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Welcome from the PE and Sport Department

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

Athletics



National Prep Schools Athletics Finals

It was with delight that we once again had a good number of girls and boys qualify for the National Finals having either won their event at regional's or having reached national standard at the same event. 8 girls and 1 boy in total covering 9 different events. A great result for the school, equally showing the progression of the pupils as they head towards Years 7 & 8.

We were very lucky that the sun had decided to finally make an appearance and the stadium looked glorious in the sunshine. Liam H and Ellie T made their way to their first field events. Liam H threw well to finish in the top 8, enabling him to have another throw. An overall finish of 8th place out of 16 for Liam is a fantastic achievement. Ellie was slightly worried about an injury to her leg but was determined to push through and threw successfully to finish in a respectable 10th place. She had to then move quickly to the triple jump and although she missed her practice jump she pushed through the pain to jump well. Well done both of you.

Whilst these field events were taking place Elisha B and Hannah G were successfully qualifying for the finals of the 100m. Both girls then went on to qualify for the finals of the 200m. Next on the track was Amelia F, competing in the 300m. After a fantastic win in her heat the times were all analysed and ranked and she finished 12th overall.

The long awaited relay heats were next on the track, the Year 7 girls ran well and despite the safe changeovers they didn't progress to the finals. The Year 8 girls equally ran well and progressed to the finals. As the day came to a close it was the finals of the 100m and 200m, Elisha B finished 5th in both in very respectable times, Hannah G finished 6th in the 100m and narrowly missed out on a medal in the 200m by 0.07 of a second. The last event for the day was the Year 8 girls relay and despite excellent changeovers and solid running the girls finished 8th.

The number of competitors in each event varied between 14 and 20, which meant the competition, was

strong throughout. The children should be very proud of their achievements. Thank you to every pupil who has participated in every stage of the competition, their dedication and commitment to training is to be commended. Thank you also to the parents for their continued support.

Marie Seivewright

Sports Days

Upper School Sports Day

Weather watching was the order of the day last Wednesday for Sports Day, would it be on or would it be off. Well, the sun shone down on us and a great day of sport ensued. Whether it be on the track, throwing or jumping, our young athletes put their heart and soul into their performances in the desire of taking the winning trophy for their house.

On track we saw hurdles, sprints and middle distance running taking place with some outstanding performances and one or two that were too close to call. With some athletes streaking out in front and other's chasing the pack, old records were challenged and new records set. In the field we saw athletes throw further and jump higher than they ever have before. The talent on show was phenomenal.

For the first time ever we had instant results, thanks to Mr Turvey's super spreadsheet. The results were as follows:

	Ranmore	Headley	Wisley	Norbury
Yr 6	210	198	148	141
Yr 7	192	208	142	113
Yr 8	114	200	148	176
Relays	16	24	26	16
Totals	532	630	464	446

A great day of athleticism, with true sportsmanship and fantastic support from parents and the wider school community. Well done everyone!

Jo Hawes



Lower School Sports Day 2017

Wow! What a day of pure sporting talent, effort and sportsmanship. All the children who took part in their respective sports day events showed true Downsend spirit and determination. There were screams of joy and tears of emotion coupled with fantastic cheers from the huge crowds that enveloped the athletics field. Adrenalin pumped through each and every child from the track events to the field events as they battled hard and fast to gain precious points for their house.

In the morning, Years 4 and 5 demonstrated expertly just how to do it. There were some outstanding performances on the track, not just in the sprint events but also in the 600 and 800m. The field events produced some superb personal bests with a number of boys in Y4 and Y5 throwing 40m+. The long jump saw lots of girls and boys from both year groups jumping over 3m and a good number reaching an incredible 3.50m+. Well done to all, amazing achievements.

The afternoon saw the Y2 and Y3 children head to the sports field where a capacity crowd of parents, grandparents and siblings eagerly awaited. As the sun shone down, the girls and boys excitedly took to their events which included 60 and 80m sprints, 150, 200 and 400m runs on the track. Some spectacular performances highlighted the outstanding talent we have across these year groups boding well for the future of athletics at Downsend.

In the field events, this year we introduced two new disciplines: high jump and quoit throw. Both events, along with the ball throw and long jump, produced a great atmosphere amongst the parents and children and once again, demonstrated the emerging talents of the children taking part.

The whole day was capped off beautifully by outstanding behaviour and incredible sportsmanship by all the children, the Y6 helpers and all the staff for their incredible hard work before and on the day, which made the events run so smoothly. Special mention to Mr Turvey for expertly launching the new electronic scoring system.

Results:

	Headley	Norbury	Ranmore	Wisley
Yr 2	232	219	267	229
Yr 3	278	251	283	236
Totals	510	470	550	465

	Headley	Norbury	Ranmore	Wisley
Yr 4	140	154	218	132
Yr 5	197	181	175	224
Totals	337	335	393	356

Huge thanks, as ever, to the DPA for providing the children with their well-deserved ice pops and the parents and spectators with their Pimms and other refreshments and Mrs Kirkham for her PA skills.

Well done everyone.

Fiona Fitch



Other Sporting News

Well done to Joe R and Tom D in Year 7 and are part of the Ashted Rovers football team who have won their league and are moving up to the Surrey Premier League. Joe also won star player.



