



AldroLink

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HeadLines



The first half of term has simply rushed past at the rate of knots! Whether this is in part because of the lovely autumn weather that has meant that amongst other things the swimming pool has remained in use right up to half term, or because we seem to have packed even more into the first seven weeks than usual – or is it simply because the Headmaster is getting older? I wouldn't like to say! What is true to say is that it has been an eventful and exciting few weeks and it is great to round it off with some good results amongst the senior rugby XV's in their matches against Papplewick on Wednesday. I hope that all the Aldro families have a really relaxing week and that we are all able to return for what promises to be an equally busy and exciting second half of term with our batteries fully recharged!

John Ark

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire...



Junior boys spent one afternoon picking, roasting and eating chestnuts.

Christmas must be on its way!

Hey Hey they are the Aldro Monkees



You may have heard of the Monkees, the classic 60s made-for-TV rock band; you may have heard of the Arctic Monkeys – a rock band of more recent vintage. But have you heard of the Aldro Monkees? This young Form 5 rock band of Harry Gault, Edward Hellyar, Harry Moore, Freddie Russell-Jones and Freddie Wooding has hit the Aldro headlines by raising some money for Starfish Malawi with their debut concert. Well done to the boys for their great efforts in getting the band together and for their initiative in raising some money for one of the charities that we have been supporting this term! Perhaps we will now have to persuade them to perform in front of an audience at Aldro?

Are they Aldro Boarders or the All Blacks? Haka, "Ka Mate" training led by Robert Tui.



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Caldicott Inter Schools Chess Tournament 2007

We took three teams to this tournament and had hopes of retaining the **U10** trophy. The **U13** team are quite a young team with three of our four players in Form 7, so next year could be a good one for them. The **U10A** and **U10B** teams both had strength in depth and they proved hard to beat until the last round. The **U13** team had a similar experience only losing



one of their 4 matches and this was an unexpected loss to Colet Court B team. A 4-0 win against this team was possible and would have given us a share of 1st place but it wasn't to be.



The **U10A** and **U10B** teams made the early running with great results in rounds 1 and 2. The **U10B** team came up against Colet Court in round 3 and lost a close match, so it was up to the **U10A** team in round 4 to play the same team and a 2-2 draw was not enough to hold off the lower teams who leap-frogged us to take the trophy by half a point. Both the winning teams had lost to either our **U10A** or **U10B** team earlier in the afternoon.

The **U10** team are our best ever team not to have won this tournament and can feel unlucky not to have done so.

Well done all three teams!

U13 team Jon Hall (capt), Raunaq Cavet, Huw Thomas and Ben Ashworth 8th = out of 12 teams. **U10A** team Elliott Ghent (capt), Robert Hewett, James Whitton and Angus Hatrick 3rd = out of 13 teams (medal winners). **U10B** team William Tucker (capt), Freddie Wooding, Charlie Kidd and George Rix 6th out of 13 teams.

D.J.Archer

Rugby Shirt Day, 5 October 2007:

ALDRO SHOWS THE WAY

Our Rugby Shirt Day was special this year as the initiative taken here five years ago was relayed nationally, not only in schools but also businesses. Wooden Spoon have decided to extend Aldro's Rugby Shirt Day throughout the country. Schools and businesses followed in our steps as adults and children went to work wearing their favourite rugby shirt against payment of a contribution to Wooden Spoon's wonderful actions in favour of disabled children.



Aldro's collection on the day totalled £437.65, which brings our total contribution to Wooden Spoon over the last five years to £1,988.65. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



FoAA Winter Fayre
 Friday November 2nd
 3:30pm – 6:30pm
 Saturday November 3rd
 8:30am – 1:30pm

THE BOOK ZONE IS HERE!

A new School Book Club. Here is an opportunity to buy fiction and non-fiction from the armchair. If you would like to read other reviews of the books log on to www.amazon.co.uk and look for these titles. Alternatively, <http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk> has extracts of the first chapter of many books. You will need to register with the site and then it is possible to download the first chapter and get a real feeling for the book. Have fun choosing and return your order forms to Mrs Wahl in the library by 9th November.



