



DOWNSEND SCHOOL

Sports Bulletin

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Welcome from the PE and Sport Department

As we come to the end of a busy term we would like to thank the boys and girls for their efforts throughout the Football and Hockey seasons. The following statistics show how busy it has been. We have had:

156 Football Matches

103 Hockey Matches

20 Rugby Matches

8 Swimming Gala's

These statistics do not include tournaments or inter-house events! Wow - what a term.

We would appreciate it if over the holidays you could check all kits for the correct names etc, and hopefully we can reunite all pupils with any missing property.

We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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

Netball



Year 2 Netball Extravaganza

On a cold and blustery afternoon the year 2 girls' welcomed Reigate St Mary's for an extravaganza of netball skills and games. Moving around to keep warm the girls practised their footwork skills with a game of Ice-Cream-Pivot. Footwork is a fundamental skill for the game of Netball and the progress that the girls have made since September is phenomenal. This was followed by some ball handling drills demonstrating the skill of chest passing. We saw lots of accurate powerful passing that we could transfer to our next session of game play.

After splitting into teams we played a round robin of games which utilised all the rules of netball that we have learnt over the term. The games were close and the girls played well. Downsend's ability to move the ball down the court was astonishing and bodes well for future fixtures. It was lovely to see the girls enjoying the game of netball and all getting involved. The girls went inside to warm up and tucked in to a delicious packed tea. Well done to everyone for a most enjoyable afternoon.

Mrs Hawes

Biathlon



The annual Guildford High School end of Autumn Term 'Splash and Dash' biathlon took place last week. The event always has a fun but competitive element to the afternoon with a fancy dress theme of 'Pantomime'. Not the easiest of themes, especially with time being limited! With laminated 'He's behind you' and 'Oh no he isn't!' signs we were awarded third place for our home made costumes!

The 'Splash' element involved a 6x25m relay. All girls were involved in timed heats, so it was key for them all to swim fast to ensure a quick time. Whilst the older girls were swimming the Year 3's were running around Stoke Park on their 'Dash'. Congratulations to Freyja B-W for her top ten placed finish. A great effort was displayed by them all before enjoying a hot chocolate!

A swap of activities and the Year 3 girls took to the pool whilst the older girls went for their 'Dash'. Strong running from all the girls involved. In the pool the Year 3 girls had a great swim considering some of them had never swum in a competitive situation before.

Medals and certificates were presented during teas. The results that the girls achieved were fabulous especially as we come to an end of a very busy term. Well done to the Year 3 girls for their first biathlon, we look forward to seeing them compete in the future.

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) - <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

U7 Cougars	Reigate St Mary's	Won
U7 Jaguars	Reigate St Mary's	Won
U7 Lions	Reigate St Mary's	Won
U7 Pumas	Reigate St Mary's	Won
U7 Tigers	Reigate St Mary's	Lost

Other Sporting News



Next Week @ Downsland

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

Sports Notices

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