



# DOWNSEND SCHOOL

## Sports Bulletin

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### Welcome from the PE and Sport Department

Welcome to the final Sports Bulletin of the year. We can't believe how quickly this year has gone! Once again we have been delighted with the continued efforts from every single pupil in the school. The achievements have been highlighted through the year and we look forward to these continuing next term.

We wish you all a wonderful summer break and look forward to hearing about any sporting endeavours in which you take part in.

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*

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## Cricket



## **U11 Girls Cricket Team - Runners Up in the Surrey Starburst Festival**

Tuesday afternoon saw the U11A Girls Cricket team take part in the final of the inaugural Starburst Cricket Final. Following on from our success at the preliminary rounds the girls were excited to take part.

After a quick recap of the rules the girls headed into their first game against Holy Cross School. Winning the toss and choosing to field first assisted the girls in knowing what score they would be chasing and gave us a slight advantage in the opening match. Superb bowling prevented the Holy Cross girls from scoring too many runs and enabled us to keep their score low. Our opening batting pair of Natasha C and Elspeth W scored highly and after their two overs our score was equal to the final score of Holy Cross! We now needed to ensure we kept scoring runs and not lose any wickets. The girls continued to bat well and only a couple of wickets fell resulting in a win to Downsends of 282-238.

Our next game was against unknown opponents Emanuel School. Losing the toss we had to bat first and despite a some fantastic strikes of the ball the fielding from Emanuel was outstanding and proved to be the stronger team. Without a break the girls headed into their next game against Streatham and Clapham they needed to move on from the previous defeat and keep up the positive manner they started with. They certainly did this and their dominant bowling shone through with a couple of near maiden overs won convincingly 290-246.

The final game was against Hall Grove School. We knew the final results for the whole tournament were going to be tight so a win in this match would be crucial. Having lost the toss again we had to open the batting and needed to ensure when we went it to the field that we had to prevent Hall Grove from scoring. The game was so tense throughout and even down to the last over we were unsure of the score but we knew it was tight. The last six balls were the most tense, pretty much like the England penalty shoot-out! Hall Grove managed to score off the first 5 balls. Miss Vanstone and I were sat on the side lines convinced we needed another wicket to win the game. Geraldine H bowls her final ball of the game and takes the wicket we needed to win! Had this wicket not fallen we would have lost by 1 run! A great game against a strong side.

The umpire presented one player from every match with a t-shirt for being player of the match. Geraldine, Natasha and Emerson were all presented player of the match in a game. Well done girls.

A well deserved break was now taken whilst we waited for the final games to be played and the results to be added up. The format of the game is different to a normal pairs game where 9 points are on offer as a maximum. Four points for the win, all four smash points (each pair competes directly against the equivalent pair in the other team) and 1 bonus point for scoring over 240 runs.

As the presentations started the scores between the top 3 teams were announced as being extremely close. 3rd place, Holy Cross achieved 23 points and we managed to beat them by 2 points. Silver medals and certificates were presented to the team. We were only 3 points behind the winning team - Emanuel.

This tournament was a great success not just for us as a school for also for girls cricket. The ECB have now funded this tournament for the next 3 years.

Thank you to the girls for your infectious enthusiasm throughout the term. Many thanks also to Mr Thompson for his support and teaching. Lastly thank you to the parents for your continued support.

Team - Geraldine H, Elspeth W, Natasha C, Emerson N, Elizabeth H, Mia K, Evie S and Chloe M

*Miss Seivewright*



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## **The Roberts Sports League – Summer Term 2018**

Girls Winners – U11B Team

Boys Winners – U10A Team

Once again all the children have been competing in the largest school tournament this term. Although it is not possible for every child to compete in a one day tournament or festival, the Downsend Sports League provides every team in the school the opportunity to compete against each other based upon their results against other schools throughout the term. In the sports assembly, the qualities of endeavour, resilience, teamwork and determination were celebrated, and in recognition of all these traits and many more in Mr Roberts leadership over the past 28 years, we have decided that from now on the league will be known as 'The Roberts Sports League'. Congratulations to the U11B Girls Cricket Team and the U10A Boys Cricket Team this summer for winning the league. Along with these sides, there were numerous other teams across the school who displayed superb results. Very well done to every child who represented the school in whichever team.

Enjoy the summer break!

*Jon Albert*



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## Sports Days

### **Lower School Sports Days**

What a fantastic finale to the Lower School's sporting year at Downsend. The amazing sports days last week really captured the spirit of all our children, showing off their talents, their hard work, phenomenal efforts and above all, superb sportsmanship. The weather certainly played its part and the move to the morning proved the right decision. Thank you all for making the events so fantastic and well attended.

