

Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School
Special Educational Needs



Friday 26th January 2018



COLLETT BEANIE HATS



Our latest merchandise has arrived! As modelled by our wonderful staff, The Collett beanie hat is all the rage, and will be hitting the Milan and Paris catwalks later this year. Hats are available in school uniform colours and come in either child or adult sizes. All hats are £4.50 each and are available to buy at reception.

PYJAMA DAY IS THIS MONDAY

Organised by our School Council, our charity Pyjama Day – which will raise money for local charity Noah's Ark Hospice – is just five days away! Everyone at the school participating must donate £1 (please remember

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Monday 5th February

Puzzle Theme Week (All week)

Friday 9th February

Ravens Assembly

Vaccinations Year 9 & 10, 9.15am

School Disco, after lunch

Monday 12th to Friday 16th Feb

HALF TERM

Friday 23rd February

Sandalwood Assembly

Coffee Cake and Catch Up, 9.30am

Open Tours of the School, after assembly

appropriate footwear and coats as it is expected to be cold). Please note that this event is voluntary.

COLLETT PUPIL IS HAT-TRICK HERO

An update on our very own football superstar Ricky from Acacia. As part of the Watford FC Under 12s, Ricky thrashed West Ham United Under 12s 4-0. The Collett pupil even bagged himself a hat-trick – super work, Ricky! Here are a couple of photos from the day:



SCHOOL VALENTINE'S DISCO UPDATE

The Collett Valentine's Disco is no longer happening after school on Thursday 8th February – the event will now take place after lunch on Friday 9th February. Children are welcome to bring in their disco clothes if they want to change.

TAKING THE NEXT STEP IN THE WORKING WORLD

We have launched our brand new Careers & Further Education page on our school website. The page, which can be found under the Family menu option, will have news and events, cover options the school provides to start a working life, and the options covered in Post 16. [Click here](#) to access the page.

UPCOMING OAKLANDS OPEN EVENINGS

For those looking toward further education opportunities, Oaklands College have a number of upcoming open evenings.

The next evening at the St Albans Campus is on Tuesday 6th February from 5pm to 8pm, followed by an evening at Welwyn Garden City Campus on Wednesday 7th February from 5pm to 8pm.

Visit us for more info. at

www.collett.herts.sch.uk

You can also follow us on

social media, find us on

Facebook, [Friends of Collett](#)

or Twitter, [@CollettSchool](#)

WANT AN EASY WAY TO

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**.

St Albans Campus is also hosting a Young Chef of the Year Competition on Saturday 10th February for those interested.

WEEKLY GROUP TO BOOST SOCIAL CONFIDENCE

A regular weekly evening group where individuals aged 14 and above who struggle with socialising, find peer interaction intimidating or who don't feel comfortable within a social setting, have a safe environment to practice these skills supported by experienced members of the Weip team. Through shared interests with peers and small group activities, individuals have the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge about how to socially interact, negotiate and hold balanced conversations. The session provides board games, computer games and friendly environment that promotes social interaction.

Located at Jersey Farm Community Centre, St Brelades Place, St Albans. Sessions take place every Wednesday, 6.30pm to 8.30pm. £10 per person per session. If you are interested, please contact admin@weip.co.uk or phone 01582967960.

GADE SCHOOLS FAMILY SUPPORT COURSES

GSFS provide parent support services via courses and workshops. Their spring courses for SEND families are as follows:

Autism Support, 1 on 1 Advice Sessions – Wednesday 7th Feb / 9.30am, 10.05am, 10.40am, 11.15am and 11.50am / Gade Community Room, Chaulden School, School Row, Hemel Hempstead. To book contact GSFS on 01442 278793.

Understanding Autism and Managing Anger and Anxiety – Thursday 8th Feb / 9.30am to 2pm (30min lunch break, please bring your own lunch) / The Willow Room, Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School, Peascroft Road, Hemel Hempstead. To book contact Ashley Fabray on 07525 917125.

