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Headlines

First of all, many congratulations to all our Common Entrance candidates who not only all passed into their senior schools, but in almost all cases did so in some style. Particular congratulations are due to Ben Smith, who achieved the top CE results of all the candidates to Radley; and to Jamie Jones who has been awarded a prize from Charterhouse for an outstanding Latin exam.

It has been an incredibly busy time since CE – half term seems a dim memory! There have been some exceptional sporting performances, notably the golfers at the IAPS Championships at Royal Lytham St Anne's, David Buck's record-breaking performance in the West Surrey Athletics Meeting and the 1st XI's cricket tour to Shrewsbury (still in progress at the time of writing). Also very well done to the five chess teams who went to the EPSCA tournament at Pontins in Norfolk last weekend and who all did very well; and to the boys in Form 3 who put on a really entertaining concert on Tuesday. Now for the last fortnight of term – which promises to be equally busy

David Atki

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Saturday June 14th brought almost ideal conditions for the Aldro Regatta, an event which – as the programme pointed out – is unique among the major global rowing events for using a starting pistol to get the races under way (you certainly won't spot one at Henley or the Olympics!). Amongst the spectators were the family of Canada geese – adults and four goslings – who just managed to keep sufficiently away from the action.

With the event opened up to more crews than usual, there were some definite novices in evidence and the carefully planned timings began to go awry. However, all though one or two of the repêchage races (or "plate" races to the non-oarsmen) had to be postponed, the main event brought its fair share of excitement and controversy. The new style rowlocks, made from reinforced plastic, did not prove up to the task and one or two races were marked by lost oars. A return to good old-fashioned brass is predicted for 2009!

The pre-race favourites were two of the experienced Form 8 crews, "Billy Bob" of Harry Gwilliam, Freddie McGaw and James House, and "Les Mesonies" comprising Will Soulsby, Tomas Rocha and Giles Docherty. In the event, though, the Final was contested between the Form 7 crew of "Toro! Toro!" (Alvaro Estalella, Alex Bottomley and Bayley Nicholson) and the eventual winners from Form 6, the "Floaters". Well done to the winning crew – Ben Gasson, Oliver Maslen and Tom Govan; and thank you to Mr Nicole for his organisation of the great event.



Congratulations Harry!

Harry Gwilliam took home the under 14 title at the IAPS Golf Championships held at Royal Lytham St Anne's, Lancashire. The tournament hosted 95 competitors, aged 9-13, from schools across the UK.

The competition was fierce with 33 other boys and girls on the 18 Holes. Harry played extremely well and triumphed as the winner.





La Pétanque: Is Cameron Jones Unbeatable?

Despite the poor weather and the brektime invasion of diabolo, la pétanque has remained a centre of interest and forty-three boys took part in the May League. Alex Fomin and Hugo Folliss were good contenders with ten points each but William Dewar just managed to overtake them and snatch a well deserved Bronze Trophy. Freddie Wooding and Cameron Jones were definitely the strongest players this month and fought for the gold. Cameron narrowly got the better of Freddie in an epic last round.



La Pétanque, May League 2008.

Gold: Cameron Jones - Silver: Freddie Wooding - Bronze: William Dewar - 4th: Alex Fomin - 5th: Hugo Folliss



Robbie Sinclair caught this rainbow trout on Friday, June 13th. Robbie will get his fishing badge from the head this coming week. Well done Robbie!

The Haka

by Ali Nathan 3B

Captain scaring,
crowd glaring,
English wearing.
Hearts bursting,
neck breaking,
mouth opening.
Chant.

Horse drowning,
liver ripping,
lung bearing
opponent scaring,
sword daring,
manger starving,
war winning.
Battle.

Boot kicking
ball spinning,
man tackling,
try scoring,
bar banging,
head butting.
Rugby.



SCOUT CAMP 16-18 JUNE

The Scouts voted to camp at Mellow Farm, near Frensham Ponds this year. During the Monday troop meetings they practiced pitching tents, booked the site and planned their menus to a strict budget. Pancakes were very popular this year, but other dishes included Fajitas, pasta and yoghurt salad and enough spaghetti to fill an army! During camp, a Frisbee was stranded across the river, requiring the



building of makeshift rafts for a successful rescue attempt. The district scout commissioner visited to present Skip [Mr. West] with a certificate for being in scouting for 20 years. We spent an afternoon orienteering, hurtled down a zip wire, made fishing rods, burnt marshmallows and whittled hundreds of sticks into fire wood! A great time was had by all. Mr. West would like to thank his team of Miss. Collett-White, Mrs. Wahl and Mrs. Gasson, and Mrs. Engelhardtson for supplying the whole camp with S'mores.





Sports Day 2008





Aldro teams play well at Hemsby



The boys enjoyed great chess matches against some of the best teams in the country and had a fun weekend at Pontins with a massive BBQ on the Saturday evening. As well as water pistol fights, they enjoyed the beach at Hemsby where they spent their time burying each other and jumping off the dunes.

For full results go to www.aldro.org.



Green Fingers

Our newly refurbished garden area has gotten the boys digging, planting and watering at break time. In addition to some beautiful flowers the boys are growing vegetables. Under the watchful eye of David Archer, the boys' interest in gardening is certainly blossoming.



An Egg Hunt?



Charlie Crawford shows off his find to his mates. The egg is now on display in the library in a nest made by the boys.

The Great Aldro Duck Race
You'd be quackers to miss it!
Tuesday 24th June



Summer Term Calendar 2008

June		
20 Fri		Weekend Leave
21 Sat		Weekend Leave
22 Sun		Weekend Leave
23 Mon	10:00am 11:50am 4:00pm	Senior Tennis Trip to Wimbledon Swimming: Form 7 & 8 Squad Heat Swimming v St Edmund's (h)
24 Tues	9:00am 11:50am	Golf: Charterhouse Competition Swimming: Form 5 & 6 Squad Head
25 Wed	9:45am 7:30pm	Form 8 Drugs Awareness workshop Form 8 Parents Drugs Awareness talk
26 Thur	11:15am 7:15pm	Swimming: Form 3 & 4 Squad Heat Midsummer Concert
27 Fri	2:00pm 6:30pm	Swimming Squad Finals Cricket: 1stXI v Fathers XI
28 Sat	11:00am 2:30pm	Open Morning New Boys' Tea Party
30 Mon	7:00pm	Leavers' Activity week at Osmington Bay Form 7 Geog Fieldwork trip to Wittering Athletics: IAPS Nationals, Birmingham Junior School Play
July		
1 Tues	5:00 - 6:15pm 7:00pm	SHUS Junior School Play
2 Wed	7:00pm	Chess: National Finals U12/U11/U9 Junior School Play
3 Thur		Squad Treat Chess: National Finals U12/U11/U9
4 Fri	7:00pm	Middle Choir Concert
5 Sat	10:00am 11:15am	Leavers' Chapel, Rev Simon Brignall Prize Giving