

Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School
Special Educational Needs



Friday 16th November 2018

REMEMBRANCE AT THE COLLETT SCHOOL

Before half term and after half term, we were teaching our pupils about Remembrance Day and the Centenary of the First World War, given that 11th November took place during the break. It was a time to reflect but respectfully learn about the sacrifice and the reality for the soldiers, the country and the world. With this in mind, our pupils took part in several projects. Firstly, a mural was created in reception – each poppy was created by a different pupil, with the brilliant centrepiece created by one of our TAs, Mr Hunt. Another project saw Spindle class create the display pictured above, with items from (or similar to those from) the war to create a more immersive experience. Finally, on 12th November, the pupils laid out rows of hand draw poppies along our front path.

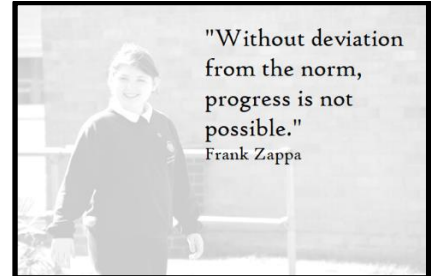
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them.

(‘For the Fallen’, Laurence Binyon)



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd

Kinaesthetic & Physical Week

Thursday 22nd

Collett Online Auction Ends

Saturday 24th

Charity Dinner Dance @ Shendish

Monday 26th

Assessment Week

Tuesday 27th

Open Morning, 9.30am

Thursday 29th

Boxmoor Trust Visit for Lions Class

Visit us for more info. at

www.collett.herts.sch.uk

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social media, find us on

Facebook, [Friends of Collett](#)

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NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF COLLETT & FUNDRAISING

THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Time to get excited – our Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 1st December from 10.30am-1pm! Be sure not to miss out on visiting Santa's Grotto, eating mince pies and visiting all our festive stalls – there's fun for all the family (and mulled wine for the adults). Please help support this important event in our calendar by attending and/or contributing. All funds raised will be going directly to your child's class budget to help purchase essential resources. Activities will be kept at affordable prices on the day to make it as inclusive all families as possible – so remember to bring lots of change! We hope to see you there. *A list of items the school needs for the fayre is in the What We're Looking For To Improve The School section at the end of this newsletter. Please remember The Collett School is a nut free environment.*

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We are ordering 12 additional walkie talkies for safeguarding purposes at a cost of £1500. On top of this, we have now completed the fundraising for the new sensory rooms installation. Final electrical preparation will take place week commencing 10th December and the fitting out will begin on 2nd January with trades people working till 10pm every night. The cost of this installation is £40,000. Next on the agenda is ordering new reading books for lower school.

CO-OP LOCAL CAUSE

Last year, our Co-op supporters raised a whopping £2,500 and we're proud to announce that we've been accepted as a local cause once again to fund our new sensory room! Here's how you can help. **Sign up as a Co-op member now and back us as your local cause.** It's quick, simple and you'll be helping change the lives of our children - it's a no brainer! Once a member, 1% of what you spend on Coop branded products goes toward our project. We will be eligible for donations till November 2019, so there's plenty of time to spend cash on some cheeky snacks or a weekly shop whilst also fundraising for our school. Spread the word to friends and family!

OUR ONLINE AUCTION IS OPEN!

Support us further by [visiting our auction website](#) and bidding on

QUICK REMINDERS

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

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

LETTERS SENT VIA

SCHOOLCOMMS LAST WEEK

Grace's Night Theatre Trip (Upper School), School Choir (Members Only), Horse Care (Lower School), Ofsted Report, Updating Finances

LOCAL COURSES FOR YOU

FAMILY SUPPORT COURSES

Upcoming Gade Schools Family Support Courses are listed [on our website](#).

PARENT SUPPORT BOOKLET

We have uploaded a PDF containing local support groups and workshops, [click here to see it](#) or find it on the Parents & Carers page on the website.

GADE SCHOOL SUPPORT COURSES

New Gade School support courses have been lined up next month.

Mindfulness – Thursday 6th

December and Thursday 10th

January, 1pm – 3pm, Gade

Community Room, Chaulden Junior School, Hemel Hempstead. Over these two 2-hour workshops you will receive advice and strategies to help you and your child manage stress and emotions, and improve your wellbeing and relationships.

Autism Support, 1:1 Advice

some amazing items! Get your Christmas shopping done early or get yourself a pay day treat – there's something for everyone. But be quick, the auction closes Thursday 22nd November at midday.

Please share with everyone you know!

