



## OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GROVE BEGINS!

We are pleased to announce that we have set up a link with The Grove Hotel in Watford! Head of Outcomes Ms Wells arranged a successful meeting and tour of the school last month for The Grove senior staff. This allowed them to meet and see for themselves the potential of our wonderful pupils and dispel the fear of employing children with special needs. Ms Wells said: "I have been volunteering at The Grove in a variety of different departments. This has been so that I can understand exactly which skill sets are needed for each department. How can I place a child for work experience without first experiencing it for myself?" Having volunteered in the Housekeeping and Spa departments – with stints in the Golf, Gardens and Maintenance departments to come – Ms Wells will take 10 year 10 and 11s to The Grove next Tuesday to work in the Housekeeping department. This group will be split into two teams, given uniform and a room to make the beds, tidy, clean and ready for the next guests. Ms Wells added: "This will enable The Grove staff to see our children at work in a controlled environment with support so that they then can champion our children and give them work placement opportunities." What an amazing opportunity for our children and the school!

## CAREERS THEME WEEK

This week at Collett our pupils were learning all about different careers and thinking about what they would like to do when they

"Empowering your child is the key to giving them the skills they need to live an independent life."

Tom Iland

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Valentine's Disco

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Coffee Morning, 9.45am

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Half Term

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Back to School

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Open Morning for New Parents, 9.30am

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were older. Rowan Class were inspired by Michael Jordan, the famous basketball player. The class focused on 'resilience' and his quotes, in particular: 'Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships'. They are all about encouraging teamwork! Meanwhile, Upper School were visited by the lovely grandad of Mr Doyle! He used to be a postman and gave us an insight as to how our post gets delivered. The dad of Noah from Dragons taught us about police work and put Miss Witter in handcuffs – the children did not want her to be let out! Upper School Assembly saw the children ask our very own lovely Neil – Site Premises Manager – and Tracey – our wonderful chef – lots of questions about their careers including on a scale of 1-10 how much they love their job.

## ANIMAL THERAPY

The Pitouchi Room continues to be a big hit with our pupils here at Collett. Pictured here is Ewan with Cecily. Mrs Morton has noticed recently how Ewan has tamed Cecily to the point where she now sits on him for cuddles! Wonderful.



## UTILISING METACOGNITION FOR OUR PUPILS

In our Good 2 Outstanding meeting, teaching staff have been learning about metacognition. We reflected on our professional understanding and skills to develop our pupils' metacognitive knowledge. Metacognitive strategies will allow our children to become better independent learners to secure the best possible progress. [Education Endowment Foundation](#) has an extensive guidance report on studies about metacognition and the benefits of its approaches in teaching and developing self-regulated learning.

## UPDATES FROM DSPL8 ON UPCOMING COURSES

**The Siblings Group** – due to lack of uptake, the sibling group which was due to commence 5th February 2019, has now be postponed and we will be re-arranging this for the Summer 2019 Term.

**Understanding the needs and experiences of siblings** – due to

## 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 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 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of February and 6<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March. For more information or to book a place contact Louise on 01163 666087.

## WHAT'S ON NEAR YOU

### FAMILY CRAFT MORNING

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 10am-12.30pm at Chaulden Junior School, Hemel Hempstead. Hosted by Gade Schools Family Support, activities aimed at families with children aged 3-12. Entry £2 per child.

### TIPOFF@3 BASKETBALL EVENT

This 3-on-3 basketball tournament is being run by our friends TipOff@3 on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

unforeseen circumstances, the course provider is no longer able to run the workshop on 12th March and has postponed to the 19th March.

## **NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF COLLETT & FUNDRAISING**

### **FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

For our next fundraising event, we're looking for budding runners to take part in the biggest inflatable run in the UK! The Inflatable 5K will be at the County Showground, St Albans on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, and we want you there to raise money for our wonderful school! For more information on this event, see the posters on our social media channels. Thank you! [Please click here to visit our website and see our upcoming fundraising events.](#)

### **NEWS FROM THE PTA**

A reminder that the **Valentine's Disco** will take place from 1pm to 2pm on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February**. Children are invited to bring something red to change into for the disco. If any parents are free to help decorate the hall in the morning between 10.30-11.30am please let the office know or speak to our Chair, Helen Land.

### **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](mailto: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 reading!**

***Mr Harry Crawford***

**Want to share something in the newsletter? Please email**

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

February at Westminster Lodge, St Albans. Participants must pay £10, under 18s £5.

### **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.

### **FACT OF THE WEEK**

Memory can be one of the key issues that affects people with epilepsy. This can be due to the type of seizures they have, the effects of medication, the effects of epilepsy on concentration or mood, or the effects of surgery.

*Epilepsy Society*

### **AWARDS**

#### **SILVER**

**1x Rowan, 1x Spindle, 1x Sequoia**

#### **READING**

**1x Lions, 1x Cedar**

#### **SINGER OF THE WEEK**

**1x Tigers, 1x Leopards, 1x Panthers, 2x Dragon, 1x Sequoia, 1x Spindle**