



DOWNSEND SCHOOL

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Welcome from the PE and Sport Department

We have been very lucky to be blessed with the beautiful sunshine this week, please remind your children to ensure they have a school hat and water bottle in school for all sporting activities.

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

Team of the Week



Huge congratulations to the U7 A team for winning their rounders fixture against an U8 C team from St Teresa's last Friday afternoon. They all played superbly well in the heat, fantastically coached by Miss Ceci and came away with a brilliant and well deserved 12 to 9 win. The girls have all worked really hard in their games lessons and Monday night ball skills club this term, making huge progress with all their striking and fielding skills.

Well done all of you!

Fiona Fitch

Swimming



English Schools Swimming Association – Primary Team Championships National Finals

For the first time in nearly a decade we were successful at the South East Regional championships for 3 teams to qualify for the National Finals of the English Schools Swimming Association – Primary relays. Both girls teams qualified in a very close 3rd place in the SE region event and the boys in close 2nd place, so we knew that we would be up against some tough competition.

For all the competitors to compete at such a fantastic pool as the International pool – Ponds Forge, Sheffield is an achievement in itself.

After the ceremonies and National Anthem we didn't have to wait long for our first event – the boy's medley relay followed by the girl's freestyle relay. Whilst waiting to swim we cheered on other local schools and made sure we kept ourselves cool as the heat in the pool area can be very draining.

The competition brings together the top 24 schools in the country. The heats take place to whittle down the number of teams progressing to the 'A' and 'B' finals. The aim is to qualify well for one of the finals. With some great swimming and safe takeovers the boys swam a fantastic new personal best as a

team but we still had to wait for the other heats to finish before we could find out which final we were in. Waiting patiently and watching the times of every school we believed we had finished in an agonising 9th place. This was confirmed and so we progressed to the 'B' final. The boys were slightly disappointed not to make the 'A' final but were determined to win the 'B' final. Safe changeovers ensued and despite being behind as we moved into the final leg, we finished victorious winning the 'B' final. Not only did we win that final we also beat a time from the 'A' final and there was also a disqualification, we therefore finished with the 7th best time in the country.

The girls too swam a confident heat in the freestyle relay, progressing to the 'B' final. Confident swims from all in the final resulted in a 6th place finish in that final.

After a long break the penultimate event of the schedule was the girls medley relay. Once again the girls competed strongly against some very tough competition. They qualified for the 'B' final gaining a chance to swim again. The final came round quite quickly so they went into the race with nothing to lose! Another great swim after a long day and the girls finished in 4th place.

A great day of swimming and once I again I was extremely proud to take such a wonderful group of children to such a prestigious event. I hope you are all proud of what you have achieved – the competition seems to be getting tougher and tougher each year.

A huge thank you to all the parents who travelled up with the boys and girls, you have been a great support to me and the children throughout every stage of this competition.

Team members included:- Amelie H, Isobel R, Katherine V, Lachie T, Ben W, Lauren B, Elizabeth H, Joe M and Noah B-W

Marie Seivewright



Cricket



Downsend U9 Cricket Festival 2017

On a beautiful June day Downsend hosted the inaugural Downsend U9 Cricket Festival. Welcoming six local prep schools as well as entering two teams ourselves, the standard of cricket throughout the competition was high. The matches were all six-a-side and played with a hard cricket ball.

As the sun shone, both Downsend teams worked hard to qualify from their group. The Downsend A side claimed two clear cut victories against Cranmore and Parkside. In the final group game the boys batted first and faltered towards the end of the innings allowing Danes Hill to feel they had a chance. Unfortunately, despite some good bowling, Danes Hill chased the total down with three balls to spare. The B team got progressively better in their group. They began with a tough defeat to Cumnor House before showing a great improvement against Shrewsbury House, scoring 39 runs. Against Northcote Lodge they didn't quite reach the total but scored at a healthy rate.

Downsend A finished in second in their group and progressed to the cup semi-final where they faced Cumnor House. An early wicket meant that Downsend didn't make their usual fast start. The batsmen that followed saw the team through some difficult bowling before scoring some handy runs at the back end of the innings. In reply, Cumnor House started very quickly and in spite of some tight bowling and a flurry of late wickets, Cumnor won the match and moved on the final.

