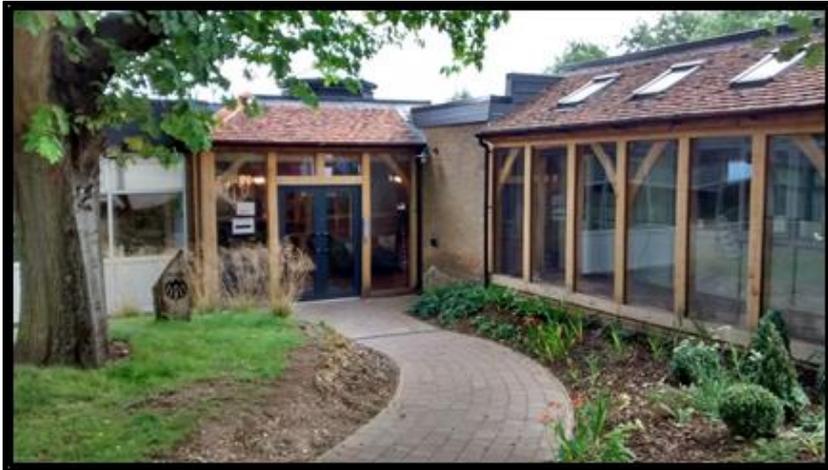


Collett Catch-Up



Friday 17th November 2017

A SAD GOODBYE TO ONE OF COLLETT'S LEADING LIGHTS

Some sad news to start with, as we learnt this week that our Head of the Parent Teacher Association, Angie Grange (pictured top right), is leaving the role after two years, having been a member of the PTA for a total of five years.

We are sad to say goodbye to an individual who has constantly strived to elevate and promote the school above and beyond its local contemporaries, as well as welcoming new parents to the school with open arms to create a truly close-knit PTA community.

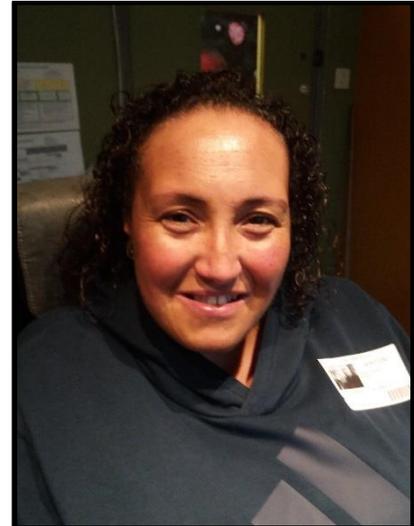
Be it the Autumn Fayre or the Christmas Bottle Advent Calendar, Angie has organised countless events and raised significant funds to keep the school thriving. Without her help, the school quite simply would not be where it is today.

Angie's last event will be the Coffee Cake and Catch Up next Friday, so be sure to visit and give her a warm goodbye.

The pupils and staff here at Collett wish Angie all the best for the future!

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This year, Anti-Bullying Week had the theme 'All Different, All Equal', a



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 21st November

An Evening with our Alumni Pupils

Friday 24th November

Coffee Cake and Catch Up & Open Tours, after assembly

Thursday 30th November

Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime
@ 1pm

Friday 8th December

Coffee Cake and Catch Up & Open Tours, after assembly

Friday 15th December

Christmas Dinner, Santa and the Christmas Disco & Christmas Jumper Day!

theme at the heart of our school's ethos. Throughout the whole week, pupils and adults wore odd socks to visually support an understanding of the concept of difference (and have a good laugh too! See my effort pictured right).

Mrs Fejcher-Akhtar and her anti-bullying coordinator assistant Logan, from Elder Class, visited all classes in the week to see their work and reinforce the message that such hideous behaviour will not be tolerated. They borrowed some work from the pupils to show in Friday's assembly.

Lower School designed and painted socks with beautiful patterns; the socks were the same but all different at the same time. The children understood that it is okay to be different and nobody should be picked up on because he/she does not look or sound like the majority.

Middle School wrote letters of friendship to their friend (a big furry teddy) who was bullied. Logan read one out which was full of support and compassion; this teaches the children how to respond when seeing someone being bullied, or being subjected to this treatment themselves. Other classes produced posters and wrote messages in books to show that they grasped the concept of what bullying is and is not.

Upper School expressed their thoughts and ideas against bullying in a creative way by writing poems, designing posters with one in particular powerfully capturing the scene of bullying and consequences by Josh from Sandalwood. Post 16 engaged in a role play and debated what is wrong and right behaviour.

The pupils were engaged in a serious work of learning about the motives of human behaviour at a level they could understand through a broad and fun-filled curriculum. One class even wrapped up the week by writing a note of kindness to each staff member.

