



AldroLink



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Issue 9

HeadLines



It has been a pretty hectic few weeks since half term: Sports Day, cricket matches, school exams, golf and athletics tournaments, the Squad Music Competition finals, junior play rehearsals, the Open Morning, the New Boys' Tea Party, Scout Camp ... the list seems to go on and on! Well done to all the boys for their

efforts and I hope that they have very much enjoyed themselves in this busy time.

However, particular congratulations are due to the Common Entrance candidates. It is a reflection of their hard work and dedication that not only did they all pass to their senior schools, but that many of the results were outstanding. We will be hard pressed to match these results next year!

David Aston

Setting Sail on Frensham Pond

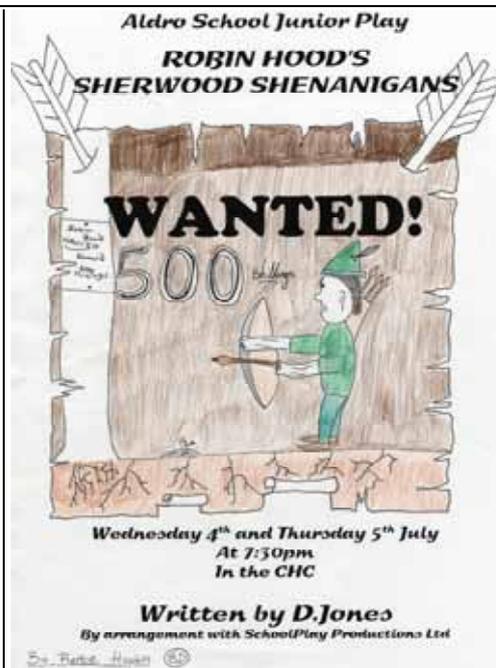


Sailing is as popular as ever. Most weeks it is over subscribed. Boys throughout the school can opt to sail on Wednesday afternoons in our fleet of four dinghies, two Toppers and two Laser Picos. Some boys have sailed before, some have little or no experience. Parental help and involvement is essential and much valued. To many boys, sailing is the highlight of their week. Great fun is had by all. Roll on Wednesday afternoons!

DAS



Many thanks to Mrs Melanie Taylor for the wonderful photographs



Poster created by Bertie Hopkin 8D

I.A.P.S. National Swimming Championships



Congratulations to the U.10 swimmers who have qualified for the National finals at Millfield School. The medley relay team have qualified and both Adam Bagley and Luke Coghlan have qualified for individual events.

William Davidson and Gavroche Ger-gaud also came close to qualifying for the finals as did the U.10 freestyle relay team.

D.J.A

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Aldro teams play well at Pontins



All four of our teams played well at the weekend in the National semi-finals at Hemsby in Norfolk. There were 72 other teams playing and the four sections were all very close, our Under 9 team came within half a point of qualifying for the National final and both our U.11 and U.9B teams came 1st in the Plate competitions.

Aldro results;

U.11 A 9th= out of 34 teams Silver award (A.Ralli 6\6)

U.11 B 1st out of 14 teams in the U.11 Plate.

(T.Govan and W.Stevens –Harris 6\6)

U.9 A 4th= out of 28 teams Gold award. (F.Wooding 6\6)

U.9 B 3rd= out of 10 teams in the U.11 Plate. (Best .U.9 team in the Plate)
(G.Rix 5\6)



We all had a good weekend with the boys enjoying all the facilities at Pontins, a trip to the beach, water pistol fights and a great BBQ on the Saturday evening.

Well done to all the Aldro players and many thanks to the parents who came along to help and support the boys.

D.J.Archer and D.Tuddenham

3rd Grand Prix Mini Chess Tournament

Wellington College provided the grand surroundings for this event and all the players enjoyed some good chess and some lovely weather between rounds.

Well done all our players.

There is a break now until the 4th Grand Prix tournament, which will be at Kempshott Village Hall on September 16th.

