

The Headmaster writes:

As we head into October, with Aldro currently bathing in some welcome early Autumn sunshine, I can reflect on an action-packed month here. On the Sports field, we have had some hard-fought, competitive matches featuring all age groups, and virtually every Aldro boy has represented the school on the football pitch. At our weekly prize-giving Assemblies it has been my pleasure to give out a huge number of LAMDA and ABRSM Music certificates, show off the Art of the Week, and reward boys for their hard work in the likes of English, Maths, Science and French. One initiative which has really grabbed the boys' imagination has been the introduction of 'Kindness' squad marks, and a weekly mention for those who have gone out of their way to show care, thoughtfulness and generosity to their fellow pupils.



The first awards of the term for kindness were given to Ara and William

Incidentally, I know how Prince Charles feels. In fact, I can sympathise with any member of the Royal Family, or indeed any politician or celebrity who gives out awards, as last week I spent 25 minutes shaking small hands and presenting over 100 medals and goodie-bags following another hugely successful Under 7 Football Festival here at Aldro. No fewer than 16 teams entered this year, and the rather windy weather failed to dampen the spirits as the visitors enjoyed a wonderful couple of hours of fun and football.



There are plenty of events to look forward to at Aldro before half-term: we are hosting a Future Schools Fair, our Sportsman's Dinner – with guest speaker Ryan Sidebottom – and the two Harvest Festival services. Our Form 7 boys are gearing up for the annual French Trip (10–17 Oct) and our Boarders have some Go-Karting and Laser Quest planned.



Book your tickets for the Sportsman's Dinner with guest speaker Ryan Sidebottom

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It's just over three weeks into the Christmas Term now, and as Lynne and I show prospective parents around Aldro there is an unmistakable sense of excitement coming from our busy, active and industrious boys. This is, of course, entirely down to their enthusiasm, the tireless hard work and energy of the Staff, and the continuous support from the parents. Aldro is a wonderful and magical place to be at the moment!

Please remember to follow our Twitter feed: (<https://twitter.com/AldroSchool>), Facebook: (<https://www.facebook.com/AldroSchool>) and Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/aldroschool>) which are proving a real hit this term.

Chris Rose
Acting Headmaster

A day to remember for Aldro boy Alfie...

We were very proud of Alfie (OA 2018) who was chosen to carry the St George's flag on behalf of England at the opening ceremony of the Gothia Cup, in July 2018. Attendance at the ceremony was 55,000 with over 80 nations taking part. Alfie was selected by the coaches of the Prep School Lions who took 12 teams over 4 year groups to the tournament.



Every week Mr Rose meets with our Head Boy and Prefects



Squad Captains & Vice-Captains announced



Africa	Oscar Golding
	Eddie Ibegbulem
Australia	Luke McGarry
	Benji Bushnell
Canada	Theo Warburton
	Barnaby Bridges
India	Adam Anselm
	Klim Rotov
New Zealand	Jack Winter
	Will Ross
West Indies	Theo Niel
	Felix Palmer,
	Freddie Seabrooke

Macmillan Coffee Morning & Aldro Bake Off

On Friday 28th of September, the Friends of Aldro Association hosted the annual Macmillan coffee morning in the Dining Room. The Forms 3 and 4 reps did a fantastic job organising the event. This year the school decided to run the Aldro Bake Off alongside the established event. The corridors were filled with the beautiful and appetising aroma of coffee, chocolate and cake... Boys, parents and staff all entered into the spirit of the competition, with many stories being told of burnt cakes and messy kitchens. The standard of the cakes produced whether small or large was quite astonishing. Without doubt the day achieved its two purposes—to have fun learning how to bake cakes and of course to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. In fact, the total amount raised so far has come to a record-breaking £1539.55—a fabulous effort for this excellent charity.

A huge thank you to all boys who entered the competition by making a cake and to our very own Paul Hollywoods, Mr David McCoy and Mr Kevin Bellis, who had the quite impossible job of choosing winners in each category which will be announced to the whole school on Monday.



