

Collett Catch-Up



Monday 8th October 2018

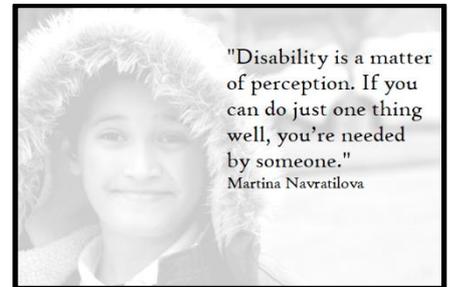
ROWAN CLASS BUZZING FOR SUCCESS WITH WATFORD

Last week saw Rowan Class being given the VIP treatment at Watford FC as they had a behind-the-scenes tour! The class have been offered an Enterprise Curriculum Programme taught by Watford FC, and the club will be sending staff to Collett for 7 weeks to teach the pupils about money, budgets, interviews, job roles and CVs. Most exciting of all, however, was their visit to the stadium last week.

Ms Witter said: "We had a tour of the corporate hospitality areas, the press conference room, players changing rooms - and showers! - and dug out. A very interesting and informative day out."

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

This Wednesday, students and staff alike will be taking part in World Mental Health Day by wearing something yellow. It's a simple gesture that shows support for a worthwhile cause. Everyone is invited to wear a piece of yellow clothing, jewellery or shoes – whatever you have that's yellow! The message we will be teaching the students is that if they are



"Disability is a matter of perception. If you can do just one thing well, you're needed by someone."
Martina Navratilova

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Mon 8th to Fri 12th October

Communication & Language Week

Wednesday 10th October

World Mental Health Day

Friday 12th October

Spindle Class Assembly

Friday 19th October

Coffee Morning, 9.45am

Tuesday 23rd October

Open Morning, 9.30am

Wednesday 24th October

Dacorum Careers Fair, 9-10am

Thursday 25th October

Halloween Activities

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Facebook, [Friends of Collett](#)

or Twitter, [@CollettSchool](#)

feeling sad or worried they should talk to someone about it to help them feel better.

FRANK THE BEARDED DRAGON RETURNS!

Our bearded dragon returns to Collett! Frank, who is five years young, was originally bought by Mrs Morton. He soon moved on to The Collett School for a brief stint before being adopted by Mrs O'Connor... and now he's



back for good! He has taken up residence in the Pitouchi Room, stealing the limelight with his photogenic good looks.

FIRST SCHOOL COUNCIL OF THE YEAR

Our school council is back up and running once again, with the first council meeting of the year taking place on Tuesday 2nd October. Voting for class reps had already taken place on Friday 14th September, so each council member has had plenty of time to think of ways to improve the school. Plenty of suggestions were made: Josh from Tigers Class suggested replacing the temporary fencing on the lower school playground with permanent fencing for safety and aesthetic reasons. Gene from Dragon suggested a 'toys from home' lunch club. Aaron from Rowan recommended better basketball hoops, Rugby lessons and a climbing frame. A council led charity day will take place later this year – stay tuned!

SCHOOL PREFECTS

We have given each Year 11 (except head girl and boy) a role of responsibility in their last year of The Collett School and a yellow badge that they should wear with pride! Our definition of a prefect is 'an older pupil who does special duties and helps the teachers to be a role model for the younger pupils.'

A SUCCESSFUL FIRST AGM FOR FRIENDS OF COLLETT

The first AGM for Friends of Collett took place last Thursday evening. The role of the PTA was established, as were the list of upcoming events

QUICK REMINDERS

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

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

LETTERS SENT VIA SCHOOLCOMMS LAST WEEK

Dacorum Schools Careers Fair
(Year 10 & 11 only)

OFFICE UPDATES

FAMILY SUPPORT COURSES

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

FAMILIES IN FOCUS: SIBLINGS

FIRST EVENTS

A regular event for siblings and parents of children with additional needs. Wednesdays, 4-5pm at South Hill Centre, Hemel Hempstead, from 9th January till 6th February. Contact francine@familiesinfocus.co.uk or call 07867 510027.

PARENT SUPPORT BOOKLET

We have uploaded a PDF containing local support groups and workshops, [click here to see it](#) or find it on the Parents & Carers page on the website.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO SEVERE

WEATHER APP

We encourage all parents/carers to [sign up to Everbridge](#). This app will alert you if the school is closed during severe weather.

and the roles of the committee. The voting concluded as follows: Helen Land and Harjit Wells are the Co-Chairs, Gillian Lawton is Vice Chair, Caroline Manson is Secretary, Harry Crawford Vice Secretary, Rachael Lampey is Bursar and Jen Sewell is Health & Safety Officer. The wine and cheese was a big hit too! If you wish to get involved with the PTA, please contact admin@collett.herts.sch.uk or phone 01442 398988. Thank you.

STOP MEANS STOP CAMPAIGN

Herts County Council are kickstarting a campaign for safe crossing for children. From Monday 15th to Friday 26th October, the Active and Safer Team of the council will be highlighting 'Stop Means Stop'. There are 150 school crossing patrols around the county – you may pass some on your route to work, for example. If you don't stop your vehicle for a school crossing patrol, you could be fined up to £1,000 and have 3 points taken off your licence. Sue O'Brien, Road Safety Officer for Herts County Council, said: "It is a difficult job stopping traffic to cross the road with children and adults, and our school crossing patrols do this with a smile ensuring that children and adults get safely across the road."

HELP US WITH OUR AUCTION!

Friends of Collett host an online auction each year. Currently, we're in the process of collecting first class items and experiences that our supporters across the local community and country want to buy.

Past prizes have included signed football shirts, afternoon tea on the Thames, and even two return tickets to New York with Virgin Atlantic!

If you have something you would like to donate (perhaps some memorabilia?) an experience you could provide others (perhaps you have a skill that you could use for free?) or know the company you work for could offer a prize, then please get in contact with harry.crawford@collett.herts.sch.uk or phone 01442 398988.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR TO IMPROVE THE SCHOOL...

Each week, we'll be posting a list of items our staff are looking for to improve their classrooms for their students. If you have spare or unused items that match the descriptions below, then please contact the school office on admin@collett.herts.sch.uk or 01442 398 988. The items this week are as follows: LAPTOP BAGS

NEWS FROM THE PTA

Our next event is Halloween Activities on Thursday 25th October at lunch. If you can help out, please contact the PTA, admin@collett.herts.sch.uk or 01442 398 988.

Thank you!

WHAT'S ON NEAR YOU

BOXMOOR TRUST EVENTS

Saturday 13th October – Boxmoor Trust Autumn Festival, 11am-3pm
@ Blackbirds Moor.

Sunday 14th October – Boxmoor Trust Autumn Festival, 12pm-3pm
@ Blackbirds Moor.

DONKEY ROADSHOW

The Donkey Sanctuary, who visit Collett regularly, are doing a Donkey Road Show! They will be visiting the Hemel Hempstead area on 3rd, 24th and 25th of October. To book please contact Carl Wholey on carl.wholey@thedonkey-sanctuary.org.uk or 01395 573039.

ONLINE THIS WEEK

[A great video by BBC Newsnight](#) about parents taking on cuts to special needs education.

FACT OF THE WEEK

The oldest confirmed case of Down Syndrome was found in the skeleton of a child who died 1500 years ago in 5th Century France.

New Scientist

Thank you for reading!

Mr Harry Crawford

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