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Sports Bulletin

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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

Hockey



Year 2 Inter-House Hockey

The year 2 girls braved the cold weather last Friday afternoon and showed off all their hard work this term taking part in their inter-house hockey competition. As the games progressed, the girls were gradually understanding and putting into action, when to use their individual skills and looking much more like hockey players than a scrum! We saw some good passing, strong tackles and goals.

It was lovely to see all the girls working hard for their House and enjoying taking part. The results were really close and went down to the very last game.

= 3rd place Ranmore and Wisley (7 points each)

2nd place Norbury (9 points)

1st place Headley (13 points)

Well done to all the girls and thank you to all the parents for supporting the afternoon.

Mrs Fitch



U11 Boys Surrey Hockey Tournament

Last Wednesday we took an U11 boys team to take part in the Surrey Plate hockey tournament at Woking Hockey Club. This was a first in Downsends' sporting history and a fantastic achievement as the boys made it through to the final.

A small group of year 6 boys took the opportunity to join the Upper School boy's hockey club which started in January during a lunchtime. The majority of the boys had never picked up a hockey stick before and their attendance was intermittent due to the 11+ exams. They all worked hard and were really keen to learn the new skills especially 3D skills such as lifts, flicks and spins.

The team played their first 'fixture' against the U11 A and B girls from Downsends and Esher Church High school on the Monday of the week of competition and showed lots of raw potential. They were fast and eager to score goals and it was a great opportunity to learn some of the rules of hockey! Huge thanks to all the girls who played as this really did help the boys prepare for the tournament.

Heading to Woking on the Wednesday morning, the boys were given a hand out with the rules of the game on one side and umpires signals on the back, kindly put together by Oliver F. Our first game was against Meath Green and was a nice, gentle opener for the boys to settle their nerves and pick up 3 points. Three more pool games were then quickly played in succession against Trinity (2-0 win); Whitgift B's (4-0 win) and St Andrews (7-0). Scoring 21 goals and conceding 0 in Pool B ensured Downsends topped the group and play the runners up of pool A – Dulwich College B's. A much tougher game which

was 1-1 at half time. A good half time chat allowed the boys to focus on “doing the basics well” which resulted in 3 well taken goals and a fantastic 4-1 win putting the boys into their first ever hockey final.

Our opposition in the final, St George’s, are a well-established hockey school and we knew they were going to be tough. The first half saw the boys continue to play some good hockey and create numerous attacking opportunities. They were unlucky to concede a goal and be 1-0 down at half time. The second half we quickly pulled a goal back and then we were unfortunate to have a couple of injuries. The boys legs’ were tiring fast and their ‘raw’ skills deteriorated as a result. St George’s capitalised on this and scored three easy goals as we just could not find the energy to track back.

A fantastic effort by the whole squad with awesome stats. 26 goals scored; 5 goals conceded. A special mention to William K who played in goal having only put the GK kit on twice before the tournament and all the boys who had only started playing in January. Well done to Oliver F and William K as joint captains.

Team: William K, Oliver F, William K, Alexander T, Ben B, Findlay S, Jack M, George V, Josh B, Oliver B.

Mrs Fitch and Miss Ceci

Football



A fresh morning saw the boys in Year Two making a short coach journey across to Esher to take part in their first Saturday matches against Surbiton High boys.

After the players all put on their boots - with some help - Mr Evans ran a great warm up for the whole squad. All the players then split into one of the 6 Downsend teams with their team coach and went off to find their opposition. With excellent performances all round, the total of Downsend goals scored was amazing. Every boy taking part in the fixtures should feel very pleased with their performance which led to five Downsend wins and one draw

After the games, the players had match tea with the Surbiton boys before we all made our way back home. My thanks to all the staff for their help on the morning including Mr Evans, Mr Thompson, Mr Albert, Mr Dunning Mr Walker and to Year 8 student Ollie C. Also, I should like to thank all the mums and dads for their encouragement, assistance and support on the sidelines. A great morning for everyone!

Mr Roberts

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.

Team Sheets

Please note there is now a password for the Schools Sports Team Sheets.

All parents were sent the password before the half term break.

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

U10A	New Beacon	Drew
U10B	New Beacon	Won
U10C	New Beacon	Lost
U10D	New Beacon	Won
U8A	Thomas' Clapham	Won
U8B	Thomas' Clapham	Lost
U8C	Thomas' Clapham	Lost
U8D	Thomas' Clapham	Lost
U8E	Thomas' Clapham	Drew
U8F	Thomas' Clapham	Drew

Football

U7A	Surbiton High	Won
U7B	Surbiton High	Won
U7C	Surbiton High	Won
U7D	Surbiton High	Won
U7E	Surbiton High	Won
U7F	Surbiton High	Lost

Netball

U10A	The Study	Lost
U10B	The Study	Lost
U8A	Notre Dame	Won
U8B	Notre Dame	Won
U8C	Notre Dame	Drew
U8D	Notre Dame	Drew
U13A	Ewell Castle	Won
U13B	Ewell Castle	Won
U12A	Ewell Castle	Won
U11A	The Study	Lost
U11B(Red)	The Study	Won
U11B(Black)	The Study	Lost
U11C	The Study	Won

Other Sporting News

Well done to Dan R in 6ST who won the 'Spirit of the Game' award for his contribution to a thrilling 3-3 game where his ice hockey team; The Guildford Flames U11's drew against Basingstoke.



Netball courses with Surrey Storm start this Saturday - book now to avoid disappointment!



Spring is here and what better time to get your kids out and active while making new friends. Our junior Netball courses are the perfect place for your little ones to learn new skills, develop their game and, most importantly, have fun!

Junior Skills Development (School years 9&10)

Ideal for those looking to join a team or learn more about the game, you'll learn key tips for match play and drills to build skills!

Junior Netball Club (School years 4-6)

Perfect for beginners or enthusiastic new players, this course is packed with drills and games to build fundamental skills!

Junior Social Netball (School years 7&8 and 9&10)

All about enjoyment and playing time, no coaching just match play!



Good luck to Miss Seievwright and Mrs Crow who are running The Big Half this Sunday to raise money for the school's charity The Royal Marsden.



If you can sponsor them, their fundraising [link](#) is below:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/marieandmichelle1718?utm_medium=email&utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_campaign=20171017_108571

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