

The Headmaster writes:

In what is a very action packed term, I want to celebrate our past few weeks and not rush towards the finish line, but I know Easter approaches fast! The boys have already inspired us with the Super Science showcase, Form assemblies, Informal concerts and dressing up as favourite book characters. So, we want to really take our hats off to the boys for working harder than ever across the school, and it is really wonderful when we see them come back to school having won events at the Lancing French poetry competition, Godalming Festival alongside a veritable number of rugby tournaments. I also can't believe quite how Mr Drayton manages to organise so many different venues for key sporting competitions, especially during Hockey season! It was also a delight to see boys out sailing on the lake last week – they take to it like ducks to water.

To most people what captures Aldro fully is seeing how energised the boys became for the national story-telling week, book week and finally national maths day. They embraced the spirit of all of those events with enormous pride, and for so many of the boys to put their school on the map at world level was astonishing – my huge thanks to Mrs Drayton, Mrs Chitson, Mrs McSweeney and Mr Thompson especially for galvanising us into action.

My highlight – the juniors who had been baking cookies – decided that I needed one of their freshly made chocolate-chip cookies one afternoon! Jenny and I look forward to seeing you at one of our end of term concerts, show performances or sporting extravaganzas before a well-earned rest for Easter.

Aldro Confirmation Service

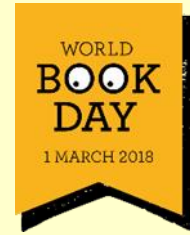
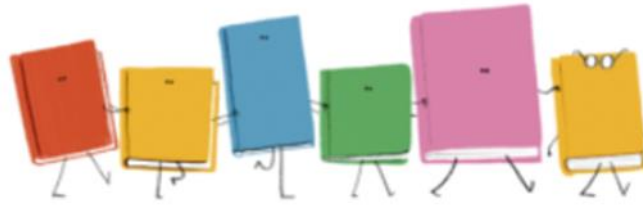
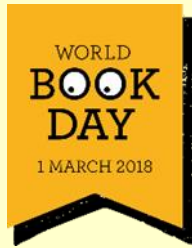


On Thursday 8th March, four boys were confirmed in a special service in the Aldro Chapel led by the Bishop Jo Wells, Bishop of Dorking. It was a wonderful occasion with family, friends and God-parents attending to support the boys. The singing from the chapel choir was outstanding.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved.



Book Week 2018



The snow didn't manage to spoil our book week. We postponed dress-up to the following week and the author will visit later in the term, surely that just makes the fun last longer?



Book Week 2018

World Book Day Lunch

Thanks to our wonderful catering team we enjoyed a delicious book themed lunch



MENU

Hobbit Soup

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Harry Potter's Roast
Beef

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Mr Buncer's Doughnuts
from Fantastic Mr Fox

...

Hogwarts Butterbeer



Reading Caves

The response to the reading cave competition was tremendous. We received more than sixty entries and the caves have completely covered every bookcase in the library. The winners will be announced soon.

Bookshelf Display

The collaborative efforts from boys and staff have produced this wonderful display which is now situated in the library. The book spines are either published books or made up titles.



Books in a Jar

These jars contained shredded pages from previously damaged books. The boys did a great job of guessing the books. The following boys identified all six books correctly.

Toby L

Charles C-A

Callahan M

William G

Yoyo L

Edward L

Henry C

Freddie W



Bookmark Competition Reminder

The closing date for the bookmark competition is Friday 16th March

Lancing Concours D'Art Oratoire, 2018

This week saw a team of Form 7 boys travel to Lancing for the annual French Declamation Competition. The boys were placed into teams and a winner was chosen from each group. The winners of each group then recited in front of everyone. We were delighted that two Aldro boys, Klim R and Benji B won their groups. All boys were a credit to the school and performed their poems very well. Most important of all they seemed to enjoy themselves and had lots of fun!



Violin Concert by Tim Callaghan



Tim Callaghan is a man who knows the art of delivering sophistication with simplicity, and of reaching high spheres in an informal format. In only forty minutes, he treated us with a lovely journey from JS Bach to Bartok via Elgar and a few illustrious others with a combination of great elegance and virtuosity while establishing a relaxed, pedagogical contact with the boys in the audience. They were simply mesmerized, and the quality of the attention in the room was impressive. Many of them came up spontaneously at the end of the concert to meet Mr Callaghan for a friendly chat, and to express warm thanks.