The Year 4 and 5 children had the opportunity to choose their events with the exception of the sprint race, which they all took part in. As ever the long jump proved very popular and there were some exceptional distances reached. Likewise, the ball throw produced some amazing distances well over 40m. I was astounded at how the 600 and 800m runners were able to perform so well under the hot and sticky conditions, pacing themselves to perfection just like true professionals and the speed shown over the sprint and relay events was spectacular. The children all showed true grit, determination and team work throughout the morning, it was truly fantastic to watch. Well done to everyone.

The results were close and exciting with Headley coming out on top across the two years groups.

### Year 4 Results

1<sup>st</sup> Headley

2<sup>nd</sup> Norbury

3<sup>rd</sup> Wisley

4<sup>th</sup> Ranmore

### Year 5 Results

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ranmore
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisley
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Headley
- 4<sup>th</sup> Norbury

My goodness what talent we have across Year 2 and 3! This years' Sports Day took on a slightly different format with everyone taking part in all four of the field events, along with a sprint race and a longer distance run. All the children scored points for their houses based on how far they threw or jumped. I was very impressed with the performances in the high jump, a new event for year 2, with only a handful having experienced it before. The quoit throw, emulating the discus, was executed superbly by the year 2's as was the Turbo Javelin by the Year 3's. All demonstrating excellent technique and great distances reached. Once again it was the distance runners that blew me away across both year groups. The speed that the children started the race and were able to maintain over the 400 and 600m was exceptional. To all the children involved, well done, you were incredible.

Thanks, as always, go to the fabulous DPA for serving the well-needed refreshments from the pavilion and providing the well-deserved ice pops to the children.

A huge thank you also to the parents, grandparents and siblings who were able to attend and support across both days. It really makes a big difference to the children when they see and hear the cheering from the side lines and it makes the atmosphere electric!

### Year 2 results

- 1<sup>st</sup> Headley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisley
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Norbury
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ranmore

### Year 3 Results

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ranmore
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Headley
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Norbury
- 4<sup>th</sup> Wisley

Have a fantastic summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone fresh and eager in September.

*Fiona Fitch*



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### **Upper School Sports Day Review**

What a scorcher last Wednesday for Sports Day. As the sun shone down on us a great day of sport ensued. Whether it be on the track, throwing or jumping our young athletes put their heart and soul into their performances in the desire of taking the winning trophy for their house.

On track we saw hurdles, sprints and middle distance running taking place with some outstanding performances and one or two that were too close to call. With some athletes streaking out in front and other's chasing the pack, old records were challenged and new records set. In the field we saw athletes throw further and jump higher than they ever have before. The talent on show was phenomenal.

The results were as follows:

	<b>Ranmore</b>	<b>Headley</b>	<b>Wisley</b>	<b>Norbury</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	165	211	234	204
<b>Year 7</b>	153	138	99	107
<b>Year 8</b>	156	178	142	124
<b>Relays</b>	44	70	50	60
<b>Totals</b>	518	597	525	495

A great day of athleticism, with true sportsmanship and fantastic support from parents and the wider school community. Well done everyone!

*Joanne Hawes*



## Athletics



Following their success in the regional qualifying event last month, seven Downsend athletes travelled to the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham on Tuesday to take part in the National Prep Schools' Athletics Finals. The athletes included two discus throwers - Ben B (Y6) and Louis H (Y7), who was also representing the London area in the shot put, a triple jumper - Hannah G (Y8) and the Year 8 boys' relay team - Jonny P, Ollie G, Tom D and Fraser L. In the face of great competition, each of the Downsend

team did their best and should be proud of taking part in the elite event at the home of British athletics. An exciting performance in the heat of the U14 relay ensured that the Year 8 boys made the final and they earned a creditable 7th place, well above their initial ranking. Well done everybody.

*Howard Roberts*

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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](#). 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.***

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## 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.

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## Other Sporting News

Well done to the 32 Downsend pupils who took their Royal Academy of Dance ballet exams with the Jennifer Hay Ballet School a few weeks ago.

Grade 3 - Maya K, Emma F, Olivia B, Sarasa M, Olivia H, Aimee J, Sophia S, Jasmine R, Eva R, Imogen G

Grade 2 – Martha G, Zoe G, Sophia V, Seren K

Grade 1 – Maria B, Freya V d H, Jessica Jane L, Rebecca J, Ana Maria H

Primary – Emma C, Amy J, Grace K, Izzy E, Niamh B, Katerina R, Amy D, Eleanor M, Harriet H, Ava D, Keira D, Aliyah K, Isabella C



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(U8-U11)

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## Spend the summer with Storm

Keep your children active over the summer with our junior netball camps.

Every child can develop their skills, make new friends and have fun on our summer camps. [Book now](#) and secure your spot with Storm now!

All of our Storm Junior Camps are tailored to each age group to get the best out of their experience. All camps are led by a Storm player or coach, with help from our Community Coaching Team to ensure all participants are looked after!

Check out the [video](#) for a taste of what to expect at a Surrey Storm Junior Camp.



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