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Biathlon





South Regional Biathlon Championships, Saturday 7th October

U10 Boys Champion – Angus W

After a busy open morning the team of biathletes headed to Aldershot Military Stadium for the run part of the annual schools biathlon competition.

With unknown competition from many schools as well as a couple of local rival schools, the 26 boys and girls from Downsend performed superbly on the track before heading off to Hart Leisure Centre for their swim. A number of pupils were making their biathlon debut and along with the other long standing biathletes should be extremely proud of their effort and achievement.

Whilst we wait for a couple of results to be updated and the team results to be added it looks like a number of medals might be delivered to school in the near future. A particular mention to Angus W who performed brilliantly on both the track and in the pool winning both events - gaining the title of South Region Biathlon Champion 2017.

We are always inspired by the effort that emanates from each and every Downsend representative. They cheer each other on for the collective good of the school and the team. It is the support they give each other and the support of parents that helps to produce these excellent results.

A huge thank you to Mrs Sehgal for organising the running training sessions.

Thanks to the parents who have been magnificent in their support and delivered their children to all the right places at the right time throughout training and on the day. A heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you. It has been a pleasure to watch the children train and compete in this competition again this year. They really are a credit to themselves and a joy to coach.

The times will now go into the official rankings lists and we will have to wait to see who qualifies for the British Modern Finals in Solihull in November and for the British Schools Finals at Crystal Palace in March.

Miss Seivewright

Cross Country



Guildford High Cross Country

Last Monday some 426 girls from 16 different schools took to Stoke Park to take part in the annual Guildford High Cross Country. Once again it was great to take a large team to this event where we knew the competition was strong.

The Year 3 girls were off first and headed down the hill in Stoke Park at considerable speed. The pace slowed as they carried on into the 1.2km course. They ran extremely well in their first competitive event of this kind.

Next on the course was the Year 4 girls who, once again, were determined to try their best and ran well. They were followed by the Year 5 team who ran well and achieved good results.

The final race of the day was the Year 6 girls 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.

Miss Seivewright

Swimming



A great start to the term has seen the Downsend boys taking part in three swimming matches. The first match was a co-ed gala at Feltonfleet and saw the team begin the year with a comfortable win for the U9, U10 and U11 age groups. A week later the whole squad took part in a 'home' match against CLFS. This proved to be a convincing win with everyone playing their part. Last week we

hosted Danes Hill school for our third match of the term. This was a much closer event and after 20 events out of 30, Danes Hill were leading by four points. Following some great breaststroke the scores were leveled. Five brilliant freestyle relays then saw the Downsend team push home their advantage to record an impressive win by 208 points to 192 points! Well done everyone and thank you to all the parents for their support.

Mr Roberts and Miss Seivewright

Football

Downsend U9 Football Tournament

On Saturday Downsend hosted the annual U9 tournament. There was both an A team tournament and a B team tournament. This meant it was a very large festival of football with over one hundred and fifty boys competing on the day.

Downsend entered three teams, one into the A tournament and two into the B tournament. All three teams represented the school with aplomb.

The A team reached the semi-finals before losing out to Shrewsbury House on penalties. The boys won all the matches in their group, beating Cranmore, Cumnor House, Parkside and The Hawthorns. The boys played with a smile on their face and with great creativity. We scored some excellent goals and produced our best football of the season. Penalties are always a tough way to exit a tournament but the boys should be very proud of their efforts.

The B and C teams both enjoyed excellent mornings and ended up meeting in the semi-final! The B team finished second in their group. They played good football but didn't quite take the chances they created. The C team won their group beating the B teams from Shrewsbury House, Danes Hill and The Hawthorns. What an achievement!

That set up an all Downsend semi-final. It was a tense match with chances for both teams. In the end the B team ran out 1-0 winners. They then faced Cranmore, a side they had earlier lost to, in the final. This was a great game of football with both sides showing a desire to pass the ball. At 1-1 with very little time left a draw looked likely but a stunning, top corner finish from Alfie A ensured a 2-1 win and that the B team retained the trophy won by last year's cohort.

This was an excellent day of football. We are very proud of all three teams for producing such excellent football throughout the morning and representing the school so brilliantly. Thank you to all the boys and their parents for their commitment to school sport and their hard work this week.

James Thompson

A Team: James R, Zac S, Robbie D, Ned S, Teddy C, Bobby H, Toby D, Louis S

B Team: Alex G, Thomas D, Louis N, Andrew M-T, George W, Alfie A, Toby T, Niji S

C Team: Will R, Finlay S, Thomas B, Jack B, Liam D, Lucas T, Max L, William M



Surrey IAPS 6-a-side National Qualifying Competition

Last Saturday the 1st team competed in the Surrey IAPS 6-a-side National Qualifying competition held at Rokeby school.