The B team faced Cranmore in the plate semi-final. They bowled first and did so brilliantly. In restricting Cranmore to only 30 runs they had given themselves a great opportunity to win the match. Some assured batting meant that the winning target was reached comfortably. Downsend B then faced Northcote Lodge in the plate final. Again they bowled first and this time took some early wickets. Northcote batted well and played some strong shots but the Downsend B bowlers could be pleased that they had made a better effort in the final than in the group stage. The batting that followed was great and the Downsend openers played some superb shots on both sides of the wicket. In the final over, the Downsend boys made a real charge for the win but came up 5 runs short.

Although there was no silverware brought in, this was a great experience for our boys, allowing them to play hardball cricket in which 'if you're out – you're out'. They had to face the pressure of knockout competition whilst playing against some of the strongest schools in the county. Well done to all our boys and thanks also to their parents who supported the boys magnificently.

James Thompson

Athletics

Congratulations to the following pupils who have qualified for the National Prep Schools Athletics Championships in Birmingham on Tuesday 04 July.

Elisha B - Year 8

Ellie T - Year 8

Amelia F - Year 8

Bella F - Year 8

Hannah G - Year 7

Lauren D - Year 7

Sophie E - Year 7

Lucy P - Year 7

Liam H - Year 6

Marie Seivewright

Inter-house Cricket

Year 7 and 8 Inter House Cricket

The weather was very hot during house cricket. The 'B' competition was a closely contested pairs event, where Norbury beat Headley into 1st place by a single run. Wisley then took 3rd spot with Ranmore in 4th.

The 'A' competition began with two semi-finals. Wisley's 56 beat Ranmore's 52 and Headley's 68 beat Norbury's 60.

Norbury went on to set Ranmore 88 to chase down with Jake B taking centre stage with more powerful hitting. Despite their best efforts Ranmore proved unable to overhaul this total and Norbury secured 3rd place.

In the final, with the two innings complete, the two sides could only be separated by a single run. Headley took the win in the last over, largely due to a super catch and a very alert run out both from Joe R, though solid batting was the foundation for their win with very few boys giving their wickets away.

Well played to all the boys.

Rupert Howe

Pick up from practices

Just a quick reminder that all boys and girls must be picked up from the location of the practice by an appropriate adult. Children will not be able to leave to meet parents at any other location.

Match Results

Cricket

Boys U8A	Rokeby	Won
Boys U8B	Rokeby	Won
Boys U13A	KCS	Lost

Rounders

Girls U14A	Box Hill	Won
Girls U13A	Box Hill	Won
Girls U12B	Box Hill	Won
Girls U8A	St Teresa's	Lost
Girls U8B	St Teresa's	Drew
Girls U7A	St Teresa's	Won

Tennis

U13A	CLFS	Lost
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Other Sporting News

Congratulations to Isobel R in Year 6 who after swimming in Sheffield, competed on Sunday in the Surrey Youth Games representing Mole Valley. Well done to Isobel and the Mole Valley team who won Bronze!



Jack M and William K, along with fellow team mates from Maori Oxshott Cricket Club, were selected to be the anthem and flag bearer children for the ICC Champions Trophy Final (India v Pakistan) on Sunday. The boys lead the players onto the pitch for the singing of the national anthems, watched by millions on TV, and then provided a demonstration of their cricketing skills at half-time upon the hallowed turf. It was a fantastic day, albeit very hot!

Well done boys!



Next Week @ Downsend

Sporting Events



Date	Time	Event
Monday 26 June	2.00pm	Yr 4 Inter House Cricket
Tuesday 27 June	2.00pm 2.30pm	Boys Athletics @ Milbourne Lodge U9, U11 & U13 Girls Athletics v CLFS U8 & U9 (A)
Wednesday 28 June	2.00pm	Upper School Sports Day
Thursday 29 June	4.00pm 4.00pm	Rounders v CLFS U10A-D (A) Cricket v Cranmore U10A-C (A)
Friday 30 June	11.00am 1.45pm 4.15pm	Yrs 4 & 5 Sports Day Yrs 2 & 3 Sports Day Cricket v CLFS U11A & B (A)



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GO TRI at Manor House School, Bookham

Sunday 2nd July Sign up at: www.firststrideevents.com

First Stride Events novice triathlons at Manor House School offer a heated open air pool, a traffic-free tarmac cycle course and a scenic trail run through the grounds.

50% discount for entrants who bring a volunteer marshal, contact us for more info and discount code: info@firststrideevents.com



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