Macmillan Coffee Morning & Aldro Bake Off



Valencia Football Tour 2018

At the end of the summer holidays, Mr Drayton, Mr Arnold and Mr King took 30 Aldro boys on a football tour to Valencia. We met the boys and their parents at Gatwick Airport all prepared and excited for a busy week of football and Spanish sightseeing ahead! Upon arrival in Valencia we boarded the coach to our hotel, having met up with our Tour Rep for the week, Luis. The hotel had all that we needed for our stay, including a rooftop swimming pool with a view over the Valencia CF training facilities, comfortable bedrooms, and a restaurant that provided us with fantastic buffet meals throughout the tour. Their employees were all extremely friendly towards us, both the staff and boys, with positive comments from all at the conclusion of our stay.

On the evening of our arrival we made the short walk to the club training facilities to meet the academy coaching staff who would be looking after us for the sessions and matches. They led a first training session focused on passing and movement, which the boys appeared to thoroughly enjoy. After a long day, starting at 2.30am for most, we were all in bed immediately after training.



The next morning we woke up to sunshine (of course), and headed down to the pitches shortly after breakfast. Another successful session followed, and we competed in our first matches that evening. These matches against local opposition resulted in a win for our U12s and a loss for our U13s, both up against strong club opposition.

Thursday saw Aldro complete a training session early morning as well as two further matches later in the day, resulting in one 4-4 draw and one loss against a similarly strong Spanish opposition. Nonetheless, the boys gave 100% throughout and worked tirelessly in the evening heat. We were proud of their efforts!



Valencia Tour 2018

Friday saw a more relaxed day after our final session, in which we could thank our Valencia CF Academy coaches and take a few team photos. We ended the day with a meal out in a local leisure complex, Heron City, before the boys competed against each other in the bowling alley.



Saturday, our final day of tour, got off to a great start when we walked down to the training ground and stumbled upon the Valencia First Team Training, ahead of their Sunday fixture against Levante. The boys watched intently before we went back to the hotel and prepared to check out. Following check-out, we packed our luggage on to the coach and headed for the city centre for a tour of the Mestalla Stadium, home of Valencia CF. The stadium was highly impressive, getting behind-the-scenes in to the home dressing room, players tunnel and pitchside, with many of the boys wearing their newly purchased Valencia merchandise. The final part of the day and tour, before travelling to the airport, was to eat and relax back at Heron City.

During each day, after training and prior to matches, we led the boys on tours to various parts of the city, including both the new and old city of Valencia. This was a great adventure for all and allowed the boys to experience the Spanish culture, with huge thanks to Mr King's faultless navigation skills!



The boys were fantastic and that made for a memorable tour that was enjoyed by all.

