



Headlines

It has been very good to see all the newcomers to Aldro settling in quickly: new boys and staff seem to have found their feet in record time! Although the days of sunshine that I promised in my start of term letter have somewhat by-passed this bit of Surrey, it has certainly not done anything to dampen the boys' enthusiasm for their busy school lives.

It is hard to pick out particular highlights from the first weeks because so much has been happening. Plenty of boys have enjoyed trips away from school to the Living Rainforest and Marwell Zoo – and, as I write, the Form 8 boys are away at The Globe Theatre. There has been much action and excitement on the football pitches – and particularly well done to the members of the 1st XI who came 3rd out the 32 teams entered for the Charterhouse Prep Schools' 6-a-side tournament. Also, many congratulations to the chess players who almost literally swept the board in the Wellington College Prep Schools' Chess tournament, winning both the under-11 and under-13 sections and losing only half a point between them to the opposition schools. All in all, it has been a great start to the school year: well done to all the boys!

David Ark

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ALDRO WINS THE M.J. BAILEY CUP IN CHARTERHOUSE SIXES TOURNAMENT



Aldro entered two teams in the prestigious Charterhouse Sixes Tournament. In a strong field of 32 teams, the A team managed to battle through to the semi-finals including victories against Lanesborough and Cranmore. In the semi-finals we lost narrowly to Parkside, but we recovered to win the 3rd/4th place play-off against Cumnor House 2-1. This meant that Aldro received the M.J.Bailey Cup, the first time that Aldro have reached this stage of this tournament since 1994.



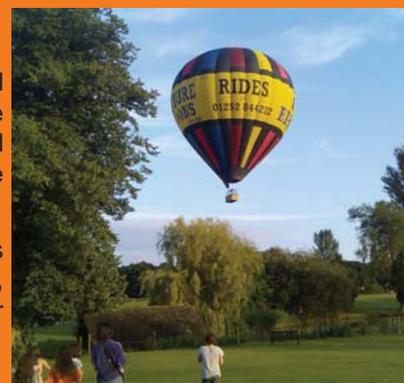
Our boys collecting their medals

HOT AIR OVER ALDRO

During the Summer holidays Aldro had an unexpected visitor... it crashed into the trees around the lake (very nearly landed IN the lake!) and landed with a bump on the football pitches.

Sixteen rather white, shaken faces appeared over the top of the basket, after a birthday celebration they will never forget...

The Rose family witnessed the ordeal and vowed never to try this particular form of travel..!



Year 4 get lost in the rainforest!

All of year 4 had a day out last week at the Living Rainforest near darkest Newbury. The boys learnt about the plants and animals that can be found in these parts of the world and how they are adapted to living in these habitats. We saw a wide variety of tropical plants and a number of free roaming animals, butterflies and birds. The boys also enjoyed the excellent play area where they let off steam after the long journey.

I'm sure all the boys will join me in saying thank you to Mr West and Mrs Gunner who provided transport and support for the trip.

D.J.Archer





Going out and about.....

Year 8 Trip to West London Synagogue



On September 15th 8M, 8R, Mr Macintosh and I went on a trip to a West London Synagogue, in order to learn all about Judaism for their coursework on the importance of the Sabbath. We were met by Dov, who ushered us up into the classroom and started teaching us all about the special clothes (tallit) which Jews wear on the Sabbath when they pray, which a couple of the boys very kindly modelled for us. Later on in the day we had a tour of the synagogue and learned how the Jews use it as a place of worship. In the afternoon we were taught how to write in Hebrew and we practised writing our names using feathers and ink, which was more difficult than it looked. Dov talked to us about the symbolism of the Sabbath and explained the reasons for several aspects, such as the 3 wick candle which is lit at the end of the Sabbath. It is usually three different colours twisted together. We then got to make our own candles. Tired and full of knowledge we set off back to Aldro. Both 8M and 8R, are now raring to start their coursework!

Kate Pellereau



YEAR 6 GO TO MARWELL ZOO FOR SCIENCE



Form 6 visited Marwell Zoo on the first full [rather wet] week of term, as part of their Biology course. We had a talk by one of the education staff, including live animals to handle, and banned items confiscated from travelers at Heathrow Airport! Success can be measured by the many cuddly animals from the zoo shop that joined us on our return journey! Mr West would like to thank Mr. Tuddenham, Miss. Pellereau and Mrs. Sloper for their shepherding skills.



Wellington College Team Chess Tournament Sept 19th 2008



DOUBLE CHAMPIONS!

We took our strongest teams to Wellington and came away with 1st place in both age groups. All 8 players were outstanding and won gold medals and enjoyed the day out.

The U13 team was Raunaq Cavet board 1, Ben Ashworth board 2, Huw Thomas board 3 and Alexis Ralli board 4.

The U.11 team were Elliott Ghent, Robert Hewett, James Whitton and Angus Hatrick.

