



# DOWNSEND SCHOOL

## Sports Bulletin

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Welcome from the PE and Sport Department



Last week saw a real change of events for the Sports Department. The extreme weather conditions put a temporary postponement to our busy sporting programme. All the pupils adapted well to the change of activities and the sports hall become a hub of excitement and competition.

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.schoolsports.com](http://www.schoolsports.com) for team sheets and match results. Follow us on Twitter @DownsendSport.

*Howard Roberts & Marie Seivewright*

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## Netball

### Year 3 Netball

The Year 3 girls have had an incredible season of netball. The improvement they have shown is to be commended. They have displayed real dedication to the sport and the attendance at Monday evening Netball Club is outstanding.

From the matches they have played their statistics are something to be very proud of.

Matches Played = 18

Won = 11

Lost = 4

Draw = 3

The B team have been undefeated all season!

A fantastic season from all the girls and we look forward to their continued progression as they move through the school.

*Miss Seivewright & Mrs Hawes*



### **U11 IAPS Netball**

On Monday the U11 netball team headed to East Grinstead Sports Club to take part in the regional round of the IAPS Netball Tournament. With over 40 other schools taking part, we knew it would be a busy day and we had to work hard to fight for a place at National Finals.

The girls all played really well and I am very proud of their achievements. The improvements that they have made since the beginning of term are to be commended and the dedication and hard work has started to pay off. The games were tight from beginning to end, with girls often responding after the half time break to pull away. The girls played 8 games, winning 2, losing 5 and drawing 1. This meant that we finished 6<sup>th</sup> in our group, missing out on a place in the playoffs. All the girls should be pleased with their results.

The team included : Damla S, Rhianna P, Elizabeth H, Evie S, Mia K, Chloe M, Mia H, Natasha C, Bijou C-S

*Miss Seivewright*

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## Rugby

The U9A rugby team had a great afternoon at the Milbourne Lodge Festival on Monday. In their first match they played Sunningdale Prep and scored 7 tries without conceding any. The boys then took on the host team, Milbourne and beat them 8 - 0 to go into the next part of the festival. Playing against other group winners, the Downsend team proved to be the strongest on the day with further wins of 7-0 against Lanesborough and 6-0 against Aberdour. The whole team should feel very pleased with their efforts throughout the event. Outstanding tackling was the key to their success as the score lines suggest. This, together with fast elusive running, great handling skills, brilliant support play and team discipline in keeping their line as they pressed the opposition players, helped the boys to achieve their impressive wins. My thanks to Mr Popham for his help and support through the afternoon with the team, whose next event comes up on Saturday at the Surrey Festival. Also thank you to the parents for their support on the day.

Team from - Zac S (Capt.), Toby T, Alex G, Teddy C, Ned S, Bobby H, Louis S and Toby D.

*Mr Roberts*

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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) - <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

U11A	Shrewsbury House	Lost
U11B	Shrewsbury House	Lost
U11C	Shrewsbury House	Lost
U11D	Shrewsbury House	Lost

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## Other Sporting News

Well done to Sam B of 5JAY who was nominated by his golf club for the Surrey County Academy Programme and has been accepted!



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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

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