



DOWNSEND SCHOOL

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Welcome from the PE and Sport Department

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing half term.

Please continue to send your children's personal sporting highlights out of school. As ever we are keen to celebrate all their successes. Please email details and any images to editor@downsend.co.uk

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Howard Roberts & Marie Seivewright

Team of the Week



Congratulations to the team of Year 3 girls who played with the Year 4 girls in a match against St Teresa's on Monday. The girls have worked incredibly hard to improve their game play and this was evident from the result of the match. A narrow 1-2 defeat was the final score but a considerable improvement from the last time they played St Teresa's Year 4 team when they lost 0-11. Well done girls.

Marie Seivewright

Rugby



Thomas' Clapham Sevens Tournament Sat 25 Feb

Downsend made great progress as a Sevens team in this tournament. Their improvement began in the first game against a well drilled Cranmore side. Trailing by two tries at the end of the first half Downsend sorted out their defensive line and put their opponents under consistent pressure early in the second half to poach a try from a spilt ball on the Cranmore try line. This was followed by a super dummy switch at fly half from Adam G and Reiss C which held the defence and then a great pass to Rory D to use his speed to score in the corner. Only in the last play of the game were Cranmore able to overcome our defence, scoring in the last second of the match.

With a much more organised line and press in place Downsend went on to win three out of four of their remaining games putting six tries over Thomas's Clapham 'B' and Cumnor House, Sussex and beating a strong Thomas's Fulham side five tries to three. It was great to see the players passing more and becoming increasingly confident in switching the ball. Adding greater depth to our play, especially when sending the ball back across the pitch for a second time, will see us develop into an even more effective attacking unit.

A really positive morning of rugby! Well played to the whole squad.

A Squad: Louie P, Adam G, Toby W, Reiss C, Rory D, Sonny A, Thomas J, Jake W, Jake T and Alex W.

Rupert Howe

U10 Rugby @ Thomas' Clapham Rugby Festival

The U10 boys began their morning at the Thomas' Clapham festival with a game against Harrodian and started by maintaining possession well and tackling bravely. This in the end was not enough to win the match as Harrodian ran out winners. In our next fixture we faced Thomas' Clapham themselves. This was an excellent performance during which the boys attacked with pace from depth and won the ball consistently at the ruck. In defence the boys were excellent maintaining a disciplined line across the pitch. A number of handling errors unfortunately allowed Thomas' too much possession and they won the match. We then faced a strong Danes Hill side who played excellently throughout to win the match. I was proud of the Downsend boys' never say die attitude and improved tackling as the game went along. In our final fixture we played Fulham Prep and the boys again played with spirit and effort. Some strong running from some of the Fulham Prep players and some bad luck with decisions meant we were unfortunately defeated in a tight match.

I would like to thank the boys for their hard work, determination and resilience throughout the morning. It was a tough day but one which they will have learnt a lot from. I would also like to thank the parents for their positivity and support of the boys.

Squad: Noah B-W, James G, Harry H, Alex K, William K, Jack M, Alex T, Sam W

James Thompson

Sevens' Rugby report

On a fresh winter's day the Downsend U13A Rugby 7's team took part in the annual CLFS Sevens Tournament. An exciting opening game against Reigate saw the Downsend boys take the win by 3 tries to 2, showing pace and good defensive skills. The next series of pool matches were a real introduction for the boys to this very different format of the game. With every game, new lessons were being learned and in two of the games, the team were particularly unlucky not to get draws. At each break, the team would be given two key points upon which to focus and act.

Following the new RFU Festival guidelines – the next game against Worth was a comfortable win before the final game against an athletic Feltonfleet squad. In this, the Downsend boys played to their strengths and showed some good skills in many phases of the match but were to chase the score right through to the end. Progress was huge and the boys will have learned a great deal. There is much to do but the potential is there and the onus is now on the boys to see how good they can be in the tournaments to come over the next few weeks. Our thanks to the parents for their support throughout the afternoon.

Results:

V Reigate GS: Won 15 – 10.

V St Joseph's Ipswich Lost 25 – 20.

V Portsmouth GS: Lost 5 – 25.

V Langley Park: Lost 15 – 20.

V KCS: Lost 0 - 25.

V Worth: Won 20 – 5.

V Feltonfleet: Lost 10 – 25.

Howard Roberts and James Thompson

U12A Aldro Sevens Tournament

The Year 7 team gained some useful game time over the course of the tournament having not had much in the way of Sevens experience in the past. The side worked hard to win a close match against Thomas' Clapham, successfully getting the ball into the hands of our strike runners.