Our teams won all 10 of their matches. Well done.

D.J.Archer

Conker King Keeps Title



Ben Bradley (5L/ Red Six) has held his title as conker king after winning this year's battle. William Holmes (5S/ Red Six) proved to be tough competition and came in at second place.

Very close final - 10 all after rounds and Ben won on the Jedi (blind) hit sudden death play-off.



THEY ARE TOUGH, THEY CAN STING! BEWARE THE ALDRO VIPERS!

Aldro Year Fours had their first outing as an entire year group against Hall Grove yesterday and acquitted themselves well, winning two games, drawing one and losing two. The boys played with plenty of passion and commitment and we look forward to their next round of matches against Cranleigh next Wednesday (October 1st).

Results

Cobras drew 0-0

Pythons lost 5-0

Anacondas lost 3-0

Vipers won 2-0 (Goals - Woodhouse 2)

Boas won 2-0 (Goals - Vance,
K-Stacewicz)



Robbie Sinclair on the charge for the Vipers

Walker's Winning Run!

Congratulations to Charlie Walker who won the first ever Aldro Road to Wimbledon competition. In order to represent Aldro in the County Finals Charlie had to win through against years 7 and 8 in a knockout tournament. He then performed admirably at the Surrey County Tennis Centre defeating other Surrey schools and club champions to reach the quarter finals. His winning run was eventually halted by one of the top seeds. Well done to Charlie for all his efforts and to all boys for entering the competition.

Bird Mystery Solved

Do you remember the ringed bird's claw found last term?

James & Oliver Newcombe found a bird's claw in their garden. This in itself is was not unusual, but this claw was tagged. It has a number and postcode so it was sent to the Natural History Museum in London for help in identification.

The claw has been identified as a male Greenfinch. The bird was ringed 278 days ago and had travelled 4km.

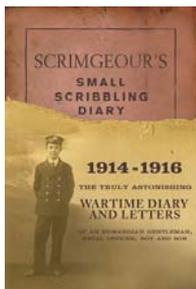
If you should be so lucky to come across a dead ringed bird, please report it to the BTO via the website: www.bto.org. Ringing provides information on the ecology and behaviour of birds, much of which is needed for conservation.

Many thanks, J Sloper



Old Aldronian's Journals get published

"Rape, Ravage and Rant are the German watch-words in this war. Right, Revenge & Retrenchment shall be ours." Alexander Scrimgeour, 17th September 1914.



Alexander Scrimgeour was an old boy of Aldro. In 1916, at the age of nineteen, he lost his life at the Battle of Jutland. Little did you know that he had already left a legacy – complete diaries spanning the previous six years, chronicling first his life as the son of a wealthy stock broker, then his time as a young sea cadet and finally as a Sub-Lieutenant in His Majesty's Navy. Like all good midshipmen were required to do, Scrimgeour took great pride in writing his journals and was careful to recount every event with marked sincerity. Appalled by some of the actions of the British Admiralty and the Germans alike, Scrimgeour risked court-martial to record some of the more notorious incidents during World War I, and what really happened...

The book can be purchased from all good bookshops or directly from the publisher at www.anovabooks.com.

Length: 352 pages
Illustration note: 40 photos & illustrations
ISBN: 9-781-8448-6075-3
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Weight: 671g
Binding: Board Book

Dear Parents and Boys,

Thank you so much for your exceedingly generous gift of an abundance of National Garden Vouchers and personal messages you very kindly gave me at the end of last term; I am quite overwhelmed!

There is no doubt with your help our garden will be further transformed into the little 'Eden' we have for so long dreamt of having – so many shrubs we have had our eyes on for a number of years and with a little more landscaping, we hope to achieve our goal in the not too distant future. For Dilla and myself, we cannot think of a better way to remember our happy days at Aldro and the treasured friendships made of parents, boys and staff over the years than by investing permanent reminders in our garden.



Thank you very, very much.
Humphrey Davis

Winter Term Calendar 2008

September		
28th Sunday		Return from Weekend Leave - 8pm-8:30pm
29th Monday		Return from Weekend Leave
October		
4th Saturday	11:00am	Open Morning
5th Sunday	7:00pm	Chapel: James Stileman Esq
7th Tuesday	5pm-6:15pm	SHUS open
8th Wednesday		Book Fayre
9th Thursday		Book Fayre
11th Saturday	9:00am 11:45am	Harvest Festival - Forms 3,4,5 Harvest Festival - Forms 6,7,8
16th Thursday		Wellington College Orchestral Day
17th Friday		2nd Industry Grades
18th - 26th		Half Term
26th	2:00pm	Aldro Inter Schools Tournament

Aldro creates a big stir for the Macmillian Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning



ALDRO SCHOOL WINTER FAIR



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SATURDAY 1st NOVEMBER 8.00AM - 2.30PM



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