



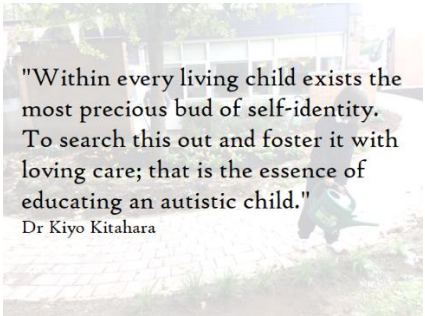
LEARNING ABOUT HOMELESSNESS

It has certainly been incredibly cold this week, with plenty of ice and a dash of snow. Although the cold weather is annoying for some people, it can be deadly to those who are forced to live on the streets. This week, Ms Brenham taught a number of pupils about homelessness, getting them outside with an activity that gave our pupils an understanding of just how cold living conditions are for those without a home.

WELCOME TO THE BLUE TANGERINE FEDERATION!

Officially as of today, The Collett School is part of The Blue Tangerine Federation along with St Luke's School and Forest House Education Centre! As per the letter sent out to parents/carers, each school will continue to operate in the same way,

though will utilise the strengths of our new partnerships. An Urban Dictionary definition of 'blue tangerine' is 'someone who is different in a good way and indescribably beautiful' – a perfect fit for our pupils, staff and schools! The Federation logo is above.



Friday 1st February 2019

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Monday 4th to Friday 8th

Careers Theme Week

Friday 8th

Coffee Morning, 9.45am

Tuesday 12th

Reading @ Home Sessions, 2pm & 6pm @ St Luke's School

Thursday 14th

Valentine's Disco

Friday 15th

Coffee Morning, 9.45am

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd

Half Term

Monday 25th

Back to School

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](#)

WARNER BROS VOLUNTEERS SPRUCE UP THE SCHOOL

The first volunteers of 2019 worked across the school on Thursday. *Harry Potter* tour workers from Warner Bros Studios lent their time to help with a number of projects. They are pictured here painting in our Post 16 room. Lots of smiles and hard work!



THANKS FOR ALL THE MEMORIES MISS MALONEY!

Sadly, Miss Maloney's last day at Collett was on Thursday. She has been a stalwart of the school for a decade and has become a firm favourite amongst not just our pupils but staff members as well. Her work as part of The Hive team especially has been phenomenal. She will be moving up to Yorkshire – we wish you all the best for the future!



RUN FOR OUR SCHOOL!



We're looking for fundraisers to join the Collett team to tackle the

QUICK REMINDERS

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

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

LOCAL COURSES FOR YOU

NEW FAMILY SUPPORT COURSES

There are a host of new courses and workshops based in Hemel, St Albans and Watford – you can find a list of them [on our website](#) in the News section.

NEW ADHD PARENTING COURSE

This six week group will focus on Bringing Up Confident Children for Parent/Carers of Children with ADHD at Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School, Hemel Hempstead. The sessions will take place on Wednesdays, 9.30am-11.30am, on 6th, 13th, 27th of February and 6th, 17th March. For more information or to book a place contact Louise on 01163 666087.

WHAT'S ON NEAR YOU

TIPOFF@3 BASKETBALL EVENT

This 3-on-3 basketball tournament is being run by our friends TipOff@3 on Saturday 23rd February, 3pm registration, at Westminster Lodge, St Albans. Participants must pay £10, under 18s £5. Spectators can attend for free! The event will raise money for Kids in Crisis.

HERTS INCLUSIVE THEATRE

fun Inflatable 5k Run - the world's biggest inflatable obstacle run! You don't have to be a regular runner to take part - if you're simply up for the challenge, then join us at Hertfordshire County Showground, St Albans on **Saturday 22nd June**. It's guaranteed to be a fun way to raise money for our wonderful school! For more information, please email gillian.lawton@collett.herts.sch.uk or phone 01442 398988. Thank you!

R.I.P. FRANK :(

Sadly, Frank the Bearded Dragon passed away on Wednesday. His passing came as a shock to a number of our pupils, who interacted with Frank during animal therapy



sessions. Mrs Morton said: "Lots of children have been very upset – they were very fond of him. He will be truly missed."

NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF COLLETT & FUNDRAISING

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

[Please click here to visit our website and see our upcoming fundraising events](#). Please also support [St Luke's School's firewalk!](#) Supporters of Collett are more than welcome to take part and raise money for St Luke's if they so wish. Spread the word!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Support our school by being a Co-op member! It's simple – sign up to be [a Co-op member here](#) and then choose 'Friends of Collett' as your local cause. Each time you purchase something at the Co-op and scan your card, 1% of your money will go to us and our projects!

NEWS FROM THE PTA

The **Valentine's Disco** will take place from 1pm to 2pm on **Thursday 14th February**. Children are invited to bring something red to change into for the disco. If anyone has any decorations that would be suitable for decorating the hall in a Valentine's theme, please drop them in to reception. Also, if any parents are free to help decorate the hall in the morning between 10.30am and 11.30am please let the office know or speak to our Chair, Helen Land.

The charity's latest event is *Cinderella* at the Old Town Hal, Hemel Hempstead, on 9th February at 11am. Join HIT for an enchanting panto performance by their Hemel Children's and Youth Theatre groups! Please book by contacting admin@hit-theatre.org.uk or 01923 216951.

INCLUSIVE FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

Skills coaching, football activities and mini matches to suit all ages from 6 years to 25 years. Siblings welcome too. Saturday 16th February with the Hemel Aces at Hemel Hempstead School, Heath Lane, Hemel Hempstead. Register 10.30am, finishes 1pm. Please bring astro trainers, water and warm sports clothing. Email

karen.stephanou@watfordfc.com

PARENT SUPPORT WORKSHOP @ ST LUKE'S SCHOOL

Supporting with Reading at Home sessions for parents will take place on 12th February 2019 at 2pm and 6pm, each lasting one hour at St. Luke's School for parents of pupils at Collett and St Luke's. Any questions, please speak with Mrs Fejcher-Akhtar.

ONLINE THIS WEEK

[This week the BBC visited Turkey to explore how simple apps are providing young people with SEN the education they need.](#)

Hold the Date - Thursday 14th March will be an FoC organised night out for parents/carers at a local pub (venue TBC) – a great chance to meet other parents in a more informal venue than the school.

HELP US IMPROVE OUR 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. We're looking for the following: Lockable pedestal filing cabinet / Playmobil / Baby gate / Spare astro turf / donations of veg & fruit for our animals

Thank you for your donations for our Crazy Games Party Night – very much appreciated!

Thank you for reading – stay safe and enjoy the snow day!

Mr Harry Crawford

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

harry.crawford@collett.herts.sch.uk

Be sure to check out previous editions of our newsletter for more news and information on school and local events!

FACT OF THE WEEK

70% of those with ADHD have at least one additional learning difficulty - most commonly

Dyslexia at 40%.

ADHD Foundation

AWARDS

SILVER

1x Rowan, 5x Cedar, 2x Dragon, 2x

Willow

READING

1x Rowan

SINGER OF THE WEEK

1x Tigers, 1x Fig, 1x Cedar, 1x

Dragon, 1x Spindle, 1x Rowan,

1x Willow