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**ROYAL
ALEXANDRA
& ALBERT
SCHOOL**



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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.”

Albert Einstein



WHOLE SCHOOL



Active Kids Vouchers

Please hand in any Active Kids 2014 Vouchers to Reception.

This year Food Technology are hoping to be able to get some more equipment for the classroom.

Thank you ☺

Free School Meals

Surrey County Council through Babcock 4S provide a simple service to process claims for free school meals by checking entitlement via a secure government website. As we are a Boarding School, records about provision of free school meals are used for statistical purposes only. An excellent school lunch is always provided for every pupil. Free school meals are part of the formula that the Department for Education use to calculate the funding available to pupils and we are therefore very keen to maximise this.

In order to qualify for free school meals, the parent/guardian must be in receipt of at least one of the qualifying benefits, set out by Surrey County Council. Please see the School's website under 'Information for Parents' for our guidance letter and application form http://www.raa-school.co.uk/information_for_parents.asp

If you are eligible for free school meals, please complete and return the application form to the School Office as soon as possible. If you are already in receipt of free school meals then you do not need to re-apply.

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ROYAL ALEXANDRA & ALBERT SCHOOL

Pimms & Pamper Evening

Ladies a date for you diary

The very popular annual Pimms & Pamper Evening this year is on Wednesday 21st May 7pm – 10pm in the beautiful surroundings of Gatton Hall.

Tickets will be available after the Easter break where there will be a pre-booking system available.

There are some spaces available for qualified beauty therapists to offer (paid) mini treatments to promote their businesses to mums and their friends at this event. If you are interested, or know someone who might be please contact Gina at: ginamillard@outlook.com

PTA Friends

British Show Jumping Association Competitions

The Royal Alexandra and Albert School is no ordinary state school. For a start, it has over 430 boarders amongst its 970 pupils. And it has an Equestrian Centre. But this is no ordinary Equestrian Centre. It is an Equestrian Centre that now holds British Show Jumping Association show jumping competitions.

The School held its first Show Jumping event on Sunday 30th March with external riders competing against pupils to achieve rankings in the four jumping classes.

On Saturday pupils prepared their horses for the competition: washing, grooming and plaiting. The School has 20 horses that had been brought in to the new 20-stable American barn-style stable block, from the fields around the 260 acre estate. Around half the horses were being used by pupils in the various classes. External competitors arrived with their horse boxes and made their way down to the indoor riding school which was being used as the warm-up ring for the event.

As their competition time drew closer, riders trotted out of the indoor school, made their way past the stable block and waited their turn in the area outside the arena.

The first event was the Clear Round. Riders and horses of all abilities tried their luck on the 60cm course and those with a clear round were awarded a rosette. This was an excellent time for novice show jumpers to try out the new course and for experienced show jumpers to get a feel for the jumps.

The serious competition started at 10.15am. The 60cm Class was the first Class and had thirteen competitors of all ages. 11 year old Lester Baylie won the Class riding Achilles. Lester has been a pupil at the Royal Alexandra and Albert School since 2010 and Achilles is one of the School's horses. Lester then went on to win the next Class: the 70cm. Lester, who has been riding since he was very young said "I went into the competition to get a clear round, not to win, but I am really proud and happy that I did win." He added "My Mum said it made her Mother's Day!"

The third Class had more experienced riders as it was higher still, at 75cm. This time Elley Crittenden, a Sixth Former at the Royal Alexandra and Albert School won the Class. She then won the 80cm round which was the last of the day. This made it a clean sweep for pupils of the school! Elley, who is studying for a BTEC in Horse Management alongside her A Levels in English and History, joined the school as a boarder in 2012.

The winners received a saddle cloth and a rosette and there were rosettes for riders who came 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th in each Class.

Stable Manager Irimi Economou said "A tremendous amount of work went in to preparing for this event. We had to build the jumps, prepare the indoor and outdoor riding schools, organise catering, signage, parking, prizes plus many other behind-the-scenes activities. It was all worthwhile as the whole day was a success not only for our own pupils, but for visiting riders. We opened this new venue so that our pupils could enjoy competing, and also so that other local riders could compete near to their home. The feedback I have received has been very positive and I am looking forward to the next show jumping event here on Sunday 8th June".



Chaplain's 400

Earlier this week I passed the ticket barrier at Redhill station. At the foot of the stairs to platform level, a mother discarded a toddler, barely walking, in order to use both hands to carry up his pushchair. This was clearly not ideal. She exhorted him firmly to get climbing hard and to do his best at once. By this time, I was right beside him. He looked up at the stranger, and immediately extended a tiny hand. We talked and laughed our way carefully up the stairs, paw in paw. At the top, he let go and scampered off yelling out, 'Bye bye! Fank you man!' A trivial encounter, but a miniature archetype of trust. The child took one look. He weighed up, chose, trusted, depended, used, thanked and moved on.

