

Collett Catch-Up



Friday 29th September 2017

AUTUMN FAYRE

Another year, another fayre – and it was the best yet!

We hope you all managed to come down and have a good time – we certainly did. Firstly, a huge thanks to Angie from the PTA for organising everything. Secondly, thank you to everyone who donated prizes – we had so, so many (pictured right) and they were all amazing. Thanks to your help, we raised an incredible £1600! £100 will be going to each class. The winner of the raffle for two tickets to Disney's Aladdin in the West End was former pupil Miles – congrats!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNINGS

Sandalwood Class had some terrific cakes, doughnuts and brownies for their two coffee mornings (I would know) so it was no surprise that their charity venture was a big hit with everyone. In total they raised a whopping £128! Great work. Thanks to everyone who came along.

CALLING ALL ALUMNI AND PARENTS/CARERS

The Collett School is organising an Alumni Evening on 21st November 2017 for ex-pupils to share their journey to further education,



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Wednesday 4th October – No Pens
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Thursday 5th October – Rooks &
Ravens Boat Trip

Friday 13th October – Coffee, Cake
and Catch Up, after assembly

Monday 16th October – Theme
Week: Religious Education

Friday 20th October – Harvest
Festival Service at the Salvation
Army in Hemel Hempstead. All
welcome to attend.

employment, voluntary work, assisted living and other routes they followed with the current parents and carers. This is to celebrate their achievements and show that The Collett School SEN offers varied destinations leading to a fulfilling adulthood for so many of our special needs young people.

Please register your interest and attendance with the school office for us to have an idea of the number of people we need to provide for. Contact Kasia Fejcher-Akhtar for more information.

DACORUM DPSL CONFERENCE

The third Dacorum Delivering Special Provision Locally conference will take place on Wednesday 18th October at the South Hill Centre, Cemetery Hill, Hemel Hempstead. The conference, which will focus on anxiety, is free for parents/carers of children and young people with SEND. Lunch and refreshments will also be provided.

Please book your place by contacting Ashley Fabray on fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk or 07525 917125 (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays). Please also confirm the school attended by your child and if you have any dietary or access requirements.

eSAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

USING SOCIAL MEDIA

These sites can present some risks if not used safely and responsibly. The biggest risks are to do with content (what users can upload and download, how appropriate it is and its permanency) and contact (who it is users are communicating with and their intentions.)

Most social networking sites contain privacy settings, allowing a profile to be set to private and only viewed by approved contacts, but these are not usually default and are often complicated to use. When a child sets up an account or profile, be sure to change their settings for them.

One of the big draws of social networking sites is the large numbers of virtual friends or followers that can be linked from a profile, but this competitive edge can expose children and young people to the risks of unwelcome contact. A further issue is the amount of time that users may spend on social networking sites to the detriment of real life relationships.

REMEMBER: MOST SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES ARE NOT INTENDED

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www.collett.herts.sch.uk

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social media, find us on

Facebook, [Friends of Collett](#)

or Twitter, [@CollettSchool](#)

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REMEMBER EVENTS?



Sign up to the **Timedrop app** and follow us to get notifications directly to your phone! It's quick, simple and means you will never miss out on any event.

FOR CHILDREN UNDER 13

It is also important to remind your child that some things they might see online could be upsetting. Despite the drawbacks, there are benefits to social media. Social networking sites encourage people to be creative users of the internet, publishing and uploading content rather than being passive consumers. They can express themselves online, chat, discuss and socialize with peers, and share multimedia content such as music, photos and video clips with others.

For more information about specific social media sites, visit <http://www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety/index.shtml>

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

The Collett School travelled back in time once again as Mrs Stocks told all the students about the first electric Underground Tube trains 100 years ago. Then we travelled 250 years ago and talked about the Industrial Revolution, and how machines made things cheaper. 500 years ago, schools were set up across the country, and then 65 MILLION years ago we talked about dinosaurs when they ruled the world.

As you all know, the class that donated the most prizes for the Autumn Fayre in each school would be awarded golden time. The results were as follows:

UPPER SCHOOL – Rosewood 3rd with 1, Sandalwood 2nd with 19, and Redwood 1st with 26

MIDDLE SCHOOL – Mahogany 4th with 8, Linden 3rd with 11, Acacia 2nd with 22, Elder 1st with a huge 68!

LOWER SCHOOL – Ravens 4th, Rooks 3rd with 7, Wrens 2nd with 16, and Robbins 1st with 34

Two Ethans were in the spotlight today. Ethan from Mahogany showed us some of the toys he had donated for a toy sale. Mahogany are raising money for a school in Uganda, and Ethan had selflessly given two sacks of toys for the sale!

Ethan from Sandalwood was the star of our talent spot, and he sang a fantastic rendition of Coldplay's 'Adventure of a Lifetime'.

Hope you all have a great weekend – thanks for reading!

Mr Harry Crawford

The Collett School

QUICK REMINDER

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

THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR

WE'RE IN BOXMOOR DIRECT!

Those who live in Boxmoor, Chaulden, Felden and Bourne End and receive Boxmoor Direct will see our new column in the next edition, due to be distributed at this weekend.

OLDER PEOPLES DAY

Spend some time with older family members this weekend, because this Sunday is Older Peoples Day!

ONLINE THIS WEEK

Anjali Dance are a learning disabilities choreography group who are starting a world tour! See them [on the BBC](#).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I believe things cannot make themselves impossible."

Stephen Hawking

FACT OF THE WEEK

Over 100,000 tons of caffeine are consumed around the world each year... 99,999 of which are consumed by Collett staff.