



## DOWNSEND SCHOOL

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### Welcome from the PE and Sport Department

It has been a very busy week throughout the school in terms of sport! There have been a large number of tournaments taking place alongside all the usual fixtures. We are extremely proud of all the boys and girls who participate regularly, with pride and determination - you are a credit to the school.

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](mailto:editor@downsend.co.uk)

Please keep an eye on [www.schoolssports.com](http://www.schoolssports.com) for team sheets and match results follow us on Twitter @DownsendSport.

*Howard Roberts & Marie Seivewright*

### Team of the Week

The U10B team had a great game against Cumnor House last Thursday, winning by seven tries to four. The boys began tentatively against an organised team which included one of the largest players ever to set foot on an U10 pitch. This didn't faze them and they put into operation their plan, that tackling in numbers would be required. They are the team of the week because each player was superb at putting into practice the key elements of tackling, rucking and pressure with their excellent line speed. They worked together as a team, encouraging and supporting each other throughout the match.

Khalil V, Edward G, Sam W, Oliver F, Oliver B, Alex K, William K and Isaac N.

*Howard Roberts*

### Netball



## **U10A & B Tournaments @ Danes Hill**

Despite playing some of the teams last week at the St George's tournament the U10A team were not fazed by them. The girls fought hard in every game and it was evident that the girls have made excellent progress over the term. Our final game of the morning was against the hosts! Having lost by only one goal last week the girls were determined to win. Their presence on the court was to be commended and the final result was a win for the Downsends team. A great morning of netball from all the girls. Well done.

The U10B team displayed some excellent teamwork in their matches, with some lovely passing down the court, improved timing and backing up in attack and quicker reactions to changes in possession of the ball. Josie D(captain), Bijou C-S and Geraldine H made some great interceptions in defence, Aryana M and Daisy W provided a strong mid-court link, and shooters Honey C, Evie S and Alexa E-M showed that they are developing into accurate shooters with good awareness of how to create and use space in the circle. The girls had mixed success, with wins, draws and losses. The team thoroughly enjoyed all their matches and were a great credit to the school in their positive attitude and sportsmanship.

A huge thank you to the parents for your continued support.

*Marie Seivewright/Siobhan Baldoc*

## **IAPS Netball**



### **U13 IAPS Netball**

The U13 teams were split into 2 sections. Each group playing a round robin format before the knockouts. We needed to be in the top 3 in our group to progress to the knockout stage.

After a delayed start due to poor weather the girls got off to a flying start winning three of their matches and drawing one. This put us in a good place whilst we waited for the other pool matches to finish. Once all the games had finished we discovered we had finished in first place in our group, getting us through the next round whilst we waited to see who our next opponents were.

The next match proved to be our toughest one of the day. Playing against Lambrook again having already beaten them in the pool stages, they came at us hard from the first centre pass. Lambrook took the win convincingly meaning we now had to take part in the bronze medal match. Always a tough match to play knowing we had lost our place at national finals.

The girls needed to pick themselves up quickly in order to contend for medals. They attacked the game from the beginning and put up a strong fight. They played extremely well and fought hard to the final whistle. The final score was 6-4 to us securing bronze medals and third place at Regionals.

It has been a pleasure to watch these girls progress over the season, well done all.

The team included Amelia F, Caroline W, Ellie T, Bella F, Elisha B, Emily B, Louise O and Francesca B.

*Marie Seivewright*

### **U11 IAPS Netball**

The day began with an early start to travel to Queen Anne's, Reading, for the group stages of the IAPs Netball Tournament. After much practice and local matches the girls were ready for the final big tournament of the season; a tough group stage with nearly 40 teams from all over the region involved in the event. With ten teams in our pool there was a long day ahead with 9 matches to play before the knock out stages.

The first match was fast paced and saw the girls controlling play and moving the ball up the court to the goal. A 2-0 victory got us off to a good start. With a positive attitude and resilience the girls fought hard in their next few matches but unfortunately recorded two heavy defeats. With the girls working hard they pulled back a draw, a loss and a point for scoring more than half the opponents score. The girls then re-grouped and recorded two wins seeing us placed in 7<sup>th</sup> place with only 5 points separating 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>.

Although the girls were disappointed with their placement in the group, they should be proud of their performance as they played with dedication and commitment. Well done girls.

*Mrs Hawes*

### **U12 IAPS Netball**

Another early start to travel to Queen Anne's, Reading, on an extremely wet Friday morning. On arrival we were informed that the tournament was on hold for two hours to see if the rain stopped. We were generously hosted by Queen Anne's in the interim and kept warm and dry. Due to the adverse weather the tournament was altered slightly meaning that the pool games were to be played back to back.

The girls played some great netball demonstrating the progress that they have made over the season. They worked hard and were resilient throughout. All of their matches were closely fought battles but unfortunately we were not to progress from the group stage.

Again although disappointed with the result the girls played some of their best netball to date. They have shown a commitment to each other and to securing the best results possible and should be proud of both their individual and team performances. Well done girls – it was a pleasure to watch you play.

*Mrs Hawes*

## **Rugby**



## U13 Rugby 7's @ Feltonfleet

A lovely spring morning saw the U13A rugby sevens team taking part in the annual Feltonfleet 7's Festival. In the group stages a slow start gave way to a steady win over the Hawthorns. The next opponents, Rokeby, were much stronger but a comfortable 20-10 score was particularly satisfying, overturning our loss to them earlier in the season. The final game of the group saw the Downsend boys struggle to cope with the power and speed of Danes Hill.