Before that is the Godalming Open Tournament on Saturday 1st September.

If you would like an entry form for either event please e mail me at archerd@aldro.org.

The Aldro players were in good form with players in all three sections.

Results:

Beginners section.

James Cherryman 4\5 2nd= Trophy winner

Matthew Rowe 3\5 4th= Medal winner

William Dewar 2.5\5

Intermediate section.

Elliott Ghent 5\5 1st Trophy winner

Freddie Wooding 4\5 2nd Trophy winner

Eugene Valetsky 2\5

George Rix 2\5

Daniel Tiffin 2\5

Advanced section (merged with the adult section)

Tom Govan 4\5 1st= Trophy winner

Rory Govan 3\5 3rd= Medal winner

Robert Hewett 3\5 3rd= Medal winner





Centenary Cub and Scout Camp in the Hampton Estate, Puttenham

Over the first weekend of the half-term holiday, 12 cubs and 5 scouts plus Mr Thompson (Akela), Mr West (Skip) and Mrs West represented Aldro, as cubs and scouts all over the world celebrated via camping the Scout Movement's fantastic centenary. The hugely successful camp, which involved over 900 boys and girls from Farnham, Haslemere and Godalming districts, was a great opportunity for Aldro boys to meet with other cubs and scouts, share experiences, sing campfire songs and generally fulfil what Baden Powell wanted to achieve when he embarked on the first ever Scout camp on Brownsea Island a hundred years ago.

The Centenary Camp also boasted tremendously exciting activities as diverse as archery to wall climbing and



Having a rest after setting up camp



A happy bunch of Scouts

included, amongst many others, go-kart racing, fire building, knot tying plus the very popular fry-your-own jam sandwich donut making. However, the unofficial pine cone throwing battles between the districts' troops was, perhaps, the activity that the boys will remember most. (*You may be pleased to note that the intelligent, organised and resourceful Aldro boys were more than a match for any other invaders.*)

Activities apart, one of the most memorable parts of any camp is the comradeship of sharing a tent with close friends, which is as in any self-respecting camp a time for a little mischief to occur. The tents resounded with laughter and torchlight on both nights as the boys bonded, ate feasts and discussed upcoming events. To the boys' great credit, this positive attitude was continued over the whole camp: even when it rained persistently on the Sunday, the boys' high spirits never wavered. Therefore, I am sure all the boys who took part at the camp will be left with many fantastic memories and the chance to say that they were there at the 100th Anniversary of Scouting.

M. Thompson

REMINDER

Please send in your sponsored walk money no later than Friday 29th June !!

UK Junior Mathematics Challenge Results

Best in school, with gold certificate:

Hugo Hadfield

Gold certificates:

George Borrows, Ben Munns, Patrick Blastland, Patrick Edmondes

Silver Certificates:

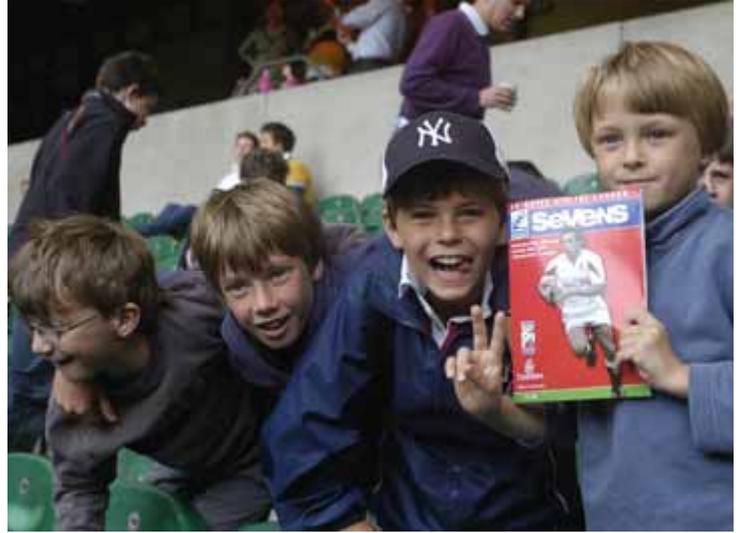
James Foley, Sandy May, Elliott Charles, Callum Davidson, James Aston, Harry Pettit, Thomas Pinfold, Jon Hall, George Matthews, Nicholas Lee