The boys were drawn in a tough group, but played beautifully throughout the group stage with record wins over Ardingly College Prep, Eaton House the Manor Prep, Hall Grove and the Falcons School and with draws against King's House and Cranmore schools. Tom D, Ollie C and Fraser L were impressive in defence and the team qualified for the quarter finals without conceding a goal.

Downsend played well against the Hall School in the quarter final, and were unlucky not to go through despite hitting the post and the bar in the game, and conceded a last minute goal to move to the 5th place qualifying competition. Spurred on by that defeat in the semi-final of the play-offs captain Marco H, Sonny A, Teddy K and Louie P were all on fire and the team comfortably beat a strong Shrewsbury House side 3-0, to make it a winner takes all final against Parkside school from Cobham. Unfortunately, despite taking an early two goal lead the long day took its toll on the boy's legs and Downsend eventually lost that game 3-2 to finish a highly creditable, if somewhat frustrating, 6th out of 27 schools, with the top 5 qualifying for the National Finals in November.

A special mention must go to Roman H-T who impressed everyone at the tournament with his amazing goalkeeping, where he showed great bravery and shot stopping ability throughout the day.

This week the boys are playing the quarter final of the Surrey Prep Schools competition against Northcote Lodge, so good luck in that match boys!

Mr Newland

Hockey



Hockey Masterclass with Rob Farrington

On Monday evening 40 girls from the Upper School were treated to a fantastic masterclass in hockey skills by Rob Farrington as part of our sponsorship with Surbiton Hockey Club. All girls from years 6,7 and 8 were invited and it was a great opportunity for them to practise their individual skills. They worked specifically on 3D skills - advanced ways of keeping the ball under control by flicking the ball into the air and over obstacles along with dribbling - keeping the stick and ball in close contact whilst moving at speed and in different directions. All the girls were fully engaged for the hour and a quarter session and enjoyed being coached by a 'professional' hockey player and coach. Hopefully Rob will be back in the Spring term for another masterclass in hockey skills.

Mrs Fitch

Rob Farrington profile:

Rob recently graduated from the England Hockey Junior international setup. He has over 100 junior international caps, representing England and Great Britain at U16, U18, U21 & U23 levels. He has represented his country at the Junior World Cup, Youth Olympics, U18 & U21 European Championships. In October 2015 he won the Sultan of Johor Cup with Great Britain U21s. Rob plays for Surbiton HC 1st XI and plays his hockey in the National Premier League. In January 2017 he won gold at the England Hockey Supersixes indoor championships.



Team Sheets

All team sheets are posted on the schools sports website at least 2 days in advance of the scheduled matches. Please do check through the calendar to see when all matches are for your son/daughter's year group. It is common practice that they are predominately on the same afternoon but on occasions this may differ.

The link to the Downsend home page is [here](http://www.schoolssports.com/school/?id=958) - <http://www.schoolssports.com/school/?id=958>. Alternatively you can click on the link at the top of the Downsend website.

Once you are in the website you can either select the team by the calendar option or by the sport that is needed. A small icon that looks like a little blue man will appear if the team sheet has been added. This provides all the information that will be needed for the match.

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

Football

U13A	Danes Hill	Drew
U13B	Danes Hill	Drew
U13C	Danes Hill	Drew
U13D	Danes Hill	Lost
U10A	Danes Hill	Won
U10B	Danes Hill	Drew
U10C	Danes Hill	Lost
U10D	Danes Hill	Lost
U10E	Danes Hill	Lost
U11A	Rokeby	Lost
U9A	Cranmore	Won
U9B	Cranmore	Won
U9C	Cranmore	Won
U9D	Cranmore	Won
U9E	Cranmore	Won
U9F	Cranmore	Drew
U11A	Shrewsbury House	Won
U11B	Shrewsbury House	Drew
U11C	Shrewsbury House	Drew
U11D	Shrewsbury House	Lost
U11E	Shrewsbury House	Won

Hockey

1 st VII	Hawthorns	Won
2 nd VII	Hawthorns	Drew
3 rd VII	Hawthorns	Won

U8A	The Study	Won
U8B	The Study	Won
U8C	The Study	Won
U9B	Danes Hill	Won
U9C	Danes Hill	Won
U11A	Notre Dame	Won
U11B	Notre Dame	Won
U11C (Red)	Notre Dame	Won
U11C (Black)	Notre Dame	Won

Swimming

Boys	Danes Hill	Won
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Other Sporting News

Well done to Oliver and Joshua B who have both been selected for the Surrey Cricket Under 11's winter performance program. Two very happy and proud boys!



Surrey Cricket's winter coaching courses start at Downsland in October and there are still some places available for aspiring young players in Years 7 and 8 on the courses which run from 2.30-4pm on Saturdays.

Some of the current Surrey squad started their playing journeys on these courses with Ollie Pope and Ryan Patel two of the most recent graduates to make it into the Surrey 1st XI.

For more information and to book click [here](#) or contact Katie Baker on 0207 820 4190.

Next Week @ Downsend

Please see a list of next week's fixtures at www.schoolssports.com

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