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Welcome from the PE and Sport Department

This week has certainly been a very busy one! After the 'Beast from the East' finally left us we were able to take part in many of the rescheduled competitions as well as all the other events that were due to take place.

We have thoroughly enjoyed watching all the boys and girls rise to the challenges that have been set for them. Whether it be inter-school matches, tournaments, inter-house events, PE or games lessons the children have been a credit to themselves.

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

Swimming



Guildford High School Invitational Gala – 12 March 2018

On Monday a team of swimmers headed off to compete in the annual invitational gala at GHS. The event consisted of individual races and relays to culminate in an overall team score. With heats and finals in all events we arrived prepared with a determined team looking to qualify for as many finals as possible. Potentially some swimmers could swim in 6 races that afternoon!

After some fantastic swims from all our individuals in both year groups a significant number had qualified for the finals. Next up were the relay events and yet again Downsend proved to be dominant in these events with three out of the four teams going through to the finals.

We knew we were in a solid position going in to the finals of both the individuals and relays but it was now we needed to start the points scoring!

The girls displayed some fantastic swimming and great team work and encouragement. Once all the

swimming was finished the girls headed up to teas and for the presentations. With the points doubled in the relays we were unsure of where we would finish as a team. The U9 team finished strongly and the U11 team secured the bronze medals.

Full results as follows

U11 Backstroke – Elizabeth H 3rd

U11 Breaststroke – Megan R 4th

U9 Breaststroke – Bamidele B 4th

U11 Butterfly – Lauren B 1st

U9 Freestyle – Sienna R 6th

U11 Freestyle – Ines M 5th

U11 Medley Relay – 3rd

U9 Freestyle Relay – 5th

U11 Freestyle Relay – 3rd

Well done to all the girls and the parents for their continued support.

Miss Seivewright

Football



game, rotated who took the important role of goal keeper and sweated and smiled more than any other team. They worked extremely hard, listened to the team targets and played some of the best football this season. Felix G understood different roles in different positions and popped up with left and right foot goals, Jake D led the team as captain and showed at a young age great leadership. Kobi J, Dylan W, Edward V, Rory S and Thomas C timed their passes brilliantly, scanned before receiving and showed how to demonstrate a firework and create space for each other.

A very good day at the office for the youngsters!

Mr Evans

Netball



U13 IAPS Netball 2018

The day began with an early start to travel to East Grinstead Sports Complex, for the group stages of the IAPS Netball Tournament. After much practice and local matches the girls were ready for the final big tournament of the season. A tough group stage with nearly 30 teams from all over the region involved in the event. With 7 teams in our pool there was a long day ahead with 6 matches to play before the knock out stages.

The girls played some great netball demonstrating the progress that they have made over the season. They worked hard and were resilient throughout. With convincing wins against Cottesmore and Ardingly, a fantastic draw against Brighton College who had a clean sheet and just two losses to Danes Hill and Highfield the eventual pool winners. All of their matches were close fought battles but unfortunately we were not to progress from the group stage losing out by 1 point.

Again although disappointed with the result the girls played some of their best netball to date. They have shown a commitment to each other and to securing the best results possible and should be proud of both their individual and team performances.

Well done girls – it was a pleasure to watch you play.

Mrs Hawes

Rugby

Surrey Rugby Championships U13A's make great progress throughout the morning at



Surrey Rugby Championships - U10A's make great progress throughout the morning at Cranmore in the Surrey Rugby Tournament.

Having started a little slowly, we unfortunately lost our first couple of games by one or two tries. Had we capitalised on our chances in these first matches, I have no doubt we could have beaten a talented Donhead side in the latter stages of the group. As it was we made great progress throughout the day, finally using the ball a little more and finding space out wide. This along with an incredibly gritty performance in defence, saw us win our last game against Kings House 3-2 and leave on a high.

All the boys should be proud of their performances in the latter stages, however they must remember that success is achieved not only through the demonstrating of ability, but often more importantly through the application of self belief and determination! Well done to all, but especially Jacob G, Jack M and Harry M, who all stepped up very well from the B team!