ART GALLERY

al dro art from
past weeks

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William Tennent 6T
Watercolour Week 1



Edward Mair 3B
Drawing Week 2



William Dewar
Tile Design Week 3



Samuel Turner
Tile Design Week 4



Sabastian Fomin
Etching Week 5

Form 8 Geography Fieldwork trip to West Wittering

On Monday 1 October, all Form 8 boys descended upon West Wittering beach to carry out their CE Geography Fieldwork Investigations. The task was straightforward – to find evidence of longshore drift at the beach. On a blustery but generally dry day, boys measured the size and angularity of groups of stones at various sites, and also took into



account the height of the shingle either side of the groynes. The day ended with a brisk stroll around East Head spit – itself a depositional feature which is formed by longshore drift. A most enjoyable – and educational – day out at the seaside!

Tag Rugby is just the ticket for our Under 8's



The Under 8's at Aldro play tag rugby, a non-contact game designed to introduce players to the tactics, ethos and fun of rugby. It is played without scrums or line outs, and the boys learn to pass backwards, run forwards and stay on side – in theory at least. This week we played Papplewick and were narrowly beaten.

Lunch Time History Is Served



Form 8s have been spending their Friday Lunch travelling back in time at the History Table.



The Rugby World Cup Display is still in the library. The winner of the quiz was Freddie Wooding with James Bradley and Edward Loftus coming second with their joint entry. The staff winner was Monsieur Lombardot.

A Question of Reading — Answered!
Were you right?



Mr Thompson

AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES

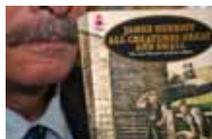
Oct	Day	Time	Event
19	Fri	4:30 pm 5:05 pm	Half term Forms 3,4,5 Half term Forms 6,7,8
22 -28			Half Term Week
29	Mon	8:30 am	Start of Winter Timetable
Nov	Day	Time	Event
1	Thurs	6:45 pm	Form 3 Parent's Meeting
2	Fri	3:30pm - 6:30pm	FoAA Winter Fayre
3	Sat	8:30am - 1:30pm	FoAA Winter Fayre
4	Sun	7:00pm	Chapel: Mark Sayer Esq
			Form 7 Trial Boarding Week
5	Mon	6:45 pm	Form 4 Parent's Meeting
9	Fri	4:30 pm 5:05 pm	Weekend Leave Forms 3,4,5 Weekend Leave Forms 6,7,8
10-11	Sat-Sun		Weekend Leave



Mrs Rose



Mr Aston



Mr Lombardot



Mr Davies



Mr Leach



Mrs Fenwick



Mr Drayton



Mr Donaghy



Mr Swan



Mr Smith



Mrs Sloper



Mr Tuddenham



Mr Rose



Mrs Wahl



Mr West



Mrs Gunner



Mrs Hunt



Mrs Leach

Half term ideas

The Imperial War Museum—Camouflage Exhibition: how different types of camouflage are used to disguise everything from soldiers to tanks, and how fashion has been influenced by camouflage. Visit www.iwm.org.uk or more information on all the exhibits.

Guildford Book Festival—Various workshops and activities throughout the week. Here is a taster:

Illustrating children's books, making a mask (age 6 - 10 years), Story time with Emma Dodd (Dinosaur hunting). Detective writing with Simon Cheshire ages 8 -12 years).

Helen Chapman Davies - Foxenden Quarry Deep Shelter (Guildford's purpose built World War Two Public Air Raid Shelter) Guildford Museum 2.30 pm Cost £3.

Other events and details from Guildford Book Festival Box Offices: 01483 444334 / 01483 444789 or visit the website: www.guildfordbookfestival.co.uk for more information.

Unmanned Identified Aircraft Crashes at Aldro



Do you remember the 16th August 1940 when a German aircraft crashed on the school field in Eastbourne? OK you may not remember it, but perhaps you have heard of it. Well, this was the catalyst which sent Aldro to the new

location of Shackleton. Unfortunately this plane is not the only one to hit the grounds of Aldro. Last week an unmanned Drone crash landed in one of the Lime Trees near the boat house. Mr Leach was first on the scene to confirm it was one of his planes. "It had been plain sailing up until that point", explains Mr Leach. The Drone was on a reconnaissance mission to test flying conditions in Aldro airspace. Due to unforeseen wind-

shear, the mighty Drone lost control and crashed. Luckily nobody was hurt. The black box has been recovered and is under investigation. The plane is still in the crash location and serves as a reminder that accidents can happen.

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