Tim Callaghan was expertly accompanied by two members of Aldro's musical community: piano teacher Jill Farrow, and the maestro's own son and Head of Classics Bart Callaghan on the double bass.

YGBL

DT Update

A lot has been going on in the DT department this term, and many boys are just coming to the end of their current projects. Some work is on display in the DT cabinet just off the vestibule so do take a moment to have a look when you are next passing. Over the next few weeks we will be taking photo's of the completed work, so there should be a feast for your eyes in the next issue.

Form 3 are just putting on the final features of their animal themed pen pots and are showing great progression in how to develop an idea.

Form 4 have spent a lot of time refining their graphics skills recently including the use of CAD (Computer Aided Design) to make their locker name plaques, some of which will be finished just hours before you read this.

Form 5 are on the last stages of their clock designs with the first few being completed this week.

Form 6 are working collaboratively to create some props/costumes for our musical extravaganza of Beauty and the Beast.

Form 7 have recently completed some charming beach hut themed birdhouses, do take a look at them in the display cabinet.

Form 8 are proudly displaying their chessboards in the cabinet also, and are working hard in Art to make clay chess pieces to accompany them.

In addition to this we had an incredible 50 plus boys who undertook the World Book Day reading cave challenge. These incredible creations are all on display in the library and winners will be announced at the end of term. We thank all the parents for their help and support with this activity.



DT Update cont'd

Finally we have to mention the amazing outcomes from the boys during our recent snow day. Mrs Matthews set the boys who would have had DT on Friday the task of designing and building a structure or sculpture using snow as the building material. Many of the boys took part in this challenge and have been rewarded with DT credits. Even the boarders undertook the challenge under the watchful eyes of Mr Nixon and Mr Hanson.





Cottesmore Chess Congress



The Cottesmore Congress is in its 41st year and once again it proved to be a most enjoyable but tough tournament. All of the schools taking part were from Sussex apart from Aldro. This year it was smaller than usual with a number of schools missing because of the heavy snow in the South East.

Sussex chess is very strong and there were a number of county players in the tournament. Our team of Henry H, Siwei H and Benji B, all played well. In the team competition we came 2nd out of the 7 schools. Siwei was our top scorer with a fantastic 5\6 points, Henry scored 4\6 and Benji scored 3\6. All three boys received certificates and chocolate prizes at the prize giving. Siwei also was given an Amazon voucher for being runner up this year.

The boys had some excellent games and enjoyed meeting the other players and playing snooker between rounds. Well done to the Aldro team on their best place for a number of years.

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Aldro Chess Teams Qualify For The National Semi-Finals

The U.11 and U.9 teams played well in the National heats on Sunday in Oxford. The U.11 section was very close with qualification for the semi-finals resting on the last round of matches. The U.9 section was smaller with only 6 teams of which three would qualify.

The U.11A team was captained by George S-S and his team had some tough matches early on but an excellent 4-1 win in round 5 ensured their place in the semi-finals. They came 6th out of 12 teams.

The U.11B team captained by Ben H gained valuable experience at this level with James C top scorer with 4 wins out of 5. They were so close to qualifying for the semi-finals coming 7th only half a point behind the A team. All the B team are U10 and show great promise for next year.

The U.9A team captained by Oscar S won three of their matches in the tournament. The top scorer was Oli R with 4 wins out of 5. The U9 team came 3rd.

Thank you to all the players who represented the school and thanks to the parents who helped with transport to the tournament.

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Sports Talk

Aldro U13 Sevens Tournament

The U13's finally got the chance to showcase their skills after 3 cancelled tournaments the boys were chomping at the bit to get out on the field.

The first 3 group games saw Aldro win all 3. The crunch game coming in the last group game, Thomas's Clapham who were also 2 wins from 2. An excellent all-round display saw us overcome them 26-0 Progressing through to the cup group, spirits were high having scored 108 points and only conceding 12.

Three cup final games were to follow, against Rokeby, Westbourne House and finally Yardley court. We played Rokeby first, winning 19-5 having gone 0-5 down. Next up was Westbourne House, having recognised none of their faces from the two regular season matches, we knew it would be a different challenge and one not to take lightly. Superb defence kept it to 5-0 at half time, Aldro then scoring with 1 min to go and taking a 7-5 lead, only to concede again 7-10. The boys were deflated, and disappointed. However, Rokeby came to the rescue and beat Westbourne, meaning a winning margin of 10+ points against Yardley Court would guarantee the Carling Cup stays at Aldro for the first time since 2008. Final score, 39-19.

