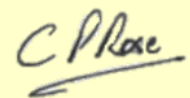


The Headmaster writes:

As anyone who has read *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* will know, "the answer to the ultimate question of life, the universe and everything is 42." To be honest, I never really understood that – or indeed the book itself – but what I can confirm is that we have had a wonderful 42 days at Aldro since starting back in early September. Late Summer sunshine has, rather belatedly, given way to Autumn winds and rain, and our grounds are looking quite luxurious at the moment as football goals are replaced by towering rugby posts, and our lake shimmers under the golden leaves of the birch and willow. And if those trees could speak to us, they would tell tales of many dozens of close-fought football matches, sailing on the lake, daily tennis coaching sessions, pétanque competitions, boys trekking off into the woods for their Outdoor Education lessons, adventure games on the Fort, plastic-bottle rockets flying off into the troposphere, and much more besides. Notable and memorable events have included a highly entertaining Sportsman's Dinner, our two Harvest Festival services, a well-attended Future Schools Fair and several Parents

meetings. Add to that Theatre trips, Boarders outings and Team Building activities, and you get a sense of plenty going on to occupy Aldro boys outside the classroom, as well as time spent in academic lessons.

As always Lynne and I are immensely grateful to Sheridan Charles for putting this AldroLink together, and of course to all the hard-working Staff who have contributed reports and pictures. Please remember to follow our Twitter feed (<https://twitter.com/AldroSchool>), our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/AldroSchool>) and Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/aldroschool>) which are gaining new followers every day! See you all back at school on Monday 29 October – have a wonderful half-term.



Chris Rose
Acting Headmaster

Harvest Festival

Aldro has been supporting Starfish Malawi for a number of years and we are directly linked with a school in Malawi, in a village called Simiwaya. This year's Harvest Festival Services were wonderful and it is fantastic that we raised £470.71 for this charity.



Aldro Sportsman's Dinner—Ryan Sidebottom

We were delighted to host our fourth Sportsman's Dinner at Aldro recently, where this time we were joined by former England cricketer Ryan Sidebottom. During a thoroughly entertaining evening, he told several tales from the various changing rooms he has been part of, as well as numerous incidents on the field of play itself. The audience learned about the secrets of Test Match victories, winning a Twenty20 World Cup, the hard graft involved in winning 5 (five!) County Championships, and the, er... alleged shortcomings of Mr Darren Gough. We also probed Ryan for his thoughts on the current International scene, featuring several promising young players he has helped and coached along the way, and he played an admirable straight bat to any questions regarding his appearance on the forthcoming *Dancing on Ice* series! The evening also saw Mrs Seabrooke and Mr Douglas win competitions, and of course, we were treated to a delicious meal by our own superb catering staff. A highly successful, engaging and enjoyable event – thanks to all the parents and staff who attended. CPR



Mr Rose with 4 of his past
1st XI cricket captains



National Poetry Day

We celebrated National Poetry Day last week, at Aldro, in a variety of ways. This year, the theme was "Change" and the boys had great fun in their English lessons, experimenting with different ways to perform poetry on this subject. They practised working in pairs and groups to share performance ideas as well as performing as a whole class. It was a teambuilding exercise as well as helping them to gain in confidence. The boys also enjoyed writing a wide range of poetry. Form 3 wrote haiku about the seasons, Form 4 wrote a range of poetry about the seasons, Form 5 wrote group poetry on the subject of fire, Form 6 wrote poetry based on Joshua Siegal's poem "Just the Two of Us" and the seasons, as well as using John Agard's poem "I got a date with Spring" as an inspiration, Form 7 wrote poetry based on Peter Rampton's poem "My Past is..." and Form 8 wrote poetry using the structure "Change is..." as well as haiku and tanga on the same subject. We were able to display many poems in the Vestibule and have had lots of really positive feedback from boys and parents, so a big thank-you from the English Department.

Summer Haiku by Joseph S F3

In summer it's hot,
Beams of bright light flash through
leaves,
Sun burns through damp wood.