Undiluted purity like this is mostly diluted, obscured, or lost as we age into adolescence and adulthood. Those marvellous human beings who manage to keep it with them are among those we most prize and love. No dodgy adult thoughts had yet compromised that child's mind: What is this stranger up to? What does it mean to hold his hand? Will anyone see us? What might they think? Should I do this?

Clarity of motive, vision, risk and unexpected contact were the first of Jesus' qualities to startle people. His purity was exceptional. Steeped profoundly in the customs and books of his Jewish history, deeply imbued with prayer voluntarily and regularly undertaken, alarmingly open to men, women and children of all nations, his personality and impact were like nothing his contemporaries had experienced or could imagined. His disturbing determination to see beyond one of the worst cruelties ever devised still startles those able to stop and reflect.

Easter renews this experience every year. The Church preserves it for its own members and those beyond it through every age. Is it not extraordinary that through the best of this activity, millions have recaptured the qualities of Christ across centuries and continents? That they have rediscovered child-like innocence, truth, and living? The renewal of our community will be at the forefront of my mind, when I gather with thousands of others at wonderful ceremonies which precede the summer term.

From the Fourth Gospel

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But on his part, Jesus would not trust himself to them, because he knew all people. He needed no one's opinion about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone. Jn

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Junior Swimming Times



Every year the Juniors are timed to see how well they are doing in their swimming lessons. Each class swims 25 metres of each stroke against the clock.

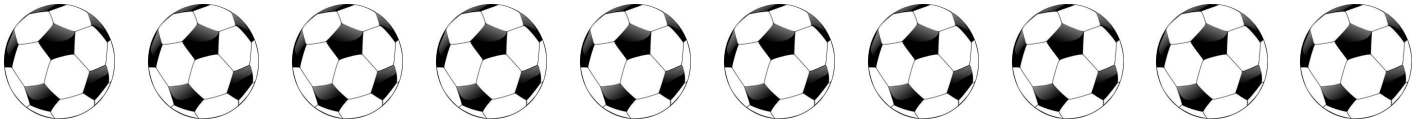
This year we have had some fantastic swimming by everyone and some pupils have even broken school records.

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been presented in assembly with a certificate.

Year 3	Aimee Wall	Front Crawl	22.87
Year 3	Ali Nayebi	Backstroke	28.41
Year 4	Finlay Willsher	Breaststroke	28.03
Year 4	Todd Francis	Butterfly	26.56

Well done everyone for taking part!

 Star of the Week  Spring Term Week 10		
3C	Aimee Wall	For putting 100% effort into everything she does.
4H	Joe McCallion	For having a really enquiring mind and showing a real in-depth interest in certain subjects.
5T	Iseabel Walters	For being a hard working member of the class who is determined to achieve and overcome obstacles to improve her learning.
5C	Amy Riddlesdell	For having a positive approach to everything she does.
6B	Poppy Frewin	For consistent effort across the curriculum.
6L	Shannon Whitfield	For being a positive role model to the rest of the class.
The Golden Book Spring Term Week 10		
Benjamin Aliu Sophie Ford	3C	For inventing some fantastic calligrams in literacy.
Jake Bendall Benjamin Lehain	3C	For great problem solving in numeracy.
Amelia Chambers	4H	For super spelling marks every week.
Emma Clamp	4H	For some great numeracy work this week.
Sebastian Oliver	5	For a more focused week in literacy.
Prakriti Gurung	5	For becoming more confident during maths lessons and for having a more positive attitude.
Barnaby Mann	5	For working hard to understand fractions of amounts in numeracy.
Keira Oyugi	5	For excellent suspenseful writing in literacy this week.
Emily-Jane Ryle	6	For intricate work creating a Greek pot in art.
Keiran Kong Magnus Runham Owen Earnshaw	6	For great group work on ordering fractions.
Joshua Last	6	For excellent writing in the role of Macbeth.
Jasmine Thompson	6	For excellent effort in numeracy this week.
Jason Munyawiri	6	For trying incredibly hard with his spellings.
Junior Football Team	5&6	For getting to the plate final in the local schools football tournament. A great effort by all 9 players who all played and behaved extremely well on the day.



Football Report

On Thursday 27th March the Junior School Football Team went to Sandcross Primary School to play in the annual local schools tournament. After a short drive from school the team warmed up whilst the other schools arrived and registered.

