



## DOWNSEND SCHOOL

### 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](mailto:editor@downsend.co.uk)

Please keep an eye on [www.schoolssports.com](http://www.schoolssports.com) for team sheets and match results. Follow us on Twitter @DownsendSport.

*Howard Roberts & Marie Seivewright*

## Rugby



At last week's U9 Shrewsbury House Rugby Festival, the Downsend boys did a great job in the face of some very strong opposition. Outstanding tackling in every game was the key to the team's unbeaten run through the sunny afternoon.

The players moved the ball quickly after each tackle, not allowing the opposition time to organise their defensive line. Showing initiative, speed and skill, as well as demonstrating great line speed, another strong team feature was the ready support shown off the ball in attack. The boys' understanding of the game and the tasks involved continues to develop, offering a great deal of potential.

Well played Everyone and thank you to all the parents for their support through the afternoon.

Team from - Ted C, Alex G, Toby D, Toby T, Zac S, Lucas R, George P, Louis S and Ned S.

Results:

- 1) Vs Northcote Lodge - Win 2-1
- 2) Vs Danes Hill - Win 2-0
- 3) Vs Cranmore - Draw 1-1
- 4) Vs Cumnor House - Win 2-1
- 5) Vs The Mall - Draw 4-4
- 6) Vs Caldicott - Draw 1-1

*Mr Roberts*



### **U10 Shrewsbury House Rugby Festival**

The U10 A team travelled to Shrewsbury House on Thursday to take part in the U10 rugby festival. Over the course of the afternoon the boys got tested by some very strong opposition, playing five games and winning two of those. We played St Columba's first and went down by one try 15-10. Some superb try line defence and tackling was a great start to the tournament. We then played Cumnor House and won 15-0, some superb running rugby on show. We then played Cranmore and didn't perform to the standards we would hope for. The boys responded to this brilliantly by coming out all guns blazing and ready to make amends. They then dominated the game against King's House winning 15-0 showing some amazing defensive intensity. We then played a strong Northcote Lodge team in our final match, and despite some strong efforts finished losing 5-20.

It was a productive afternoon and the boys showed some impressive skills, attitudes and physicality through the tournament. Well done to all the boys and particularly to Jayden K, who won a medal as most improved player, showing great tackling and aggression in his first outing at A team standard, and to Luca C-S who won tackle of the day for his super tackle against Cranmore, and another huge hit against King's House as well! Thank you also to all the parents who supported the boys on the day.

*Mr Thompson*

Squad from: Alex D, Charlie K, Ralph H, Ralph M, Jayden K, Felix A, Luca C-S, Louie L, Curtis T, Angus W.

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## Netball



### Senior 'H' Garside Memorial Tournament

On Saturday our U13 Girls' attended the 'H Garside Memorial Tournament' held at Danes Hill School. The tournament is in honour of Heather Garside a former Head of Girls Sport at Danes Hill who passed away after a short battle with cancer in 2010. Heather was a strong advocate of girls' sport particularly Netball, and the tournament is a fitting tribute to her memory.

The opposition line up for the tournament was a tough one, with some of the best teams in Surrey taking part. The pouring rain and biting wind added to the challenge of the day. However the girls were focused and driven, working hard throughout the morning offering excellent netball in every game. The team was captained by Amelia T who led from the front with focus and passion.

Our first game against St Teresa's, saw some brilliant set plays which moved the ball swiftly up the court into the attacking third where our shooters worked hard to gain possession and convert their scoring opportunities. The game was fast and furious with a phenomenal work rate, which we coped with well. The score was 6-5 to Downsend. After a brief rest the girls reformed to take on Churches, an unknown entity to Downsend. They proved a formidable opposition and our defence fought hard to keep them out of our attacking third; they proved too strong in attack and unfortunately we registered a 6-8 defeat.

Our next two games against familiar rivals Feltonfleet and Danes Hill were as close as could be recording results of 5-9 and 2-4 respectively. After a short rest and a much needed warming up we were ready for our penultimate game against The Hawthorns. The girls had re grouped, discussed tactics and came out fighting. Great attacking play saw a 6-3 win.

