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Welcome from the PE and Sport Department

Thank you to all the boys and girls for their continued efforts during a very busy term. We are looking forward to the sun shining in the summer term as we embark on our cricket, rounders and athletics fixtures.

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

Please keep an eye on www.schoolssports.com for team sheets and match results follow us on Twitter @DownsendSport.

Howard Roberts & Marie Seivewright

Tennis

The Under 11 Boys played Rokeby at home on 24 April and put on an overall strong performance, achieving an outright win, with some very close matches. On Wednesday, 26 April, the Under 10 Boys played Rokeby Away on some challenging terrain and in variable weather! However, they won all their matches bar one with a resounding overall win for the team. Everyone played well with a particularly strong performance from Isaac N.

To round off the week, the Under 11 and U13 Boys claimed a rounding win over CLFS, with both sides enjoying this friendly match on a pleasant Friday evening.

Mrs Gregory

Cricket

Congratulations to Daniel G for scoring 114 not out in his first game of the season against Cranmore School!



1st XI Cricket

The first two matches of the season have been notable for some high scoring innings, the improvement in the team's fielding and the remarkable British weather.

Against Cranmore, Downsend set an imposing target of 190 to beat off 25 overs. Daniel G's 114 not out was a superb innings that formed the back bone of the total and he was ably supported by Josh L who made 43 not out.

Cranmore however set about their task with composure and commitment and a couple of loose deliveries every over allowed them to keep in touch with the target. The Downsend side were not helped by the slippery conditions after rain fell during the tea interval and valuable runs slipped past many of our fielders. With seven balls remaining the opposition needed seven runs to win but the game was halted by an unseasonable hail shower of considerable ferocity. With the square completely white, play recommenced and despite the team's best efforts Cranmore secured a victory with three balls to spare. Overall as the first match of the season, there was much to be positive about with regard to Downsend's performance.

On the following day the 1st XI took on a very capable Aldro side in the first round of the Surrey Prep Schools Cup. Batting first, another excellent partnership saw the team progress to 165 for 2 from 20 overs. Great innings from Matt K and Daniel G of 69 runs each were the key to this performance, with both batsmen running hard between the wickets, hitting the bad ball effectively and defending numerous good balls.

In defending this total the bowlers did find their line and length better than the day before but good batting from Aldro and some loose deliveries from Downsend did always keep them on target to reach 166 if they really attacked in the last five overs.

With five overs to go Aldro needed 50 runs to win. The 16th and 17th overs then went for 23 runs, the batsmen putting the Downsend side under intense pressure with some powerful hitting and aggressive running between the wickets. With increasingly wet conditions making it hard for both the bowlers and the fielders Aldro were looking worryingly on target to win. Three tremendous final overs from Matt K, Jake B and Anthonie K, which went for 5 runs each, snuffed out any hope of a glorious finish for the Aldro side however.

This was a tremendous first win. Every member of the team should be really pleased with the role they played, especially with their fielding, which was amongst the best fielding displays I have seen from a Downsend side given the cold and slippery conditions. The bravery, concentration and commitment was clearly displayed with numerous sliding stops, the willingness of the players to get their body behind the ball and two superb catches in the deep from Anthonie K and Jake B. Well played everyone! Keep it up!

1st Team: Daniel G, Josh L, Matt K, James M, Leyton T, Jake B, Anthonie K, Jacob S, Teddy K, Marco H and Oliver C.

Inter-house Rounders

Year 3 and 4 Inter-house Rounders

Well done to all the Y3 and Y4 girls who took part in the first summer house event last Friday afternoon. The weather tried to spoil it for us with heavy showers over lunch making the grass pitches too slippery but a quick change of venue to the astro allowed us to continue and the sun came out too!

The girls displayed some really good striking and fielding skills, applying techniques learnt in lessons. There were bonus points for catches and extra points awarded depending on which post the girls reached on their 'hit'. This allowed for exciting, high scoring matches and close final results.

1st = Wisley – 11 points (104 rounders)

1st = Headley – 11 points (77 rounders)

3rd = Ranmore - 7 points (109 rounders)

3rd = Norbury – 7 points (102 rounders)

Thank you to all the parents who supported the afternoon and well done to all the girls. We are all looking forward to the rounders fixtures this term and hopefully some good results.