The team then moved on to the semi-final stages where they took on Cranleigh, winners of the other group. What a game! The Downsend boys played an outstanding tactical match, taking an early lead. At 15-15, some minutes later, things were not looking so good, but some outstanding play from the team saw them seal a brilliant win with a final score of 20-15. In the final, the boys worked hard again against Danes Hill but were unable to stem the tide and finished as runners up.

A great morning of rugby sevens with all the boys showing many signs of understanding the new elements of the game and a more aggressive approach. Well done!

*Howard Roberts*

## Hockey



### U11 Surrey Hockey Tournament

**Plate Squad:** Heulwen K, Ava U, Sophia B, Issy R, Sophie B, Chloe B, Indigo T, Matilda L, Katherine V, Kristie M.

**Cup Squad:** Sofia H, Eliza K, Mya M, Eleanor L, Jess H, Amelie H, Yasi F, Issy B.

Last Friday, the U11 Cup and Plate teams travelled to Cranleigh for the last matches of the season to compete in the U11 Surrey Hockey Tournament.

The Plate team battled hard in their group matches drawing with Halstead and St Hilary's A teams, but fell behind in their game to St George's B team and narrowly missed a spot in semi finals by 1 point. The team played with great commitment and determination to produce some exciting and direct hockey, creating plenty of chances. A special mention should go to Heulwen K the goal keeper who saved countless shots with her body, stick and feet!

In the Cup tournament the competition was fierce but we progressed through the group stages to reach the semi finals having played superb passing hockey combined with excellent individual skill which was a pleasure for us all to watch. Our semi final against St Andrews was an equally contested battle but missed opportunities in the first part of the game and a quick counter attack from them, saw us lose out when the final whistle blew. Disappointment all round but the team had to quickly get their heads back into the game to play the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> match against Cranleigh. Although less pretty to watch, this game showed the grit of the girls as they dug in to grind out a 2-1 win and clinch the bronze medal.

This tournament was the culmination of a season's hard work and both squads did not disappoint. They represented Downsend School by producing the style of hockey we can all be proud of.

*Mrs Cooper-James*



## Football



### **Hawthorns U7 Football Tournament**

Chinthurst 2-2  
Royal Russel Won 2-0  
Cranmore Won 2-1  
Feltonfleet Won 2-0

1st in Group

Final - lost 2-0 to Parkside



Extremely well done to the U7A footballers on Saturday! Against some very strong opposition we played the best football of any team, passing and moving with confidence. A couple of nail biting moments in both attack and defence kept parents (and the coach) excited on the side-line; it was great to see them develop throughout the morning and implement what they have worked so hard on throughout the year so far. Unfortunately Parkside ended up as eventual winners in the final. Good luck at the Parkside Tournament this weekend!

Squad - Price. S, James. H, Hannah. A, Buckely. K, Baker. J, Wharton. Z, Guttery-Syme. F.

*Jon Albert*

## Cross Country



### **Guildford High Cross Country – 06 March 2017**

With over 80 girls competing in each age group the competition was once again strong. The Year 3's were off first and headed down the hill in Stoke Park at considerable speed. The pace slowed as they carried on into the 1.4km course. The girls ran extremely well all improving their placing from the last event in October. Great effort girls.

Next up were the Year 4's. Once again the girls were determined to try their best and ran well, a number making marked improvements from the previous event, some running for the first time. They were followed by the Year 5 team who participated well and as with the Year 4's they ran well and achieved good results.

The final race of the day was the Year 6's who were competing over 1.6km. Once again the girls represented the school with grit and determination.

A great afternoon of running and well done to all the girls who took part.

*Marie Seivewright*

## Match Results

### **Netball**

U14A Box Hill Won

U13A Box Hill Won

U13A Feltonfleet Lost  
U13B Feltonfleet Lost  
U13C Box Hill Won  
U12A Box Hill Won  
U12A Feltonfleet Won  
U12B Feltonfleet Lost  
U12C Box Hill Won  
U11A Danes Hill Lost  
U11B Danes Hill Drew  
U11C Danes Hill Lost  
U11D Danes Hill Won

### **Rugby**

U13A Cumnor House Won  
U13B Cumnor House Won  
U12A Cumnor House Won  
U12B Cumnor House Lost  
U10A Cumnor House Lost  
U10B Cumnor House Won  
U10C Cumnor House Lost  
U10D Cumnor House Lost  
U9B Cranmore Lost

**Next Week @ Downsend**

# Sporting Events



Date	Time	Event
Monday 13 March	1.00pm pm	U11 VII @ Milbourne Lodge Rugby Sevens GHS Junior Swim Gala
Tuesday 14 March	2.45pm	Yr 6 Inter House Swimming Gala
Wednesday 15 March	1.00pm 1.00pm pm	U13A VII @ St John's Northwood Rugby Sevens U12A & B VIIs @ Cranmore Tournament U13A Versatility Netball @ Hawthorns
Thursday 16 March	2.30pm 2.30pm	U10 A-D Rugby v Shrewsbury House (A) U10 A-E Netball v The Study (H)
Friday 17 March	2.15pm 4.30pm	Yr 3 Inter House Swimming Gala U9-U13 Boys Swimming v Parkside (H)
Saturday 18 March	9.30am pm	U9, U10A & U11A @ Surrey Rugby Festival ESSA Primary Relays, Guildford Spectrum

## Other Sporting News

Congratulations to Anoushka S in Year 4 whose Surrey Starlets Lilac cheerleading team came third in the Small Mini category at the Legacy Cheer and Dance Regional Championships which was held at the Olympic Park in London.





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