

Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School
Special Educational Needs



Friday 16th March 2018

SCIENCE WEEK

Our classes have been experimenting with all sorts of contraptions and chemicals this week, with so many great successes!

Robins dissolved sugar into water to create crystals, Rooks created rainbow patterns with skittles and water and did the classic 'mentos

and diet coke' experiment. (Ah, I had many a good prank with that back in the day) In middle school, Elder combined art and science to create scratch paintings. Acacia visited Pizza Express in Hemel to learn about, create and eat some tasty pizzas – can't blame them! Sandalwood and Rosewood have been teaming up for all sorts of experiments, including protecting water bombs with cardboard contraptions and creating slime. Redwood, meanwhile, have been learning about electricity.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

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

Monday 16th April

BACK TO SCHOOL

Friday 20th April

Charity Event: Race Night

STEPHEN HAWKING: A HERO

Midway through our very own science week, staff and students alike were sad to learn of renowned physicist Stephen Hawking's death on Wednesday. Hawking was undoubtedly a pioneer for disabled people across the globe and championed the NHS alongside his obvious success in the world of science, giving humanity its first glimpse of (and into) a black hole, among other things.

Hawking was the standard bearer for the disabled – the forerunner who fought for equality and inclusion and won, in spite of it all.

It goes without saying that he was a true hero who broke boundaries and made our world a better place. His humour, wit and genius will be sorely missed.

EASTER HAMPER

We are launching a raffle with the prize being an Easter hamper full of Easter eggs and other wonderful goodies for Collett families. Tickets are £1 – could parents/carers please pay at reception. Thank you.

A NEW SEN WEBSITE FROM HERTS COUNTY COUNCIL

Be sure to visit Herts County Council's latest offering. Hertfordshire's SEND Local Offer is your one-stop shop for information, support, services and activities available for children and young people with special educational needs, and their families. [Check it out now!](#)

FAS DISORDER TRAINING EVENT

This is a training event for designated teachers, carers and adopters of children with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, presented by the Hertfordshire Virtual School, NOFAS UK and the East Hertfordshire and Area FASD Support Network.

The event will take place on Friday 27th April. The event for teachers is at 9.30am-3pm and at 9.30am-2pm for carers and adopters. It will take place at the Hertfordshire Development Centre, Stevenage.

To book a place please contact the team online via www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/virtualschool email virtualschool@hertfordshire.gov.uk or phone 01992 556915.

Visit us for more info. at

www.collett.herts.sch.uk

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MAKATON SIGNS

OF THE WEEK

Help



Have



Tomorrow



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

WATER BOTTLE

We have Sports Relief water bottles on sale in reception for £1 each.

WINTER PARALYMPICS UPDATE

Whilst not reaching the heights of our Summer Paralympians, Team GB slowly accumulated a steady stream of medals in Pyeongchang.

With Channel Four covering the Games from Hemel's very own Snow Centre, the country watched our women steal the show as Millie Knight grabbed two silvers in the women's downhill and super G and Menna Fitzpatrick grabbed two silvers in women's super combined and giant slalom as well as a bronze in the women's super G behind Knight. Both Knight and Fitzpatrick competed in the B2 visually impaired category.

With the closing ceremony this Sunday, our Paralympians can hold their heads high.

HEMEL FC CHEQUE PRESENTATION

A reminder that Hemel Hempstead Town FC will present a cheque to the school at their home match on Saturday 24th March.

We are currently trying to see if we can get some free tickets for Collett families to watch and take part in the photoshoot on the day, so stay tuned!

MAN THE STATIONS –

MRS CHAMBERS DUE SOON!

We are pleased to announce that one of our receptionists, Mrs Chambers, is due next week! I'm sure it'll go swimmingly.

Here she is pictured visiting the school on Wednesday – she brought along cake and chocolate, so I can't complain.



FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

This week Mr Houlton-Allen focused on all the brilliant achievements made by each class during Science Week - there's certainly been a lot of fun and learning by the students. We also commemorated Stephen

Payment would need to be in cash – please visit reception to sort out payment and collection.

NEW WINDOWS

We've been given the go ahead to replace our windows with a stronger material – hopefully less breakages in future!

WHAT'S ON NEAR YOU

SEN PLAY AT HERTFORD THEATRE
You've Got Dragons SEN is showing at Hertford Theatre next month.

Please check last week's newsletter or the Hertford Theatre website for more details.

HAPPY TEEN

WELLBEING WEEKENDER

Professionals in youth wellbeing come together for one weekend to help you and your teenager navigate those tricky teen years. This event takes place at Nicholas Breakspear School, St Albans, on Saturday 17th March, 10am-5pm.

[Visit this link](#) to book.

ONLINE THIS WEEK

[Here's a video](#) of Channel Four's Jonnie Peacock skiing at Hemel Snow Centre.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We are just an advanced breed of monkeys on a minor planet of a very average star. But we can

Hawking, who was a St Albans local. Many of the children had words to say themselves about Hawking, a couple even talked at length about his work on black holes! It just shows how wide an influence he had on everyone.

Mr Hault-Allen finished off by thanking the boys from Lockers Park School who had attended our assembly before their tour of Collett. Our schools will be taking part in a joint sponsored walk on the last day of term for the third year running.

Spotlight

Owuraku was in the spotlight today for his magnificent independent work building a replica of the Titanic. Check it out below – it's amazing!



Thank you for reading and have a wonderful weekend!

Mr Harry Crawford

The Collett School

understand the universe. That makes us something very special."

Stephen Hawking

FACT OF THE WEEK

The day Stephen Hawking died was Albert Einstein's birthday.

AWARDS

SILVER AWARD

Two from Linden, Five from Post 16, Two from Redwood, Two from Robins, Two from Wrens

GOLD AWARD

Four from Sandalwood

READING AWARD

Two from Mahogany, One from Sandalwood, One from Wrens

GOLD GANG

One from Acacia

SINGER OF THE WEEK

One from Wrens, Two from Elder, One from Redwood

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