UPPER SCHOOL TRIP TO LONDON

Our Upper School students embarked on a fun-filled adventure to London yesterday. It was a perfect day for all that saw students and staff take a two-hour open roof bus tour around the city followed by lunch at St James's Park, where the children also fed pigeons and stroked squirrels.

The children and staff even got a shout out from the London Midland

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COOKING @ COLLETT

This week the pupils have been making [tomato and chicken/cheese smiles](#). The students have also been learning that all food comes from plants or animals. Some have been able to give examples of foods from these sources, such as how chickens and eggs are farmed in the UK, and discussed reasons why consumers choose to purchase free range chicken or standard chicken meat.

Sandalwood and Rosewood made their own lunches by raiding the fridges and cupboards in the cookery room and created a dish made from a wide range of ingredients. This is a fun exercise but also a realistic one where the students need to make a meal for themselves with the food available to them – as we all know, an essential life skill!

WOMEN'S FA CUP

The SSE Women's FA Cup Final is the showcase event in women's domestic football, taking place at Wembley Stadium on 5th May 2018. A record crowd of over 35,000 fans witnessed Manchester City Women beat Birmingham City Ladies in last year's final to lift the trophy – the event was rated by fans as the best ever experience at Wembley.

The SSE Women's FA Cup competition kicked off in September, with over 250 teams competing to be at Wembley for the Final.

Kids go FREE, while adult tickets are £15 and concessions (OAPs and students) are £5. This is sure to be a fantastic day out for any SEN family. Visit [this link for more information](#).

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Mr Houlton-Allen kicked off this week's assembly by discussing Anti-Bullying Week. Each student had taken part in different kinds of activities, and Mrs Fejcher-Akhtar and Logan from Elder Class presented everyone's fantastic work. Mrs Fejcher-Akhtar said: "Everyone's worked their socks off!" (You are welcome to groan at that one)

Afterwards, Mr Houlton-Allen pointed out that 19th November is his birthday... and World Toilet Day. Instead of feeling down, Mr Houlton-Allen took the opportunity to inform our students about why the day

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QUICK REMINDER

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

NEAR YOU

HUB TOY LIBRARY

The Hub Toy Library provides toys and equipment for children with disabilities and additional needs. Have a tea and a chat whilst your child plays with fun and engaging toys that benefit their coordination, motor and sensory skills, such as weighted blankets, big trikes and a whole library of books (including some for adults!).

Visit the library at the Kids West Hub, Albanwood, Newhouse Crescent, Watford, on Wednesdays from 10-11.30am. You can drop into any weekly session, for more information visit www.kids.org.uk/hub

ONLINE THIS WEEK

If you do one thing online this week, make sure you read an article by one of our school mums [via this link](#).

exists.

We saw photos of SEN schools in India and Africa – both lacked clean bathrooms or modern plumbing. We then learnt that more people have access to mobile phones than clean toilets – a total of 2.5 billion. It's for reasons such as this that charities like Children in Need exists, which coincidentally is on tonight.

Some more sad news as Mr Hoult-Allen revealed Flynn the School Dog (pictured right) would be retiring after years of hard work and dedicated service to being everyone's best friend. Originally a Battersea dog, Flynn has been by our sides for many years and will be sorely missed.

The spotlight this week was on Felix from Linden Class, who revealed he had sent an email to Mr Hoult-Allen with the lyrics of the song he wanted to sing – 'Pen Pineapple Apple Pen' – and he finally got his chance!

James from Elder Class was in the talent spot this week, showing off toys he had made – a laser and a shaker – as well as a headless horseman and a zombie. He said: "They looked so cool that I wanted to show the school!" They were awesome, James – we loved them!

AWARDS

Another big list because our students are amazing as always!

READING

Emily, Erin, Zsofia, Eesa, Jack and Bradley

BRONZE AWARD

Sophie, David, Martin, Charlie, Alex, Ben, Jordan, Jack, Grace, Adam, Tianna, Josh, Mahnoor, Marcus, Charlie and Jacob

CHEF OF THE WEEK

Shared this week between Kevan and Jacob.

COLLETT CUP OF EXCELLENCE

...this week goes to REDWOOD! Good work, guys!

Congratulations to all of you – we are so impressed with all of your achievements!

Thanks for reading!

Mr Harry Crawford

The Collett School

WARNING – may cause tears

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It's kind of fun to do the impossible."

Walt Disney

FACT OF THE WEEK

75% of students with Autism / Aspergers say they have been bullied. This is why initiatives like Anti-Bullying Week exist. Together we can eradicate this behaviour!

The Equality and Human Rights Commission



Bye Flynn :(