

Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School
Special Educational Needs



Friday 11th May 2018

COLLETT CLOSE TO GLORY

Our Upper School took on St Luke's in basketball this week in another arranged friendly (pictured above). A tense game ended 18-14 to St Luke's – so close! Staff and students thoroughly enjoyed watching the tight match. We're looking forward to the next meetup. Watch out Hemel Storm!

WHAT TO DO OVER HALF TERM

CathARTic Workshop

With a combined 18 years of SEND experience, Nicky Day and Maria Todesco host CathARTic, an exciting new company offering a range of arts workshops and programmes to children with special educational needs. They are hosting a half term arts workshop **Friday 1st June** from 10.30am-2.30pm at The Orbital Community Centre, Watford. The workshop will be a great day full of engaging, sensory driven arts activities, all designed with the needs of participants at heart. The day is £60, which includes all art project materials and any personal care



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MAY

Monday 28th May to Friday 1st July

HALF TERM

JUNE

Monday 4th June

BACK TO SCHOOL

Wednesday 6th June

Year 11 Transition Day

Friday 8th June

Redwood Assembly

Monday 11th June

Transition for Year 10 @ St Luke's

Tuesday 12th June

Sports Day @ Cavendish

requirements (parents/carers are not required to attend).

Contact catharticltd@gmail.com or 07533298278 for more info.

Gade Valley Family Event

Families are invited to an action packed family fun morning. Families of all ages will be entertained with a variety of activities, including indoor games, sports activities, spring themed arts and crafts, face painting, jewellery craft, under 5 soft play area and healthy snack making. The event will take place on **Thursday 31st May**, 10am to 12.30pm at Bedmond Academy, Meadow Way, Bedmond.

Families with children up to age 12 are welcome. Under 8s must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times. There will be a small entrance fee of £2 per child or £5 if you have three children or more.

For more info, contact Gade Schools Family Support on 01442 278793.

Hemel Storm Basketball Training Days

Hemel Storm's Nation Cup Winner Michael Darlow will be running the first training camp subsidised by Dacorum Borough Council. You will learn fundamental skills, get coached by Storm players, and engage in tournaments. **Thursday 31st May** will be for ages 7 to 11 years, and **Friday 1st June** will be for 11 years and over. Both events will be at JFK School, Hemel Hempstead and will cost £30 for a day.

Learning Difficulties Music Event

DJ Double S will be bringing the best music and great vibes for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities aged 16 and over. The event will take place on **Friday 1st June** at Old London Road Club, St Albans from 7pm to 11.30pm. £5 on entry.

Autism Friendly Films

The next autism friendly screening at Hemel Cineworld will be for Sherlock Gnomes on Sunday 3rd June.

GARDENING GOLD



Check out these fantastic photos of Post 16 student Lewis gardening in his family's allotment! Lewis and the rest of Post 16 have been learning

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QUICK REMINDERS

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

COLLEGE & TRANSITION

EVENINGS

Some upcoming dates for your diaries for parents/carers with students in Year 8, 9 or 10. These evenings will focus on future transitions into college or work.

Monday 11th June, 6pm at St Luke's for all Year 10 parents who want information about Oaklands College and all the courses that will be available to them.

Thursday 14th June, 6pm at both schools for Year 8 and 9 parents/carers to discuss futures.

Monday 18th June, 6pm at Collett for all Year 10 parents who want information about West Herts College and all the courses that are available to them.

a lot about gardening and tending to plants and vegetables recently. They have been looking after plants in their classroom as well as the plants outside Mrs Fejcher-Akhtar's office.

We hope Lewis inspires you to be green fingered this summer!

ONLINE SAFETY BY HERTS FOR LEARNING

CONVERSATION STARTERS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Parental controls and privacy settings can be very effective tools to help minimise the risks your children may face, but they are not 100% effective. It's really important to teach your child skills such as critical thinking and resilience, so they can be aware of online risks and know what to do and where to go for help when needed. Always encourage them to talk to you if anything happens online that worries them or doesn't feel right. Don't miss opportunities to have a conversation with children about using the internet safely, responsibly and positively. Have a look at the conversation starters on the Safer Internet website for ideas: bit.ly/SaferInternetConversation

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Linden took over assembly today and were proud to present Linden's Got Talent! Judges Simon Cowell & co sat at the front (played by Miss Town and Redwood students) as the show got underway. Reece performed some hula hoop tricks, Adam sang a song, ..., Lukas showed off his maths abilities, Uzair showed us all his football skills (in an Arsenal shirt no less – good man!), Kiera did some fantastic dancing, Aneurin performed on the ukulele, Ewan presented his jokes (future comedian!) before finally the whole class performed as the Linden Boom Bucket Band with Kris Banks. The last act won the golden buzzer!

Linden signed off by announcing that, sadly, Mrs Jewell was leaving today. The class played a thank you video and presented her with flowers and gifts – we'll all miss you, Mrs Jewell! Good luck with the new job.

Spotlight

We've had a new visitor this week – Angel from St Luke's! They have been settling in well to the school in Ravens class. Angel and a fellow Ravens classmate showed off their creative writing work. There was one story involving chopped-off heads and another involving Ed Sheeran and

ONLINE THIS WEEK

BBC Ouch wants your stories for the Edinburgh Fringe Festival! Read [this article](#) for more info on how to get involved.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Judge a man by his questions rather than his answers."

Voltaire

FACT OF THE WEEK

The sound of your stomach rumbling is not because you're hungry. It's not even your stomach – it's your small intestine cleaning itself after digesting food.

QI

AWARDS

GOLD 1x Redwood, 2x Acacia

PLATINUM 3x Acacia, 2x Linden, 1x Sandalwood

READING 1 x Rosewood, 1 x Rooks, 1 x Mahogany

SINGER OF THE WEEK 1 x

Mahogany, 1 x Ravens

Little Mix. Great independent work – they both worked really hard!

Lewis from Post 16 was also in the spotlight after his gardening exploits (above).

Uganda School

Collett had some very special visitors today as we welcomed Richard and Jane, our friends who visit the school we fundraise for in Uganda. First of all, they thanked each and every one of the students for their fantastic efforts fundraising for the Ugandan school through toy sales. Jane remarked that she sensed the caring and loving nature of the Collett School and thought the students' intentions were wonderful.

They then updated us on the schoolchildren there, their lives and the surprising similarities between children there and here. We saw where Uganda was on a map of Africa and looked at an array of photos. One in particular was striking, as a blind child was playing various instruments – it happens he is a naturally gifted musician. The headteacher at the school had even shown everyone our letters! They were thrilled to hear about our school.

What's New Scooby Doo!

Plenty going on over the half term break for our students – some are going to Comicon, have seen *Solo* (already?? So jealous...), are gearing up for trips to Legoland and even weddings! Lots of fun.

Mr Hault-Allen finished the assembly by saying that all the children are welcome to come next week for extra lessons – cue a lot of outraged students! “Hope you all have a wonderful break – you deserve it.”

Thank you for reading and have a wonderful half term!

Mr Harry Crawford

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