



Headlines

Last Friday was a really great day. I very much enjoyed my swift visit to the Winter Fair – not to mention the outstanding cheddar cheese that my wife kindly gave to me – and was pleased to see a really good number of potential customers there. The boys, of course, were very pleased to have the opportunity to be involved with the prospect of winning a jolly jar and visiting the secret grotto high on their list of priorities! Carving pumpkins also seemed to feature prominently in their use of time over the preceding few days....

Then there was the stunning firework display. It was a really enjoyable evening and I was delighted with the way it went – and we were blessed with an almost perfect evening for such an event (unlike the following day's miserable autumn weather ...). I am very conscious that these events do not happen by themselves, but depend upon a large number of people's hard work and enthusiasm. Thank you so much to all those who were involved with organising these events: your efforts were very much appreciated.

David Ark



The Winning Pumpkin

The Big Draw



On Tuesday 28th September, Form 3CW visited Guildford Cathedral to participate in "The Big Draw", a nationwide drawing campaign aimed at getting people of all ages and abilities to draw which was organised in conjunction with The Watts Gallery in Compton.

The Dean of the Cathedral opened proceedings and then pupils were introduced to one of Watts' pictures, called The Good Samaritan. They were given small sections of the painting to draw using pencils and crayons.

Once everybody had completed their section, all the parts were reassembled.

I think the intention was to recreate a giant version of the original painting and the finished product does have echoes of the original painting albeit in a rather abstract way.



The boys also had a wonderful time contributing to a giant drawing on the floor, inspired by what they could see in the Cathedral, in fact they enjoyed themselves so much that it took all my persuasive powers to get them back to school!

L Fenwick

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Mini Sagas

A mini saga is a story of exactly 50 words. Here are some examples that the boys have recently written: some of them could easily be developed by Hammer House of Horror into extremely frightening films!

The Creepy House

The lightning flashed – it was like a lamp. The door creaked open and the dust on the floor curled up into the air. I shivered. All that lit the room was a lantern. I saw a flight of stairs and slowly climbed up. The floorboards creaked: dare I go on?

Charlie Burrows 5L

The Adventures of Purple Man

It was dark and quiet. In the dead of night only one person could hear the ruthless Mr Mississippi; this was the amazing Purple Man. He was the fifth best at Tiddleywinks in the world, but would this be enough to help him catch the evil Mississippi? Time would tell...

Hugo Folliss 6T

The Bouncer

This is a big, fierce, slimy bouncing blot. It's green, has a hundred staring eyes, a hundred-and-fifty scrawny legs and a thousand tiny arms. The bouncer eats penguins and snow leopards. It lives in a cave and wanders the mountains in search of food. I hope I never meet it!

William Gudgeon 6T

Joe, Bill and Cliff's big meeting

The boys were cycling down the road when a big, fluffy, scary phuzzlewuzzle leapt out. The bikes were scattered and one boy yelled, "Run away!" But the phuzzlewuzzle chased them and opened its furry mouth showing millions of large pointy teeth. They only just escaped and got home for lunch.

Matthew Bagley 6H

50 Words

50 words – numbers don't count, right? That sounds quite a difficult task, doesn't it? I'm quite stuck. What shall I write about? Football?...No. Rugby?...No.

I don't think I'm going to manage, but I'll give it a go.
Is that 50 words? Yes? No? I think I'd better just count again.

Luc Turnbull 8R

Fossil trip to Studley Grange



At half term we visited Studley Grange near Swindon to look for fossils in the Kimmeridge clay, which is about 145 million years old. There have been some interesting finds from this location including Plesiosaur, crocodile and Ichthyosaur bone fragments, teeth and vertebrae.

Our group consisted of Mr Price, son Gwilym, Edward Mair, James Vance, Robert Clench, Thomas Gerrard and Gabriel Byrne. We all managed to find some fossil oysters and some small bivalves and ammonites. We had a successful trip which was rounded off by lunch at the excellent garden centre next to the site.

D.J.Archer



BEWARE SNAKES IN THE WOODS!

The Aldro Under 9s wrapped up their football season with an action packed afternoon in the woods earlier this week. All the boys were involved in the final matches against Lanesborough last Monday and although we were unable to muster a win, they showed excellent attitude and commitment. The boys have clearly enjoyed their football this term and have shown steady improvement in many facets of the game. An end of season 'Extravaganza' also took place to reward them for all their efforts. On a final note a 'Big Thank you' to all the parents who have assisted with lifts and offered their support throughout the season.



WIND WIPES OUT WENDY HOUSE

Huge hurricane causes havoc at Aldro

Heading and subheading by Johnny Hinde

Over the last two weeks Form 4 have been analysing Newspaper Reports. The disappearance of the Wendy House over half term sent rumours flying round the school as to how and why it had vanished and this intrigue formed the basis for 4G's newspaper articles.

The boys' challenge was to: create captivating headings and subheadings, use correctly punctuated quotes and write in paragraphs. Below are some of our favourite headings, subheadings and extracts from their final articles:

BYE BYE WENDY!

Government Experiment Goes Wrong
Last night it was reported that a type of wooden house from Aldro School had disappeared.

