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Evensong at Chichester Cathedral

Congratulations to our Chapel Choir who performed a beautiful Evensong on 2nd May at Chichester Cathedral. This 1000 year old Cathedral was a magnificent setting for our choir to perform.



HeadLines

I don't think that we could have wished for a better start to term. With fine weather and plenty of opportunities to be outside, the boys certainly seem to have enjoyed themselves. It has been a good week to welcome Mr Guy Drayton to Aldro; he will be taking over from Mr Cronshaw as Head of Games in September and I am particularly glad that he has been able to see the 1st XI cricket on Thursday – there is still time for the boys to gain a few more sponsors!

After such a busy and sunny start to term, a fine day is (almost!) guaranteed for our sponsored walk on Monday. I hope that it will be a great day for all those taking part: we will certainly be passing through some of the loveliest of Surrey countryside. Full information about the walk will be sent out with the weekend mailing and I would ask all those taking part to read it carefully. In the meantime – and having heard more about CHASE in Chapel on Thursday – there is still time for the boys to gain a few more sponsors!

David Aston

SCHOOL'S BACK FOR SUMMER...



On the first Sunday of term Aldro became more like a holiday camp than a school as the boarders took advantage of the glorious spring sunshine. After the morning chapel service most boys headed for the lake, the cricket nets or the golf course. There was also a game of football and a swim before lunch.

After the traditional post-lunch tuck, Mr Rose organised a treasure hunt around the grounds. There was also a chance to do some Art with Mrs Williams and some DT with Mr Smith for those who were finding the sun a bit too much. A long afternoon of cricket, swimming and more boating before supper was followed by an energetic game of Great Balls of Fire.

It was the first of what should be many great Sundays this term. Other trips arranged include wind-surfing, Thorpe Park, the Wimbledon Tour and Museum, England v West Indies at Lord's and the high ropes course and zip-wire at Barfield.



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Scouts and Cubs March in the St George's Day Parade



To mark St George's Day in the centenary year of Scouting, Aldro Cubs and Scouts' alongside many other of the district's troops, paraded through Godalming High Street on Sunday, 22nd April 2007 and attended a Church service at St Peter and Paul Church. During the service the boys were taught to make an origami crane that has become an international symbol of peace, after the tragic yet inspiring tale of Sadako Sasaki. Sadako believed that by making 1000 paper cranes she would be granted a wish, but she died of Leukaemia before completing the task in 1955, like so many children born in Hiroshima. However, her determination inspired others to do likewise and many people wanted to wish for peace in the world, so that children like Sadako would never have to suffer war again and hence creating the idea of peace through the making of a crane. After the memorable service the Cubs and Scouts paraded back through Godalming and were commended by both Mr West (Skip) and Mr Thompson (Akela) for their efforts during the day.

Mr. West is grateful to our personal photographer Mr. M. Bolton for these photographs

Form 6 Geography Fieldwork Trip to The River Wey at Liphook



On Monday 30 April, Mr Archer and Mr Rose took boys from 6T and 6H to a stretch of the River Wey on the outskirts of Liphook, Hampshire. The temperature touched 26°C as the boys took measurements of the river's width, depth and the speed of water flow. The idea was to compare a straight part of the river with a meander further upstream.

Armed with dog biscuits and a stopwatch, boys recorded their findings ready for further study back in class.



The sunny weather brought out cherry blossom, crocuses, daffodils and a few early bluebells, and as an added bonus 6H were treated to the wonderful sight of a giant heron taking off in front of them.

A beautiful morning by this tributary of the Thames, and plenty to discuss in the next few Geography lessons.

Chris Rose



Fossil trip to Folkestone

During the Easter holiday we visited Copt Point at Folkestone and were not only lucky to have great weather but some of the finds were outstanding. The clay beds were exposed on the beach and many fossils had been washed out and deposited in the shingle between the boulders. With a little patience and a keen eye most of the boys found a variety of fossils.

There were plenty of small ammonites preserved in shiny fool's gold and some larger ones preserved in a very hard black phosphate.

These were the famous *Douveilliceras mammillatum* which are only found in this location. We also found pieces of the uncoiled form of ammonite *hamites*, several fish vertebrae, some bivalves, solitary corals and a few gastropods.

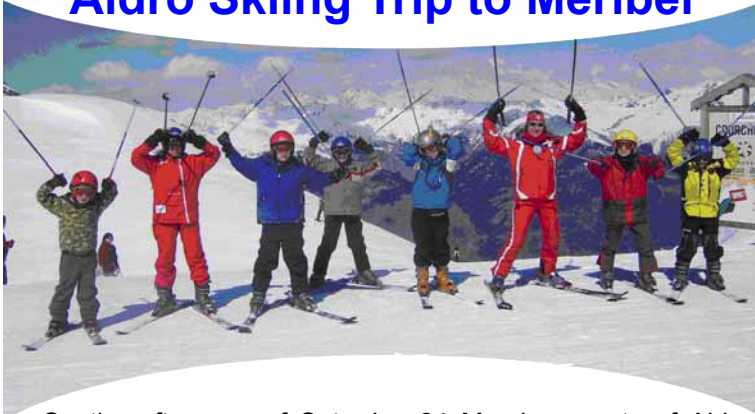
We had a competition to see which was the find of the day and awarded a number of prizes to the boys for their finds. Many thanks to Mr Gardiner for presenting the prizes.