My Past by Jago T F7

My past is a forest of friendly
trees
My past is a bucket of bad ideas
My past is a bowl of stinging
bees

The Both of Us by Jack M F6

I used to be a mountain
But now I'm just a hill
I used to be a counter
But now I'm just a bill
I used to be a bird
But now I'm just a feather
I used to be a hive
But now I'm just a bee
It used to be the both of us
But now it's only me.

I got a date with Spring by Dylan G F6

I got a date with Spring
Need to look me best,
Of all the trees I'll be
The smartest dressed.
Perfumed breeze sun up high.

Flowers blooming as accessories
Raindrop moisturiser for me face
Sunlight tints to make me place
What's the good of being a tree if
you can't flaunt your beauty?

Winter, I was naked. Exposed as
can be
Me whole wardrobe, just took off
me,
With the wind.

Life was a frosty slumber.
Now Spring, here I come.

Can't wait to put on
My green number one.

My Past by Oliver W F7

My past is a book full of pages
A book I've already read,
Rainbows of happiness
And buckets of tears,
A journey full of adventures
Even though I haven't finished
it yet,
It's like a path full of footprints
When I see them,
I know I've been here again.

I used to be an ocean
But now I'm just a puddle
I used to be a jockey
But now I'm just a saddle
I used to be a universe
But now I'm just a star
I used to be a sanctuary
But now I'm just a zoo.
It used to be the both of us
But now there isn't you.

I used to be a sheep
But now I'm just wool
I used to be a table
But now I'm just a stool
I used to be a colony
But now I'm just an ant
I used to be a bakery
But now I'm just a bun
It used to be the both of us
But now there's only one.

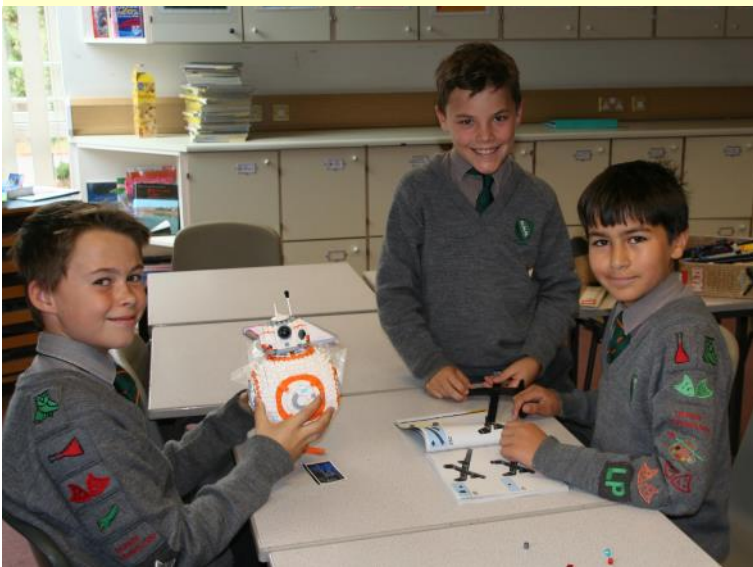
Form 7 trip to see “Private Peaceful”



On Tuesday 9th October, Form 7 set off to the New Victoria Theatre, Woking, to see a performance of “Private Peaceful”. The boys have been reading Michael Morpurgo’s novel in their English lessons this term, as a part of our commemoration of the centenary of the end of the First World War and the English Department leapt at the opportunity to take their teaching groups to see the novel adapted for theatre. The actor portraying Tommo Peaceful brought the story to life by using props, lighting, costumes, a variety of accents and of course there were sound effects too, which, in particular, helped to create the atmosphere of chaos and terror on the battlefield. He conveyed the ups and downs of Tommo’s story – of his childhood, family life, relationship with his brothers, friendships, adolescence and eventual journey to the battlefields of World War 1, in a range of tender, emotional and hard hitting ways, which had the audience transfixed. Although not advertised as a monologue, the story was brought to life very effectively, by being adapted for the stage in this way. The versatile and talented actor who played Tommo ensured that the story and themes of the play were accessible to an audience of a range of ages. Most importantly, we were all reminded of the immeasurable sacrifice of those whose lives were changed for ever by the First World War.