Fiona Fitch

Match Results

Cricket

U13A v Cranmore Lost

U13B v Cranmore Abd

U13C v Cranmore Won

U8A v Cumnor House Won

U8B v Cumnor House Won

U8C v Cumnor House Won

U8D v Cumnor House Lost

U13A v Aldro Won

U10A v Danes Hill Lost

U10B v Danes Hill Lost

U10C v Danes Hill Lost

U10D v Danes Hill Lost

U11A v Danes Hill Lost

U11B v Danes Hill Won

U11C v Danes Hill Won

Rounders

U13A v Danes Hill Won

U13B v Danes Hill Lost

U12A v Danes Hill Won

U12B v Danes Hill Won

U11A v Danes Hill Lost

U11B v Danes Hill Lost

U11C v Danes Hill Drew

Tennis

U13A v Danes Hill Drew

U10A v Danes Hill Drew

Other Sporting News

Rugby

Congratulations to Mr Thompson and his Rugby team - Old Freemans RFC who won the Surrey Rugby Shield on Monday at Esher Rugby Club. Well done Mr Thompson!



Well done to the James brothers who had a successful Sunday morning at Sutton and Epsom Rugby club's end of 2016/2017 season awards day and both collected trophies. H James (2YDV) won U7 runner up attacker of the year award and Thomas James (6ST) won Player of Year award in U11 category.



Football

Well done to Jake W and Rory D who enjoyed tremendous success at the weekend. The boys play for Bookham Colts Eagles, and they won the President's Cup - the top trophy available at U11 in the Epsom & Ewell Youth League. This caps a phenomenal season where the boys were rarely beaten, despite some very tough competition in league and cup. Bookham Colts, captained by Jake, beat Reigate 4-0 in the final, held in Caterham. The team played with power, pace and tenacity and dominated the game. A great day out in the sunshine was enjoyed by the large crowd of supporters from both teams.



Well done to Teddy G in 5SB whose team Horsley just won the Horsley FC Annual Tournament consisting of 15 local U10 teams from Surrey. After a very long afternoon Horsley beat local rivals, Ashted Colts, 1-0, in a close fought final.



Well done to Ned S and Teddy C (both 3EF) who both signed for the AFC Wimbledon Academy this weekend as part of the U9 squad for next season.



Swimming

Well done to Isobel, Bronwen and Megan R who took part in the national Swimathon to raise money for charity. All three girls had entered for the Individual 5km Swim Challenge and they all completed their 200 lengths in incredibly fast times. Megan (8yrs) came 4th in the U.K. with her time for 5km in the 9 years and under age category. The girls were delighted to raise over £350 between them in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care.



Athletics

Well done to again to Rory D who, following on from his football successes, had his first Ebbisham League athletics completion with his club the Epsom and Ewell Harriers. In the U13 category (and being only 11), he secured a commendable second place in the 200m. Then on Monday he came third in the entire field in the 5K Fetcham fun run in 20 min 45s, beaten only by two adult males! His brother also came second in the U7's 3K race.



Tennis

Well done Natasha C who got to play with John Peers, a World No 1 Tennis Player (doubles). Natasha played a rally with him and really put him through his paces!



Horse Riding

Well done to Mya M who competed at Addington Manor Equestrian Centre last weekend. She competed on her pony Cadlanvalley Picasso (Monty) in the working hunter classes and jumped two lovely clear rounds and was placed 1st in both the 80cm and 2ft 6 classes. This was incredible as Mya was the youngest rider, and Monty the smallest pony in classes of around 25 entries of mainly adults. Mya then tried a new pony called Gigman All that Jazz (Albie) a few weeks ago that she was due to take home from the competition. Mya entered for a class on him for experience and even though she had only ridden him once before she won her class and has qualified for the Royal International Horse Show at Hickstead in July.



Next Week @ Downsend

Date	Time	Event
Monday 08 May	2.30pm 2.45pm 4.15pm 4.30pm	Rounders v The Study U9A&B (H) Cricket v The New Beacon U9A-D (A) Tennis v CLFS U10/U11 Girls (A) Tennis v Parkside U10 Boys (H)
Tuesday 09 May	2.30pm 2.30pm 2.30pm	U11A Rounders Tournament @ Danes Hill Rounders v The Study U11B&C (H) Cricket v Rokeby U11A&B (H); U11C (A)
Wednesday 10 May	2.30pm 4.00pm 4.30pm	Cricket v Cumnor 1 st & 3 rd XI (H), 2 nd , 4 th & 5 th XI (A) Rounders v CLFS U12A&B, U13A&B (H) Tennis v Cranmore U11 Boys
Thursday 11 May	2.30pm 4.00pm	Rounders v The Study U10A-D (H) Cricket v CLFS U10A-C (A)
Friday 12 May	2.00pm 2.30pm TBC 4.30pm 4.45pm	Yr 3 Inter House Cricket Rounders v The Study U8 (H) U11A Cricket Tournament @ Cumnor House Tennis v Parkside U13 Boys (H) Tennis v Nonsuch U12/U13 Girls (A)
Saturday 13 May	9.00am	Cricket v Rokeby 1 st & 3 rd XI (A); 2 nd & 4 th XI (H)

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