

Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School
Special Educational Needs



Friday 26th January 2018

WE WELCOME MORE NEW STAFF TO OUR SCHOOL



Two more staff have recently joined our fantastic school. Please welcome Miss Adcock (left) and Mrs Jewell (kindly pointed out by her team in the right hand photo)! Miss Adcock will be working as a TA in lower and middle school whilst Mrs Jewell has been assigned as a TA to Linden Class. Glad to have to you both here!

PYJAMA DAY!

Students from our School Council have been busy preparing a charity Pyjama Day, and we are happy to confirm that **Monday 5th February** will be the big day. We will be raising money for Noah's Ark Hospice, a community-based hospice providing support for children and young people with life-limiting/threatening conditions and their families in North/Central London and Hertsmere. **Everyone at the school participating must donate £1.** Please note that this event is, of course,



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Friday 2nd February

Coffee Cake and Catch Up, 9.30am

Monday 5th February

Puzzle Theme Week (All week)

Thursday 8th February

School Disco, 6-8pm

Friday 9th February

Vaccinations Year 9 & 10, 9.15am

Monday 12th to Friday 16th Feb

HALF TERM

Friday 23rd February

Coffee Cake and Catch Up, 9.30am

Open Tours of the School, after assembly

voluntary, although staff that don't comply will be sentenced to regular passive aggressive comments.

I would personally like to thank Bailee from Elder and Olivia from Mahogany for arranging the day with me on behalf of the council. I can also confirm that the final date was decided by rock, paper, scissors!

LITTER & RECYCLING TALK

On Tuesday our school hosted a wonderful talk from Dacorum Borough Council's Environmental Officer Holly Butterworth. Holly spoke to us all about litter and recycling, how it affects us and what we can do to make the world a better place.

Many of us have watched shows such as Blue Planet and seen the horrors of waste affecting our planet, so Holly explained to us how long it takes for certain products to decompose. A banana skin can take two years, whilst a plastic bottle can take over a MILLION years (in fact, it never truly decomposes – it just breaks down into smaller plastic pieces). The most common waste product found on beaches is a cigarette butt. These products can also be very dangerous to animals - we saw a photo of a turtle mistaking a plastic bag for a jellyfish and trying to eat it.

What can we do? Holly said that we can put rubbish in our bins, but landfill sites are not always the answer. Recycling starts at home – blue bins are available for us to get rid of plastics, paper, glass and cans. We then watched a video that showed us how a recycling factory sorts materials, which can be turned into new things. A newspaper could become a pencil and a can might end up in the construction of a plane. Holly presented a fleece that was made from 25 bottles of plastic – there's so much you can do with recycled waste!

COLLETT PUPIL HAS GOAL IN HIS SIGHTS

Ricky from Acacia has a big future ahead of him after he was selected to play for Watford FC against West Ham United in an Under 12s match. The game, which is tomorrow at West Ham's youth ground in London, is a big moment for the Collett pupil, who has always been a big footy fan. Ricky said: "I've always liked football. My favourite player is Ronaldo and I play right wing. I'm an MK Dons fan, but I'm really excited to play for Watford. I'm pretty confident that we'll win."

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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**.

Ricky actually plays for Bedwell Rangers, a local youth team, and was selected by Watford scouts. It makes it all the more remarkable to learn that Ricky has only been playing football for two years!

Ricky added: "Every player gets a chance to represent Watford, but I've already played before with them at a tournament in Norwich. It's nice to know that they think I'm good. I really like the team too."

Next up for Ricky will be the People's Cup, where his Bedwell Rangers team will be competing in the 12-16 years category next month. Good luck, Ricky!

FANTASTIC WORK BY ACACIA

Acacia Class have been perfecting their geography skills by learning about the Water Cycle. Check out their fantastic work below:



LOCAL BARBERS PERFECT CUT FOR SEN FAMILIES

Michaels, an Apsley based hairdressers, have received high praise from one of our staff members. Wrens TA Mrs Price was recommended to go there by another parent when she was discussing (and dreading) the imminent visit to her usual barbers, but was pleasantly surprised.

She said: "The team that works there are amazing with children with additional needs. Especially Karen – she goes above and beyond to create a calm atmosphere and helps the children with their sensory needs. It can be such a difficult experience for the children (and parents/carers) but they really help to make it a much more pleasurable experience for them."

High praise indeed! Visit <http://www.michaels-apsley.co.uk/> for more information.

SCHOOL SUPPORTERS WIN CUP

Congratulations to Hemel Storm, who recently won the National Basketball Cup! Storm have been a steadfast supporter of The Collett School, having donated prizes for our PTA events in the past, and we

OFFICE UPDATES

YOUTUBE CHANNEL WARNING

Can all parents/carers please be aware of what their child is watching on YouTube. We have had several reports of indecent channels and videos. Please listen in to see if the content your child is watching is as advertised.