Westbrook Hay Preparatory School	Won : 47 - 0	Aldro - Group Match
Ludgrove School	Won : 35 - 12	Aldro - Group Match
Thomas's, Clapham	Won : 26 - 0	Aldro - Group Match
Westbourne House School	Lost : 7 - 10	Aldro - Cup Match
Yardley Court School	Won : 39 - 19	Aldro - Cup Match
Rokeby School, Surrey	Won : 19 - 5	Aldro - Cup Match

Huge congratulations to the boys for their monumental effort all day, by the final whistle they didn't even have enough energy to celebrate. Thank you to the parents for their support. Most importantly thank you to all the referees for officiating the matches and allowing the tournament to go ahead. AJ

On to the next...



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Aldro U13 Sevens Tournament



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Aldro U12 Sevens Tournament

A great afternoon to start the Sevens season saw 12 schools competing in the Aldro U12 rugby sevens tournament on Wednesday 21st February. The weather was clear, the pitches were in remarkable condition and the standard of rugby was excellent for this stage of the season. Congratulations to Shrewsbury House who won the Cup competition, New Beacon who won the Plate, Westbourne House who won the Bowl and Feltonfleet who won the Vase. Very well done to the Aldro squad who were runners up in the Cup competition.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it such a successful afternoon - a great team effort. NDM



Sports Talk

Aldro U11 winners of Churcher's College and Portsmouth GS 7's Tournaments

Churcher's College Group Games

Aldro v Boundary Oak **Won 25 – 0**

Tries: Dyer 2, Wallis 1, Money 1, Hunt 1

Aldro v Prebendal **Won 25 – 5**

Tries: Money 4, Wallis 1

Aldro v Oakwood **Won 10 – 5**

Tries: Dyer 1, Bennet 1

Aldro v Ditcham Park **Won 25 – 0**

Tries: Wallis 2, Money 1, von Haniel 1, Bennet 1

Aldro v CCJS 'B' **Won 30 – 0**

Tries: Starmer-Smith 2, Drayton 1, Wallis 1, Bloxham 1, Bennet 1

Final

Aldro v Dorset House **Won 15 – 10**

Tries: Wallis 2, Bennet 1

Aldro Champions

Points for: 130 Points against: 20

Portsmouth GS Group Games

Aldro v Sherfield **Won 20 – 0**

Tries: Wallis 2, Money 2

Aldro v CCJS **Won 15 – 0**

Tries: Thompson, Dyer, Wallis

Aldro v Ryde **Won 30 – 5**

Tries: Drayton 2, Dyer 1, Bennet 1, Thompson 1

Aldro v Ditcham Park **Won 25 – 0**

Tries: Wallis 2, Money 1, von Haniel 1, Bennet 1

Phase 2

Group Winners Group

Aldro v Twyford **Won 5 – 0**

Tries: Wallis 1

Aldro v PGS **Won 25 – 5**

Tries: Bennet 2, Dyer 2, Wallis 1

Aldro v Brighton Prep **Won 10 – 5**

Tries: Money 1 Dyer 1

Aldro Champions

Points for: 105 Points against: 15



Playing Squad

Jesse T, Edward L, Ted H, Jacob D, Lucas D, Monty M, Freddie Wallis, Fin Bennet, George S-S, Juan G-C

