

# Collett Catch-Up



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## ROOKS VISIT MUSIC FESTIVAL

Rooks class went to Woolgrove School on Tuesday to take part in a music festival with two other schools. The theme was 'Animals', and Rooks sang five joint songs including a roaring rendition of 'Alice the Camel has Five Humps' and 'Thirty Purple Birds' sung in a four part round. Each school also went on stage to perform their own item. Rooks class performed the song 'I Once Saw an Elephant' wearing their wonderful animal masks. Music teacher Mrs Cripps was full of praise. She said: "They all sang with enthusiasm and confidence and received rapturous applause. I was very proud of them!"

## SPORTS EXPERIENCE DAY

The annual Sports Experience Day for special needs schools, hosted by President's Sporting Club & The Essex Disabled Sports Foundation, is taking place on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** at The Cavendish School. Activities for our pupils will include aerobics, boccia, boxercise, cricket, football, golf, hockey, pedal karts, rugby, trampolining and volleyball. Activities will run from 9.30am to 2pm, refreshments will be provided and medals will be presented at the end of the day.

## MAKATON SIGNS OF THE WEEK

Cinema



Girl



Door



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE

#### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Transition for Year 10 @ St Luke's,  
6pm

#### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Sports Experience Day @  
Cavendish

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Transition for Years 8 & 9, 6pm

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June

Elder Assembly

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Transition for Year 10 @ Collett

## ST LUKE'S REBUILDS AFTER ARSON ATTACK



Our sister school suffered an arson attack in 2017, but help from The Little Thatch Company meant that work is well ahead of schedule on a new outdoor classroom, due for completion later this month.

A statement from our sister school read: "We are delighted with the craftsmanship of our new outdoor classroom. The Little Thatch Company designed and built the structure by hand, on site. The two-man team have also supported work experience for pupils from St Luke's and Collett schools. After the awful arson attack last year, funds have been raised by supporters of the school to build an even better outdoor classroom from which to learn about our animals and the environment."

## COLLEGE & TRANSITION EVENINGS

**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.

## ST LUKE'S FETE UPDATES

Our sister school's summer fete is less than two weeks away! It will

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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](#)

## 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](#).

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## OFFICE UPDATES

### ASTHMA CARD AVAILABLE

Asthma UK have released a School Asthma Card available to download which may help support individual health care planning.

Parents/carers can fill in a form, which must then be ratified by a GP. [Click here](#) for more.

## NEWS FROM

### FRIENDS OF COLLETT PTA

If parents/carers have any gifts, particularly bottle of alcohol, for future raffles the PTA would greatly appreciate them! Please hand them in at reception, thank you.

## WHAT'S ON NEAR YOU

take place on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June** from 11am to 3pm and has been organised by pupils of St Luke's. Events and activities on the day include: a bouncy castle, a popcorn & candy floss stall, 'guess the sweets', cake sale, raffle, bric-a-brac, afternoon tea, animal key rings, coconut shy, sponge the head, apple bobbing and a craft stall. In creating the Summer Fete, pupils across the school have been involved in key areas of learning including the design, management and organisation of running an event. Any proceeds from the event will be used by the pupils in their class. Collett classes will be given the opportunity to visit or help out on the day. All we need is lovely weather! Not too much to ask from an English summer?!

### **COLLETT & ST LUKE'S SHORTLISTED FOR AWARDS**

Some exciting news! Both our schools have been shortlisted for our joint careers and work experience enterprises. The first award, Innovative Partnership, is due to our increasingly wonderful friendship and partnership with Warner Bros Studios Leavesden. The second is for Special Educational Awards. The winners will be announced by the Careers & Enterprise Company at Newbury in two weeks' time – fingers crossed we win!

### **SENSORY ROOM @ WATFORD FC**



### **WELLBEING THROUGH ACTIVITY:**

#### **WATFORD FOOTBALL GROUPS**

Free 12 week programme offering mental wellbeing focussed sessions. Each 90 minute session includes football, dance, boxing and other sports. For year 6 & 9 students in the Watford and Hemel area. Boy only events on Thursdays, girl only events on Fridays. Please email [liam.dwyer@watfordfc.com](mailto:liam.dwyer@watfordfc.com) for more info.

### **GADE VALLEY SCHOOLS**

#### **SUPPORT COURSE**

**Understanding & Managing Teen Behaviour**

**Date: Wednesday 13th June, 20th June, 27th June and 4th July**

Time 9.30am – 11.30am

This four week course will explore a range of strategies and ideas that will help parents/carers understand how to make sense of the physical and emotional changes that go on throughout the teenage years, what teenagers need and how parents can respond. Topics include: communicating with your teenager, talking and listening, communicating clearly, and handling difficult issues. Contact Emma Christie on [christie.gadesfs@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:christie.gadesfs@kls.herts.sch.uk) or phone 01442 278793 for more.

