



**DOWNSEND**  
SCHOOL

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## Welcome from the PE and Sport Department

Welcome to this week's edition. How quickly this half of term has gone and well done to all the children for representing your school on the courts, pitches and in the pool.

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*

## Year 7 & 8 Hockey Practice - Friday 24 February

Due to the IAPS Swimming Qualifiers taking place at Downsend on Friday 24 February there will be no Year 7 & 8 Hockey Practice.

## Team of the Week



The U10C Netball Team played a fantastic game against CLFS last week. They put into practice all the advice given about playing the ball up the court to create goal scoring opportunities. This paid off with a 3-0 win.

*Jo Hawes*

## Hockey

### **Surrey U13 Cup and Plate Hockey Tournament @ Cranleigh School, Friday 3 February**

Last Friday the U13 hockey squad travelled to Cranleigh Senior school to take part in the Surrey Cup and Plate tournament. The girls were in great spirits and confidence was high as we made our way across the Surrey Hills. Our training plan had been hindered slightly due to the inclement weather during January making the pitch unplayable for the most part, however, during the week leading up to the tournament we managed a couple of great sessions including a fixture against Danes Hill and our senior boys hockey squad.

Both teams had a good pool draw but we knew we had to play well and be 'in the tournament' from the beginning if we were to progress from the pool stage. The Cup team were up first playing St George's. We took a little while to get into the game but in the second half we were playing some brilliant hockey and it looked as though we were going to take a point with a 2-2 draw. However, disappointingly St George's just nicked a last minute goal and we went down 3-2.

The Plate team were on immediately afterwards against CLFS B and got straight into the game. Despite having the majority of possession, Downsends went 1-0 down to a scrappy goal but this soon changed after

the team fought back and Amelia F made a terrific run down the right, striking the ball beautifully as she entered the D and the ball crashed against the backboard. The score remained 1-1.

The Cup team then played our local rivals Danes Hill and, in typical tournament play, we went 1-0 down and thereafter struggled to capitalise on our possession. The next two games were against Sir William Perkins and Priors Field. In the first of these matches we clawed back a 1-0 deficit to a 1-1 draw after a very unsportsmanlike act occurred before we were even on the pitch! Our final game was a masterclass in how to play great hockey and we scored 5 great team goals.

The Plate team tried in vain to come back from 1-0 down against RGS but time was against us and we couldn't find the final pass through the defence. The team played lovely attacking hockey against Nonsuch with 90% possession and a huge number of shots on goal. However the ball just kept going wide. Somehow Nonsuch got the ball into our D and a goal mouth scramble resulted in the ball be deflected off a Downsend stick for an own goal.

The final game was against Tormead who had won all their games 4-0. Downsend did exceptionally well to defend their powerful hits at goal and went down to a goal in either half. Once again we had our opportunities but it wasn't to be.

All the girls worked incredibly hard throughout the day and acquitted themselves fantastically well. The two captains, Francesca B and Freya C, were a real credit to themselves and to Downsend. They led their team with brilliant leadership and organisational skills both on and off the pitch. Special mention to Ellie T who battled through the tournament in pain and with limited mobility after injuring her coccyx the night before.

The whole U13 squad performed incredibly well and it is testament to the progress all the Year 8 girls have made this season that we were able to field two good strength teams for this tournament. Well done to all of you.

*Fiona Fitch*



## Netball



### U13A Cranleigh Netball Tournament

Last Wednesday the U13A Netball team headed to Cranleigh School for the annual tournament. The girls were feeling positive after recent success but were up against some unknown competition. We started slowly against Highfield School but managed to increase the score line in the second half finishing the game winning 9-4. Next to play us were Lingfield Notre Dame, another unknown school. This game was much more physical but play went from end to end resulting in a 5-5 draw.

Another tough game followed against Windlesham House and, despite our best efforts, the game finished with a 5-6 loss. Once again the play in this game was end to end with possession equal from both teams. We faced Cranleigh School next and we had already noticed the height of their shooters! The game started well with us keeping possession of the ball from our centre passes. We moved the ball to our shooting circle with precision but at times were not able to convert the shots. Cranleigh on the other hand never seemed to miss! A tough game but the girls played well, losing 7-11.