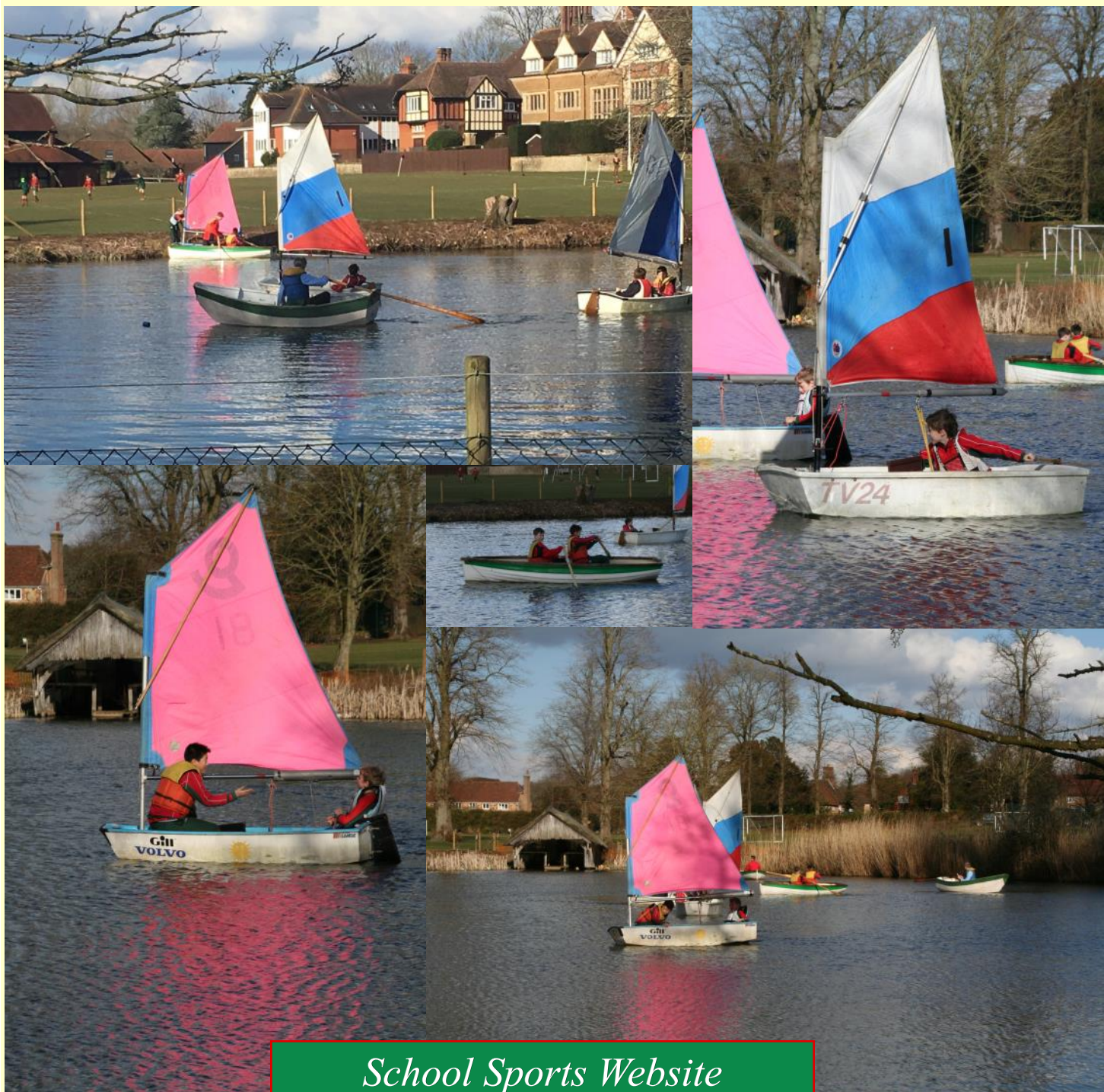
Support Squad

Harry v-H, Henry C, Barnaby H and Jonty B

Messing about on the Lake...

At last, thanks to the generosity of the **FoAA** last summer in donating a fleet of Optimists, those that prefer not to play rugby on a fine spring day can find something better to do afloat.

The lake itself and the design of these boats provide as safe a way as 'messaging about in boats' will ever be to learn to sail, as indeed did one of the boys in the picture. New to sailing and nervous, he began as crew and by the end of games was managing his boat single handed with confidence.



School Sports Website

A reminder about our dedicated sports website. This is a great tool for parents to keep up-to-date with the fixtures, find maps to sports fixtures, view results and also spy on the opposition!

