



DOWNSEND SCHOOL

Sports Bulletin

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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.schoolsports.com for team sheets and match results. Follow us on Twitter @DownsendSport.

Howard Roberts & Marie Seivewright

Sports Kit

The Spring Term can tend to be one of the coldest terms so it is vitally important that all the boys and girls have the essential kit in school at all times.

All pupils should have a base layer (girls - white, boys - black) and full tracksuit. Girls are advised to wear plain black base layer leggings too.

Any pupils that feel the cold are more than welcome to wear more layers underneath the main Downsend kit.

For netball the girls will be allowed to train in hats and non-slip gloves (in school colours) but these cannot be worn for matches.

Netball



U11 Danes Hill Netball Tournament - PLATE WINNERS

The annual U11 Danes Hill Netball Tournament is a key event in the calendar for the local Surrey Schools. Having received the draw for this event it was clear we were up against some tough competition. Unfortunately due to pre-tests we were a couple of players short so with only 7 players the girls were warned not to injure themselves!

Despite a tough first two games, both resulting in a loss, the girls fought hard to pull back a win in their third game of the round robin. Their final game of the round robin was against St George's and despite playing extremely well and having a lot of possession we were unable to get that extra goal that was needed for the win. The final score was 4-5.

Having only won one match we knew that we were moving through to the plate competition. Our next aim for the plate competition was to win it!

With a further 4 games to play, the girls were determined to play their best and work well as a team. This they did, winning all four games the girls were victorious in winning the plate competition beating St Teresa's, Danes Hill, The Hawthorns and Claremont Fan Court on their way to victory.

The girls had worked extremely hard throughout the tournament and I look forward to their continued hard work and effort as the season progresses.

Many thanks once again to our supporters braving the cold to stand on the side lines supporting the girls.

Miss Seivewright



Badminton



U13 IAPS Badminton

January marks the IAPS badminton tournament and this year we took two U13 teams to compete at Great Walstead School. The bacon sandwiches were a welcome treat when we arrived and this put the team in good spirits ahead of their first matches. Before playing a match, it was clear that the standard had improved from the previous year, as well as the number of teams competing. With teams coming from all over the country, it was always going to be a challenging day.

The A team of Jake W and Aaryan S managed to finish 3rd in their group, winning five out of their seven matches. In the quarter final they came up against a very strong pair from Aldwickbury and were unlucky to lose, but they can be very proud of the way they played.

The B team of Kitty S and Sonny A had a number of tough matches in their group stage. In a very tight group, they managed to qualify for the plate competition. In the semi-final they were drawn against Davenies A team, having comfortably beaten their B team in the group stages. Kitty and Sonny started the match brilliantly, but unfortunately Davenies came back to beat them by a few points.

Overall, a great day's badminton from all involved.

Swimming



The start of the Spring term has already been extremely busy in the pool. Last Wednesday the girls headed across to St Teresa's for their first full squad gala of the season. It was fantastic to see the strength of swimming from both schools. Despite losing the gala the girls should be extremely proud of their efforts.

Friday saw us take part in mixed gala against Feltonfleet. The main aim of this gala was to prepare us for the forthcoming IAPS Qualifying round in February. For some pupils the 50m distance is a simple affair and something they compete over on a regular basis, for others it can seem so much further than 25m!! The result was a convincing win for Downsends demonstrating strength and depth throughout.

Well done to all involved.

On Thursday this week we head over to CLFS for another mixed gala and look forward to reporting back to you. Thank you to all the boys and girls for your efforts in training and during galas.

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/carers at any other location.

Match Results

Rugby

U13A	Cranmore	Drew
2 nd XIII	Cranmore	Lost
U10A	Milbourne Lodge	Lost
U10B	Milbourne Lodge	Won
U10C	Milbourne Lodge	Won
U10D	Milbourne Lodge	Won
U8A	Milbourne Lodge	Lost
U8B	Milbourne Lodge	Won
U8C	Milbourne Lodge	Won
U8D	Milbourne Lodge	Lost
U8E	Milbourne Lodge	Lost
U13A	Danes Hill	Won

Netball

U11A	Danes Hill	Won
U11B	Danes Hill	Won
U11C Red	Danes Hill	Won
U11C Black	Danes Hill	Won

Other Sporting News

Well done to Lucas R who obtained his orange belt at his latest judo grading plus a dan for completing the theoretical and practical exams required to progress to the next level.

Lucas won his first fight and drew his second, against a 12 years old yellow belt.





Old Reigatians World's Unite Girls Rugby Camp 15th & 16th February

Do you want a fun, safe and enjoyable environment for your girls to play rugby in?

At Lions Sports Academy we don't just run Sports Camps, we are tailor making your child's camp to suit their age and ability. Whether they are just learning how to tackle or need some work on their line outs we're here to help. We'll be running fun and challenging activities and games over the 2 day camp and it's a great opportunity for them to learn some new skills to take back to their schools or club age groups.

When?- 15th and 16th of February from 10am to 3pm.

Where?- Old Reigatian's Rugby Club - Geoffery Knight Fields, Park Lane, Reigate, RH2 8JX.

Who?- Girls aged between 8 and 18 years old, of all abilities.

What?- Skills, drills and games bespoke to your girls age group.

How Much?- Only £60 for the 2days, alternatively £35 per day.

You can book now by clicking the button below which will take you to our booking page, if you have any questions however, please contact Joe Garner at Lions Sports Academy at joe@lionssports.academy

[Book Now](#)

Umpiring Courses



St Teresa's are hosting two England Hockey Umpiring Courses for staff and girls alike. If you are interested please sign up and register online with the link below.

Level 1

Sunday 18th Feb 9.30-5pm

Age 14yrs upwards

Introduction to Umpiring
Friday 23rd Feb
Age 12 upwards
(only a few spaces left)

[Find a Course - England Hockey](#)
www.englishockey.co.uk

Next Week @ Downsend

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

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