Aldro Lego Club

In Lego Club the boys spent 4 weeks building a Lego replica of BB-8. BB-8 is Poe Dameron’s astromech droid and features in The Force Awakens, The Last Jedi and hopefully will feature in the Episode IX too. Lego Club very kindly gave BB-8 to Mr Rose to share with everyone in his study.



Outdoor Education

Following on from their Outdoor Education lesson, the Junior boys have been fashioning fantastic foraged pictures.



Aldro Science

Aldro boys do like to rise to a Science Challenge. Here are some entries to the first Challenge of the year.



Form 6 have been learning about the positions of organs in the human body!



DT at Aldro

It's been another busy half term in DT. As well as 114 boys demonstrating their creative skills in the kitchen for the Great Aldro Bake off, the following has been going on in lessons....

Mrs Matthews has introduced a new project for **Form 3**, who are making picture frames. So far the boys have loved using the vices, coping saws and pillar drill.



Form 4 are working on their technical drawing skills, and learning how to use CAD (computer aided design) to create their own font styles for their locker name plaques.

Form 5 have completed their vacuum formed games and are now working on individual design ideas for the next generation of clocks.

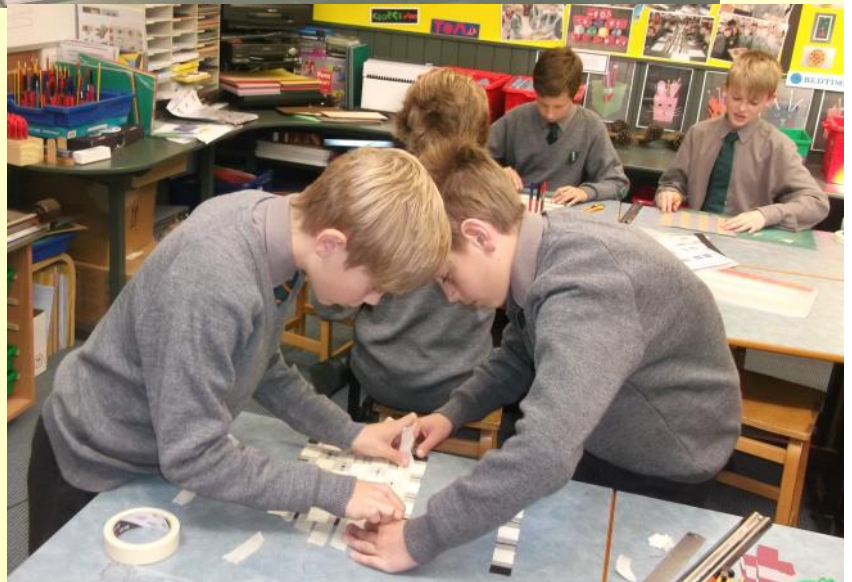
DT and Art have joined forces this term and **Form 6** are working on the 'Aldro Enterprise' where the boys are putting their teamwork skills to good practice, making a range of seasonal gift items to sell at the FOAA Winter Fair next month.

DT at Aldro cont'd

Form 7 have been carrying out independent research to find out all about different saws, and putting this into practice to determine which is the most suitable to use when cutting all the parts for their birdhuts.



Finally **Form 8** have completed prototype models of their chess boards developing the skills they will require for laminating the hard wood veneers when they return after the holiday.