PUPILS TAKE ON THE DRAGON'S DEN CHALLENGE



This year, upper school pupils from both Collett and St Luke's have teamed up to take on the Dragon's Den business challenge. The challenge requires a team to turn £100 into £1000 or more for a given charity by fundraising. Our charity this year is Gaddesden Riding for the Disabled, and our supervisor 'dragons' are Dan Dark (CEO of Warner Bros. Studios Leavesden) and Chris Luff. The team, called B.I.L.L. (named after the horse the team are fundraising for), met up for the first time earlier this week to start their campaign. On the team from Collett are Josh, Phoebe, Danny and Connor, with Josh, James, Ryan and Bradley from St Luke's. Keep an eye out for future events to help raise money for Bill! A Go Fund Me page will also be set up soon.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tempest Photography were in school on Tuesday morning to take individual photographs of the students. We have been told that the proofs should be with us by the end of next week. These will come home via the students, so please check school bags. Full details of how to order will be included with the proofs and we are told that if you place your order by the deadline, also given with the proofs, all orders will be with you before Christmas.

Sessions – Wednesday 5th

December, 9.30am – 10am,

10.05am – 10.35am, 10.40am –

11.10am and 11.15am – 11.45am.

Louise Howe, Specialist Teacher for Autism, will be holding free 30 minute 1:1 advice for parents with children who have an Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Diagnosis or suspected ASD.

To book please contact: Emma Christie on 01442 278793 or email christiee.gadesfs@kls.herts.sch.uk

ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Next week is Road Safety Week, organised by Brake. The aim is to inspire schools to take action and promote road safety and the theme this year is Bike Smart.

There is also important information about Puffin Crossings.

Please find more information [in this link](#). The flyer in the link has been published by The Department For Transport.

WHAT'S ON NEAR YOU

CHRISTMAS LIVE @ HEMEL

Sunday 25th November, from 12pm, lights switch on at 5.30pm. A whole afternoon of festive fun including free family activities and a firework finale.

BERKO FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

LOWER SCHOOL NATIVITY DATE CHANGE

The Lower School Nativity will now take place on Thursday 13th December instead of Friday 14th. Performances will still take place at 1pm and 6pm. Apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

THEATRE TRIP EXPERIENCE FOR UPPER SCHOOL

We have been invited by Fiona Davidson to Grace's Night to see their annual production of *A Christmas Carol*. Grace's Night is a free performance for local SEN schools presenting a different play each year. We have been lucky to participate in this event since 2013. In particular, it enables our older pupils to experience live theatre and enhances learning in school. This year it coincides with another trip to see the same play at Chicken Shed Theatre, where our current and ex-pupils take to stage. Pupils and staff are very much looking forward to it! Letters have been sent out regarding this trip.

RAFFLE FOR OUR LINK SCHOOL IN UGANDA

This hamper (pictured) is being raffled off to raise money for our friends at RAPCD in Uganda! The money raised will enable them to buy resources for the school. Tickets are £2 a strip and can be bought at reception. The winner will be announced in the last week of this term. Good luck!



WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR TO IMPROVE THE SCHOOL...

Each week, we'll be posting a list of items our staff are looking for

Sunday 25th November, from 3pm.

See the Berkhamsted Town Council website for more details.

ONLINE THIS WEEK

"Autistic or not: we're all human, we're all different. That's what makes us special." That's a quote from Alex, 13, who has autism.

[Watch him discuss how play groups can help him on the BBC.](#)

FACT OF THE WEEK

ADHD is the most common behavioural disorder in children. It usually starts at about 18 months old, but symptoms usually become noticeable between the ages of 3 and 7. We don't know what causes ADHD but experts think it runs in families. It could also be caused by an imbalance in brain chemicals.

Young Minds UK

AWARDS

Leopards - 4x bronze award

Panthers - 3x bronze award, 2x reading award

Fig - 3x silver award, 7x bronze award

Cedar - 4x bronze award

Spindle - 2x bronze award, 3x reading award

Rowan - 7x bronze award, 5x reading awards

Sequoia - 8x bronze award

Willow - 3x bronze award

to improve their classrooms for their students. If you have spare or unused items that match the descriptions below, then please contact the school office on admin@collett.herts.sch.uk or 01442 398 988. The items this week are as follows:

Wrapping Paper / Santa Costume / Velcro & Laminating Pouches / Raffle Tickets / Small Sweets i.e little packets of Haribo / Items for a children's Tombola - soft drinks, sweets, new toys / Mulled Wine / Alcoholic Drinks / Tinned Hot Dogs / Mince Pies (that will be in date on 1st December) / Tea and Coffee / Soft Drinks / 2 or 3 poles with hooks (for hook the duck) / Paddling Pool (for hook the duck) / Good quality Father Christmas Outfit (to borrow) / Large Santa Sack

Thank you for reading!

Mr Harry Crawford

Want to share something in the newsletter? Send your news in using the email address below:

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