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Howard Roberts & Marie Seivewright

Swimming



IAPS National Swimming Championships London Aquatic Centre – Saturday 9th June 2018

Following a very promising start at the qualifying round we knew the boys and girls had the potential to achieve some good results against the best schools in the country.

All the boys and girls who qualified did so from a field of over 4,000 competitors from 265 schools across the length and breadth of the country. To make a national final is an achievement in itself and the boys and girls should be very pleased with their efforts. The standard of swimming seems to rise each year with all schools going that one step further than the previous year, the children should be proud of themselves for competing at such a high standard. The change of the venue this year for the National Final gave the pupils a chance to swim in the iconic London Aquatic Centre, which was the venue for the swimming, diving and synchronised swimming at the London 2012 Olympic Games. Following in the footsteps of Michael Phelps, Chad le Clos and Rebecca Adlington, the pupils were extremely lucky to have the opportunity to swim in this fantastic pool.

The morning session saw the boys take to the pool and after some great swimming in the relays where all teams either improved or equalled their rankings it was onto the individuals. Angus W swam a great heat and although there was no improvement on time, should be proud of himself – especially after the lack of sleep from the recent PGL trip, finished in 18th place.

The afternoon session saw the girls arrive, full of high spirits and ready to race. First to swim were the relay teams. All the teams had swum extremely well gaining personal bests across the board, again like the boys either equalling or improving their ranking.

Four girls had qualified for the individual heats and all of them improved their times from the regional qualifier.

Huge congratulations to Lauren D who achieved a fantastic 3rd place finish in an extremely competitive and close final. In the process of getting this bronze medal she achieved a personal best time and broke the school record, which was held for 8 years. She now holds 3 of the school records. A fabulous way to finish her time here at Downsends.

Other top achievers from the individual competition included: Megan R – 11th, Lauren B - 12th (new school record) and Sophie E – 19th.

Our thanks go to all the boys and girls for the competitive effort they showed to the end along with their teamwork, individual skills, bubbly enthusiasm and support; to the parents for their support on the day and throughout the run up to the finals with training.

Well done everybody!

Marie Seivewright and Howard Roberts



Cricket



U10A Cricket Team enjoy enormous success at the Danes Hill Sixes Tournament

On Saturday the U10A's competed against 14 of the best Surrey schools in the Danes Hill Cricket Sixes Tournament. The boys played phenomenally well in the group stages and won all four of their group matches. In winning the group, we bowled Rokeby out for 18, Cranmore for 11 and the highlight was Cumnor House for just 7 runs. Special mention goes to Isaac R and Ralphie A for their phenomenal spin bowling. After a long day in the heat and a tiring week at PGL, we played King's House in the final. Unfortunately due to some excellent batting by their openers the total of 54 was just a little too many for us, as we ended 17 runs short. Nevertheless it was an amazing achievement and Downsend cricket goes from strength to strength! I Look forward to the U9 tournament this Friday, good luck to our Year 4's! Very well done to all the boys in the team:

Ralphie A
Isaac R
Alex D
Jack M
Sam B
Luca C S

Jon Albert

Athletics



Four teams of Year 6 & 8 boy and girl Downsends athletes headed to nearby Epsom College to take part in their annual prep school athletics competition. At the end of a busy week of CE exams for our Year 8 pupils it gave them the opportunity to let off some steam and for the majority of pupils a chance to practice ahead of the Regional Athletics on Monday.

With the boys and girls competing across numerous events against some tough competition we were delighted with the results across the board, with a number of events won and lots of silver and bronze medals picked up by both teams and individually. As we headed to the presentations we were keen to know the final overall results.

It was great to hear that the Girls in Years 6 & 8 secured 3rd place in their respective competitions and a huge well done to the Boys in Year 8 who were the overall winners.

It was a real pleasure to know that each athlete has worked hard to do their very best with many of them producing their personal best distances, times and heights. It summed up the positivity and resilience that Downsends children have.

Many thanks to Mrs Hawes and Mr Thompson for taking the team in my absence.

Miss Seivewright



London Area Athletics Championships – Monday 11th June 2018.

This year saw us back at Eton for the London Area Regional Athletics Competition as the pupils from Years 5-8 take part in a numerous events in the hope of qualifying for the National finals.

The sun was shining as we arrived and set up our base for the day. We knew from the start there would be some tough competition but the boys and girls were determined to do their best in the hope of qualifying for Nationals. Pupils had to win their event to qualify, if they came second and reached national standard the London Area team manager may consider them for the team.

The relays were the first events to take place in the morning. Strong running and good changes overs ensured a few podium places.

A number of personal bests were also achieved throughout the day. Congratulations to Louis H – Discus (Year 7) and Hannah G – Triple Jump (Year 8) who won their events and secured their place at Nationals. We are still waiting for the full results to come through in the hope that a number of our second place athletes will also be selected for Nationals.

Once again the pupils were a credit to themselves and the school. Well done to all who competed and the parents for your continued support.

Marie Seivewright



Rounders



Saturday saw the U11 and U13 rounders teams head to The Hawthorns School for their annual tournament.

The U11's were joint winners.

Full reports will be in next week's edition.

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.

Attendance at clubs/practices

If your son/daughter is unable to attend a practice or sports club please can you ensure you let the PE department know in advance. We need to ensure that all our pupils are in the correct place at all times.

Match Results

Boys Cricket

3 rd XI	Rokeby	Lost
U10A	Cumnor House	Won
U10A	Rokeby	Won
U11A	CLFS	Won
U11B	CLFS	Won
U11C	CLFS	Won

Girls Cricket

U11A	Danes Hill	Won
U11B	Danes Hill	Won
U11C	Danes Hill	Lost
U11D	Danes Hill	Won

Other Sporting News

Well Done to Warren H and his ice hockey team, the U13's Guildford Firestorms, who travelled to Scotland this past weekend to compete in a season ending tournament. After playing six fast paced and gruelling games in two days, the team placed second overall in their league.





This Sunday sees Mrs Crow and Miss Seivewright take on the London to Brighton Bike Ride in aid of the school charity. They will be cycling 54 miles over rolling hills - please help raise as much money as possible for this year's school charity.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/marieandmichelle1718>

Next Week @ Downsend

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

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