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It has certainly been an action-packed fortnight! On the sporting front, just about all the major sports that we play seem to have had important events. The hockey season has got under way with plenty of fixtures (and well done to the Senior VII on their 4-1 win at Papplewick) and the under -10 footballers triumphed at Danes Hill, returning as winners of two trophies. The rugby sevens squad performed well at The Downs and had a good win at Cranmore whilst the swimmers have had the IAPS national heats and a narrow defeat at St Edmunds. Even the cricketers have been in action with nets at Charterhouse for the 1st XI squad! In addition to all the sport, we have had two brilliant concerts by Forms 4 and 5, the LAMDA exams with plenty of dramatic distinctions, some good chess results, preparations for the play, "Treasure Island" and a memorable Confirmation Service in Chapel. I think it is fair to conclude that life has not been dull! Well done to the boys for achieving so much: I think a restful weekend is just what is needed

John Ark



Junior Concert was music to our ears

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Under 10 Football teams triumph at Danes Hill Tournament



On Saturday 23 February Aldro took two seven-a-side football teams to the inaugural Danes Hill Under 10 Football Tournament, finishing winners of the 'B' team title and joint winners in the 'A' team competition.

Both teams faced a tough task, as the top quality opposition included Downsend, The Oratory, Surbiton, The Dragon, and of course Danes Hill.

Coached by Mr Nicolle, and led from the back by James Whitton, the B team started off brightly, beating Surbiton 1-0 with a James Walker effort. A 0-0 draw with The Oratory was followed by another 1-0 victory against Danes Hill, Walker again the scorer, but a 1-0 defeat at the hands of The Dragon meant we required a draw in the last group match with Downsend to go through. A tight match ended with no score, so Aldro topped the group, and met rivals The Oratory in the Final. Goals again proved hard to come by as both teams cancelled each other out, but with a few seconds remaining in extra time Walker broke through again, 'chipping the keeper' to seal a dramatic 1-0 win. The trophy was ours!

Whitton made a couple of outstanding saves in goal, while Robert Hewett and the impressive Alexander Fomin kept things tight at the back. In midfield, a combina-

tion of Matthew Rowe, Will Maslen, Oliver Sherwood and Freddie Wooding never stopped running, with Walker ploughing a lone furrow in attack. A tremendous all-round effort from the second string, and just reward for their hard work in practice.

The A team's confidence was sky high after some excellent training sessions during the week (I am very grateful to Mr Hudson for his coaching expertise, both leading up to the Tournament and throughout the season), although we were rocked by the news that midfielder terrier Monty Cox had twisted an ankle and was struggling for fitness. Nevertheless, we started with a comfortable 2-0 win over Surbiton, courtesy of strikes by George Rix and Ben Harris.

The Oratory dominated a somewhat subdued Aldro to the tune of three goals, but there is a great competitive spirit running through this side, and we bounced back to overwhelm the hosts Danes Hill 4-1, Rix notching a hat trick and Harris claiming the other. Angus Hatrick was in irrepressible form, bossing the middle of the pack like a young Paul Scholes. Enter The Dragon, who were strong, and soon went ahead. Harris showed composure to equalise with a penalty, and with the clock running down, Jonny Charles ghosted in at the far post to coolly



16th Aldro Inter Schools Chess Tournament February 2008



The Under 10A team showed what considerable talent they have by beating Homefield 4-2 in round 3 and drawing with Magdalen College in round 2. They came 2nd behind a very experienced St Dunstons team. All six of their players play regularly in Wey Valley tournaments. The U.10B team also played well winning 2 out of their 3 matches. Charlie Kidd was outstanding on board 1 winning all three games. The Under 12 team were without two key players and at the top level this makes a big difference. Raunaq Cavet did a good job winning 2 out of his 3 games.

Several other Aldro players deserve a mention because of their excellent play. They include, Robert Hewett and James Whittton who won 6 out of 6 games between them for the U.10A team and Ollie Rockall who won all 3 games for the U.8B team. Gwilym Price and Harry Wood also did a good job for the U.8A team.

Results:

- Aldro U.12 team 3rd Bronze medals
- Aldro U10A team 2nd Silver medals
- Aldro U.10B team 4th = in the Minor section
- Aldro U.8A team 3rd = Bronze medals
- Aldro U.8B team 1st Gold medals in the Minor section



Firstly I would like to thank all the boys who played in the five teams at the beginning of half term. Teams of six players proved to be a little too much for some of the schools but it was good to give a few more players the chance of playing for the school.

We had players missing in several of the teams but overall it was a good morning for Aldro chess. Our most successful team was the U.8 B team who won the U.8 Minor section. The winning team consisted of James Vance (capt), William Booth, Johnny Hinde, Ed Capps, Louis Bellman and Ollie Rockall.

Thanks to the parents who helped as team managers and also to all the parents who contributed to the refreshments, we have raised over £100 for the Surrey Care Trust.

D.J.Archer



[Expelliarmus! give Eggheads a run for their money](#)

On Monday 18th February at 6.00pm, TV sets at Aldro were on and tuned to watch BBC2. At last, the Aldro staff team of Malcolm Cronshaw, Chris Rose, Nick Swan, David Tuddenham, Ann West and (potential super-sub) Rob Davies, collectively known as EXPELLIARMUS!, took on the mighty Eggheads. Expelliarmus! acquitted themselves really well, knocking out CJ, Chris and Kevin in the rounds on politics, art and books, and sport respectively. Malcolm had a really tough set of entertainment questions, and succumbed to Daphne, but this still left 4 of Expelliarmus! against only 2 Eggheads in the final (general knowledge) round.

