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Welcome from the PE and Sport Department



Welcome back after the Easter break. We hope you all had a restful time and are ready for the term ahead. We hope you enjoyed watching the success of Team England at the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast, especially the nail-biting final in the Netball. If you haven't seen it yet, do take a look - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/commonwealth-games/43773473>

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

Barbados 2018



Over the Easter holidays, thirty one Downsend pupils from Year 7 and 8 and seven Downsend staff headed to the paradise island of Barbados for a cricket and netball tour. It was a truly magnificent experience for all. There were thrilling matches, stunning beaches, delicious ice cream and throughout it all, a wonderful group of children who were great fun with whom to share the sports tour.

This was a ten day programme, during which both the cricket and netball teams played five matches each. The sport was highly productive and both the boys and girls enjoyed considerable success.

On the netball side of the trip, Downsend put out two teams, a Year 8 side and a Year 7 side. Through the tour the Downsend girls had to adapt to a greater level of physicality from the Bajan opposition. They did this with aplomb, winning eight of the ten fixtures they played. This was a great achievement considering that our girls were also battling the heat which they certainly weren't used to after the recent winter! At times the Downsend teams were so strong that they played a versatility format of netball with every player having a chance to play in every position. Despite this we still won these matches, demonstrating the great strength in depth of this group.

Throughout all the games the girls showed sheer grit and determination to succeed. The first set of matches saw the Year 7 team defeated against the strong St Jude's team, whilst the Year 8 team held the

opposition off to a frustrating draw (technically a win for us!). The next two sets of matches saw both teams win convincingly. In the penultimate match of the tour, the Year 8 girls were really challenged by the opposition, in what was an extremely physical game. The final result was a victory to Downsend, with a welcome rain shower to cool us off! The Year 7 team made fantastic progress throughout the tour and it was great to see the development of their netball.

Barbados is a cricket loving nation and the Downsend boys were very lucky to have the opportunity to play at some wonderful grounds and to play against wonderfully enthusiastic opposition. The most pleasing aspect of the tour was the lovely community feeling at each match.

There was a thrilling match against Empire CC, which we won in the final over. Their bowlers were very quick and the batsmen showed great resilience to chase down a large total. There was another 'edge of your seat' match against the Good Shepherd School where our bowlers performed brilliantly under pressure to bring home the victory. Against Deighton Griffith School we put in a dominant bowling performance to skittle the opposition. We were delighted with the level of cricket the boys produced through the tour and really enjoyed watching them play.

Away from the sports pitch we were able to enjoy a number of outings on the tour as well. Everyone enjoyed the time spent on the beach, swimming in the Caribbean Sea, playing beach cricket and enjoying ice creams. Then there was the Island Safari in which we were whisked around Barbados in a jeep, which used both conventional roads and some more bumpy tracks, to enjoy some of the wonderful sights. We also enjoyed the catamaran cruise, having the chance to snorkel over the reefs and swim with turtles. Both children and staff definitely enjoyed the opportunity to do some jumping, bombing and diving off the boat after lunch as well.

This was a superb tour and one which all the staff and children enjoyed immensely. The children were great tourists, having fun and showing great independence and maturity throughout. I hope it was an experience that all the children will think of fondly for many years.

A big thank you must also go to James Walker and Sam Thorpe for their help and support during this trip.

Mr Thompson, Mr Howe, Mr Roberts, Mrs Cooper-James and Miss Seivewright



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](#). 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

Boys Cricket

1 st	Newland House	Won
U10A	Cranmore	Won
U10B	Cranmore	Won
U9A	Cranmore	Won
U9B	Cranmore	Won
U9C	Cranmore	Won
U9D	Cranmore	Lost
U11A	Cranmore	Lost
U11B	Cranmore	Lost

U11C	Cranmore	Lost
U11D	Cranmore	Lost
1 st	Cranmore	Lost
2 nd	Cranmore	Lost
3 rd	Cranmore	Won

Girls Cricket

1 st	Danes Hill 1 st Game	Won
1 st	Danes Hill 2 nd Game	Lost
2 nd	Danes Hill	Won
3 rd	Danes Hill	Lost
4 th	Danes Hill	Won

Tennis

U11 Girls	Danes Hill	Lost
U13 Boys	Cranmore	Lost
U11 Boys	Rokeby	Won
U10 Boys	Rokeby	Lost

Rounders

U11A	Claremont Fan Court	Won
U11B	Claremont Fan Court	Won
U11C	Claremont Fan Court	Won

Other Sporting News

Congratulations to Hailey C and her TeamGym from Leatherhead and Dorking Gymnastic club who competed at Northumbria University during the 2018 Teamgym British Championships in the Easter holidays. There were 12 teams in total that had qualified, from all over the British Isles, fighting for the title of Primary TeamGym Challenge. It was a tough competition and all girls preformed extremely well under pressure on floor, tumble, trampet and vault.

The team finished in 4th place – just missing out on the medals by 1.5pts. Well done Hailey.



Congratulations to Alice U (Year 5) who had a busy swimming Easter.

Alice took part in the Surrey Age group Spring meet and won:
400 Freestyle gold, 200 Freestyle Bronze and 200 Breast stroke Bronze.

Alice was also promoted by her swim club to the County squad after achieving the qualification standards last term.

Well done Alice!

Congratulations to Sofia H (Year 7) who during the Easter break competed in the AMA Southern Karate championships and won 2 Gold's and one Silver making her a double champion in the following categories which is very well achieved.

- 10-12yrs 3rd kyu & above - Gold
- 13-14yrs 4th kyu & below - Gold
- 10-12yrs 4th kyu & above – Silver

Very well done Sofia!



On Sunday a few friends took part in the Mud Kids run in Dorking. The route was a 3km obstacle course that involved running and crawling through lots of mud, streams and even sliding down a big wet inflatable slide! The children ran around the course twice which resulted in lots of muddy faces and clothes afterwards!

Well done to Jack B - 4LC, Maya B - 3PM, Amelia B - 3EF, Oscar B, Max A and Grace A from Ashted Pre-Prep for taking part.



Well done to Toby W who played fly-half in the final of the U12's Surrey & South London Cup (The Presidents Cup) against Richmond RFC last weekend. The knock out competition involved 50 clubs and Dorking U12's went on to win 3-2 in a fiercely competitive match.

The Dorking U12's are now going on Tour to the Isle of Wight. Good luck Toby.



Well done to Polly GG in 4JN who achieved etoile d'or ESF in Argentiere, Chamonix over the Easter holidays.



GIVE CRICKET A GO!



Epsom Cricket Club invites girls
year 7 and up to come along
to a fun FREE session.

HAVE FUN! BE PART OF A TEAM

Learn to bat, bowl and field, with a soft ball, in a
supportive small girls' only group, with great coaches.
Just bring your trainers, water bottle and enthusiasm!

Monday 23th April 2018 @ 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Epsom Cricket Club, Woodcote Rd, Epsom KT18 7QN

To register and for more information, please contact
Lisa Jalland on epsomgirlscricket@gmail.com
www.colts.epsomcricketclub.co.uk



GIVE CRICKET A GO!



Epsom Cricket Club invites girls
years 3 to 6 to come along
to a fun FREE session.

HAVE FUN! BE PART OF A TEAM

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Next Week @ Downsend

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

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