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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

Football



U7A Enjoy Downsends Indoor Football Tournament

As a member of the games department I always know it's the start of the Christmas period when the Year 2 Indoor Football Tournament arrives. On a cold Saturday morning all the sides were pleased to be playing in the comfort of the sports hall here at Downsends.

The Downsends team were very excited for the tournament and having produced some great football so far this term it promised to be a great event. The boys played St Christopher's in their first match and played really well to record a 2-0 win. In our second match we played Parkside and enjoyed a tight 1-1 draw. Both teams had a number of skilful players who matched up really well. Following this the Downsends team recorded a comfortable victory over Danes Hill, showing a great deal of skill throughout the match. After a short turn around between matches, the boys returned to the pitch against Cumnor House. The boys played with skill and tenacity but couldn't find the goal they deserved to record the victory and recorded a goalless draw. In our last match of the day we played Cranmore. Despite playing some nice football we lost the match 2-0 which meant we finished with nine points and in fourth position.

This was really enjoyable morning and it was great to see the boys working hard for each other and smiling throughout. Parkside ultimately won the competition but the boys should all be proud of their efforts and the impressive level of their performance. Thank you to Mr Evans, Miss Seivewright, Miss Black and Mr Thorpe (junior) for all their hard work making the morning run smoothly. Thank you to all the parents for their positive support of their boys and the school.

Mr Thompson

Squad from: Thomas C , Jake D, Luke G, Sam H, Kobi J, Rory S and Dylan W

Swimming



The swimming trials at the start of the term gave an encouraging insight into what lay ahead for the boys' swimming team. The first match of term, after only two weeks, was a co-ed U9-U11 gala against Feltonfleet. The boys played their part in a significant opening win of the term. A week later Downsend took on CLFS and the squad showed their depth of talent and ability with another comprehensive win. Another week further on and the team were engaged in a real contest with Danes Hill. This was a 'neck and neck' event with each school taking the lead on four separate occasions through the course of the match. The freestyle relays in the closing stages of the gala were to be some of the best swimming of the evening and Downsend pulled away to take the win.

A month later, following half term, the match against Cranmore was to be highlight of the sporting season. A poor start to the match, with some weak finishes in the backstroke section saw Cranmore take an early lead. This was compounded further with slow starts by Downsend and strong freestyle and breaststroke by Cranmore. With 14 events to go Downsend were 18 points behind and a win looked to be a distant hope however..... A number of Downsend swimmers won their races and the Downsend 'B' swimmer then took a third and sometimes even a second place which saw the team chipping away at the Cranmore lead. The freestyle relays were once again to be the key to success and in the final event with the results all square, the Under 13 A and B boys took the points for a dramatic win.

The final event of the term was against KCS Junior School. With a number of excellent swims from both schools, the Downsend boys tipped the balance once again showing their strength to win and ending the term as an unbeaten team. Well done everybody! A brilliant approach to training and a great work ethic; full of enthusiasm and belief. Also a big thank you to all our parents and spectators for their support.

Mr Roberts, Miss Seivewright and Mr Thompson

Results:

Feltonfleet v Downsend (Co-ed) - Downsend win

CLFS 168 - Downsend 230

Danes Hill 192 - Downsend 208

Cranmore 196 - Downsend 199

KCS 194 - Downsend 218

The girls have had a mixed season so far. With only two weeks of training before our first gala, the girls used the time well to practice their starts and take overs as well as focusing on the stroke technique. With a good win against Feltonfleet the girls were in high spirits as we headed into the second gala of the term. Unfortunately Rowan proved too strong for us and we suffered a loss. Lots to work on as we headed toward half term and another couple of gala's before Christmas.

Knowing St Catherines's was going to be one of our toughest matches we put out a strong team. St Catherine's took the early lead and continued deep into the gala. We fought back with style and determination and going into the last race of the gala we were one point behind! The Year 6 girls pushed hard to get the vital first and third places, securing the win! Our final gala of the term saw us head to CLFS to take part in the inaugural gala in their new pool. This gala enabled us to show the strength and depth in the squad with 3 swimmers in each event. Despite a few nerves the girls swum beautifully and came away with a convincing win and a strong finish to the term.

Next term sees the focus turning to some of the major competitions including the English Schools Primary Relay Championships, IAPS Qualifying rounds and Secondary Individual Championships as well as the inter school gala's.

Well done to all the girls for their continued hard work and dedication to the squad. Thanks to Mrs Crow and Miss Wilby for their support poolside. Thank you also to you the parents for your continued support.

Miss Seivewright

Results:

Feltonfleet v Downsend (Co-ed) - Downsend win

Downsend v Rowan Lost 105-135

Downsend v St Catherines Won 121.5-118.5

Downsend v CLFS Won 410-316

Hockey



U9 A and B Hockey Tournament - Monday 27th November

Downsend welcomed three local schools on Monday afternoon to take part in the annual U9 hockey tournament. Each school brought an A and B team and played a round robin with some excellent hockey on display. Downsend faced Notre Dame in their first game with both the A and B teams picking up the full 5 points for winning 1-0. Their second match against Danes Hill was the toughest as they faced strong club players who were clinical in front of goal and strong and fast on the ball. We played some good hockey, strong tackles, clearing the ball wide and creating some attacking opportunities, sadly the goals did not come and Danes Hill took the 5 points. Our final game was against St Teresa's and it was a great display of attacking hockey. The B team scoring 3 goals and the A team 1 goal. This result ensured the Downsend girls took second place overall. Thank you to the parents for their continued support, even as the weather takes a cold turn; to Mr Hogan and Miss Morgan for umpiring and Miss Ceci and Miss Seivewright for their assistance.

Mrs Fitch

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

Rugby

U8A	Danes Hill	Drew
U8B	Danes Hill	Lost
U8C	Danes Hill	Lost
U8D	Danes Hill	Lost
U8E	Danes Hill	Drew
U8F	Danes Hill	Won
U11A	Rokeby	Drew
U11A	Thomas' Clapham	Lost
U11B	Rokeby	Won
U11B	Thomas' Clapham	Won

U9A	Danes Hill	Won
U9B	Danes Hill	Lost
U9C	Danes Hill	Lost
U9D	Danes Hill	Won
U9E	Danes Hill	Lost
U9F	Danes Hill	Drew

Hockey

2 nd VII	Manor House	Won
3 rd VII	Manor House	Lost
U10A	Danes Hill	Won
U10B	Danes Hill	Won

Swimming

U9-11 Girls	CLFS	Won
Boys	KCS	Won

Other Sporting News

Well done to the winners of the Yrs 3 and 4 Best Dressed Christmas Hockey competition.



A quick update on Ben W mentioned in last week's Sports Bulletin - the results are in for the Surrey Junior Sporter Rifle competition and Ben got the bronze medal scoring 295/400. He was only 2 points short of silver position, who scored 297/400. Well done Ben.

Well done to Freyja B-W and Lucas T who both swam for Epsom Swim Club's competitive squad and took part in a novice gala in Amersham last Saturday against 5 other swim clubs swimming numerous individual events and relays helping to get a convincing win for the club.



Well done to Kian D who got the 'Skier of the Week' cup at his Sandown Junior Ski Club, Advanced Training on Saturday for making the most progress on the day.





Next Week @ Downsend

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

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