

# Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School  
Special Educational Needs



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018

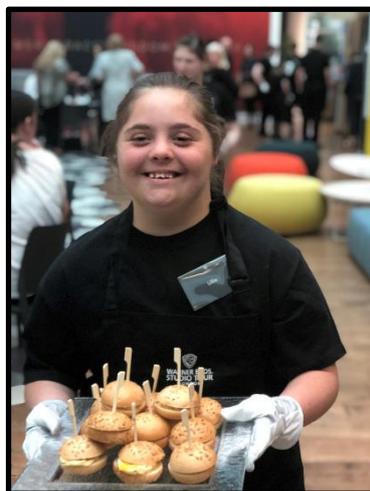
## SPORTS PITCH MAKES ITS DEBUT

Sandalwood were officially the first class to test out our new artificial pitch on Wednesday, pictured above. What perfect weather for the occasion too! Linden and Ravens were also keen to try out the pitch on the day. The pitch has also been opened up to the students at break and lunch. We are so glad our fundraising project is finally paying off!

## CELEBRATING THE ABILITY IN DISABILITY

There is one aim we unwaveringly stride for at The Collett School, and that is for our students to thrive in life. Further education, apprenticeships, careers and independency in adult life are seemingly huge obstacles for those with special educational needs (SEN), but we continue to break down those barriers with the help and support of our local community.

Which is why events like Celebrating the Ability in Disability, hosted by Warner Bros Studios Leavesden on Thursday, are crucial to the long



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL

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

Art, Craft and Design Week

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

Open Morning for Prospective Parents, 9.30am

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

Mahogany Assembly

Coffee Cake and Catch Up, 9.30am

The Daily Mile, 9.30am

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

Fairthorn Manor Trip

### MAY

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Bank Holiday

lasting development of our students.

The event is part of a new initiative by The Collet School, our sister school St Luke's and The Careers and Enterprise Company to really drive the point to local businesses that there is a place for those with SEN.

An array of businesses attended, hearing presentations from our Executive Headteacher Stephen Hoult-Allen, SVP and Managing Director of Warner Bros Studios Leavesden Dan Dark, disability activist and social entrepreneur Caroline Casey and others. With over 120 local companies taking part, the event was a great success and points toward a better future for our students as well as the local community as a whole. Everyone benefits when everyone is included.

*Read more about the event in the Friday Assembly section at the end of this newsletter.*

## PROJECT RUGBY

Congrats to Lee from Redwood, who participated in the Saracens Sport Foundation's first Project Rugby tag tournament, which took place on Wednesday. Five disABILITY hubs competed in the round robin event for a chance to win the 'Spirit of Saracens' award, presented to the team that best demonstrates the Saracens Core Values – which Lee's team won! Project Rugby aims to increase participation in rugby from underrepresented groups, including the disabled community, through a new strand of rugby called Mixed Ability Rugby, designed to be played by 50 per cent disabled participants and 50 per cent mainstream participants. Participants have the choice to engage in tag rugby or full contact depending on their personal preference.

## ENJOYING THE HOT WEATHER



Visit us for more info. at

[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

Teacher

(add man or woman after as appropriate)



Lunch



Play



## 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

### PHOTOS

Starting from next week, those who have given permission for their child's image to be used by the school will now be informed whenever a photo or video of your

Our classes made good use of the hot weather these past few days, with plenty of PE lessons out on the new artificial pitch, outdoor learning and even water fights (Elder Class pictured above).

## **CHARITY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT LOOKING FOR TEAMS**

Our supporters KickOff@3 are hosting a charity football tournament in aid of The Ollie Foundation in partnership with Herts Constabulary. The Ollie Foundation is a small local charity in St Albans which raises awareness amongst young people and the wider community about mental health and suicide.

The tournament itself, whilst mainly aimed at 15-17 year olds, also has an adult competition and they are still looking for teams to compete. The event takes place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May at CotlandsWick Leisure Centre, London Colney at starts at 10am. Admission is £25 per team (10 players) or £4 per person.

