

ALDROXTRA

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

25th January 2021

Dear Parents,

AldroXtra is a new Aldro initiative and is all about providing co-curricular activities and challenges for the boys as well as providing a calendar of online events for the Aldro Community. All the information and communications can be found on our AldroXtra Teams page as well as on our social media platforms. Each week during Distance Learning we will produce a newsletter for you which will highlight the events and challenges of that week and events and challenges for the upcoming weeks. We hope you will find this a really useful way for us to communicate all our Xtra provisions during the lockdown and furthermore you will find the sports challenges engaging and fun and the online "events" helpful and inspiring.

Guy Drayton

Director of Sport and Enrichment

School Council

Last Monday Mr Alexander met with the School Council. Many items were discussed including a search engine called Ecosia which helps to plant trees when you use it to search the web. This led to using Amazon Smile, at no cost to us. When you shop AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same prices, and it was suggested we all could use this for supporting our school charity for 2021 Challengers.

6A: Could we remind all pupils that when you participate in Jordan's gym you earn Squad Marks!

5J: Talked about introducing a Head Girl. This was discussed and the recommendation from Council was that when we have girls in year 8, we should have a Head Boy and Head Girl.

7D: Invite Parents to talk about their jobs to highlight future career options.

5D: Lengthen morning registration.

All these points will be reported back to the Headmaster and Senior Team...

Aldro "Sport Challenges"

Week 3 Sports Challenge: Circuit Training Focus

- Design your own exercise circuit, indoors or outdoors
- It should last 20-30 minutes
- Take some photos/videos and send them in

30 Day Challenge & IAPS Activities Programme

- The Plank Challenge
- IAPS Activities Programme on Teams
- Mr Gill's Tennis Ball Challenge
- Keepy Uppy Challenge—5 goes only; what is your best score. Video your efforts!

Jordan's Gym—12.45pm Daily!

Mr Jordan is LIVE on Teams Monday—Friday for 10 minutes at 12.45pm delivering an "exercise for the day" Do join him for a daily boost to your health! This is optional, fun for all the family.



There is much more to AldroXtra...

Week beginning 25th January

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| 26th | 4.45pm "I am Greta" An online talk by Miss Donaldson |
| 27th | 1.45pm Squad Assemblies online |

Nature Photography Competition Week 2 "Family"

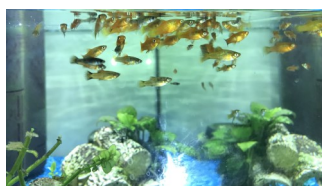
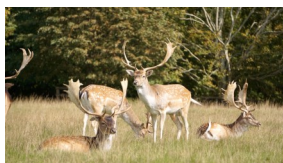
Congratulations to the winners of last weeks nature photography competition who were as follows:

Junior: Freddie W-C

Middle: George S
Aidan M-S

Senior: Kai G

And a special mention to Chris Tilbury for his photograph of Margaret, Martha and Mary!



Next week's theme is **Close Up**

Entries to Mrs Eves
by midday Wednesday

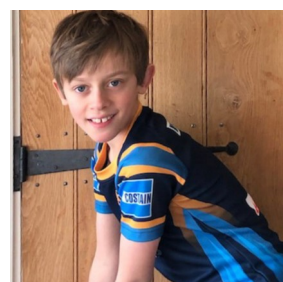
Rugby Shirt Day

In aid of
The Wooden Spoon Charity

The children's charity of rugby

Mr Rose was joined by Sarah Webb, CEO of the charity Wooden Spoon last Thursday evening when he gave a online presentation to the Aldro community about the charity which we have been supporting for over 15 years. A huge thank you to everyone for taking part in our annual rugby shirt day on the Friday. The latest total that we have raised from this day is an incredible **£983.25—THANK YOU**

A video made of the photographs that you sent in can be seen [here](#)



FEBRUARY HALF TERM COOKERY CHALLENGE



Mme Croall and Mrs Matthews are pleased to announce that they are opening up the middle school cookery enrichment challenge to the whole school this half term.

Your task is to bake and decorate a VALENTINE'S themed creation. It can be one large cake, cookies muffins, whatever you think someone you love would appreciate.

Spread a little love to the whole Aldro community by posting photo's of your Valentine's themed bakes to the AldroXtra team chat by the 14th February 2021

5 squad marks will be issued for every entry and bonus squad marks for the best bake in every year group.

On your marks, get set, BAKE!

Dates for your diary...

An Evening with Gavin Hastings & Rob Andrews

Friday 5th February - 6.30pm

On the eve of the Calcutta Cup we are delighted that Gavin Hastings and Rob Andrews have agreed to be our online guests.

**More details to follow
next week...**



The Aldro Grand National Friday 25th February

Virtual Horse Racing evening!
Let us entertain you with a night at the
races...



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