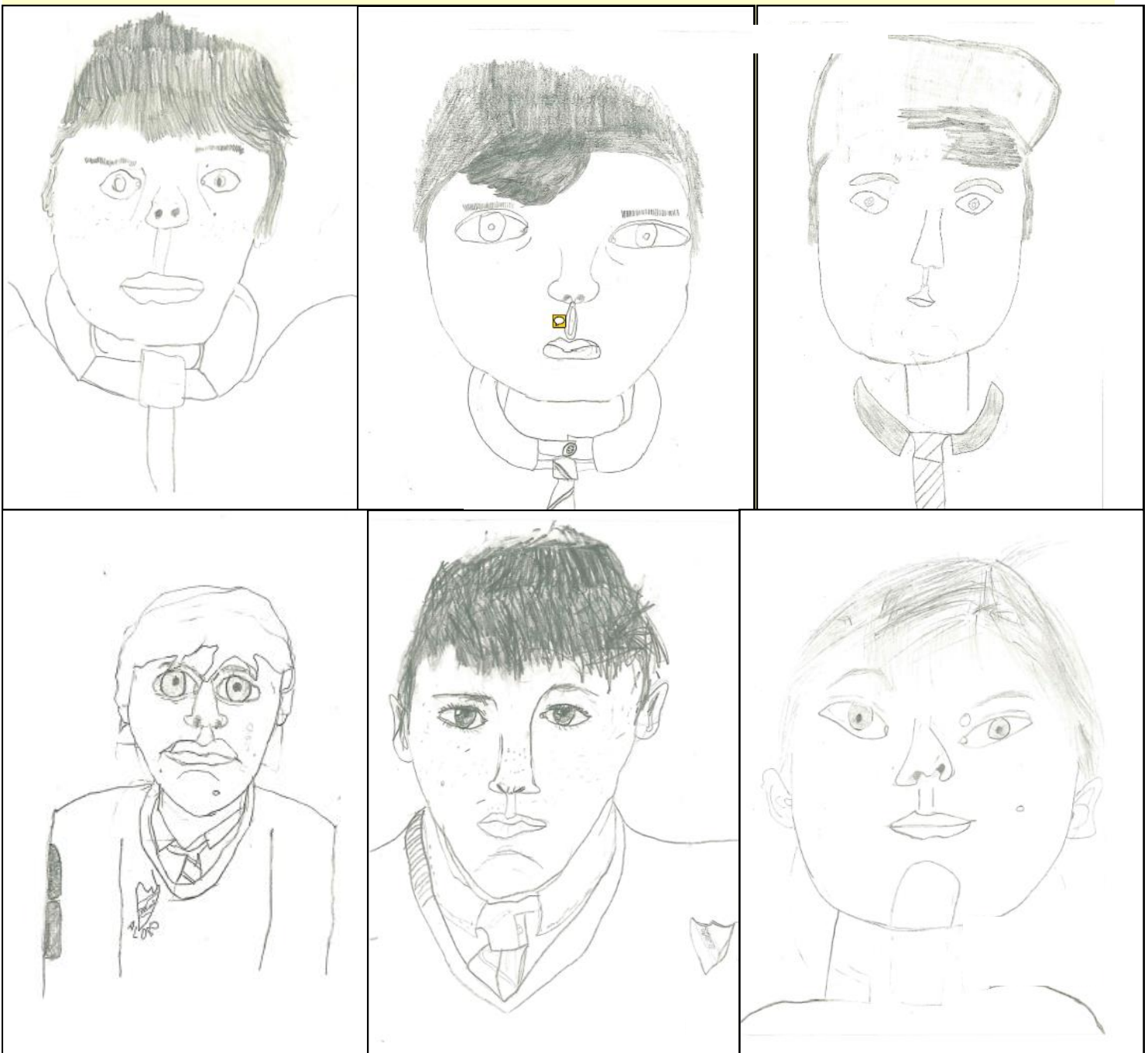
Feel free to check it out through the PARENTS ZONE on our website. Updates of results will take place at the end of each week.

Junior Department

Form 3 draw self-portraits in Art

This term Form 3 have been studying their faces in mirrors and drawing self-portraits. They started by listing 30 different body parts visible above their shoulders. (Who could have imagined that there were that many?) They noticed that their eyes are roughly in the middle of their heads, rather than near the top. They noticed that the whole iris is not visible because it is covered by eyelids. They studied the shapes of their eyes and their lips. They noticed that their faces are not round. They observed their hair very closely and were amazed to realise that there is a lot of hair covering their skulls and their brains. They know what the little dent in your upper lip, below your nose is called... Do you?

All of their careful observation has resulted in these stunning self-portraits. What a brilliant effort! I am looking forward to very exciting things from these boys in years to come. LF



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**“SPRING WALK”
THURSDAY 15TH MARCH
8.45AM**

**MEET IN THE
DINING ROOM**

**REMEMBER YOU DON'T NEED A
DOG TO COME FOR THE WALK**



CAKE SALE FRIDAY 23RD MARCH AFTER THE GRIMSTON CUP



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