



# DOWNSEND SCHOOL

## Sports Bulletin

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### Welcome from the PE and Sport Department

Welcome back from the half term break, we hope you all had a lovely break. As the clocks have gone back and the colder weather is creeping in may we please remind you to ensure your son/daughter has plenty warm clothing for their sporting activities. Base layers are an essential item of kit along with the school tracksuit.

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](mailto:editor@downsend.co.uk)

Please keep an eye on [www.schoolssports.com](http://www.schoolssports.com) for team sheets and match results. Follow us on Twitter @DownsendSport.

*Howard Roberts & Marie Seivewright*

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## Jersey Hockey and Football Tour



### Jersey 2017

After an early start (really early start.....) the Downsend tour party left school in the darkness of 5am bound for the airport and Jersey. Spirits were high in spite of the lack of sleep. Travelling through the airport went well and the children should be commended for their independence and maturity through the day.

On arrival we travelled to our accommodation to drop off our luggage before heading to the Durell Wildlife Centre. We were greeted by three Andean bears as we entered the zoo before travelling around and seeing gorillas, flamingos, orangutans, bears, otters and many more amazing creatures. We enjoyed a hearty lunch before we had our first fixtures of tour.

The boys faced Victoria College Prep School. All three teams showed real determination throughout their matches, defending resolutely and creating a number of chances. Sadly it was one of those days when the woodwork, goalkeepers and rough bobbles prevented the goals from flowing. All three teams lost against strong opposition.

Arriving at Jersey College Prep School our opposition were waiting for us pitch side and offered the teams a wonderfully warm Jersey welcome. The girls played well to notch up 2 convincing wins with excellent team play. A great start to our fixture programme.

The children returned to the hotel and settled into their rooms. Following this we all hit the hotel pool for a swim to freshen up. After dinner, a very tired group of children headed up to bed.

Great weather, blue skies and warm temperatures greeted us in the morning. A large buffet breakfast prepared us all for another full on day!

The girls saw the return of the Downsends Hockey Challenge. The four teams competed fiercely over four skills based tasks and are all excited who will be crowned champions 2017. After an encouraging day of football yesterday for the boys, they set to with real enthusiasm on the practice drills ready for the afternoon matches.

After training, we arrived on St Brelade Beach and the children sped off to take part in a multitude of activities: cricket, hockey, wave chasing, sand sculpting, football and tag to name a few. A short coach ride to Pizza Express in St Helier and a hungry crew of children were fed and watered in record time.

This afternoon's hockey matches against St George's Prep School gave the girls their first taste of mixed hockey. Both Downsends teams emerged victorious, demonstrating great team work, skill and composure.

The boys enjoyed a great afternoon of football this afternoon against ID Elite Academy with one draw, one loss and a win. All three matches were incredibly competitive and the boys played well throughout.

Following another three course dinner, we all headed to the Jersey Bowl for a game of bowling. The children had a fantastic time with some competitive and at times, highly entertaining games of bowling. There were many great performances but the winner of the 'Kingpin of the day' went to Mrs Fitch with a score of 128.

In spite of the storm warnings for 'Storm Brian' we awoke on Saturday to blue skies and sunshine. We travelled to Mont Orgueil castle, which towers over the lovely harbour town of Gorey. The children split into a number of groups and explored this fascinating castle. The children got the chance to dress up as knights and princesses, get put into the stocks and see the different fortifications.

The boys were then transported to their fixture against St Clement's FC. With the expected torrential rain and high winds it had been decided to move this fixture to an indoor venue. All three teams played with determination and endeavour to secure three wins. The boys should be very proud of their efforts across all three matches and this was a fantastic way to finish the tour on the pitch.

Jersey hockey club hosted the last girls' fixture in windy but surprisingly sunny weather. Determined to maintain our winning record, the girls set about their task in an efficient and focussed manner scoring frequently in both matches and defending when needed in a calm and controlled way. Their style of play attracted many admiring comments from the Jersey coaches and parents which made us very proud of them all.

Everyone then journeyed to St Helier to do some shopping. Some bought clothes, some bought souvenirs and some bought sweets! The children behaved really well showing some good manners.

We finished the day in Dante's function room (essentially a mini night club for children), where the tunes blared from the speakers as the children bopped up and down. Dabbing, knee slides and break dancing were all on display on the dance floor.

Our final day was a day to pack up and travel home. This tour party have been superb. We received so many lovely comments about the children's behaviour and manners throughout the tour and we are enormously proud of them.

*James Thompson and Claire Cooper-James*



## IAPS Hockey



### U11 Girls IAPS Hockey Report

Saturday 14 October 2017

#### Equipment:

9 Talented U11 Players: Natasha C (c- attack), Chloe M (c- defence), Josie D (GK), Rhianna P, Geraldine H, Elizabeth H, Gracie N, Elspeth W, Mia H.

