

Collett Catch-Up



Friday 21st September 2018

BRIGHT NEW BATHROOM FOR LIONS

We've applied the finishing touches to one of our summer projects. At last, Lions Class have a wonderful new bathroom! There are plenty of features that make it suitable for our youngest students. We can finally wash our hands of this project...

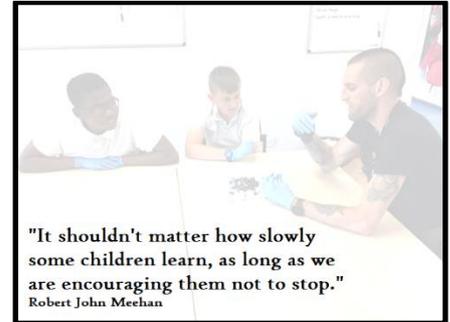
COLLETT'S VERY OWN FIREMAN

Rowan Class's Nicky had a very busy summer learning the ropes with the London Fire Brigade. He completed a week long course, learning fire safety amongst other things, before finishing off with a public performance attended by friends, family and Collett staff. We're very proud of you, Nicky – just look at all those certificates!



BOXING DEBUT FOR STUDENT

We are pleased to announce that Connor from Willow Class will have



"It shouldn't matter how slowly some children learn, as long as we are encouraging them not to stop."
Robert John Meehan

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 25th September

Open Morning, 9am

Thursday 27th September

Parents' Evening, 4.30pm-6.30pm

Friday 28th September

Sequoia Class Assembly, 8.45am

Silent Disco – Lunch & Evening

OCTOBER

Wednesday 3rd October

No Pens Wednesday

Thursday 4th October

Boxmoor Trust Visit for Lions Class,

Friends of Collett AGM, 7pm

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](https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Collett)

or Twitter, [@CollettSchool](https://twitter.com/CollettSchool)

his first amateur boxing fight this weekend in Surrey. He is super excited – good luck, Connor!

SPRINGBOARD TO SUCCESS FOR STUDENTS

North Hertfordshire College will host a Springboard open day which will be held on Thursday 25th October 1.30pm – 5.00pm at their new premises, Unit 8 Wilmington Close, Watford. This is an opportunity for professionals, parents/carers and prospective students to meet the team and find out more about the Springboard programme. Springboard is a one year full-time course for young people aged 16-24 with a diagnosis or traits of higher functioning autism and associated difficulties who need an additional year of support before moving on to mainstream college or employment. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Mark Kucper on 01923 630408 or email mkucper@nhc.ac.uk

NEW SCHOOL PET MAKES HIMSELF AT HOME

There's a new arrival at the Pitouchi Room in Spindle Class – Charlie the tortoise! He or she (we don't know yet!) is one year old and could live to be a hundred years old. Needless to say, they are very popular with the children.



UPCOMING COLLETT EVENTS

A reminder that our **Music Quiz and Silent Disco** event is next Friday! Tickets are still on sale at £10 each and childcare is currently being provided for 8 children. More information can be found on [our website](#). Another date for your diaries – our **first Friends of Collett AGM** will take place on Thursday 4th October at 7pm. All are welcome! The next PTA event will be a Halloween Activities afternoon on Thursday 25th October. Please take the time to **read through our Welcome Flyer** on our website, which you can view [by clicking here](#).

QUICK REMINDERS

Our current school lunch menu is [available here](#).

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

LETTERS SENT VIA SCHOOLCOMMS THIS WEEK

Booking for Parents' Evening, and
Cookery Lessons

OFFICE UPDATES

PARENTS' EVENING

A reminder to parents/carers that Parents' Evening is next Thursday.

FAMILY SUPPORT COURSES

Upcoming Gade Schools Family Support Courses are listed [on our website](#).

IS YOUR CHILD STRUGGLING WITH SLEEP PROBLEMS?

Cerebra has a range of advice on how to help. Please [click here to visit their website](#).

WHAT'S ON NEAR YOU

HEMEL LEISURE CENTRE FAMILY OPEN DAY

A fun day of free activities for all ages at the Hemel Leisure Centre on Park Road. Saturday 22nd September, 10am-4pm.

AUTISM CONCERTS

These autism-friendly concerts by Music for Autism features professional musicians. Concerts will be held this year at Aylesbury

MEET THE TEAM

Each week we'll be getting to know a different staff member at The Collett School. This week, we put our Communications Officer, Harry Crawford, under the spotlight!

I joined Collett in August 2017 as a Fundraiser but my role quickly evolved into the Communications role I have today. Whilst I still help with fundraising projects, the majority of my time is spent overseeing a lot of the written communication here at the school – newsletters, press releases, research



and general marketing. My role also covers a lot of digital aspects too, including social media, managing all three school websites (plus the auction website) as well as developing the fundraising database. It's quite varied to say the least! Before working at the school I was a local reporter for a year and before that I was at uni.

I love the atmosphere here at Collett. The staff and students have made me feel very welcome and I enjoy my work – it is incredibly rewarding.

Likes: films, music, books, sport (mainly football – I'm a big Arsenal fan!). I also play guitar.

Thank you for reading!

Mr Harry Crawford

Want to share something in the newsletter? Then send your news in using the email address below:

harry.crawford@collett.herts.sch.uk

and Uxbridge for those interested.

More info [on their website](#).

ONLINE THIS WEEK

An inspirational [video by the BBC](#) following twins – one who has Down Syndrome, one who does not – and their daily lives. A truly unique insight.

FACT OF THE WEEK

The idea that 'everyone is a bit autistic' is a myth.

While everyone might recognise some autistic traits or behaviours in people they know, to be diagnosed with autism, a person must consistently display behaviours across all the different areas of the condition. Just having a fondness for routines, a good memory or being shy doesn't make a person 'a bit autistic'.

National Autistic Society

CERTIFICATES

READING

Rowan x1