Sibling Support Group – 28th Feb, 7th Mar, 21st Mar, 28th Apr, 2nd May, 6th Jun / 4pm to 6pm / Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School. To book please contact Ashley Fabray on her mobile or email fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk

Writing Social Stories – Wednesday 7th Mar / 7pm to 9pm / The Willow Room, Hobbs Hill Wood Primary. To book please contact Ashley Fabray.

Support Group for Children with Autism, Communication Processing Disorder of Sensory Processing Needs – Wednesday 21st Feb / 9.30am to 11am / Woodfield School, Malmes Croft, Hemel Hempstead.

OFFICE UPDATES

FREE SCHOOL MEALS LEAFLET

A leaflet will be coming home next week re: free school meals.

WHAT'S ON NEAR YOU

Orbital Trampoline Park

Orbital is offering £8 per child plus one carer free entry, Monday and Friday Adaptive Sessions, 12pm-1pm during term time. Orbital is located just off Junction 11 on the M1 at Chaul End Lane, Luton.

Parent Carer Bowling Social

A social event for secondary age children to provide fun social opportunities on Sunday afternoons whilst parents/carers enjoy an adjacent get together. First event 4th February, 3-5pm, £6 per person. Woodside Leisure park, Kingsway, Watford. Email enquiries.nhdowns@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01462 630459.

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

ONLINE THIS WEEK

Did you manage to catch a glimpse of the Super Blue Blood Moon on Wednesday night? Here's [a video](#) with more info from NASA.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Before anything else, preparation is the key to success."

Alexander Graham Bell

Tuesday 13th Mar / 1pm to 2.30pm / Bridgewater School, Bridle Way, Berkhamsted. For more information, please contact Vicky McKirgan on 07809 240858.

For more courses and information, please visit the GSFS website: www.gadeschoolsfamilysupport.co.uk/index.html

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

In the absence of Mr Hoult-Allen, Mrs Fejcher-Akhtar took charge of today's assembly. It's the beginning of February, which Mrs Fejcher-Akhtar pointed out is the halfway mark in the academic year – exactly between the beginning of the school year in September and the end of the year in July. Keeping on this theme, Mrs Fejcher-Akhtar focused on end of year exams and how to revise best for them – she devised her own guide with the help of the Mr Men!

We need the right approach to our learning. The key to success is that 'everyone can do well like Little Miss Brainy'. Learning is doing – we take in 10 per cent of what we read, and 20 per cent of what we hear. We must organise our time – revise regularly and 'avoid being Mr Muddle'. Our learning environment is important – we must avoid being Mr Noisy and work in a quiet place! Our study behaviour is also important – we must have high expectations for ourselves, ask for help and take risks. Above all, we must be careful not to become Mr Lazy and procrastinate! Good concentration skills can help us to not be Mr Forgetful, and finally we can all be like Mr Clever if we try our hardest.

Spotlight

Ricky from Acacia was in the spotlight today for his remarkable football achievements last weekend!

Talent Spot

Bailee from Elder showed off his rock star drumming skills as he played along to 'Somebody To You' by The Vamps ft. Demi Lovato. A future John Bonham for sure! Emily from Acacia then rapped Dobre Brother's 'On The Real Tho', giving Cardi B a run for her money. Brilliant fun all round!

Thanks for reading!

Mr Harry Crawford

The Collett School

FACT OF THE WEEK

Roger Federer won his 20th Grand Slam last weekend when he beat Marin Cilic in the Australian Open. Only Steffi Graff, Serena Williams and Margaret Court have won more than the Swiss.

AWARDS

BRONZE AWARD

Samuel from Acacia

SILVER AWARD

Lucy-May from Elder

Miles and Andy from Post 16

Aimma, Coral and Lillie from

Rosewood

GOLD AWARD

George from Elder

READING AWARD

Alex from Acacia

John and Elias from Mahogany

Kiera from Linden

Jacob and Lillie from Rosewood

SINGER OF THE WEEK

Lower School - Lewis from Rooks

Middle School - Mason from Elder

Middle School - Emily from Acacia

Upper School – Phoebe and Lewis
from Sandalwood

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