

# Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School  
Special Educational Needs



Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK

Now gaining national coverage thanks to a campaign by the National Autistic Society, AAW had the theme of 'It's okay to be different' and saw politicians and celebrities uniting to break the stigma autistic people face across the country and other parts of the world.

There have been some wonderful stories online from the BBC about autism in conjunction with AAW, including [this video](#) of Michael Fuller, a 17 year old musical genius; [stereotypes of autistic people to avoid](#); and this piece on [women being diagnosed](#) with autism as adults.

Meanwhile, here at Collett our pupils explored similarities and differences between people in class and were encouraged to think about how to be a good friend to someone who is different to them.

## ONESIE WEDNESDAY

There were bright colours and smiles across the school on Wednesday as staff and students alike donned their favourite onesies. But that wasn't all – the day was filled with plenty of Easter magic, with many classes getting involved by making chocolate eggs and baking other



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL

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

BACK TO SCHOOL

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

Rosewood Assembly

Charity Event: Race Night

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> to Fri 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Art, Craft and Design Week

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

Open Morning, Prospective Parents

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Mahogany Assembly

Coffee Cake and Catch Up, 9.30am

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> April to Fri 4<sup>th</sup> May**

Fairthorn Manor Residential Trip

wonderful treats. The money raised from the voluntary donations will be used to purchase much needed Art Therapy resources for The Hive.



## COLLETT HITS THE DANCEFLOOR

A special guest visited Collett on Tuesday morning to get the children fit and active with the power of dance. Kat from Active Creative gave each school a full class which mixed sport and music into dance to ensure everyone was getting active doing something they enjoyed. It was great to see so many of our pupils getting involved, despite being apprehensive at first.

A class warm up was quickly followed by some heart-pumping exercises – aerobic stretches, running or even jumping on the spot. Next, Kat asked the pupils which sports they liked, and the following dance incorporated elements from each of those sports. Pupils were shadow boxing one minute, ‘bouncing’ a basketball the next, before running like Usain Bolt! What a great workout.

In truth, Kat readily admits she didn’t know what to expect here at Collett, but soon found that the school exceeded all expectations.

“The kids engaged brilliantly – they were the dream class,” she said, “Everyone was up for it and they all smiled throughout the whole thing. I was genuinely impressed with how physically competent they were, and each class asked the right questions. The kids at Collett were a pleasure to teach – I thoroughly enjoyed the sessions!”

## LOCKERS PARK SPONSORED WALK

For the third year running, we joined Lockers Park School on their sponsored charity walk today. It’s fair to say it was rather muddy – very slippery in places! That didn’t bother us though, as everyone had a great

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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

NEWEST MEMBER OF THE OFFICE TEAM ARRIVES!



We are pleased to announce that our receptionist Mrs Chambers gave birth to a baby girl on Monday. Lottie weighed 6lb 10. Both baby and mum are doing well. I’m not crying, you’re crying.

time and got some well deserved cake at the end. The money raised will go toward our school and Hope for Children. Great way to end the term!



## OUR NEXT CHARITY EVENT - RACE NIGHT!

Love to make the most of your Friday nights? 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! There are still plenty of spaces available. 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.

## ALL WEATHER PITCH

After professional advice, we are turfing and seeding the muddy areas around our new sports pitch. It will be up and running after the Easter break for the children to use.

## EASTER HAMPER WINNERS

A brother and sister from the school won the Easter hamper raffle – congrats!

## WHAT'S ON THIS EASTER

### Check out our website Easter list

For loads of information on Easter events across the county, please

[click on this link.](#)

### Comet Football Festival

Comet FC will be hosting their own football festival on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April at Hemel Hempstead School from 11am till 1pm.

Admittance is free for all.

Comet FC will also be hosting a session on 1<sup>st</sup> May at Hemel Hempstead School from 5pm to 6pm. The cost will be £2 a week. For more details, please call Kevin Fernandes on 07966 783845 or Brian Pack on 07785 386356.

Suitable for all abilities.

### Dacorum Parent/Carer Courses

Mini Drop-in Consultations for Parents/Carers of Children with Autism and/or ADHD.

Dates & Venues: 9.30am – 11.30am  
Monday 16th April, Hobletts Manor Junior School, Hemel Hempstead.

Please RSVP and purchase tickets and horses as soon as possible. For more information, please call Jan Maddern on 07711 066696 or speak to a member of staff on reception. See you on the home stretch!

## HEMEL FC PLAY THEIR WAY INTO COLLETT HISTORY



Our supporters Hemel Hempstead Town FC presented a cheque for £1000 to The Collett School last weekend. During the pre-match presentation, former chairman Dave Boggins and Hemel captain Jordan Parkes presented the cheque to Anna Patsalides, one of Collett's governors, following the club's Movember fundraiser. The news even features on the [Underwoods Solicitors website](#).

A huge thank you to everyone at the club – your support is truly inspirational!

## 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 think you've got the skills to help us out, please contact the office as soon as possible.

**We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break.**

**Stay safe and eat plenty of chocolate!**

***Mr Harry Crawford***

***The Collett School***

An Introduction to  
Mindfulness in Parenting  
Date & Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm  
Tuesday 17th April  
Venue: Hobbs Hill Wood School,  
Hemel Hempstead.

To book: Contact Ashley Fabray on  
07525 917125 or email  
fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Easter is meant to be a symbol of  
hope, renewal, and new life."*

Janine di Giovanni

## FACT OF THE WEEK

The Easter Bunny was originally a hare, an animal revered in medieval times for its fertility. The original German legend of the Easter Hare judged whether children were good or bad and would carry toys (as well as eggs) much like Santa Claus.

*Wikipedia – source Oxford Uni Press*