People say that it was burned, but scientists believe that a government experiment went wrong because there was H2004A69 found in the ground where the Wendy House was. Mrs Aston said, "I saw a big yellow flash, I was gobsmacked, absolutely gobsmacked."

By Miles Russell- Stracey

METEOR MASHES WENDY

Time's run out for treasured play-house!

Last night police were investigating the destruction of Aldro's treasured Wendy house. "I woke up to see smoke rising up from behind the music block," wept Oliver Rockall.

The latest theory is that a meteor hit the house because some rock was found close to the spot. "The rock was definitely hot enough to burn it down!" screeched Robbie Sinclair, a pupil at the school.

By Oli Rockall



4G boys pictured with the remains of their beloved Wendy House

WENDY IN ASHES

Suspect on the loose!

"Mr Rudd was acting very weirdly he was hiding in bushes and climbing trees," reported Mr West. "I think that Mr Rudd chopped down the treasured Wendy house to build another rotten boat," explained the Headmaster. "He really likes boats, he has two," reported Mrs Gunner.

"I am sure Mr Rudd is not a suspect because we have not seen any clues on the ground or anywhere," replied the head of the police.

By Ben Davidson

WENDY EXPELLED

House lies on the ground in ashes
There was sadness and shock at Aldro when the boys returned from half term to discover that their beloved house had gone. "It's all gone! It's all gone!" sobbed one of the schoolboys. A rumour has it that it was washed away while others said it was burnt down.

We believe Mr Rudd burnt it down with his secret flame thrower then threw it in the lake so the police couldn't get the evidence, a sneaky and cunning plan. We questioned Mr Rudd. "I didn't do it!" replied a confident Mr Rudd.

By Ed Capps

ALDRO OUTRAGE

Whistling wind terminates Wendy House

By Wilfred Deverill

WENDY IN HEAVEN

Big, burning blunder destroys home?

By Hugo Din

Mr Rudd assures us that he has never owned, borrowed or used a flame thrower, however he thanks the boys for the idea.

Rumours are rife that the Phoenix will rise, to reveal a revamped play area for the boys. Watch this space!

"OK, Gov!"

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Margaret Blake to Aldro on Wednesday. Mrs Blake has been an Aldro Governor for many years, and has recently taken on a liaison role, with the intention of developing further links with our Governing Body. During a busy morning, she attended our Chapel Service, visited several lessons – both in classrooms and the ICT suite – and managed to make a guest appearance at our Staff Meeting too! After lunch with the boys, Mrs Blake was among the touchline spectators as we hosted Hall Grove on the football field. We look forward to seeing Mrs Blake in school on a regular basis from now on.





Chess News



17th Aldro Inter Schools Chess Tournament

Congratulations to all 28 Aldro players who represented the school on Sunday. It was an excellent afternoon of competitive chess with matches won and lost by the finest of margins.

The top boards did particularly well against some of the strongest players in the south. We were without a few key players across the age groups but all our teams played well and achieved some very impressive results.

The U13 team captained by Ben Ashworth came 2nd overall with particularly good results from both Adam Bagley and Oliver Timms on the bottom two boards.

The U11 A team were in good form and won their matches against St Dunstan's and Reigate St Mary's, the key match was against Magdalen College School and a two all draw was enough on this occasion to give us 1st place. The team consisted of Elliott Ghent, Robert Hewett, James Whitton and George Rix. The B and C teams showed what strength in depth we have in this age group with the B team 4th= and the C team 2nd = in the U11 minor section. Charlie Kidd and William Tucker were in great form for the B team and Nicholas Palmer was outstanding for the C team.

The U9 players are beginning to show some promise with the A team playing well against very strong opposition. They came 3rd with both Ali Nathan and Gwilym Price unbeaten. The B and C teams came joint 2nd in the minor section with all the boys playing with determination and skill.

Many thanks to all the parents who helped on the refreshments or provided cakes and biscuits and to Mr Rix, Mr Hewett and Mr Wood who did a great job as team managers. We raised over £100 for the Surrey Care Trust.

D.J.Archer



PUMPKINS ON PARADE

a small sample of the fanatasic pumkins from Fireworks Night



Winter Term Calendar 2008

November		
10th Monday	8:30 am	Return from Weekend Leave (or Sunday between 8-8:30 pm)
11th Tuesday	5:15 pm	Monkton Holidays Presentation
13th Thursday		
14th Friday	5:00 pm	Senior Squad Singing Competition Chess v Yateley Manor (a)
15th Saturday	2:00 pm	Junior Squad Singing Competition Rugby practices Forms 3-8
16th Sunday	7:00 pm	Chapel: Informal Service
18th Tuesday	10:30 am 3:45 pm	Form 5 Parents' coffee morning Form 6 Concert, CHC
20th Thursday	3:30 pm 4:30 pm 5:05 pm	3rd Industry Grades Forms 3, 4 and 5 Weekend Leave Forms 6, 7 and 8 Weekend Leave
23rd Sunday	7:15 pm	Skiing Trip Meeting
24th Monday	8:30 am	Return from Weekend Leave (or Sunday between 8-8:30 pm)