JUST TALK CAMPAIGN

A new mental health campaign by Healthy Young Minds in Herts has launched with advice for parents/carers. Visit [our website](#) for more info.

MORE FROM CAREERS WEEK

To see more about our Careers Week, visit our new Careers & Further Education page ([LINK](#)) on our website.

WHAT'S ON NEAR YOU

Special Olympics St Albans

SOSA provide sporting opportunities to those with a learning disability. For more info about becoming a SOSA athlete or volunteer, please contact Susi Williams, Special Olympics Coordinator on sisi.williams@1life.co.uk or call 01727 819422.

Dacorum Dolphins

This swimming club is for people with disabilities and their families. Please contact Atheal by email: atheal.elemenyaw@yahoo.co.uk

hope their good form continues. They will be presenting the trophy at their next game at Sportspace Hemel Hempstead on 3rd February.

A NOTE FOR ROOKS PARENTS

Apologies if you missed the communication re: Rooks assembly. If you couldn't make it today, the class will be doing it again on Friday 9th February at 2pm in the classroom. Please let Rooks staff members know if you will be coming. Thank you.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Today Rooks Class took to the stage to present their very own assembly. They had produced a video about what they got up to each day of the week: on Monday they went swimming and had a cookery class; on Tuesday there was a music class; Wednesday saw them try their hands at art and careers week activities; on Thursday they had a drum session and Friday saw them have a PE lesson, walk and pet some horses, shopping and finally a bite to eat at the Snow Centre! Wish my Fridays were like that...

Spotlight

Ravens Class presented their work on fables, particularly *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*. Each pupil put their reporter caps on and interviewed each other to get quotes for their own news reports. Great job, Ravens!

Mr Hoult-Allen then put the WHOLE SCHOOL in the spotlight, and talked about our recent Ofsted visit. He said that Ofsted wanted to thank all the children and that they were so impressed by the school and the relationship between children as well as their relationship with staff.

Mr Hoult-Allen added: "Well done for all your hard work!"

Mr Harry Crawford

The Collett School

For more information on our recent Ofsted inspection and on recent staffing changes, please see the letter at the end of this PDF.

or phone 07805076832 for more information. Sessions every Saturday.

More events can be found on the News section of our website.

ONLINE THIS WEEK

One mum got Google [to ban this fake app](#) that threatened children and was only given a PEGI 3 rating.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"A man who has no passed through the inferno of his passions has never overcome them."

Carl Jung

FACT OF THE WEEK

The hedgehog's old name, 'urchin', comes from the same root word as 'horror'. In turn, sea urchins are named after hedgehogs.

QI Twitter

AWARDS

BRONZE AWARD

Liam, Kerrie, Jamie, Lee and Connor
from Redwood

SILVER AWARD

Kevan from Rosewood
Harvey from Sandalwood
Jack from Robins

READING AWARD

Aimma from Rosewood
Lewis and Erin from Rooks
Anuerin from Linden

Harvey and Ethan from

Sandalwood

Ellie from Rosewood

Elisha from Ravens

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

Dear Parents and carers

RE: Staff at Collett School

Thank you for all your support regards to the recent Ofsted which went very well and we are now looking forward to a Section 5 Inspection (2 days to consolidate our practices towards Outstanding). The Inspectors were delighted with the school, the relationships, ethos and the journey we are on.

From last term there have been changes in the staffing structure, notably with my role over three schools and the Acting up positions here at Collett. We are continually refining roles and responsibilities in order to provide the best for the children. Pam Stocks continues in her role as Acting Head of School (hybrid of Deputy/Head), Kasia Fejcher-Akhtar, also a senior leader has responsibility for Safeguarding, Research and Development. Ms Wells, member of SLT will be taking on a new focus of transitioning into work/employment across the three schools.

As usual your key points of contact will be your child's teacher and the Departmental lead teachers. (lower school: Alex Chaplin (Acting up), Middle school :Ben Linford, Upper School :Pam Stocks (Interim)

Angela Fox will be developing her role in The Hive upon the appointment of a new EHCP co-ordinator.

We have had a lot of sickness this term, pupils and staff, some of which have been long term.

Kellyann Blackman has been absent since November and will not be returning to Collett School. We wish her best of luck with her pregnancy. During Mrs Blackman's absence the class has been led by Mrs G Smith and Mrs M Dearlove, which will continue to the end of the school year.

Danielle Town is also doing a sterling job as a trainee teacher in Redwood class. Miss Eloisa Longley will be leaving us in July as she is getting married and moving down south. We are delighted about her news.