- 2 Focussed coaches
- 20 Enthusiastic parents
- 2 neutral umpires per game
- 1 under size pitch with poor surface

#### Method:

- Start the day early with drive to Pipers Corner School, Wycombe, arriving 08:15.
- Ensure 2 captains clear on their roles for the day.



- Set up base camp and warm up.
- Play 6 matches across the course of the day.

**Results:**

- Game 1 vs Holy Cross - Drew 0-0
- Game 2 vs Hall Grove - Won 3-2
- Game 3 vs Gayhurst - Won 8-1
- Game 4 vs Oratory - Won 1-0
- Game 5 vs Pipers Corner - Won 7-1
- Game 6 vs High field - Won 3-0

**Final position:**

Silver medal winners losing out on the top spot by goal difference.

**Conclusion:**

Under usual circumstances a draw and 5 good wins would be more than enough to take you through to National Finals. However, with an unusual situation of only one team qualifying from this regional tournament the initial draw in match 1 vs Holy Cross, meant we were then in a precarious position needing to win and score as many goals as possible in every remaining game.

The challenges of the small pitch size and poor surface compromised the style of hockey that could be played and enabled the less technical teams to hold up play effectively by just physically taking up the limited space available in the shooting areas. This led to inexperienced neutral umpires awarding numerous short corners instead of playing advantage which slowed the game considerably and wasted on average around 1/3 of the playing time in each game. When you mix this with a running clock and the need to score regularly, this quite simply became a real frustration for the players, coaches and spectators alike.

Despite the huge disappointment for all in failing to qualify, it is important to reflect on how well the girls played throughout the day. They scored some insanely brilliant goals and played, despite the challenges of pitch, the style of hockey, which is synonymous with Downsend School. Both Miss Ceci and myself were immensely proud of the whole squad and how fantastically they represented Downsend School both on and off the pitch.

We still have much of the season to play and plenty more tournaments where we hope to add to our medal haul and trophy cabinet.

*Claire Cooper-James*

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## Inter-House Results



### House Hockey

Before the half term break the girls from Years 3-8 participated in their house hockey matches. It was great to see such enthusiastic team spirit from all the girls. Good luck to the Year 2 & 3 girls who are participating in their inter-house events this Friday.

#### Year 4

- 1st Ranmore
- 2nd Norbury
- 3rd Wisley
- 4th Headley

#### Year 5

- 1st Ranmore
- 2nd Wisley
- 3rd Norbury
- 4th Headley

## **Year 6**

1st Norbury

=2nd Headley and Ranmore

4th Wisley

## **Year 7 & 8**

1st Wisley

2nd Headley

3rd Ranmore

4th Norbury

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## Match Results

### Football

1st XI	Milbourne Lodge	Won
2nd XI	Milbourne Lodge	Won
3rd XI	Milbourne Lodge	Won
4th XI	Milbourne Lodge	Won
U9A	New Beacon	Won
U9B	New Beacon	Drew
U9C	New Beacon	Won
U9D	New Beacon	Won
U9E	New Beacon	Won
U9F	New Beacon	Won
U11A	Cumnor House	Lost
U11B	Cumnor House	Won
U11C	Cumnor House	Won
U11D	Cumnor House	Won
U11E	Cumnor House	Won

### Hockey

U9A	Notre Dame	Won
U9B	Notre Dame	Lost
U9C	Notre Dame	Won
U11A	Holy Cross	Lost
U11B	Holy Cross	Lost

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## Other Sporting News

Last Sunday, the U13 Surrey Prep School Football trials took place at King Edward's School, Witley. A number of the Downsend 1st XI football team were chosen to take part, including Jake W, Roman H-T, Marco H, Sonny A and Teddy K. In a very competitive selection process throughout the afternoon, involving a significant number of boys from schools all around Surrey, Marco H was successful in gaining a place in the main squad and Jake W has been called into the development squad. Well done to them and to the other Downsend players who were put forward. We now look forward to hearing how they get on in the matches to come!



*Howard Roberts*



Congratulations to ex-pupils Bella F and Amelia F who have both been selected for the Surrey Netball Satellite Academy. Each school and club in the area has the opportunity to nominate 3 players for trials. The standard of play at each of the trial stages is extremely high and we are very proud of both of these girls for making it through. Well done.

*Marie Seivewright*

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Congratulations to Ben W (Year 7) who represented 1st Fetcham Scouts at a shooting competition which took place at the National Shooting Centre at Bisley during the weekend of 21/22 October. Ben shot well across a range of disciplines including: 6yd air rifle and pistol, 25yd .22 prone and field target events. The standard across the event was very high so alas no medals, but he thoroughly enjoyed it and can be proud of even being selected for this event.



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Well done to Samuel Y in year 3. Samuel loves playing rugby and last weekend he was very happy to be awarded best defender at a rugby festival. He plays for Sutton and Epsom RFC U8's.



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## Next Week @ Downsend

Please see a list of next week's fixtures at [www.schoolssports.com](http://www.schoolssports.com)

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