A quick change of court, and straight into our final game, against the toughest opposition of the day, St George's. Their discipline in the set play and movement towards the ball proved too much for our defence to hold off. Throughout the game the girls' heads never dropped, they fought hard and showed great character in their performance, not once giving up.

After a tough tournament we were placed a very respectable 5<sup>th</sup>. At the end of the tournament our captain, Amelia, took part in a balloon release in Memory Of Heather Garside, a fitting tribute along with the great netball that was played in her memory.

*Mrs Hawes*

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## Swimming



Last weekend a team of 4 girls and 2 boys headed to The Spectrum to take part in the Secondary Individual Swimming Championships. These events are over raced over 100m.

The first event for the girls saw Katherine V take part in the Junior 100m Freestyle. Katherine was competing against many girls from the year above her and finished in a very respectable position. Next up saw Lauren D take to the pool in the 100m Backstroke. Last year Lauren finished in 3rd place in this event and this year improved her placing by one, taking home the silver medal and a new personal best time. Not her usual stroke at school, but Lauren performed extremely well achieving a bronze medal and a personal best. Then it was Amelia T's turn in the 100m Breaststroke followed by Sophie E in the 200 Individual Medley. Both girls swam extremely well against some fierce competition.

The afternoon was followed by the boys event which saw Lachie T and Ben W take to the pool in the 100m Freestyle and 100m Breaststroke respectively. Both boys swam a good race and were a credit to themselves, especially as like Katherine they were swimming against pupils in the year above.

Well done to all.

*Miss Seivewright*

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## Cross Country



### **U8-U11 Cross Country Relays**

Last Friday saw 32 pupils from Years 3 - 6 head to Danes Hill for their first Cross Country Relay event. Despite the beautiful sunshine it was certainly cold up on the hill at Danes Hill.

The event was run over 800m and in relay fashion, a baton was handed from runner to runner. The course would be described as undulating!

Each team should be proud of their achievements and congratulations to the Year 6B team who won their event.

For anyone interested in running do have a look at Junior Parkrun events. Junior parkrun is a series of 2k runs for children aged between 4 and 14. They are held in areas of open space around the UK. They are open to all, free, and are safe and easy to take part in.

<http://www.parkrun.org.uk/events/juniorevents/>

Nonsuch Park and Reigate Priory are our two local junior parkruns.

*Miss Seivewright*



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## 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.

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## 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>  
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.

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## 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.

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## Match Results

### Rugby

U13A	CLFS	Won
2 <sup>nd</sup> XIII	CLFS	Lost
U13A	Hawthorns	Won
2nd XIII	Hawthorns	Won
U9A	Cranmore	Drew
U9B	Cranmore	Lost
U9C	Cranmore	Won
U9D	Cranmore	Lost
U9E	Cranmore	Lost
U9F	Cranmore	Drew
U11A	Danes Hill	Lost
U11B	Danes Hill	Won
U11C	Danes Hill	Won

## **Football**

U7A	Milbourne Lodge	Lost
U7B	Milbourne Lodge	Won
U7C	Milbourne Lodge	Lost
U7D	Milbourne Lodge	Won
U7E	Milbourne Lodge	Lost

## **Netball**

1 <sup>st</sup>	CLFS	Lost
2 <sup>nd</sup>	CLFS	Lost
3 <sup>rd</sup>	CLFS	Lost
4 <sup>th</sup>	CLFS	Lost
U10A	Danes Hill	Lost
U10B	Danes Hill	Lost
U9A	Danes Hill	Lost
U9B	Danes Hill	Lost
U9C	Danes Hill	Lost
U11A	Claremont	Lost
U11B	Claremont	Won
U11C	Claremont	Won

## **Other Sporting News**

Well done to the year 6 girls who won the Ashtead All-stars netball tournament last week!





## **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](mailto: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.englandhockey.co.uk](http://www.englandhockey.co.uk)

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## Next Week @ Downsend

Please see a list of next week's fixtures at [www.schoolssports.com](http://www.schoolssports.com)

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## Sports Notices

[Team Selection Policy and Sport for All](#)

[Schools Sports Website](#)

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