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Hockey



U11 Hockey Danes Hill Tournament - GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

A top quality tournament with what I would call all the 'Heavy Weight' Surrey hockey schools in attendance. This morning promised to be a great test for where we currently sit, and highlight clearly areas that need to improve and I was not mistaken.

This talented squad met each game with a positive attitude and worked hard to execute various game plans, with strong ball transfer and clinical finishes with support play in the circle. The resulting impressive set of results was well deserved:

Holy Cross Won 2-0

Hawthorns Won 3-0

Hoebridge Won 3-0

St George's Won 1-0

Hall Grove Won 3-0

Danes Hill Won 2-0

The squad have worked hard since our return to school in September and this was visible in their fitness levels which enabled us to finish a 6 game tournament with the same speed and strength as the first game. Plenty of things, as a teacher would say 'we could do better', but a great start to a busy hockey term packed with opportunities.

Football



U8s win the Cranmore Football Tournament for 3rd year in a row!

Unbelievably the mighty U8s stepped up and handled the pressure to put Downsend on the trophy for the third time in succession. Having started fairly well, beating Micklefield 1-0, we unfortunately lost 2-1 to Parkside in a close encounter. This was the turning point as in the final group game the boys were superb, controlling the tempo better than I have ever seen an U8 team before - beating Cranmore Bs 8-0! Coming second to Parkside in the group, we were to play the winners of the other group in the semi finals; Cranmore A's, who beat us 4-3 in a normal fixture the day before. This was to help our pre-match talk and thanks to an outstanding performance and hatrick by Kian Buckley, we won. 3-1 and progressed to the final. This was against Parkside again, and frustratingly we went 1-0 down within seconds. However our resilience and determination was exceptional and with Kian scoring another two goals from a free kick and penalty, the boys clenched victory after the 3 minutes of extra time.

A truly amazing performance against some of the biggest boys only schools on the circuit! Well done to all the boys and their supportive parents.

U10 Cranmore Football Tournament

The latest Under 10 football event on Saturday saw the Downsend team taking part in the Cranmore 5-a-side tournament. The format was a real change to the standard 7-a-side set up which the boys play so well - as their great 7-3 win over Shrewsbury House proved earlier in the week, but they were full of confidence and ready to give their best. The first game against Hoe Bridge saw Downsend with a comfortable 3-0 win. Next in the group were KCS. In this game, the team lost a little of their belief and allowed themselves to be hurried and pushed into uncharacteristic errors. Unable to finish chances which came their way, the under 10s went down 1-0. They then had a short break to pick themselves up before they began their next game against Danes Hill. This saw them have a good game, using their skills well, with some great running and support play. They won the match 1-0 which put them into the semi-final against Cranmore. A great contest between two evenly matched teams was decided mid-way through the game. A fast break by Cranmore ended with a well taken shot to score the only goal. All in all, the boys had played well but with a greater belief and a little more tactical support play with this format of the game, the result could have been quite different.

Team - Harrison G-S, Louis K, Jayden K, Alex D, Charlie K, Angus W and Ralphie A.

Mr Roberts

Swimming





On Saturday evening four girls and four boys from Year 7 & 8 headed to The Spectrum to take part in the Surrey Schools Secondary Relay Gala. The girls took to the pool for their first event which was the freestyle relay. We were in the 2nd heat of 3 and were closely keeping an eye on the times from the

other heats. Finishing 5th in our heat with only one time in the previous heat quicker than ours, we waited patiently for the final heat to find out our final position. We finished in a very respectable 9th position from 22 teams taking part. Next up were the boys in their freestyle event. Once again a strong swim from all four boys resulted in a confident 6th place finish out of 15 teams. Next up were the Medley Relay's. Once again both teams swam well and waited patiently for the results. The girls were placed 10th but unfortunately a disqualification occurred in the boys event.

The boys and girls should be extremely proud of their achievements at this event. With a team of very few club swimmers, the results are not to be frowned upon.

Miss Seivewright

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 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

Cranmore	Lost
Cranmore	Won
Cranmore	Lost
Shrewsbury House	Won
Shrewsbury House B	Drew
Shrewsbury House C	Won
Shrewsbury House	Won
Shrewsbury House	Lost
Shrewsbury House	Lost
Cranmore	Won
Cranmore	Lost
Cranmore	Lost
New Beacon	Won
New Beacon	Lost
CLFS	Won
CLFS	Won
CLFS	Won
Reigate St Mary's	Won
Reigate St Mary's	Won
CLFS	Won
CLFS	Won
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Hockey

1 st VII	Danes Hill	Lost
2 nd VII	Danes Hill	Lost
3 rd VII	Danes Hill	Lost
4 th VII	Danes Hill	Won
U10A	Danes Hill	Won
U10B	Danes Hill	Lost
U8A	Danes Hill	Lost
U8B	Danes Hill	Won
U8C	Danes Hill	Drew
U8D	Danes Hill	Won
U11A	Danes Hill	Drew
U9A	The Study	Won
U9B	The Study	Won
U9C	The Study	Won

Swimming

Mixed	CLFS	Won

Other Sporting News

Congratulations to Angus W and James W (Year 5) who both competed at the Kingston Royals Swim Gala this weekend. James had a fantastic swim to win gold in the 50m backstroke, Angus got silver in the 100m breaststroke, 50m fly and 50m breaststroke. Well done boys.



Well done to Jasper G who won "U10 Junior Player of the Year" at Salfords Cricket club recently. He is really looking forward to playing for Downsend next Summer, particularly as he started playing cricket age 4 with Mr Albert and Mini Crickets.



Surrey Cricket's winter coaching courses start at Downsend 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 <u>here</u> 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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