

# Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School  
Special Educational Needs



**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018**

## HOT DATE AT THE COLLETT SCHOOL

Last Friday finished on a spectacular high as 47 brave souls took on The Collett School's latest fundraising challenge – 20 feet of hot coals, simmering at 1200 degrees Fahrenheit. Clearly a walk in the park for our intrepid fundraisers!

Despite the cold, wet weather, the local community came out in droves: over a hundred people turned out for our firewalk extravaganza, making it an unforgettable night. As the crowds waited, workers from firewalk company Blaze provided entertainment with a range of displays. Local band Farmers' Ukes raised spirits with some hearty tunes, and the main event itself drew loud cheers and applause.

Our students were undoubtedly the stars of the show. Several of our older students kept the cold crowds alive and well by providing tea, coffee, cake and their feel good attitude using our newly launched Horsebox Café. It was a great way to showcase their talents to the local community.

A huge thank you to our supporters – those old and new – and of course thank you to Blaze for providing their equipment and expertise. We're



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Autism Awareness Week

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

END OF TERM – FINISH @ 1PM

### APRIL

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

BACK TO SCHOOL

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Rosewood Assembly

Charity Event: Race Night

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Art, Craft and Design Week

still counting up all the money raised, but rest assured that each and every penny will fund essential projects for our wonderful students. Another great success for The Collett School!

## RACE NIGHT

Be in the running and join us for our next fundraising event – our Race Night in collaboration with Osborne on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April!

Those attending should arrive at the school at 6.45pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £10, which includes a fish and chip supper – please bring your own drinks. You can sponsor a race for £20 and own a horse for £2 – including naming rights for both horse and jockey.

Please RSVP and purchase tickets and horses as soon as possible. For more information, please email our fundraiser Jan Maddern on [jan.maddern@collett.herts.sch.uk](mailto:jan.maddern@collett.herts.sch.uk) or call 07711 066696. You can also enquire at reception. See you on the home stretch!

## AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK

This coming Monday will see the start of our Autism Awareness Week, which focuses on the theme of 'It's okay to be different'. Pupils will be working in class exploring similarities and differences between people and will be encouraged to think about how to be a good friend to someone who is different to them.

On Wednesday, we will be hosting a special **Onesie Wednesday**. All the children are invited to either come to school in a onesie or alternatively wear something colourful. The Hive team politely request a voluntary donation for this dress down day of £1. The money raised will go towards Art Therapy resources for The Hive. Thank you.

## LOCKERS PARK SPONSORED WALK

Many of our students and staff will be joining The Lockers Park School for a third year on their sponsored charity walk, which will take place on the last day of term. The walk will raise money for The Collett School and Hope for Children, but will also provide a unique opportunity to bring our schools closer together.

## RAFFLE FOR OUR EASTER HAMPER

The raffle for our Easter Hamper will be drawn next week, so buy your

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[www.collett.herts.sch.uk](http://www.collett.herts.sch.uk)

You can also follow us on

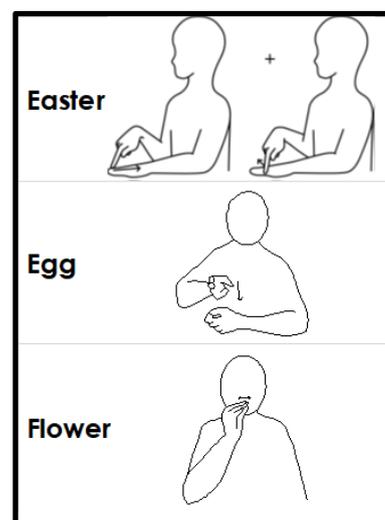
social media, find us on

Facebook, [Friends of Collett](#)

or Twitter, [@CollettSchool](#)

## MAKATON SIGNS

### OF THE WEEK



## 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:

#### THE RESULTS

As you are all aware, all parents/carers have recently received a message

tickets and enter the competition as quickly as you can! Please visit reception to buy your £1 ticket to enter the draw.

The main feature of our hamper will be *Disney On Ice* tickets, which are valid for a performance next month. The hamper will also include a fluffy chick, a fluffy bunny and, of course, lots of chocolate eggs!

## **HELP US MAKE OUR SUMMER PLAY GREAT**

We're looking for costume and prop makers to ensure that our summer play is bigger and better than ever! If you're willing to give up your spare time for our wonderful school, then please contact reception.

