have worked in quite different places before: like a doctor's surgery and a Jobcentre. I am ready for the next year!

END OF YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Another busy academic year at the Collett school draws to a close.

There has been an Ofsted inspection, major fundraising events and ongoing improvements to the school site in addition to all the usual activity and events at the school.

In January there was a short, Section 5 Ofsted Inspection. The positive result (which continues to be 'good') from this means that the school will have a further two day inspection with the intention to assess whether the school is 'outstanding'. This is a major achievement for the staff and pupils at Collett.

Fundraising has continued apace, with the Shendish Manor Ball and Fire-Walking being highlights. Investment in the school's buildings and

and head to their Facebook page for further details.

ONLINE THIS WEEK

Libby, a girl with autism, wrote a fictional piece about living with autism – 'The life of a perfectionist' – and it went viral on Twitter.

Here's the [BBC article](#).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never extinguished."

Nelson Mandela

(He would have been celebrating his 100th birthday on Wednesday)

FACT OF THE WEEK

The photons of light reaching the Earth today were generated in the core of the Sun 100,000 years ago.

Q!

AWARDS

READING – 1xRobins, 3xWrens,
1xRooks, 1xRavens, 1xAcacia

GOLD – 1xElder

PLATINUM – 7xRooks, 1xElder

HEADTEACHER – 4xElder, 2xLinden

GOVERNOR – 1xElder

facilities has meant new windows, doors and the all-weather pitch.

On the school website, under the 'Home' tab you will find a page called 'Association to Federation?'. The school is currently in an Association with St Luke's and Forest House; the governors are proposing a move to full Federation. A consultation period for this proposal will start in September. A consultation document will be available with full details of the proposal and I encourage everyone to make their views known. The consultation will run until mid October.

For those interested in the activity of the governing body, minutes from the Governors meetings can be viewed by arrangement with the school office. We wish you all a wonderful summer break.

Neil Harper, Chair of Governors

Thank you for reading – have a fantastic summer!!

Mr Harry Crawford

The Collett School