To enter, please email [rory.arnott2@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:rory.arnott2@herts.pnn.police.uk)

## **FRIDAY ASSEMBLY**

Our first assembly of the summer term was kicked off by Rosewood class, who had organised a brilliant slideshow about all the work they have got up to over the past academic year. There were photos of their work in maths, reading, ICT, cooking and also an array of others from their trips to London, the cinema and Harry Potter World, as well as visiting our sister school St Luke's. They had even driven tractors!

January saw them focus on Careers Week and recycling, in which members of the class explained why recycling was good for the environment and animal welfare.

The class's recent work included drawing outlines of Mr Hoult-Allen and Mrs Stocks (pictured at the top of this newsletter) to see who was taller and to use them to measure the school. The slideshow ended with a marshmallow eating competition between the students and one between Mrs Daly and Mrs Hicks! It looked like great fun. David and Lillie then sang 'Adventure of a Lifetime' by Coldplay as the fabulous outlines of Mr Hoult-Allen and Mrs Stocks danced away in the background.

Mr Hoult-Allen then took over proceedings, talking to us about the recent hot weather and what to do to stay safe: sun cream, hats and lots of water, among other things. We then focused on the work experience

child is used, be it in the newsletter, on the website, or on social media.

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

### **HERTS YOUTH INCLUSIVE**

#### **FOOTBALL FESTIVAL**

Watford FC's CSE Trust hosts this disability/SEN football festival at Hemel Hempstead School on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April from 11am-1pm.

There will be FA qualified coaches who will provide free, safe and enjoyable activities. All coaches have up-to-date DBS checks and have attended the FA's safeguarding workshop.

To book a place please contact

Karen Stephanou on

[karen.stephanou@watfordfc.com](mailto:karen.stephanou@watfordfc.com)

or 07841028229.

### **DSPL8 PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP**

There are still a few spaces available at the **Understanding Autism & Managing Anger & Anxiety** drop-in on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at Jupiter Community Free School. Please contact Ashely Fabray on [fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk) or 07525 917 125 for more info.

## **ONLINE THIS WEEK**

We're on [YouTube!](#)

## **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world."*

event at Warner Bros Studios Leavesden, which took place yesterday. The event had been eight months in the making, and, as Mr Hoult-Allen put it, was to get “more businesses to employ more people like those at our school.” Current and former students from Collett and St Luke’s also attended, serving the guests on the day. It wasn’t mentioned that they were students, so as to emphasise to the recruiters after a big reveal how those with SEN can thrive in a workplace environment.

We are pleased to announce that the managing director of the Grove Hotel was so utterly impressed with the event that they have set new targets to employ and provide work experience for those with SEN.

Fantastic!

### **Spotlight**

Zsafia from Robins became a teacher recently after she taught phonics to her cat! Zsafia said her cat was a model student and learnt a lot.



### **Talent Spot**

The School Council were awarded a special certificate and letter from Noah’s Ark Hospice for all their hard work in organising our Pyjama Day back in February. The school raised over £120 in total, which went towards some great projects the charity is working on.

### **Awards**

Certificates were handed out to staff members who had taken part in the charity firewalk in aid of our school: Mrs Graham, Mrs Trainor, Miss Town, Mrs O’Connor, Miss McQueen, Mr Crawford and Mrs Lawton.



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

**Mr Harry Crawford**

**The Collett School**

Robin Williams

### **FACT OF THE WEEK**

Sloths are probably the only mammal that doesn’t fart — they breathe out their would-be farts.

*Q!*

### **AWARDS**

#### **READING AWARDS**

2 Mahogany, 3 Linden, 2 Robins,  
1 Rooks, 4 Ravens, 1 Rosewood

#### **SILVER AWARD**

3 Redwood, 1 Wrens, 1 Linden

#### **GOLD AWARD**

5 Robins, 3 Linden, 5 Rosewood,

1 Acacia, 1 Mahogany,

5 Redwood

#### **PLATINUM AWARD**

1 Elder

#### **SINGER OF THE WEEK**

2 Redwood, 1 Mahogany, 1 Elder