Although we scored tries in most of our remaining matches against Aldro, RGS Guildford and Feltonfleet, a further win eluded us. There were however some very encouraging passages of play in defence where the team organised a good flat line and created pressure on our opponents. In addition the passing became more fluid in attack and if we add a switch or dummy switch in our first phase of possession we will undoubtedly become more effective when moving forward.

A Squad: Fraser L, Oliver G, Oliver C, Ethan S, Oscar A, Jonathan P, Marco H, Teddy K, Diego C and Tom D.

Rupert Howe

Netball



U10A Netball Tournament - St Georges Junior School Sat 25 Feb

The U10A team braved the colder weather to play netball this Saturday in what was a slightly varied team than usual. In the first couple games we started well but as the games progressed the opposing teams consistency in the shooting circle enable them to pull ahead, winning convincingly.

A great game against Danes Hill demonstrated end to end play with the score never being more than 1 goal between the two teams. This close fought match lifted the girls spirits as we moved into a break.

The final two games of the morning were similar to the first few with the games being close in the first half but the opposition pulling ahead in the second half. Despite the results the girls never lost focus or determination throughout the tournament. It is good to see the continued progress the girls are making and we look forward to another tournament for the A and B teams this coming weekend.

Congratulations to Mia K who was nominated most improved player from Downsend for this tournament.

Marie Seivewright

IAPS Swimming



Last Friday evening the Downsends pool was a real hive of activity with seven schools attending this qualifying round of the IAPS National Swimming Competition. There were a number of fantastic performances from the Downsends swimmers amongst very strong competition.

In total there were some 150 swimmers competing in 57 races over the range of strokes, including relays, with every swimmer doing their best to go fast enough to produce a time that would allow them entry to the National finals next term. The whole evening was a superbly run event of outstanding competition and real organisation.

We are very grateful for the assistance we were given with all of the timekeeping, judging and support with the Downsends pupils from all the other Downsends staff and parents. Thank you to the many teachers who gave up their time to help throughout the evening. Well done to all the Downsends swimmers. We are now waiting to see how they get on.

Marie Seivewright/Howard Roberts

Match Results

Rugby

U11A	Milbourne Lodge	Lost
U11B	Milbourne Lodge	Won
U9A	Cumnor House	Won
U9B	Cumnor House	Won
U9C	Cumnor House	Won

U9D	Cumnor House	Won
U9E	Cumnor House	Won
U8A	Cranmore	Won
U11A	Cumnor House	Won
U11B	Cumnor House	Won
U11C	Cumnor House	Won

Netball

U13A	Notre Dame	Won
U13B	Notre Dame	Lost
U12A	Notre Dame	Lost
U12B	Notre Dame	Lost
U12A	Ewell Castle	Won
U9A	St Theresa's	Lost
U9B	St Theresa's	Lost
U8A	St Theresa's	Lost
U11A	CLFS	Won
U11B	CLFS	Won
U11C	CLFS	Drew
U11D	CLFS	Drew

Next Week @ Downsend

Date	Time	Event
Monday 06 March	2.30pm 3.00pm pm	U9D – F Rugby v Cranmore (A) U9A – C Rugby v Cranmore (A) U8-11 Cross-Country @ GHS (girls)
Tuesday 07 March	2.30pm 2.30pm	U11A-C Rugby v Shrewsbury House (H) U11A-D Netball v Danes Hill (H)
Wednesday 08 March	1.00pm 2.30pm 4.30pm	U13A VII @ Aldro Rugby Sevens U12A&B, U13A&B Netball v Danes Hill (H) U9-11 Swimming v St Catherine's (girls) (H)
Thursday 09 March	2.30pm 2.45pm	U10A-E Netball v Holy Cross (H) U10A-E Rugby v New Beacon (A)
Friday 10 March	2.15pm 3.15pm TBC	U7 Hockey & Netball Coaching v Hawthorns (H) U8A-E Rugby v CLFS (A) IAPS National Netball Finals
Saturday 11 March	9.30am 9.30am 12noon	U7A Football Tournament @ Parkside U11A VII @ Feltonfleet Rugby Sevens U13A VII @ Millfield Rugby Sevens

Other Sporting News

Skiing

Congratulations to Niji S in Year 3 who received a silver medal for the slalom race in Gastein, Austria during half term. He did really well in a 10+ age group, coming second only to an Austrian girl in a very tight race. Very well done!



Karate

Sofia H in Year 6 is now National champion in 10-14yrs 4th kyu and under and National champion 14 yrs and under open category, which means that she was against black belts when only being a green and white belt herself.

This has definitely secured her place at the European Championships and gained her a good start to qualify for the World championships.



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