Mr Josh Arnold

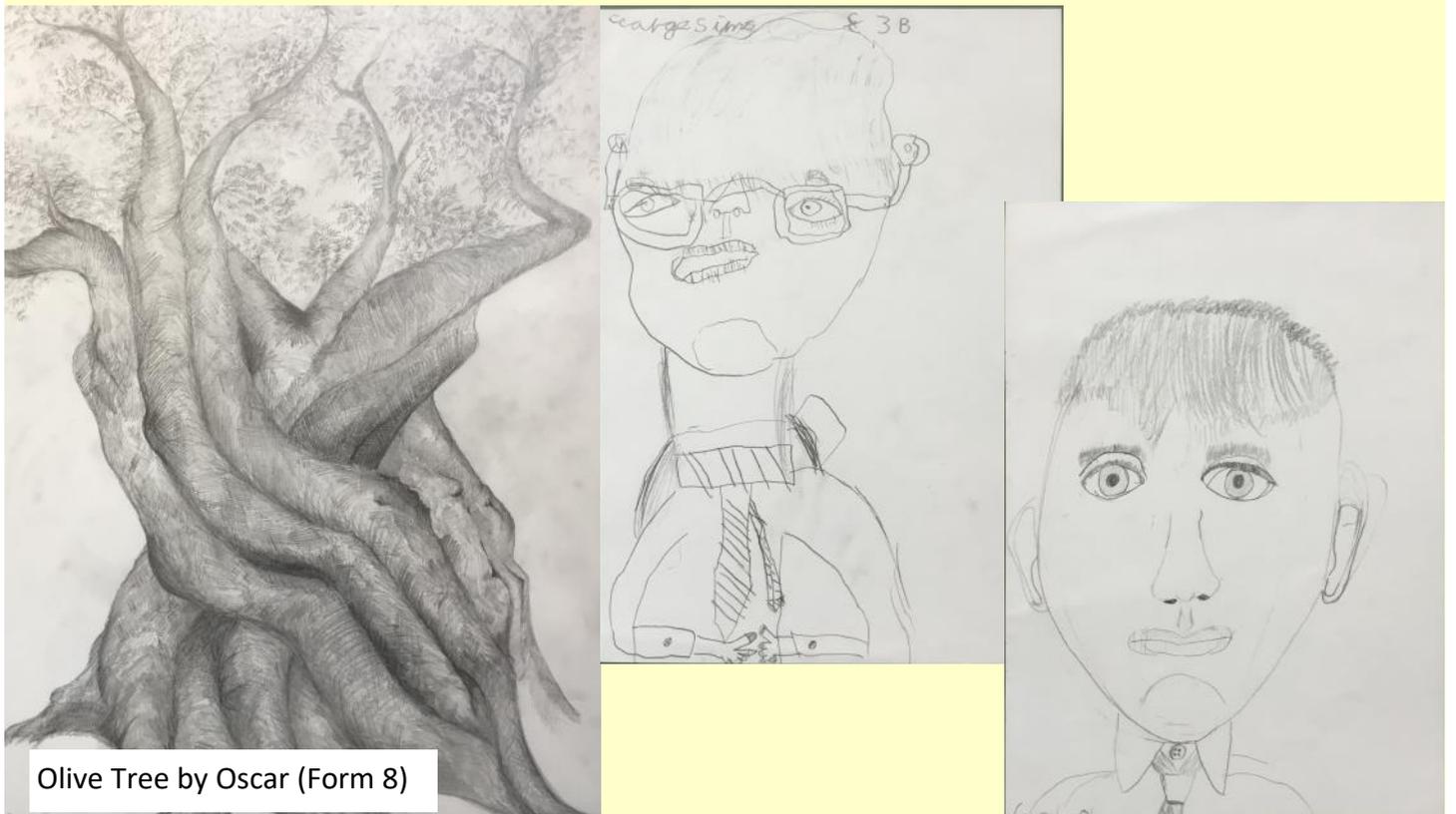
Art at Aldro

Many congratulations to Fin and Leo whose artwork was chosen to be exhibited at the recent Haslemere Society Exhibition.



Art of the Week

Every week the Art of the Week is announced at Friday Assembly and the first week of term, this was a stunning pencil drawing of a Olive Tree by Oscar in Form 8. The second week was shared by 2 of our youngest pupils George and George with their very first art project at Aldro. They have been learning about the value of observation and have created these wonderfully expressive self-portraits using mirrors to carefully observe the details of their face. They used a range of pencils on white cartridge paper.



Olive Tree by Oscar (Form 8)



Congratulations to Form 4 pupils, James and Barnaby who yesterday won the Art of the Week showing a remarkable progression of observational skills in these self portraits.



Senior Activities at Aldro

This term we have thirteen different activities on offer for the boys in Forms 6-8 including Model Railway!



The Aldro RC Club

Each week as part of our Thursday Activities, a group of boys come together on the green carpet and by the lake to race their radio-controlled cars and boats. Max and Toby had the fastest cars, whilst Ben's had the greatest amount of torque – it could go up the small steps behind the CHC! Callaghan brought along his 'pit lane box' to the session and was the master mechanic!



