

Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School
Special Educational Needs



Friday 12th January 2018

WORK UNDER WAY ON ALL-WEATHER PITCH



After years of fundraising, one of Collett's biggest projects is finally under way. Later this year, our students will have a modern artificial pitch to use for sports and games! Stay tuned for further updates as the builders progress.

WILL YOU TAKE ON THE COLLETT FIREWALK?

Are you not one to back down from a challenge? Love living life on the edge? Take an experience like no other whilst raising money for a great local cause with the Friends of Collett's latest fundraising event – the Collett Firewalk on 16th March.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

Monday 15th January

Careers Theme Week (All week)

Tuesday 16th January

Parents' Evening, 4.30-6.30pm

Friday 26th January

Coffee Morning, 9.30am

Open Tours of the School, 9.30am

FEBRUARY

Monday 5th February

Puzzle Theme Week (All week)

Thursday 8th February

School Disco, 6-8pm

Friday 9th February

Vaccinations Year 9 & 10, 9.15am

We're looking for budding fundraisers willing to risk it all by walking across hot coals all in the name of charity. Please contact Jan Maddern by email on jan.maddern@collett.herts.sch.uk or phone 01442 398 988 to book, but be quick – there are only 100 places available!

Booking fee is £25. Fundraisers must raise at least a further £100. Please ensure all fundraising is done via LocalGiving.

SCHOOL GARDEN SENSORY AREAS

Teaching Assistant Miss O'Connor has embarked on her own personal school project and as such is looking for suitable donations to her cause: "As part of our ongoing enrichment of the school grounds, I wondered whether parents/carers would be able to donate any unwanted mirrors (not glass) and old CDs/DVDs to create a sensory garden within the school grounds.

"As always, your continued support and generosity to The Collett School is very much appreciated. Many thanks."

WAXWORKS FOR MILES



Miles from Post-16 wanted to share these great photos from his recent visit to Madame Tussauds. The London wax museum, founded by sculptor Marie Tussaud, is renowned for its waxworks of famous and historic people, as well as popular film characters. Miles made sure to make the most of his trip, posing alongside these famous faces.

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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.

QUICK REMINDER

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**.

This event has been arranged to support people with learning difficulties and their families to understand how to look after their health.

Better Health Better Me is free for adults living in Hertfordshire who have a learning disability or who support someone with a learning disability.

There is an exciting line up of workshops and fun activities around keeping healthy for you to join in with. You will also be able to talk to friendly nurses about health issues.

See the flyer [on our website](#) for more information, email ACSCommissioning.support@hertfordshire.gov.uk or call 01438 845016.

FAMILIES IN FOCUS 2018 COURSES

Families in Focus CIC provides free parenting courses that support parents, grandparents, adoptive parents and carers in their local community to bring harmony, balance and enjoyment to family life.

The following courses are free to those in the Delivering Special Provision Locally (DSPL) Area 7, which includes parents living in St Albans, Harpenden, Redbourn, Wheathampstead, London Colney and Colney Heath:

- Handling Anger in Your Family: 12.30-2.30pm, Monday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th January, 5th February
- Parenting a Newly Diagnosed Child with SEND: 9am-12pm, Monday 5th February
- Becoming a Professional Parent: 10am-12pm, Monday 26th February
- Sleep Tight: 12.30-2.30pm, Tuesday 23rd, 30th January, 6th, 20th, 27th February, 6th March
- Parenting with Empathy to Build Your Family's Emotional Wellbeing and Reduce Behaviours That Challenge: 12.30-2.30pm, Monday 5th, 12th, 19th March

Visit <http://www.familiesinfoocus.co.uk/> for more information on how to book. Some courses, especially those in Area 8 (Dacorum), are fully booked and you will be added to a waiting list.

GADE VALLEY SCHOOLS FAMILY SERVICES 2018 COURSES

This term Gade Valley School Family Services are running workshops and drop in sessions for parents and carers on a range of topics. All workshops and drop ins are free and will be held at the Gade Community

WHAT'S ON NEAR YOU

Bugsy Malone Open Auditions

Rare Productions Youth Theatre Group are looking for budding actors and actresses to audition for their upcoming production of Bugsy Malone. First audition is Sunday 4th February at the Elgiva Theatre, Chesham. 2-3.30pm for seven to 12 year olds. 3.30-5pm for 13-21 year olds. Second audition is Friday 9th February at Memorial Hall, High Street, Bovingdon. 5-6pm for seven to 12 year olds. 6-7pm for 13-21 year olds.

Oaklands College Open Evenings

Upcoming Open Evenings at the St Albans Campus, Tuesday 6th February, 5-8pm, and the Welwyn Garden City Campus, Wednesday 7th February, 5-8pm. Visit the Oaklands website for more info.

Dacorum Dolphins

This swimming club is for people with disabilities and their families. Please contact Atheal by email: atheal.elemenyaw@yaho.co.uk or phone 07805076832 for more information. Sessions every Saturday.

Watford FC Disability Session

Meriden Community Centre will run a session every Monday between 5-6pm.

Room, Chaulden Junior School Row, Hemel Hempstead, unless otherwise stated.

Pre-booking is essential – if you would like to book onto our courses or find out more information, please contact Emma Christie on 01442 278793 or email: christiee.gadesfs@kls.herts.sch.uk

Visit their website: <http://www.gadeschoolsfamilysupport.co.uk/>

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Wrens Class kicked off our second assembly of 2018 with a fantastic video showing what they had learnt over the past week. In particular, the class had learnt about the story of Hansel and Gretel, and when they were out exploring the school grounds they came across a trail of breadcrumbs. They followed them into the woods and found a gingerbread house! Good work, Wrens.

Mr Hoult-Allen then asked us all about what the colour blue symbolises.

Some of us said clouds, or the sky, but some said it symbolises sadness.

Mr Hoult-Allen explained 'January Blues' – when people have colds/the flu; no money left after Christmas; cold, wet, dark days; and so on. In fact, Monday 15th January is the saddest day of the year.

"What do we do when people are sad?" asked Mr Hoult-Allen, "We can do nice things, we can have fun, we can smile, and we can check to make sure that our friends are okay." It is a fact that smiling releases endorphins, a chemical in our brain which makes us happy!

Mr Hoult-Allen added: "There are lots of people to talk to at Collett – we love you, and you make us happy!"

Spotlight

Everyone had to be really, really quiet when Mahogany Class were in the spotlight as they presented their latest chicken, Pingu. Mrs Davey explained that Pingu had started laying eggs over Christmas. Dominic and Kian from the class had helped to feed Pingu and were keen to present her to the school.

What's New Scooby Doo?

Josh from Wrens Class told us that his mum had a baby last week – that's super news, Josh!

AWARDS

BRONZE AWARD

If you would like to book visit:

<http://meridenc.com/course-listing>

ONLINE THIS WEEK

[Check out](#) what mischief Linden Class's elf on the shelf Jesse got up to before Christmas.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It's easier to resist at the beginning than at the end."

Leonardo da Vinci

FACT OF THE WEEK

Braille is based on a system commissioned, but later abandoned, by Napoleon that would enable soldiers to communicate in total darkness.

QI Twitter

Emily, Aaron, Nicky, Temur, Alex, Luke and Gene from Acacia

Noah from Wrens

SILVER AWARD

Abaigh and Ethan from Sandalwood

Jordan and Connor from Acacia

Logan from Elder

READING AWARD

Adam, Carla and Lukas from Linden

Albie from Rooks

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

Mr Harry Crawford

The Collett School