Bronze Certificates:

William Mallin, Callum Lawson, Ashley Beddows, William Melvin, Anthony Parker, Do-Hun Kim, George Gilligan-Court

Check out Congratulations Corner on www.aldro.net for the latest awards and commendations

Junior Boys and Dads' outing to Twickenham, Saturday 26 May, London Sevens



We had a most wonderful father-and-son bonding day at Twickenham, watching the best Sevens players in the world on Saturday 26 May. A whole day of all-out action by the Fidgian, Samoan, New Zealander magicians and many more as sixteen countries were represented,

including of course England and France. Our boys were able to approach the players and get autographs. It was a fantastic treat to fifty of our juniors and twenty-three fathers, and certainly an experience to renew!

YGBL



Millfield Golf Tournament

Early on a bright sunny morning, the Aldro Golf Team left school bleary eyed for Millfield Prep School. By the time they reached the first tee they were wide awake and ready to golf. There was a high standard of play as the 15 schools involved took to the course. A number of Aldro boys struggled on the outward 9 holes, but played with great support for each other.

The sun faded and the boys ran to the safety of the Clubhouse to avoid the lightning. This break was just what we needed as the majority of the boys scored better on the inward 9 holes. Overall it was a good solid team performance. Tim McIlroy carded the best individual. Aldro School and the team finished 3 behind Millfield and Taunton Prep.

B Bertha



Scouts Go Camping

On Monday 18th June eighteen Aldro Scouts loaded up the vans and headed for Mellow Farm. Everyone had a wonderful time and the thunderstorm added to the sense of adventure!



Telling stories around the campfire



Fishing for our dinner



Are those chips to go with the fish?



Quick! Get this up before it rains!!!

SUMMER TERM DIARY DATES

June	Day	Time	Event
21	Thurs	4:30pm 5:05pm	Forms 3, 4 and 5 Weekend Leave Forms 6, 7 and 8 Weekend Leave
23	Sat		FoAA Ball
21	Thurs	4:30pm 5:05pm	Forms 3, 4 and 5 Weekend Leave Forms 6, 7 and 8 Weekend Leave
23	Sa		FoAA Ball
25	Mon	9:00am 4:30am 7:00pm	Return from Weekend Leave Form 7 Geography trip to West Wittering Swimming v St. Edmund's Midsummer Concert
27	Wed	9:45am 7:30pm	Form 8 Drugs Awareness Workshop Form 8 Parents Drugs Awareness Talk
28	Thurs	11:30am	Fete Francaise
29	Fri	1:00pm 6:30pm	O-Pro Mouthguard fitting Cricket 1st XI v Fathers XI
July	Day	Time	Event
2	Mon	11:15am	Leavers to Manor Adventure Middle Choir 'Sinbad the Sailor'
4	Wed	7:30pm	Junior Play—Robin Hood
5	Thurs	7:30pm	Junior Play—Robin Hood
6	Friday		Leavers return from Manor Adventure
7	Sat	10:00am 11:15am	Leavers Chapel Prize Giving End of Term

Keep informed of any scheduled changes by going to www.aldro.net or call the message line: 08707 430897

Caption Competition:

Great entries— choose your favourite.

"But Tom, your mobile's still in your back pocket" - D. Tuddenham

"Thomas MacKinnon prepares for an acrobatic triple somersault, while his partner is ready for a daring one-legged forward roll; as Aldro boys win gold in the Junior Olympic surfboard gymnastic 'floor' event." - M. Thompson