RAAS were in a tough group against the teams they had lost against in the league during the season. Qualifying was not going to be an easy task. In a group of 5 teams we had to come in the top 2 positions to qualify for the shield semi finals or third or fourth for the plate semi finals.

Our first match was against Sandcross. The team defended really well without much of an attacking threat. After some near misses the final score was a well fought out 0-0. We learned that 7 minutes a half didn't leave us with much time to score so we needed to start the games quickly.

The following match saw RAAS play against Meath Green, a side we had lost our first game against. We carried more of an attacking threat in this game and came very close to scoring on a number of occasions. Luck was against us though and again the final score was 0-0. Two points from two games wasn't a bad start.

After a short break we were ready for our next fixture against Earlswood. RAAS started the game very well coming close to scoring twice but a poorly defended corner was scored by Earlswood followed by another break away goal. After a half time team talk with Mr Clark the team went out more positively and scored an early goal to put the pressure on. Unfortunately the decisive goal didn't come so the final score ended in a 2-1 loss.

Our final league game, after much hail and rain, was against Reigate Priory. In an end to end game it was Reigate Priory who got the only goal which left RAAS with an agonising 1-0 defeat. In a tense few minutes we did not know if we had qualified for the plate semi final. After much waiting around we found out we qualified as we had scored 1 more goal than Meath Green in fifth position.

The semi final against St Joseph's turned out to be a game RAAS dominated from the start but again found it difficult to score. The game went to extra time and with a minute left RAAS earned a free kick just outside the area which was scored from. Celebrations and the final whistle ensued. The team got through to the plate final against Earlswood.

Unfortunately the final was a difficult game where Earlswood made the most of their chances and RAAS didn't. All the players tried their best but the game ended in a 2-0 loss. The team came off disappointed but with their heads held high.

It was an excellent performance by the whole team with every member playing their part in a successful day. Their behaviour was exemplary and even though the weather was awful nobody complained a bit!

The team: Owen Earnshaw, David Wild, Jamie-Beck-Roberts, Tommy Evans, Arjun Kakkatel, Kieran Kong, Euan Anderson, Camran Anderson and Matthew Lehain.

Junior Rugby Report

The Under 11 rugby team has made phenomenal progress this year. Anybody comparing their performance in their opening game against a very strong team at Trinity School to that when they played the Hawthorns at the end of the season, could not fail to be impressed by their rapid improvement as individual players, for many it has been their first time playing the sport, but more importantly as a team.

It was at Trinity, when we were several tries down, battered and bruised that the team really pulled (or should I say pushed) together, as all 12 players, wingers and all, joined a drive for the line in open play; not something we had practiced in training!! The following game against the Mall School saw the team bounce back strongly, like all great sides do. They dominated from the off with captain, Euan Anderson, leading from the front, scoring straight from the tap off and then tackling like a man possessed for the rest of the afternoon. Although there were still many lessons to be learnt, including how to score a try when you reach the try line - which is not to jog the ball back to the centre of the pitch, mentioning no names David Wild. The game was won in the final play of the game as Owen Earnshaw, the Mike Brown of the campaign, intercepted the ball near his own try line and ran the length of the pitch to score the winning try.

The team summarise it nicely as follows:

"We played well although sadly we did not win all of our matches. But through those three matches we have come to be a strong unit. Our variety of players who have different skills in different places gave us an all round amazing team. Overall in the season we have had our ups and downs. One stupid thing by David was against the mall school when he ran up to the try line and then ran to the centre of the pitch and put the ball down. But overall we thoroughly enjoyed it.

It has been a pleasure and one of the highlights of my first year at the school seeing the squad develop and individuals flourish and I greatly look forward to tracking their progress in the years to come.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Alex House Credit Race

Prizes were awarded to Alex House girls with the top ten credit scores in Tuesday's House Meeting. They went to:

Ellie Robinson
Lillie Mae Turner
Lashana Williams
Honor Blythe
Eleanor Winter
Jadzia Trigg
Garima Rai
Chelsea Nobre
Kathryn Hogg Thomason
Sophia Nunhuck

We are so very proud of the effort that the girls put into their work. Well done girls!

Sufia McGuire
Head of Alex

Paris Trip

Thank you so much for your support in organising the trip to Paris. While in Paris we managed to fit in more activities than even teachers thought were possible. From the Stade de France where we kissed the grass for good luck, to eating under the Tour Eiffel and finishing with the amazing Chateau de Versailles, everything they saw really helped to bring the language they have been learning to life. Everyone was exhausted by the end of each day after they had thoroughly explored the beautiful city by foot, by metro and even by boat!