D.J.Archer





Aldro Skiing Trip to Méribel



On the afternoon of Saturday 24 March, a party of Aldro boys and families flew out from Heathrow to Geneva, then boarded a coach to the Alpine resort of Méribel, deep in the heart of the Three Valleys.

We then had the most fantastic week of skiing, in the biggest ski area in Europe. Most of the party were reasonably confident skiers, and enjoyed plenty of long, wide, challenging red runs, but there were numerous lengthy blues too for the less experienced. The boys all loved the 'fun-parks' with their jumps and half-pipes. Some brave souls took on the mogul-fields, and our top-class instructors even veered off through the woods occasionally.

Comfortable accommodation, excellent food, and entertaining evening activities all played their part in a hugely enjoyable week.

Chris Rose

Golf Season Swings into Action

The golf season began with the successful completion of the 2nd Aldro Golf Championships at



Broadwater Park, Godalming. Harry Gwilliam of 7M, carded the best Form 7 and overall score with Tim McIlroy winning the Form 8 and Harrison Charles securing the Form 6 competitions.

More golf will be played this summer with competitions at Bradfield and Millfield and competitive matches against Papplewick and Highfield.

Let's hope the glorious weather continues so the many boys who enjoy the game will have the opportunity to play in and around school.

Rob Davies

Artists at Work

Form Four have been taking full advantage of the wonderful weather. We carried our drawing equipment outside and explored the beautiful architecture that borders the croquet lawn. We investigated different approaches to drawing such a large and intricate piece of architecture and then practiced our observational skills and our awareness of light and shadow, to create very exciting and dynamic drawings.



Josef Moore's drawing of the classroom

Robin Hood's Sherwood Shenanigans

Rehearsals are underway for the Junior Play. This week brought the introduction of the dances. The boys were somewhat relieved to discover that their dances would not involve frilly pink tutus. Instead, under the expert guidance of Mrs Carden, 4G's soldiers worked on their marching and wielding of swords. Miss Bartley helped 4A's Merry Men to master the art of glaring ferociously, whilst striding confidently, fists raised, ready for battle. Look out for details of this and rehearsal times on our notice board in the junior corridor.





ALDRO SUCCESS AT THE I.A.P.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS



Over the Easter holidays 102 players from all over the country took part in the 35th annual Prep School Chess Championships. The standard of play was very high and it was one of the closest ever individual and team competitions.

This event proved to be a great success with the U.11 team winning the David Bull Cup and the U.13 team coming 2nd in the Hodgson Cup. We had 26 players and they all gained valuable experience and enjoyed the tournament.

Many thanks to Mr. Tuddenham who controlled the Championship section and organised all the evening activities for the boarders. The full set of results will go on the Aldro web site. Congratulations to all the boys who played.

David Archer

SUMMER TERM DIARY DATES

May	Day	Time	Event
1	Tuesday		Charterhouse Scholarship begins
4	Friday	4:30pm 5:05pm	1st Industry Grades Forms 3, 4 and 5 Weekend Leave Forms 6, 7 and 8 Weekend Leave
6	Sunday	8-8:30pm	UK Chess Challenge Megafinals U8/U9/U10 at Therfield Optional return for Boarders from Weekend Leave
7	Monday		Sponsored Walk UK Chess Megafinals: U11/U12 Sherborne Scholarship begins
8	Tuesday		Winchester Entrance begins
10	Thursday		CE French Oral/Listening
11	Friday		CE French Listening
12	Saturday		Outing to Twickenham, Guinness Premiership Final
14	Monday		Form 7 History trip to Ypres
16	Wednesday	7:15pm	Aldro/Charterhouse Concert at CHC
21	Monday	9:30am	Form 3 visit INTECH Winchester
22	Tuesday		Form 6 parents coffee morning
23	Wednesday	11:00am	School Photograph
24	Thursday		Athletics: Meeting at Spectrum 2nd Industry Grades
25	Friday	1:00pm 4:00pm 4:30pm 5:05pm	Cricket Tour to Ireland Junior Choir Concert Forms 3, 4 and 5 Half Term Forms 6, 7 and 8 Half Term
27	Sunday		Cricket Tour Returns

Photo Gallery



Form 6 going a bridge too far. (Geography field trip to Liphook)



Cubs and "rabbits" playing wide game in the woods.