After a short break and team talk, local team Feltonfleet were our opponents. Having drawn with them recently at another tournament we knew the game would be close. As with most of our games the possession was equal and goals were scored nearly all the time when either team entered the circle. There was never more than one goal difference between the two teams so the result could have gone either way. Unfortunately for us it didn't go our way and the final score was a 7-8 loss. A couple more minutes of play and the result could have been in our favour.

There was some tough matches in this tournament, but valuable lessons have been learnt. We win, lose or draw as a team! Well done to all.

*Marie Seivewright*

## Match Results

### Rugby

U13A	Rokeby	Lost
	Feltonfleet	Lost
U13B	Rokeby	Lost
	Rokeby	Lost
U12A	Feltonfleet	Drew
U12B	Rokeby	Drew
U11A	Rokeby	Drew
U11B	Rokeby	Lost
U11C	Rokeby	Lost
U10A	Thomas's Clapham	Lost
U10B	Thomas's Clapham	Lost
U10C	Thomas's Clapham	Won
U10D	Thomas's Clapham	Lost
U9A	New Beacon	Won
U9B	New Beacon	Won
U9C	New Beacon	Won
U9D	New Beacon	Won
U9E	New Beacon	Lost
U8A	Thomas's Clapham	Drew
U8B	Thomas's Clapham	Drew
U8C	Thomas's Clapham	Won
U8D	Thomas's Clapham	Drew
U8E	Thomas's Clapham	Drew
U8F	Thomas's Clapham	Drew

#### **Netball**

U13B	Cranleigh Prep	Won
U13C	Danes Hill	Lost
U12A	Cranleigh Prep	Won
U12B	Cranleigh Prep	Lost
U11A	The Study	Lost
U11B	The Study	Lost
U11C	The Study	Lost
U11D	The Study	Won
U10A	CLFS	Lost
U10B	CLFS	Lost
U10C	CLFS	Won
U10D	CLFS	Won

#### **Swimming**

U9-U11 Girls & Boys	Reigate St Mary's	Won
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**Next Week @ Downsend 'Sport**

Monday 20 February	2.30pm	U9A & B Netball v Danes Hill (A)
	4.15pm	U9A – E Rugby v CLFS (A)
Tuesday 21 February	2.30pm	U11A – C Rugby v Milbourne Lodge (H)
	2.45pm	U11A – C Netball v Notre Dame & Rowan (A)
Wednesday 22 February	1.00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> VII Rugby Tournament @ CLFS
	1.00pm	U12A VII Rugby Tournament @ Aldro
	3.30pm	U12A & B Netball v Notre Dame (A)
	4.15pm	U13A & B Netball v Notre Dame (A)
Thursday 23 February	Pm	Year 5 Sports Scholarships
	3.30pm	U9A – E Rugby v Cumnor House (H)
Friday 24 February	2.15pm	U8D - F Rugby v Cranmore (H)
	2.45pm	U8A – C Rugby v Cranmore (H)
	4.45pm	IAPS Regional Swimming
Saturday 25 February	8.30am	U10A VII & U11A Vii Rugby @ Thomas’s Clapham Rugby Tournaments
	9.00am	U10A Netball Tournament @ St George’s
	9.30am	U12 Netball v Ewell Castle (H)

## Other Sporting News

### Surrey

### Swimming

A number of Downsend pupils swam in the Surrey County Championships last weekend. Well done to all who took part, below are some achievements from our pupils.

Swimming for Epsom District Joe won a Gold Medal. His previous best time was 1:36.91, in his heat he improved on this by 1 second to 1:35.91 and was ranked second for the final. In the final Joe smashed his PB by a further 5.26 seconds and swam 100m Breaststroke in 1:30.65 winning a great race by 0.15 second!

A fantastic achievement by Joe who was so unbelievably pleased with his efforts. With his new time he is now ranked 14 for this event in the UK.



Lauren B also swam a great race in the 100m Butterfly, swimming for Leatherhead Swimming Club and finishing in a fantastic 3rd place. Well done Lauren.



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