Squad News - Weekly Top Scorers

Current Squad totals:

6th = New Zealand (2271)
5th = West Indies (2493)
4th = India (2639)
3rd = Australia (2724)
2nd = Canada (2937)
1st = Africa (3369)

Weekly Top Scorers:

AFRICA

Week 1 & 2

Edward I

Week 3

Edward I

Week 4

Ara K-D

Week 5

Henry C

Week 6

Jude T

AUSTRALIA

Week 1 & 2

Benji B

Week 3

Benji B

Week 4

Luke Mc

Week 5

Luke Mc

Week 6

Misha D

CANADA

Week 1 & 2

Alexandros G

Week 3

Harry v H

Week 4

Alexandros G

Week 5

James D

Week 6

Harvey O'M

INDIA

Week 1 & 2

Elliot B

Week 3

Sahib K

Week 4

Zac W

Week 5

Klim R

Week 6

Zac W

NEW ZEALAND

Week 1 & 2

Scott H

Week 3

Perch S

Week 4

Perch S

Week 5

Harry P

Week 6

Leo H

WEST INDIES

Week 1 & 2

Freddie S

Week 3

Felix P

Week 4

George S-S

Week 5

Terry Z

Week 6

Terry Z

Sports Talk

1st XI Football Season 2018-2019

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals Against	Goal Difference
11	6	2	3	21	18	3

The 1st XI football team, led by Theo put in some superb performances this season and got the results they deserved. There was some excellent attacking play, numerous skilful goals and many strong defensive performances.

The season began slowly, with the boys despite a 4-3 win in their first match against Feltonfleet taking a while to get their season started. Three defeats and a penalty shootout loss followed but the boys refused to give up and turned their season around, starting at home to Shrewsbury House. Aldro ran out 2-1 winners having dominated play and restricted Shrewsbury to minimal chances, and the confidence increased from there. Lambrook, Hawthorns and Parkside were the next three teams to be defeated by Aldro 1st XI, all within a week, with the boys enjoying their new 5-3-2 formation. The last Wednesday of the football season saw a 1-1 draw against Hoe Bridge, a highly competitive match which included a Hoe Bridge penalty miss in the final minutes.

A run in the Surrey Cup Plate allowed the Aldro boys a few extra games, reaching the semi-finals at the time of writing, with the IAPS 6-a-side tournament an overall success, winning the plate competition. The boys narrowly missed out on a place in the main competition, and securing a spot at Nations, due to a loss early in the day. But three wins from five matches ensured a good afternoon for the boys, supported by many parents on the side lines, with a couple of particularly outstanding goals scored against Solefield School.

Highlights

- Barnaby B - Commanding performances in goal
- Max V - A new boy and Form 7 with a number of outstanding performances
- Sam W - Goal vs Shrewsbury House
- Benji B and Malachy T - Goals vs Hawthorns
- Ope K and James C - Battling for top goalscorer

J Arnold



Sports Talk

The 1st XI Football Team



Aldro boy selected for surrey hockey squad

Many congratulations to Barney (pictured playing for Guildford Hockey Club) in Form 8 who after a year of hard commitment and three rounds of trials found out this week that he had been selected for the Boys U13 Surrey Hockey Academy.



Sports Talk

U10 Football—Charterhouse Tournament

The boys played brilliantly against strong opposition with the whole A-team squad performing well throughout. We just ran out of steam and made mistakes that were taken advantage of during the knockout stages.

Group stages

Aldro 4 - 2 Yateley Manor

Aldro 3 - 0 Cottesmore

Aldro 0 - 1 Eaton House

Aldro 3 - 1 New Beacon

Quarter Final

Aldro 2 - 4 Papplewick



Sports Talk

Aldro Parents' Football Tournament 2018

Saturday 13th October saw the 7th edition of the Aldro Dad's Football Tournament. We were very fortunate to have a mild if occasionally windy day for the occasion and once again the Dads were out in force fully supported by all the families! Congratulations to the team of Substandard Leige who defeated Expected Toulouse 2 – 0 in the Final after a hard fought game. I would like to thank all the Dads who took part and made it such a fun and entertaining event! We are delighted to announce that we have raised to date £880 which will go towards developing more outdoor playing facilities.





Musical Notes



Aldro Music Competition

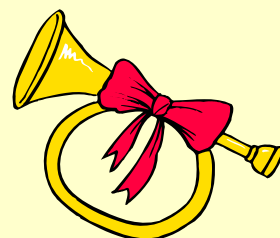
The Music Department has had a flying start to the year. With the start of term, it was a wonderful opportunity to hear the Form 8s perform for the FoAA Drinks Party and since then we have been blessed by hearing not only them but all years perform in the Music Competition heats and the Harvest Services. The Music Competition heats come to a climax after half-term with the piano heats: boys have until Monday 29th October to sign up.