Mr Albert

U11A Surrey Rugby Festival at Cranmore

The U11A team performed very well at the Surrey Rugby Festival on Saturday 10 March.

In a very strong group of Danes Hill, St George's Weybridge, Northcote Lodge and Whitgift, the side played competitively in every game. The only two halves where the boys were consistently out of their defensive positions were in the second half against Danes Hill and in the first half against St Georges Weybridge.

Aside from these passages of play the U11A side organised their defensive line effectively and followed this with a great line press and plenty of courageous tackling. In attack the boys retained possession at the rucks and passed well, running with strength and speed to score six tries in three games.

This festival marks the end of the U11 season, which though it has not seen the team record many wins, has certainly seen the boys improve significantly, individually and as a team. Very well played to everyone!

Surrey Rugby Squad: William E, William K, Jack M, George V, Alexander T, Samuel W, Harry H, Isaac N, Oliver B and James G.

U11 Squad for the season: William E, William K, Jack M, George V, Alexander T, Samuel W, Harry H, Isaac N, Oliver B, James G, Noah B-W and Ben B.

Hockey



What an amazing afternoon of hockey! The Year 2 girls have worked so hard this term developing their hockey skills and it really showed on Friday afternoon when the girls from Notre Dame visited Downsend. The astro was awash with colour and excitement as the girls were grouped together and rotated around five hockey stations including Raid the Nest, the Push Pass Challenge, shoot out and a mini game. All of the girls are making so much individual progress and really starting to understand how to play the game, which was also evident on Saturday morning when they played in the Year 2 and 3 internal hockey tournament. It is great to see and hear how much they are enjoying learning the game.

Great work Year 2.

Mrs Fitch



Years 2 & 3 Internal Hockey Tournament, Saturday 10 March 2018

A fantastic turnout of over 40 girls from Years 2 & 3 gathered on the astro for this annual event celebrating the progress that the girls have made with their hockey over the year. The girls were placed in teams based on an African Safari. With Leaping Lions, Terrific Tigers, Energetic Elephants, Galant Giraffes, Zestful Zebras, Marvellous Meerkats, Raging Rhinos and Wild Wildebeests; the morning was set to be an extravaganza of hockey skill and passionate play.

With the teams formed they each played in 7 mini games to fight for the title of Tournament Champions. After assessing the opposition each team was allowed to play a joker card in the match that they thought they were sure to win; this would then score them double points. The matches were fast paced and eagerly contested with some great skill. Control of the ball was paramount as was creating space and driving forward toward the goal.

The results table was close but heading it up were the Leaping Lions, comprising Natalia B, Lauren Le Q, Maria B, Aanya A and Tayla S. Runners up were the Wild wildebeests.

A fun morning of hockey was had by all, showcasing the skill and development of the girls. A great season for hockey and much promise for the future - well done everyone!

Mrs Hawes



U11 Cup Competition

On Tuesday, the U11A Hockey team played in a tournament for Downsends at the Surrey Tournament which was held at Woking Hockey Club.

In total we played 6 games losing our first 3 and winning the rest, conceding only 4 goals across the day. There were 12 teams in the tournament and we came 4th, unfortunately just missing out as we needed to come 3rd to qualify.

What we have taken out of this tournament is that we need to start off with the fire in our bellies just like we ended our last 3 matches.

Chloe M and Natasha C - U11A Captains

U11 Plate Competition

We walked onto the pitch with our heads held high and confident that we'd try our best.

Our first match was against St George's B. We fought hard to try and win this game but it ended as a 0-0 draw. We then had a small break to discuss what we could do better and then played Rowan and despite playing better lost 1-0 to a strong team. Our next match against Aberdour we lost 2-0. We were then really all motivated for our next game against Esher Church B. We won that game 3-0 with some

excellent goals from the team.

Our next game was against Halstead and we drew 1-1 for the majority of the match but sadly a few mistakes gave them a goal to take the 1-2 win.