Aldro Under 7 Football Festival

Today Aldro hosted the U7 Football Festival. This year we had boys from St Hilary's, Glenesk, Folly Hill, Longacre, St Polycarp's, Busbridge, Holy Trinity Pewley Down and St Mary's Shackleford competing. The emphasis of the afternoon was on participation and fun and this year the Festival cup was won by Longacre.



Meet some of the new staff at Aldro

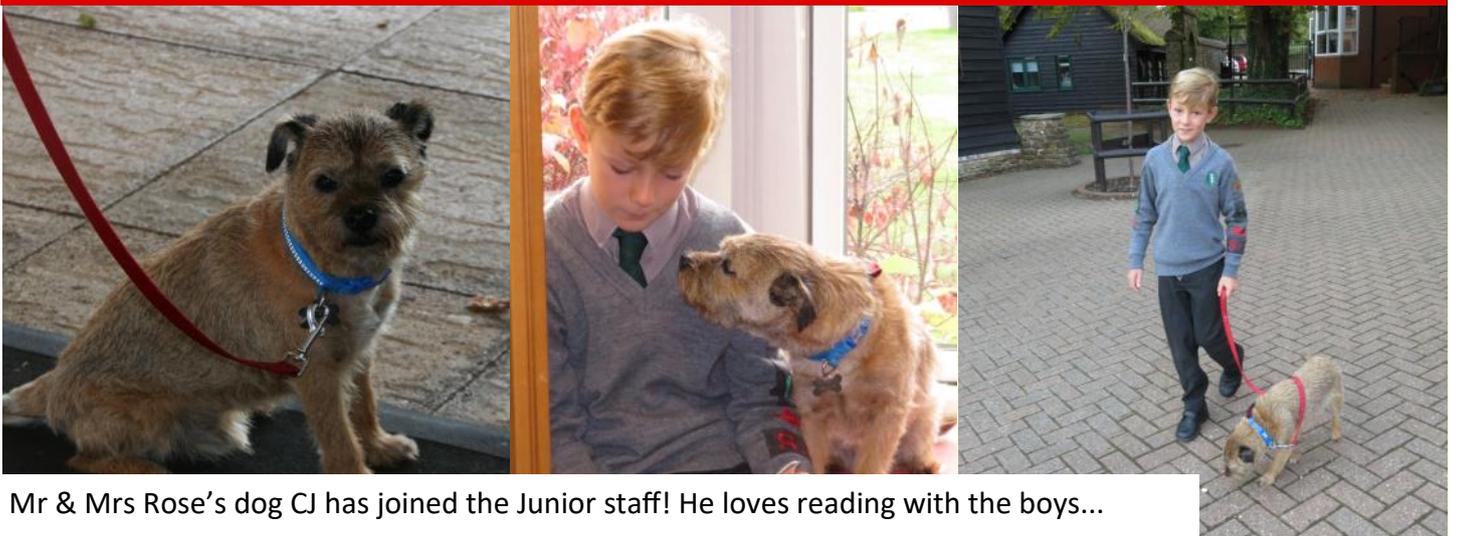
Mr Robert Ivall—Head of Classics

Staff initiation at Aldro is rescuing balls during senior lunch!



Latin can be a tricky subject, but as someone with a background in history I am aware that young people have been saying that for at least two thousand years! Although I started out as a student of ancient history at King's College London, I found the study Latin to be so interesting that I decided to make it the focus of my teaching career, returning to KCL to complete a Latin PGCE in 2016. I completed my PGCE and NQT year at Christ's Hospital, which gave me a great taste of boarding school life, and I am now hoping to bring the benefit of that experience to Aldro. I have been at the school for a few weeks now and I am still delighted with the friendliness of the staff and students, as well as with the high standards of behaviour and positive attitude towards learning. Combined with the beautiful surroundings, this has so far made working at Aldro a real privilege!

CJ the Reading Dog



Mr & Mrs Rose's dog CJ has joined the Junior staff! He loves reading with the boys...