It was all worth it in the end though and the final stop to buy macaroons, croissants and that all important French chocolate was a wonderful way to bring a part of Paris back home, that's if it didn't get eaten on the way back!



Year 8 Food Art Exhibition

It was great to see so many parents, students and staff at the Year 8 Food Art Exhibition on Friday 28th March. The Year 8 students worked exceptionally hard on the work that was exhibited, well done Year 8. Thank you to everyone who supported the exhibition.

Mr Radford
Art Department



KS3 Summer Activity Programme

Pupils will sign up after school on Wednesday 23rd April from 3.50pm for the KS3 Summer Activity Programme which will start on Monday 28th April.

The computer programme will remain open on Thursday 24th April and Friday 25th April to allow anyone unable to sign up on the Wednesday.

Hazel Parsons
P.E Administrator

Drama Department News

Many thanks to those who attended the 3 Drama Department shows this week (KS4&5 Workshare, Fight Night & Y7 Shadow Puppetry Show); all work was very well received and both performers and crew should be very proud of themselves!

Our next show will be publicised in the Newsletter after the Easter Break. In the meantime, please 'like' our new Facebook page: RAAS Drama.

Best wishes for a restful break
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Surrey Schools Y10 Rugby Cup
Final





Surrey Schools Netball Finals – representing the district



Year 10 Silver DofE Training

SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

BASKETBALL

FIXTURE	RESULTS	PLAYER of the MATCH
District League		
Year 10	RAAS 47 Oakwood 5 RAAS League Winners 2013-14	Robert Malthouse
Year 7	RAAS 18 Warwick 2 RAAS League Winners 2013-14	Kieran Green: Declan O'Shea
Year 9	RAAS 22 Warwick 29 RAAS League Runners Up 2013-14	

RUGBY

FIXTURE	RESULT	MAN of the MATCH
Surrey Schools Plate		
Final Year 7	RAAS 20 Richard Challoner 30 Plate Runners Up 2013-14	An excellent team performance
Surrey Schools Cup		
Final Year 10	RAAS 57 Hinchley Wood 5 County Champions 2013-14	An excellent team performance



FOOTBALL

FIXTURE	RESULT	MAN of the MATCH
District League		
Year 7	RAAS 5 Warwick 2	Campbell Scott- Hat Trick
Year 11	RAAS 2 St Bedes 1	An excellent team performance

Royal Alexandra and Albert School Lunch Menu – Week Three

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON
Diced Beef Cottage Pie	Jerk Chicken	Beef Bolognaise	Roast Turkey with Stuffing and Gravy	Battered Fish	Chicken Chasseur	
Turkey Provencal	Stir Fry Pork	Seafood Pasta Bake	Breaded Pork Chop and Tomato Basil Sauce	Beef and Onion Pie	Baked Jacket Wedges	
Roquette, Sweet Potato and Feta Cheese Quiche	Vegetarian Stir Fry	Spinach, Lentil Lasagne	Aubergine Timbale	Vegetarian Spanish Frittata	Cheese and Mushroom Omelette	
Minted New Potatoes	Egg Fried Rice	Garlic Bread	Roasted New Potatoes	Chips		
Carrots and Broccoli	Seasonal Vegetables	Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables	Cauliflower Mornay	Mushy Peas, Carrots and Peas	Leeks and Sweetcorn	
Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard	Chocolate Bread and Butter Pudding with Chocolate Custard	Rice Pudding and Red Cherry Sauce	Apple and Cinnamon Crumble with Custard	Sticky Toffee Pudding with Toffee Sauce	Chocolate Millionaire Cake	
SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER
Chicken Tikka Masala	Sausages	Freshly Baked Pizza with a Choice of Toppings	Kung Pao Chicken	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Beef Burger	Roast Lamb with Mint Sauce and Gravy
Beef Rendang	Red Onion Gravy		Sweet Sour Pork		Fried Onions	
Chickpea, Aubergine Dhal	Quorn Sausages	4 Season Vegetarian	Thai Chickpea and Vegetable Curry	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Burger	Vegetarian Pithivier
Rice	Mashed Potatoes	French Fries	Rice	Garlic Bread	Chips	Roast Potatoes
Leeks and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans	Spaghetti Hoops	Broccoli	Roasted Vegetables	Baked Beans	Parsnips and Carrots
Arctic Roll	Vanilla Cake with Cream	Fruit Salad	Jelly	Chocolate Chip Shortbread	Lemon Mousse	Lemon Cake with Cream