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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

Cricket



Years 3 and 4 Girls Cricket Masterclass

Years 3 and 4 were treated to a fantastic master class in cricket on Monday afternoon led by Vicki Howard, the Surrey Cricket Participation Officer. They were involved in various individual ball skills which will help with close and outfield fielding positions. The girls then focused on throwing and catching before putting their skills into a fun cricket game.

All the girls fully engaged with the session, were positive and open minded to the prospect of learning and playing the exciting game of cricket. There were lots of really good comments from many of the girls as they left the sports hall and around the school on Tuesday.

Mrs Fitch

Year 3 comments

Summer A "It was amazing, thanks"

Freyja B-W "Thank you, I learnt lots"

Maya B "I loved learning all the skills, thank you"

Lauren LQ "I love the batting and throwing"

Amelia B " I loved the game of cricket at the end"

Natalia "I loved all the activities, thank you"

Bella " I loved all of it especially the skills"

Daisy " I loved it so much especially the batting"

Jessica Jane L, Rebecca, Ana-Maria "We really liked it. We especially liked the 'round the world'.

Year 4 comments

Amelie P "I really like the game when you had to pass and switch places"

Freya B "I really enjoyed it and I liked it when you had to hit the ball"



Hockey



Year 2 Girls Hockey

The Friday before half term was a very busy afternoon and all the Year 2 girls, kitted out in plenty of warm clothing, took part in a fun hockey coaching afternoon with the girls from St Teresa's. They were divided into small groups; mixing both Downsends and St Teresa's girls up and rotated around a hockey circuit focusing on different skills such as shooting, dribbling, passing and a 4v4 game. The girls interacted really well with each other and showed some fantastic hockey skills. They worked hard all afternoon and were a real credit. At the end of the session, we all headed up to the Dining Hall for some well-deserved pizza and cake!

Well done to all the girls.

Mrs Fitch



U12 Girls Surrey Hockey Tournament

Despite arriving to frozen pitches at Kingston Grammar schools' sports ground the U12 Surrey hockey tournament continued with just a half hour delay to the programme allowing the sun to work its magic and make the pitches playable. Having arrived at the ground promptly we set up 'home' under a shelter, carefully laying out our sleeping bags to keep warm and healthy snacks and drinks too consume. We managed a good warm up and were ready and waiting (even after the central timer had sounded) for the first game to start against Hinchley Wood. Our opponents eventually made their way to the pitch and we began to play. This was a good opening game allowing any tournament nerves to settle. We played some solid hockey around the pitch and created some good attacking opportunities. Taking full advantage of the lack of warm up from the opposition's GK, we slotted home two well taken goals to win the game and take our first 3 points.

We went into our next game against Surbiton High school, with less nerves and more confidence; we knew it would be a tough one. Ten minutes against a well organised team of club players saw us lose a bit of our shape and determination and go down 0-2. We quickly re-grouped and were straight on against one of the home teams. The girls' took on board the feedback and applied pressure on the opposition creating lots of attacking opportunities and converting four. A good turnaround.

Our next opponents, Hollyfield, relied upon one player to defend and attack. We needed to mark her out of the game & close her down as soon as she got the ball but the girls stood dazed and dazzled by her silky skills and watched as she dribbled up the pitch and score, over and over again, eventually losing 3-0.

Going into our last two games we were feeling hopeful as both opponents had only scored one previous goal. Against Wimbledon High we tired quickly in attack and didn't always track back to help our defenders consequently allowing them quick early shots on goal and scoring. Against Alleyns, they scored a very early goal, completely against the run of the play, and sadly for us we could not find the equaliser or winner which we deserved.

Finishing fourth in our group we played out a 'play off' game against Royal Russell for 7/8th position. Sadly, we lost the game but were saved by the Krispy Kreme doughnuts very kindly donated by Mrs Kelly. A huge thank you from all of us.

All in all a tremendous effort by the eight girls and valuable experience gained in preparation for next years' Surreys. A big thank you to Emerson W and Honey C, two Y6 pupils, for helping out the Y7 girls team.

The Team: Sofia H (GK); Katherine V (player of the tournament); Sophie B (top goal scorer); Rhianna D; Hannah K; Chloe B; Ava U; Honey C; Emerson W.

Well done.

Mrs Fitch and Miss Ceci

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

U13A	New Beacon	Won
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Netball

U10A	Halstead	Drew
U10B	Halstead	Lost
U8A	Study A	Won
U8A	Study B	Won
U8A	Study C	Won
U8B	Study A	Lost
U8B	Study B	Won
U8B	Study C	Won
U8C	Study D	Lost
U8C	Study E	Lost
U8C	Study F	Won
U8D	Study D	Drew
U8D	Study E	Lost
U8D	Study F	Won
U11A	St Teresa's	Won
U11B (Red)	St Teresa's	Won
U11B (Black)	St Teresa's	Won

Other Sporting News

Well done to James W who competed in the Surrey County swimming finals last weekend at the London Aquatic Centre. James qualified for the 50m backstroke and was also in the 4x50m freestyle and medley relay teams. Unfortunately he didn't win any medals, but he put in some great performances and was thrilled to be swimming at the London Olympic venue.



On Sunday Jake W (7MS) entered his second singles Badminton Tournament. It was the U12 Surrey Badminton Tournament for non-county players and was held at Epsom College. In the tournament there were 20 competitors spread across 4 groups, with the top two players in each group going through to the knockout stages. Jake started strongly with a first match win (21-14) by playing to his strengths and interchanging his shots to have the opponent on the defence. Straight after he played his second match where again he served well and varied his shots to win (21-12). The third match was tough but he remained focused and confident that he could win, which he did (21-11). The final group match resulted in a straight forward win (21-8). After winning all his group games Jake came 1st in his group even though he doesn't play for a club. His next match was the quarter finals where he fought hard and came away with a 21-10 win. He was through to the semi-finals. Unfortunately Jake missed out in the place in the final losing the game 13-21. Eagerly he wanted to see who won so he stayed and watched the final. The boy who beat Jake won the finals 21-13 again. Unfortunately there was no 3rd place play-off, nevertheless Jake was pleased with coming 3rd/4th out of 20. Well done, Jake!

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

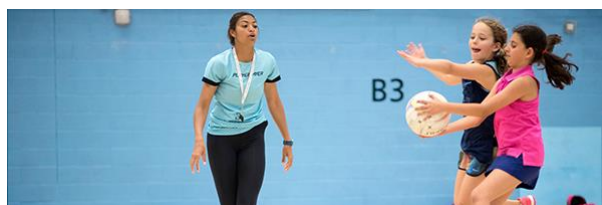


Spring is here and what better time to get your kids out and active while making new friends. Our junior Netball courses are the perfect place for your little ones to learn new skills, develop their game and, most importantly, have fun!



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!



Next Week @ Downsend

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

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