Aldro music dates for your diary



**Christmas Concert & The Final of
Aldro Musician of the Year**

Thursday 6th December
Crispin Hill Centre
7.15pm



The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe - Tuesday 20th November



The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe - Wednesday 21st November



Trinity Music Exams - Thursday 29th November



Chapel - Saturday 1st December



ABRSM Music Exams - 3rd & 4th December



Candlelit Carol Service - Sunday 9th December

NB 6.30pm not 6pm as in the green calendar



Carol Service - Tuesday 11th December

Boarders' News

A very busy first half term!

Following our busy first few weeks getting all our new boarders settled in, we have had lots of fun activities here in the Boarding House. As well as making the most of the additional Leave-out weekends before Half Term, the boys had a great time Go Karting. This was eagerly anticipated, especially by our boarders who have been before, as it is one of their favourite weekend activities. It gave Miss Caire a chance to show off her superior driving skills up against the boys and male boarding staff, and there was a fair bit of jostling for pole position on the track. Happily this year Mr Rainer survived with all his ribs intact, despite being the 'marked man' on the track to beat. The catering team delivered a superb Sunday roast, and the boys spent the evening recovering watching a film in the Boarding House.

With the Form 7s away in France we took the opportunity to take the boarders for an impromptu game of bowling at The Spectrum last Monday. There was a varying degree of skills and some interesting methods of bowling were observed, but we all had a fantastic evening out together and the boarders were a total pleasure to be with throughout the evening.

Last weekend we welcomed the extremely excited Form 3 and Form 4 boys (and staff) for a 'Big Boarding Weekend' experience. For many this was their first time boarding; judging from all their happy faces when parents came to pick them up on Sunday afternoon, they had had a wonderful time. On Saturday evening after a huge run around to burn off any excess energy all the boarders enjoyed a movie night in, with our Senior boys watching a film of their choice in the Drawing Room and our younger boarders upstairs in the Boarders Common Room. On Sunday, despite all the rain, they had an amazing time outdoors getting very muddy at Laser Quest, as well as yet another fabulous Sunday roast meal. Both the boys and the staff were happily worn out after such an active weekend, and we are all looking forward to a great break at Half Term!



Junior Department

Form 3 Boys Welcomed into their Squads



Harvest Festival



Old Aldronians

Old Aldronians Day

Saturday 13th October saw a fantastic gathering of old boys and their parents at Aldro for the annual Old Aldronians' football match against the current Aldro boys as well as the shooting competition for the coveted Barry's Bullet. In fact the turnout was so impressive that the Old Aldronians fielded 2 teams in a round-Robin tournament with the current Form 8 boys. The matches took place in unusually warm October sunshine and were played in a fantastic spirit. Current boys, old boys and parents enjoyed both the football and reminiscing over a delicious match tea!

Thanks to Will Stanley-Evans (OAA Chairman) Graham Vaughan and Monsieur Lombardot for their support and involvement.



Friends of Aldro

Operation Christmas Child - A simple way to create a smile!

Mrs Grew from the Samaritan's Purse charity came to speak to us earlier this week, and encouraged us to produce our shoeboxes over half-term. Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project. The charity has been sending gift-filled shoeboxes around the world since 1990, bringing joy into the lives of over 95 million underprivileged children. Our all-time record is 146 boxes, so let's see if we can beat that total this year! The deadline for collection is the middle of November, but hopefully many will come back after the break.



Aldro Winter Fair

**Friday
23rd November 2018
11.00am - 5.00pm**



Aldro Fireworks Display



**Friday 2nd November 2018
Gates Open 5.45pm
Fireworks 7.00pm**

Deadline extended to Wed 31st Oct for buying of tickets

Northbrook Wrapping Paper



Don't forget to order
your
Northbrook paper
25% of all proceeds
will go towards the
Aldro charity