We would like to wish Hailey C from Year 5 and her TeamGym group from Leatherhead & Dorking Gymnastics Club the best of luck as they will be heading up to the Liverpool Echo Arena to compete at the British Gymnastics Championship Series in three week time.

The Regional TeamGym group was formed only 10 months ago and qualified for the British back in March at the TeamGym Southern Regional finals. TeamGym is a fantastic combination of team floor displays and thrilling somersaults on the tumble track and trampette. Team spirit really shines through the impressive routines providing great entertainment for those watching. They will be competing for the Challenge Cup against teams from all over the country.

Good luck Hailey and the rest of your team!



Well done to Octavia who won the girls 8+ Triathlon in the First Strides Aquathon/Triathlon. Octavia's brothers also put in good performances with Horatio coming 2nd in the boys 8+ Aquathon and Hector coming 5th in the Triathlon.



RAC Sporting Talent Programme

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS 2017-18

The Royal Automobile Club is one of the foremost private members' clubs in the world. Founded in 1897, it has two clubhouses, in London and at Woodcote Park near Epsom, both with extensive sports facilities. The Club is committed to encouraging young people to take part in sport and nurturing and developing sporting potential.

SPORTING TALENT PROGRAMME

The Club has always sought to encourage sporting talent and has launched a new programme developed in consultation with the Leisure Developments Team at Epsom and Ewell Borough Council. It has three elements:

- support for the Epsom and Ewell Team in the Surrey Youth Games
- the Rob Sears Scholarships
- Travel and Equipment Grants.

Anyone who is eligible may apply for a grant, they do not need to be on a scholarship.

ROB SEARS SCHOLARSHIPS

Named after a longstanding member of the sports staff at Woodcote Park, the purpose of the scholarships is to support talented young sportspeople with sustained mentoring and coaching.

What is on offer

The Royal Automobile Club will provide 20 hours of free coaching, at its Woodcote Park facilities, conducted by the Club's sports professionals.

Three scholarships will be awarded for 2017/18.

Which sports

The scholarships are available in squash, tennis or golf. The three scholarships available may be awarded one in each sport or in any other combination: they will go to the best three candidates overall.

Who is eligible

Applicants must:

- be competing at county level or above, or have the clear potential to
- be born between 1 September 2000 and 1 September 2006 (so aged 11 to 17)
- live, go to school or college, or be a member of a sports club (for the sport they are seeking a scholarship in) which is located within five miles of Woodcote Park (KT18 7EW) or within the borough of Epsom and Ewell.

The application also requires a statement confirming that the scholarship would provide the applicant with coaching they wouldn't otherwise be able to afford or access.

When

Applications must be received by noon on Friday 29 September 2017 and the results will be announced during October. The coaching may then take place to a schedule agreed between the successful applicants and their coach but must be completed by the end of July 2018.

How to apply

Email or post the application form from the RAC website to

communications@royalautomobileclub.co.uk or Communications Team, Royal Automobile Club, Woodcote Park, Epsom, Surrey KT18 7EW, to be received by noon on Friday 29 September 2017.

TRAVEL AND EQUIPMENT GRANTS

These grants are intended to contribute to the costs of competing in competitions.

What is on offer

The Royal Automobile Club will reimburse applicants for up to £200.00, per application, spent on:

- equipment necessary to compete at a high level
- travel and accommodation necessary to take part in a competition
- competition entry fees.

You may apply for more than one grant but priority will be given to people who haven't previously been awarded another grant.

Which sports

The grants are available to participants in squash, tennis, swimming or golf.

Who is eligible

Applicants must:

- be competing at county level or above, or have the clear potential to
- be born between 1 September 2000 and 1 September 2004 (so aged 13 to 17)
- live, go to school or college, or be a member of a sports club (for the sport they are seeking a scholarship in) which is located within five miles of Woodcote Park (KT18 7EW) or within the borough of Epsom and Ewell.

The application also requires a statement confirming that the grant would provide the applicant with support they wouldn't otherwise be able to afford or access.

When

Applications may be submitted at any time from 1 September 2017 and grants will be provided until the allocated budget is spent. If the funding available for any year has been fully allocated, this will be announced on the Club's website.

How to apply

Before the expense concerned is incurred, email or post the application form on the RAC website to communications@royalautomobileclub.co.uk or Communications Team, Royal Automobile Club, Woodcote Park, Epsom, Surrey KT18 7EW. We cannot reimburse expenses if the application is submitted after the expense is incurred.

SPORT AT THE ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB

Throughout its history, sport has played a major role at the Club. Our Pall Mall clubhouse was the original home for the Squash Rackets Association after it was formed in 1928 and the Club was instrumental in creating the modern game. At Woodcote Park, the famous golf course architect Herbert Fowler designed the course which opened in 1915. Today, Woodcote Park's sports facilities include six floodlit tennis courts, a state of the art gymnasium, four squash courts, a 30 metre swimming pool and a fitness studio. Golfers can enjoy two eighteen-hole courses and use of a sophisticated golf simulator to help analyse and

improve their game.

Match Results

Cricket

Boys U10A	Cranmore	Won
Boys U10B	Cranmore	Lost
Boys U10C	Cranmore	Won
Boys U11A	CLFS	Won
Boys U11B	CLFS	Won

Rounders

Girls U10A	CLFS	Drew
Girls U10B	CLFS	Lost
Girls U10C	CLFS	Won
Girls U10D	CLFS	Drew

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