Places in Watford's Sensory Room, which enables children with autism to enjoy football in a calm environment, are available for booking on matchdays. The room features a comfortably furnished viewing area, with an excellent view of the action and a state of the art calming area featuring a bubble tube, fibre-optic carpet, soft seating, wall projectors, a glitter-ball with a colour wheel and a Bluetooth speaker system so that visitors to the room can choose their own music if the game becomes too distressing for their child. The room is managed by fully trained staff with a background in working with children on the autism spectrum. The room is also fully wheelchair accessible. Places will be subject to availability and a letter from a doctor/consultant or other healthcare professional confirming diagnosis of Autism Spectrum disorder may be required when booking. Parents will also have the option to visit the room before matchday if they wish to check the suitability of the room. For more details about the Sensory Room or to book places, please contact Dave Messenger on disabled.supporters@watfordfc.com or 01923 496397.

Watford FC are also looking for ideas on how to use the room on non-match days. If you have an idea, please contact Gillian.lawton@collett.herts.sch.uk

## **ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE (From National Online Safety)**

### **Screen Addiction**

Smartphone Addiction is a recognised health condition. Children as young as 13 are attending rehab following growing concerns over screen time. There are now help centres in the UK to deal specifically with this. Screen Addiction can cause sleep deprivation, with 7 out of 10 children saying they have missed out on sleep due to their online habits. A lack of face-to-face interaction is also bad for social development, according to The Children's Commissioner. Discussing these issues with your child is important.

## **'GOOD START GREAT START' (GSGS) COURSE**

Middlesex University will be running a GSGS training course in St Albans on 3<sup>rd</sup> July or 12<sup>th</sup> September for interested parents/carers. The course is a new early years programme that strengthens adults in their parenting role, helping them to best understand and support their child.

Please contact [gsgs@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:gsgs@mdx.ac.uk) for more information, including booking.

## **ONLINE THIS WEEK**

Congrats to Lost Voice Guy - winner of *Britain's Got Talent!*

It is fantastic to see so many finalists - including Robert White & Calum Courtney - with disabilities or special needs. It shows that public attitudes are changing and society is more open than ever. More importantly, it is wonderful to have more role models on our screens for our pupils.

[Click here](#) for Lost Voice Guy's winning routine.

## **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"The one thing people can't take away from you is your education. And it is worth the investment."*

Michelle Obama

## **DON'T FORGET... OUT SCHOOL PLAY NEEDS HELP!**

We are still looking for volunteers to help us with our **school play**. Be it costumes or just a helping hand – we need your help! Please contact the school office for more info. We are also in urgent need of all things Marvel. If you could lend or gift us any Marvel posters, figurines, cut-outs etc. please send them our way. When we say anything, we mean *anything!* Battery powered fairy lights are also needed.

## **FRIDAY ASSEMBLY**

Redwood took over assembly today, presenting their fantastic work throughout the year. A slideshow showed photos of their work across all subjects and their work experience, with Josh anchorman for Redwood News. Reporters Piper, Kerrie, Liam, Mahima, Lee, Jamie and Danny all explained various high points from the past year, including visits to Harry Potter Studios (they've been three times!), sports tournaments, plenty of work experience, and Jamie even showed off his fantastic impersonations. Josh finished off by singing a rendition of Ellie Goulding's 'Something in the Way You Move'. A great assembly!

Mrs Stocks took over proceedings and discussed fire safety with the students. She then explained that the school had installed new fire and lockdown alarms with different sounds, and we listened to each one to become familiar with them. The students were very well behaved and came up with some fantastic answers on staying safe in these situations.

### **Spotlight**

Jordan and Connor from Acacia recently completed their Amateur Preliminary Boxing Awards – congrats to both for putting in the hard work!

### **Collett Cup of Excellence**

...this year goes to **ROOKS CLASS!** Well done!

**Thank you for reading – have a great weekend!**

***Mr Harry Crawford***

***The Collett School***

## **FACT OF THE WEEK**

World Environment Day took place on Tuesday. Did you know over 500 billion plastic bags are used worldwide each year?

*UNESCO*

## **AWARDS**

**READING** - 3 Robins, 1

Mahogany, 2 Sandalwood

**GOLD** - 4 Wrens, 1 Rooks

**PLATINUM** - 2 Robins, 3 Elder