

Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School
Special Educational Needs



Friday 9th March 2018

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Staff and students alike donned purple on Thursday to mark the world celebration of International Women's Day. Many of our classes also undertook their own activities throughout the day. Robins learnt about the artist Frida Kahlo. Hit by a bus at 18, Kahlo painted lots of self-portraits lying in her bed whilst she recovered, so Robins decided to mimic this by lying down, with paper stuck to the underside of the table, so the children could paint their own self-portraits. Although they said it was tricky, their paintings are very good – check them out below:



Why do we highlight women's rights?

In the UK and across the world, issues including period poverty and the



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

Monday 12th to Friday 16th Mar

Science Theme Week

Friday 16th March

Redwood Assembly

Charity Firewalk, 6.30pm

Friday 23rd March

Post 16 Assembly

Coffee Cake & Catch Up, 9.30

Open Tours, after assembly

Mon 26th to Thurs 29th Mar

Autism Awareness Week

Thursday 29th March

Easter Celebration

END OF TERM – FINISH @ 1PM

pay gap still affect billions of women. Women have largely been written out of history too, so 8th March is a day to give them a voice.

A SELECTION OF WOMEN WHO WILL OWN 2018

Emma Gonzalez - survivor of the Parkland Florida school shooting, and an activist and advocate for gun control.

Malala Yousafzai – the Nobel Peace Prize winner continues to advocate education and women’s rights across the globe.

Michelle Obama – out of the White House but continuing to influence global culture. Will it be her turn to shine in the Oval Office in 2020?

#MeToo Movement – TIME Magazine’s ‘person of the year’ for 2017 continues to snowball.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Due to the weather last week, World Book Day celebrations were delayed till today at The Collett School. Many of our students and staff dressed up as their favourite fictional characters – check them out:



ONE WEEK TILL OUR FIREWALK!

Our charity firewalk event, which is being undertaken by staff, friends and local supporters, will fund various upcoming projects that will benefit each and every child at the school. So far a phenomenal £3,570

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](#)

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.

OFFICE UPDATES

TESTING COMMUNICATIONS WITH PARENTS

As part of a review of our school closure procedure, the school office is double checking and, if need be, updating mobile phone communication details with parents. We will be sending a message out to parents, going class by class – a couple of lower school classes completed the test today. We are hoping to complete the test by the end of next week.

WHAT’S ON NEAR YOU

SEN PLAY AT HERTFORD THEATRE

An SEN friendly showing of *You’ve Got Dragons* at Hertford Theatre

has been raised – please spread the word and get friends and family to donate to this wonderful cause – here is the link to [our Local Giving page](#) and all our supporters' pages.

UNIFORM SALE

Our uniform stock is on sale! Everything from socks to jumpers has a 20% discount. Please see the documents attached to the School Comms email, which detail new prices. All stock subject to availability – please check with reception.

GDPR – HOW WILL IT AFFECT US?

For those who don't know, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will become law this May. This is an update of the Data Protection Act 1998, meaning laws are now stricter (and very, very fun afternoon read) but give more rights and safety to each individual. As a school, for example, we must ask parents/carers for explicit consent for use and storage of student data, such as photos. Rest assured that school procedures are already well underway in preparation for the new law. On top of this, The Collett School will be signing up to Action Fraud alerts. If we are alerted to a scam that could well impact parents/carers, we will pass on the message promptly.

FAMILIES IN FOCUS: SPACES STILL AVAILABLE

There are still spaces available on the following Families in Focus workshop: **Families in Focus Just for Dads Guide to Managing anxiety in Children with SEND** – Monday 26th March, 6:30-8:30pm.

To book your free place contact Francine and Lesley by email on info@familiesinfocus.co.uk or text Francine on 07867 510027.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

With many of our students dressed up for World Book Day, Mr Houlton-Allen kicked off proceedings by running round the hall asking the students to share with everyone who they were for the day. We had characters from *Harry Potter*, *Where's Wally?*, *Frozen*, *Batman*, *Fantastic Mr Fox* and many, many more – they were all fantastic!

We then focused on Spring, starting with the Holi Festival, which originates from India. The festival celebrates colour and life and took

will take place on Tuesday 3rd April at 1.30pm and 4pm. Tickets are on a 'pay what you can' basis, although book your tickets [via the website](#) or call 01992 531500.

Suitable for age 3 plus, 50mins, no interval. Play based on the book by Kathryn Cave.

CHANNEL FOUR TO BE BASED IN HEMEL FOR WINTER PARALYMPICS

Coverage of the Winter Paralympics will be based at Hemel's very own Snow Centre this month. A studio has been built for Clare Balding and Jonnie Peacock to present the games to the whole country, and 60% of those working onscreen and behind the scenes are disabled.

ONLINE THIS WEEK

Check out the BBC's [Six Extraordinary Women Who Changed the World](#).

Also, our supporters Hemel Hempstead Town FC included us in [their newsletter](#).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Don't grieve. Anything you lose comes round in another form."

Rumi

FACT OF THE WEEK

Paralympians have been found to be the most inspirational athletes for all children.

Virgin Media

place last Friday – a far cry from being snug and warm at home on our snow days!

Next we talked about International Women’s Day, which took place yesterday. Mr Hoult-Allen told the students that the day was about promoting equality and celebrating the achievements of women today and throughout history by making their voices heard.

The students were also told that the new all-weather sports pitch is almost finished, and it is due to open next week – much to the relief of TAs who have been hit by a wayward football.

Spotlight

Rosewood were in the spotlight today for their excellent work on Wednesday, when Ms Brenham was poorly. Mrs Morrison explained how the class showcased their independent skills during their cookery lesson, playing their own version of *Ready, Steady Cook* by improvising with the food they had. Fantastic work!

Mrs Davey came forward to say the whole school was in the spotlight for contributing to the recent toy sales that Mahogany have been organising. Over £500 has been raised, enough to buy a photocopier for the school in Uganda that the Collett students are supporting. Great news!

Talent Spot

Ethan from Sandalwood took to the stage to show off his hula hooping skills, and Che in Elder had everyone clapping along as he performed a song. The theme continued as shortly afterwards the whole school sang ‘This is Me’ from *The Greatest Showman*. There’s no assembly like a Collett assembly!

Thank you for reading!

Mr Harry Crawford

The Collett School

AWARDS

SILVER AWARD

One from Acacia

One from Linden

One from Redwood

Five from Rooks

GOLD AWARD

Two from Acacia

Two from Elder

One from Rosewood

READING AWARD

Three from Mahogany

One from Robins

One from Rosewood

Two from Rooks

One from Wrens

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