Both teams scored 100% on their multichoice questions, but the Eggheads (just !) prevailed in the 'sudden death' questions. The joy and relief on CJ's face at the end said it all . . .

The programme was made back at the BBC Television Centre in London at the end of September 2007. Seeing a TV studio and making a programme was a great experience for the staff involved and we hope that some Aldronians or their parents will be inspired to make a similar (better !) attempt on a quiz show in the future. See you on the box ?



FORM 7T TAKE ON A NEW ART FORM!

Form 7T have been exploring life drawing and computer graphics, taking turns to model for each other and using contour drawing to transform the 3D image they could see into a 2D representation. After scanning their drawings, they used a drawing programme to apply colour using either high contrast or harmonies. They then used a variety of effects offered by the drawing programme to further enhance their images.



James Long



Loch Roberts



Hugo Mack



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slot the winner. Now a draw against Downsend would be sufficient to make the Final – and meet with The Oratory again. These boys know how to grind out a result when necessary, and we battled to contain Downsend's



Angus Hatrick and Captain of The Oratory display the winner's shield

t o w e r i n g midfielder who threatened to win the game single-handed. In fact, the opposition created nothing more than a solitary half-chance, and we might just have nicked it given a bit more luck. We finished 0-0. It was time for the big showdown, and a

chance to gain revenge on The Oratory (who won all their group matches in style).

The game plan was simple: keep the ball away from Jack, their immensely skilful forward with a left peg like Giggs, and get numbers behind the ball – with luck we may fashion a chance on the break. Tom Farrell and Freddie Russell-Jones followed their instructions to the letter, restricting Jack to just the one shot on target, which Elliott Ghent palmed safely away. Every boy worked their socks off – even the limping figure of Monty hopped around as if his life depended on it. Extra time came and went, and the stalemate meant the prize was shared. Wisely, Danes Hill prepared two sets of winners' medals. A memorable, and hugely entertaining morning's football thus ended in double success for this talented and hard-working group of boys.

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The boys looking at their shield

Aldro A team squad: Angus Hatrick (capt), George Rix, Ben Harris, Monty Cox, Elliott Ghent, Jonny Charles, Tom Farrell, Freddie Russell-Jones

Aldro B team squad: James Whitton (capt), Matthew Rowe, James Walker, Freddie Wooding, Oliver Sherwood, Will Maslen, Robert Hewett, Alexander Fomin



Highfield Cross Country Meeting

Results

U13 Boys

Aldro team finished 2nd overall.
David Buck won the race.

U12 Boys

MacGregor Cox finished 2nd in the race.

U11 Boys

Aldro team finished 2nd overall.
Theo Knottenbelt finished 4th in the race.

U10 Boys

Aldro team finished 2nd overall.
Our 6 boys all finished in the top 20 in the race.

A great day of Cross Country and a brilliant effort from all our boys.



David Buck in his stride



LENT TERM DIARY DATES

Stay up-to-date with events at www.aldro.net's weekly schedule

March	Day	Time	Event
3	Mon		Return from Weekend Leave Form 8 Exams
4	Tues	10:30am	Form 8 Exams Form 7 Parent's Coffee morning
5	Wed	6:45pm	Play rehearsal CHC
6	Thurs		Wellington Sports Award
7	Fri	6:00pm 7:15pm	3rd Industry Grades Cricket : 1st XI Coaching at Charter-house Spring Concert CHC
8	Sat	2-5pm	Play rehearsal, CHC
9	Sun	7:00om	Chapel: Miss Emma Herbert, Cranleigh School
10	Mon	2:00pm 7:00pm	Rosslyn Park National Sevens Play rehearsal, CHC
11	Tues	2:00pm 6:00pm	Rosslyn Park National Sevens Play dress rehearsal, CHC
12	Wed	6:45pm	Play rehearsal, CHC
13	Thurs	7:00pm	No Judo School Play—Treasure Island
14	Fri	6:00pm 7:00pm	Cricket : 1st XI Coaching at Charter-house School Play—Treasure Island
15	Sat	7:00pm	School Play—Treasure Island and party
16	Sun	7:00pm	Informal Service
17	Mon	6:45pm	Squad Marks Treat Form 8 Parent's Evening
18	Tues		Choral Evensong at St John's Leather-head
19	Wed	12:30pm	Term Ends

Hear all about it on the wireless!

Go4It is a Children's Magazine Programme on Radio 4 on Sundays, at 19.15. On 2nd March Go4It will be featuring Terry Deary (of Horrible History fame) discussing Ancient Greek Myths. Previous programmes have been very interesting. Last week two would-be pioneers learnt about Laura Ingalls Wilder's life and tasted some interesting pioneering foods.

Mothers Day is on Sunday 2nd March and did you know that the best presents are not always the ones bought in shops. If you are struggling to give your mother something special here are some helpful ideas.

- Mothers love handmade cards. This shows off your ability for art and it is made during the time you may have spent playing on the playstation or computer. A true sacrifice and demonstration of love.
- Flowers look and smell lovely, but a clean and folded sports kit smell just as nice.
- Breakfast in bed is a super treat. And make sure you clean the kitchen as well. And the downstairs. And the toilets.
- Take that family pet out for a walk. Remember it was bought for the family.
- Chocolates are every mother's favourite treat. It is really thoughtful if you don't eat them all after Mum opens the box.
- Ask your Mother if she would like to go on the computer before you. After all, this is her special day.
- Forget the sport that may be on television in the afternoon. Ask Mum if she would like to spend some time together playing a board game or cards.

These are some simple ideas to help you make your mother feel special. If you can't do them, then make sure you give her the biggest hug, tell her how much you appreciate all that she does for you, and tell her how much you love her! This would be the best gift of all!