

Collett Catch-Up



Friday 27th April 2018

KEEPING FIT WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS

Our Daily Mile event today was a great success, with family and friends joining the staff and students outside on the field and even along the nature trail (pictured above). Thankfully, the rain paused whilst we were all outside, much to everyone's relief! The horsebox café was also open, providing tea, coffee and... you guessed it, ice cream... to keep everyone going. Promoting a healthy lifestyle is key to our students' development, and we were happy to host such a wonderful event.

ART, CRAFT & DESIGN WEEK

The theme our classes took on this week was Art, Craft and Design.

Our youngest class Robins focused on the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, learning the sequence of the story through song, writing it on a large sheet of paper with pictures, and even made props (pictured top right) – three bears, three bowls, three chairs, three beds and Goldilocks – to act out the story.

OUR STUDENTS PUT THE ABILITY IN DISABILITY

Our secondary students love to take on new challenges, be it extra-curricular activities or through work experience as they aim to thrive in



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

Mon 30th April to Fri 4th May

Fairthorn Manor Trip

MAY

Monday 7th May

Bank Holiday

Tues 8th to Fri 11th May

Activities Week

Thursday 10th May

Diwali Dance Workshops

Monday 14th May

Pantomime in school

Tuesday 22nd May

Open Morning, 9.30am

Parents' Evening, 4.30-6.30pm

Friday 25th May

Elder Assembly

Coffee Cake & Catch Up, 9.30am

life. Last week we mentioned Lee from Redwood took part in a Saracens rugby tournament – here's a photo of him tearing through the opposition defence!



Meanwhile, Ellie from Rosewood has been on work experience at a care home in Tring – she has reported back saying she has been having a wonderful time!

RACE NIGHT RESULTS

Last Friday was a big hit with our supporters in the local community and was a good night for some lucky punters!

A grand total of £985 was raised for the school, an extraordinary result.

Here's Mr Hoult-Allen & Hannah Bailey from Osborne - who helped



organise the event - taking bets on the night.

Thanks go out to all those involved!

FANCY WINGWALKING OR SKYDIVING FOR OUR SCHOOL?

We're searching for adrenaline junkies and thrill seekers to raise funds for our upcoming projects. We are striving to become a flagship

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](#)

MAKATON SIGNS OF THE WEEK

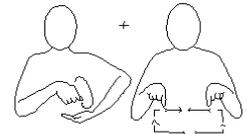
Doctor



Hear



Kitchen



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

GADE VALLEY SCHOOLS SUPPORT

Understanding & Managing Children with Additional Needs – Wednesday 9th May, 9.30am–11.30am. This workshop will

institution for special education by changing the perception of and the way our children learn and grow, but to do that we desperately need help from supporters to provide suitable and safe sensory-needs-orientated spaces to ultimately achieve our vision of ensuring our students thrive in our mainstream world.

The event will take place on Sunday 10th June at Chiltern Airports Centre. Please note: places will be subject to a commitment to raise a minimum sum to cover costs and sponsorship as follows:

Skydivers £350 / Wingwalkers £500

For further details, please contact our fundraiser Jan Maddern on 01442 398988, 07711066696 or email jan.maddern@collett.herts.sch.uk

Please spread the word!

ALL WELCOME AT CHARITY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Our supporters KickOff@3, run by Collett parent Michael Wallace, 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. Collett students are welcome to take part and, whilst we are not submitting a team, can join another team on the day.

The event takes place on Saturday 5th 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 champmw1@icloud.com to contact Mr Wallace.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Mahogany took over for assembly this week, showing a slideshow of their recent independent work around the classroom. Each student has been taking on jobs, and we saw videos of the students feeding the animals (chickens, snails, rabbits, gerbils and fish!), laying the table for lunch, washing up, mopping and hoovering the floor, answering the phone... and all the while, the teachers just drank tea!

The class also showed off their Jackson Pollack and Henri Matisse inspired artwork. To finish off their presentation, the class, led by lead

support parents in exploring the challenges that come with supporting a child with additional needs.

Autism Support – 1:1 Advice Sessions – Wednesday 16th May, 9.30am–10.00am, 10.05am–10.35am, 10.40am–11.10am, 11.15am–11.45am, 11.50am–12.20pm. Louise Howe, a specialist teacher for autism, will be holding free 30 minute 1:1 advice for parents with children who have an ASD Diagnosis or suspected ASD.

WHAT'S ON NEAR YOU

TRING SPRING FAYRE

Welcome Spring to Tring with stalls, treasure trail, mobile zoo and more. Free entry, 10am-2pm on the High Street.

HEMEL OLD TOWN MARKET

Held on first Sunday of every month in the Old Town, Hemel. Mixture of fresh produce, local crafts and handmade items. Free entry, 10am to 2pm.

ONLINE THIS WEEK

Check out this video of [Eesa from Robins directing boat traffic](#) on a canal.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We must not allow other people's limited perceptions define us."
Virginia Satir

singer John, sang 'Count On Me' by Bruno Mars. Great stuff!

This year is Hertfordshire's Year of Physical Activity, and Mr Houlton-Allen reminded everyone that the school was participating in the Daily Mile campaign. He asked the students why exercise was good, answers including: you'll stay healthy, you'll be strong and you'll have more energy. However, Mr Houlton-Allen pointed out that old people also need to keep fit and healthy – hence why we were joined by friends and family for the event. Robins worked out that a mile was equivalent to seven laps of the field.

Talent Spot

Abaigh and another pupil from Acacia performed 'Never Say Never' by Justin Bieber and Jaden Smith. Great singing and rapping!

What's New Scooby Doo?

Our students have got a busy weekend ahead of them. Some are visiting Thorpe Park, Legoland or going on boat trips, and one pupil even got a new cat!

Thank you for reading and have a wonderful weekend!

Mr Harry Crawford

The Collett School

FACT OF THE WEEK

St George's Day is also William Shakespeare's birthday and the day he died. You win some, you lose some.

AWARDS

READING

1 Elder

SILVER

5 Rooks, 2 Mahogany

GOLD

1 Linden, 1 Rosewood

PLATINUM

2 Linden, 1 Elder