Miss Natasha Beeby - Form 3 Teacher

Having completed my Music degree at Glasgow University, I knew my life would take a turn into the world of teaching. I completed a year as a tutor in the Lake District and went on to Cambridge University to do my PGCE. My favourite subject is English- I am known to be a grammar geek and love creative writing. I also enjoy playing hockey, going to the gym and watching rugby. Throughout life, there can be moments that fill you with warmth and smile. Every day I am very privileged to see this happen. The smallest step is a success and watching children learn, grow and enjoy life is both humbling and inspiring. Since arriving at Aldro, I am working with the Chapel Choir and I am very excited to be involved in choral music again and be singing!



Sports Talk

July 2018—Football Gothia Cup

There were 7 Aldro boys in attendance across 4 different teams and 3 school year groups. A major highlight was the Olympic-style opening ceremony in front of 55,000 people where Alfie H (Leaver 2018) carried the flag of England and led all the boys across the pitch. While not singing and dancing quite as much as the African and Latin American teams the boys were thrilled by the experience, with high spirits un dampened by a violent thunderstorm and some questionable music/dance routines from the hosts. The festival spirit continued through the week and the boys were able to watch some of the top youth sides from pro academies around the world, in addition to visiting the theme park (!).

In terms of the football, Benji's B Prep School Lions Red team won their group convincingly, seeing off teams from Sweden and PSG's Lebanon Academy with 3 wins and goals a plenty (including two from Benji himself). The downside of this success was a place in the A play-offs and a knock-out match against a team full of Premier League Academy players who came out on top. Alfie's Lions Green team in the year above were similarly successful at group stage seeing off teams from Norway, Germany and Sweden and won their first knockout match before going down to one of the rival prep schools teams.

Monty M, Theo N, and Malachy T Lions White team had a slower start in the group stages, but came into their own in the knockout phase with a run of 4 wins (against teams from Brazil, Sweden & Palestine) getting them to the B play-off quarter finals before a narrow defeat to another 'academy' side. Monty (3) and Malachy both hit the back of the net. Ope in the Lions Yellow team had 2 of their 4 games webcast live and won two hard-fought matches against Norwegian and Swedish opposition in the group to finish second behind the San Francisco Seals. A tough draw against one of Sweden's top youth sides in the next round saw them exit with heads held high.

A special mention also for Freddie P who suffered an agonising injury before the first match and was limited to only a brief appearance in the second group game. In a great show of resilience, Freddie continued to urge on his teammates from the side lines but they struggled without him and were knocked out by a Mexican team in the early knockout stages.



Sports Talk

Pre-Season Football Camp

Once again the Aldro Pre-Season Football Camp proved to be a great success with both boys and parents. The boys learnt some really useful things in each session. It was particularly helpful and beneficial for all the new boys coming to the school for the first time. It seemed to make the transition far easier. Thanks to the funds raised we have been able to buy some more new football goals.



Sports Talk

U11 Lancing College 6-a-side Tournament

U11 A Football Group Games

Aldro v Lancing Prep Hove Drew 1 – 1 (Elkington)
Aldro v Copthorne Won 5 – 0 (Elkington 3, Hurley, Barnes)
Aldro v Solefield Won 5 – 0 (Elkington , Jones 2, Hurley, Barnes)

Aldro Group Winners

Quarter-Final

Aldro v Dorset House Won 4 – 0 (Elkington 3, Barnes)

Semi-Final

Aldro v Lancing Prep Worthing Drew 1 – 1 (H Watts)
(Aldro win on penalties)

Final

Aldro v Hilden Grange Lost 0 – 1

Goals for: 16
Goals against: 3

Playing Squad

S Hume ©, T Wild, L Jones, J Hurley, T Barnes, H Watts, T Watts, C Elkington

U11 B Football Group Games

Aldro v Dorset House Won 3-0 (Greenway, Wootton & Fox)
Aldro v Belmont Won 1-0 (Wright)
Aldro v Bedes Won 1-0 (Greenway)
Aldro v Great Walstead Drew 0-0

Quarter Final

Aldro v Lancing Won 1-0 (Wright)

Semi Final

Aldro v Hilden Grange Lost 1-0

Goals for:6
Goals against:1

Playing Squad:

T Farley, A Greaves, B Taylor-Smith, O Wootton, R Greenway ©, H Wright & H Fox



Junior Department

Welcome Form 3 Boys

It has been lovely to see all the Form 3 boys adapt so quickly to their new life at Aldro. They have all settled well in to the Junior Department and are enjoying all the opportunities Aldro has to offer.