## **COLLETT LOOK TO CONTINUE WINNING STREAK**

The Collett School has been Hightown's charity of the year for three years running. Traditionally, this is the maximum number of consecutive years a local charity can hold this title, but Hightown have made an exception for us and have included us on their shortlist for this year.

To strengthen our claim for another year, we are asking those who have family or friends who work for Hightown to have a chat with them about our wonderful school so they vote for us. Thank you.

## **A STORMING WEEKEND AHEAD**

As the final weekend of the regular league season approaches, our supporters Hemel Storm have the great advantage of two home games. Come along and support the team – children from local schools are only £2 when you mention your school name, and adults are £7.50.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March sees Storm vs Team Solent Kestrels, 7pm tip off. Whilst Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March sees Storm against Derby Trailblazers, 1.30pm tip off. Both events at Sportspace Hemel Hempstead.

## **FRIDAY ASSEMBLY**

It was the turn of our Post 16 students this morning to tell us all about their work. They are at West Herts College the beginning of the week and Collett Thursdays and Fridays but spend every day working hard with the occasional visit to the sensory room where they can relax. I think they need to relax after learning life skills to help them develop their independence, the usual maths and literacy, extending their learning through research, keeping fit, travel training, time keeping and looking

via School Comms.

The school office conducted this test to check response times so that in emergency situations, such as our snow days and the gas leak late last year, we can judge how quickly parents/carers are receiving our messages.

Thank you to those who gave immediate replies. The information gathered from this test will help improve our procedure.

### **NEW MEDICINE FORM**

Our new medicine form is available on our website. Please visit the Parents & Carers page and scroll down to the Forms section.

## **WHAT'S ON NEAR YOU**

### **ABBOTTS LANGLEY**

#### **SPRING MARKET**

A spring market full of local food and produce will be coming to Abbots Langley on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March, from 10am-1pm.

#### **BIG WORDFEST**

Big Wordfest is back in Watford, and this weekend is filled with more tantalising activities.

Learning disability rock band Electric Umbrella will perform from 3.30pm at Pump House Theatre on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

## **ONLINE THIS WEEK**

A round of applause for toy shop The Entertainer, which has become

after their pennies or pound notes as the picture showed. They have also taken part in several Collett and Community projects like the Horse Box Café during the firewalk last week. One talented student has also been teaching some classes and teaching assistants some dance moves. One important message during their assembly was 'do not allow people you don't know to be friends on your Facebook'. Thank you to all the Post 16 students and adults for sharing with us your experiences and knowledge.

We were then treated to the fantastic video of the World Downs Syndrome Day Car Pool. If you have not seen it please follow the link and have a look, it brings a smile to my face and a tear to my eye each time: <http://www.heart.co.uk/sussex/news/local/world-downs-syndrome-day-vid-goes-viral/>

### **Spotlight**

Zaine showed us his fantastic artwork. He had coloured in a page then painted over it but the amazing thing was he then scratched off some of the paint to reveal the colours.

Zsofia was also in the spotlight for teaching phonics. Her cat is doing well but has not quite mastered them yet. Keep up the good work Zsofia.

### **Collett Cup of Excellence**

Has been awarded to Linden Class. This did not come as a surprise to the pupils though because they had built a time machine which took them forward in time to this morning. How amazing is that!

**Thank you for reading and have a wonderful weekend!**

***Mr Harry Crawford and Mrs Rachael Lampey***

***The Collett School***

[the first UK store](#) to launch a compulsory Autism Hour for the first hour of every Saturday.

### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"Be true to your work, your word,  
and your friend."*

John Boyle O'Reilly

### **FACT OF THE WEEK**

Ants' nests can get infested by smaller ants.

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### **AWARDS**

#### **Platinum Award**

1 from Elder

#### **Gold Awards**

7 from Post 16, 2 from Linden, 1 from Robins, 1 from Elder, 2 from Sandalwood

#### **Silver Awards**

6 from Acacia, 5 from Wrens, 2 from Robins, 1 from Elder

#### **Bronze Awards**

1 from Robins

#### **Reading Awards**

1 from Wrens, 2 from Linden, 3 from Robins

#### **Singers of the Week**

1 from Redwood, 1 from Sandalwood, 1 from Linden, 1 from Acacia

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