We were next to play Streatham & Clapham. This was a tight one but sadly they snatched a 1-0 win. Overall the team played well considering only two of our opponents were actual B teams!!!

Well done to the team.

Mia K



U13 Surrey and London Hockey Cup

Finally, the U13 hockey team were able to take part in their Surrey Cup tournament down at Reigate Grammar school, which should have been played before half term and before all the adverse weather struck. The girls were focused, determined and looking forward to playing new teams. We were extremely unlucky against RGS; we played them first and it was a very even match. Sadly, they scored 2 goals towards the end of the first half but we defended hard in the second half and did not concede. We then came across three new teams, Ibstock Place, Streatham and Clapham High School and Alleyns. We took 4 points from the 3 games which sadly was not enough to take us through the pool into the quarter finals. However, Miss Ceci and myself were very proud of how the team worked together and never gave

up. The defence worked tirelessly throughout the day, tackling and clearing the ball. Having only lost 1-0 to the eventual overall winners, Streatham and Clapham High, it was a shame we couldn't break down the oppositions defence to score more goals. Well played to the whole squad and good luck with your hockey in the future.

Mrs Fitch

We managed to come 4th in our pool after playing four matches in which we won one, drew one and lost two games. As a team, we all worked very well together and all supported and motivated one another. We managed to score two goals due to great team work and recalling all we've learnt whilst practising. We had an enjoyable time as it was our last hockey tournament as a team.

Lauren D

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.

Don't forget you will now need the password to access the team sheets.

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

U8A	CLFS	Lost
U8B	CLFS	Drew
U8C	CLFS	Drew
U8D	CLFS	Drew
U10A	CLFS	Won
U10B	CLFS	Won
U10D	CLFS	Drew

Netball

1 st	Hawthorns	Drew
2 nd	Hawthorns	Lost
U9A	GHS	Lost
U9B	GHS	Lost
U11A	Halstead	Lost
U11B (Red)	Halstead	Lost
U11B (Black)	Halstead	Lost
U11C	Halstead	Lost

Swimming

Boys	Parkside	Won
Girls	Danes Hill	Lost

Other Sporting News

Well done to Ines M who took part in the David Moyce Sprint Swim Open meet last weekend. She not only achieved 3 personal best times but also won 3 Gold medals for the U11 in the 50m Free, Butterfly and Backstroke. She also swam her 50m Free in 34.08 sec, shaving 3 sec from her last PB which is a great achievement. Congratulations!



Well done to Hayley C in 6DV who achieved super results this weekend in her Primary Challenge team from Leatherhead and Dorking Gymnastics Club. The team are silver medal winners and qualified to compete at the 2018 TeamGym British Championships in Newcastle. Congratulations and good luck!



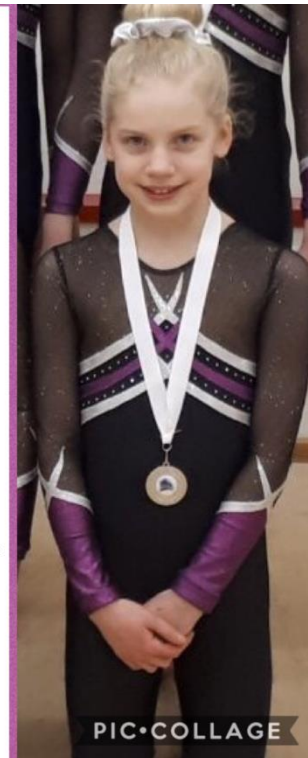
TeamGym British Championships 2018

Saturday 14th April 9:00 am - Sunday 15th April 5:00 pm

Get ready to watch teams of talented gymnasts showcase their skills across three disciplines at the 2018 TeamGym British Championships, held at Northumbria University, Newcastle Upon Tyne, on 14-15th April 2018.

Gymnasts will work together as a group to perform spectacular routines on floor, dynamic somersaults on the trampet and vault in a bid to win the coveted British titles.

Which teams will be victorious and be crowned British champions 2018? Make sure you get your tickets to see all of the action unfold.





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