Form 3 First Matches!



Junior Department

Welcome Form 3 Boys



Junior Department

Form 4 Studying the Environment

Form 4 have settled well into the new academic year and have particularly enjoyed their science topic which is The Environment. Bug hunting was a great success as lots of spiders, a few crickets and 2 frogs were found whilst exploring the local habitats in the school grounds. David Attenborough – watch out! They will also be looking at how to look after our environment with a particular focus on ‘Looking after our Oceans’, this is a current worldwide focus. Watch this space.....



Wild School Teambuilding

This week the Junior department have been exploring hedgerows and the lakeside for edible treats—anything from blackberries, acorns, and walnuts. They have been in to the woods to learn about why we should sit in the respect position around a fire whilst toasting marshmallows... and what we can hear when we are quiet!



Junior Department



Boarders' News

Weekend Activities

It has been a very busy start of term for all our boarders, in particular those from overseas as they get used to their new home here at Aldro. All the boys have been happily settling in, making friends, and have really enjoyed everything organised for them.

On their first weekend they enjoyed a lively swimming session, followed by ten pin bowling at The Spectrum in Guildford. On their second weekend they all went to Liquid Leisure, basically an obstacle course on the water. There was much laughter, particularly at the staff who joined in with the boys jumping and running around the floats. All in all a great start to the term.



Old Aldronians

Congratulations to **Ollie Wynne-Griffith (OA –2007)** who was part of the GB Rowing Eight who took bronze in the World Championship Final.



Congratulations to **Freddie Geffen (OA-2015)** who was selected to play today at Lords for the English Schools Cricket Association U16 team v MCC Schools. They won and Freddie got 2 wickets. Well Done!



Friends of Aldro

Annual Drinks Party

On Friday 14th September the Friends of Aldro (FoAA) held their annual drinks party. This event gives existing parents a chance to meet new parents and catch up on holiday news. There was a warm welcome from our Acting Headmaster Mr Chris Rose.

Special thanks goes to the Form 8 reps, Tori Lumb, Kirsty Cassar, Lorraine Ross and Susanne Winter who organised the evening along with the FoAA Chairs Mercedes Bushnell and Pippa Seabrooke who have kindly agreed to stay on this term to help Mr & Mrs Rose settle in to their new roles and to the team of Form 8 parents who helped run the all-important bar. Thank you also to Mrs Fenwick and Mrs Matthews who decorated the hall with a wonderful array of art work and a DT exhibition which was much enjoyed.

Form 8 boys provided the music for the evening, organised and ably accompanied by Mr Rainer. Their music was much appreciated and enjoyed. No Aldro event would be complete without superb food from our catering staff. After a quick briefing about the names of the canapés, the Form 8 prefects enthusiastically handed round the food during the evening.

In addition to all those mentioned above, thanks must go to all those who worked behind the scenes at Aldro to make this event a success.



Dates for your Diary

Autumn Walk

Dog Walk
Tuesday 2nd October
8.45am

Meet at 8.45am in the Dining Room car park for our lovely walk around Shackleford (about an hour) finishing with coffee at the school.

Sportsman's Dinner

Aldro Sportsman's Dinner
Friday 5th October 2018—7.30pm
Guest Speaker, Ryan Sidebottom
Former England international cricketer
and now
Bowling consultant for Surrey CC
Tickets on sale now—closing date now
Tuesday 2nd October



Aldro Firework Display



Friday
2nd November 2018
Gates Open 5.45pm
Fireworks 7.00pm
Tickets on sale from Monday

Aldro Winter Fair

Friday
23rd November 2018
11am - 5pm

