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Welcome from the Sports Department

As the weather has now turned it is very important to make sure your son/daughter is fully prepared for sport outside. Please can you ensure that your son/daughter has a top and bottom base layer (under garments) to be worn under their sports kit. White base layer top for the girls, black base layer top for the boys and plain black base layer leggings. Additionally, the school tracksuit/contact top, a warm hat and any sport specific gloves would be ideal.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

As always we like to hear about your child's sporting highlights and successes outside school, so please continue to send them to editor@downsend.co.uk.

Please keep an eye on www.schoolssports.com for team sheets and match results. Follow us on Twitter [@DownsendSport](https://twitter.com/DownsendSport)

The Sports Department

The Start of the Rugby Season



The rugby season is now under way and it has been a very exciting start. All boys have now had their first experience of rugby this season at school and I have been incredibly impressed with the standard that I have seen. There are loads of areas to work on but the potential is certainly there!

Well done to the U10, U11 and U12 teams who played in the first matches of the season over at Feltonfleet on Saturday 17th November. A great morning's rugby and everyone was very pleased to see Mr Thompson!

Grant Lawrence, Head of Boys Games

First XI Football Update



As I mentioned last week the 1st XI played the Harrodian School in the Surrey Prep Schools Cup Final, held at Danes Hill, on Saturday 17th November.

The boys got off to a great start with a superb goal from a free kick from Sonny A, but were pegged back by two goals from the Harrodians to be 2-1 down at half-time. The team pushed hard for an equaliser in the second half, and were hit on the break to go 3-1 down. I was so pleased to see real resilience towards the end of the game, leading to a wonderful goal from George V to bring us within touch of extra-time, but unfortunately full-time came too soon and the title went to the Harrodian School this year.

Nevertheless, I am so proud of the boys on a truly fantastic season. They won the Regional IAPS competition, came third in the National event, and reached the Surrey Cup final; I am so proud of them and have enjoyed their company hugely over the season. I also wanted to say a special thank you to the loyal band of parents who have travelled, literally across the country, to support the team. Your enthusiasm and passion has been a delight to see and I hope you have enjoyed the boys' performances as much as I have!

Karl Newland

Downsend U9 Hockey Tournament



Last Monday Downsend hosted their U9 6-a-side hockey tournament. Teams from Tormead, Notre Dame, Danes Hill and St Teresa's joined us for an exciting afternoon of hockey. Downsend, Danes Hill and St Teresa's had an A & B team in the tournament.

All teams worked hard and the girls didn't take notice of the cold weather. Parents played a vital role in supporting their daughters and their teams no matter what the weather conditions.

Games were seven minutes one way with three minutes to change over.

Our B team played a fantastic tournament ending third in their pool. Downsend A team won all their games finishing first in their pool and playing the final vs St Teresa's. With the temperature dropping and seven minutes to play the girls worked hard as a team and ended up winning the final 1-0.

Final placings as below:

- 1st Downsend A
- 2nd St Teresa's A
- 3rd Danes Hill A

Well done to all the girls! It was an amazing tournament.

Miss Ceci

Downsend Annual U10 A & B Hockey Tournament



Downsend hosted their annual U10 A & B hockey tournament last Saturday in glorious sunshine.

Teams from Tormead, Notre Dame and St Teresa's joined us for an exciting morning of hockey. Every available child in Year 5 played across 3 Downsend Teams with a few Year 4 Girls bolstering the numbers.

All teams gave us much cause for celebration throughout the morning with the parents playing a vital role in supporting their daughters and their teams.

The Downsend B-Red and Downsend B-Black teams beat Notre Dame B and St Teresa's B Teams respectively in closely contested games gaining maximum points. This led to an exciting finish where the result of the game between the two Downsend teams would determine final placings. End to end play for 12 minutes with chances at either end made for an exciting match which finally ended in a draw. The final

result would then be decided on goals scored across the morning and with Downsend B-Black team scoring 4 more goals than their Red counterparts they secured the top spot. Final placings as below:

- 1st Downsend B-Black Team
- 2nd Downsend B-Red Team
- 3rd St Teresa's B Team
- 4th Notre Dame B Team

The Downsend A team started in a sluggish way and were lucky to win their first game 1-0 against Notre Dame. With their coach (me!) slightly frustrated and an after game talk going along the lines of "*when are we going to start playing hockey?*" the message hit home and the second game saw a great improvement in terms of movement both on and off the ball to beat St Teresa's 2-0. Our third game against Tormead was another convincing performance with well structured attacking play and a 3-0 win meant we also secured top spot.

Final Placings:

- 1st Downsend A
- 2nd Notre Dame A
- 3rd Tormead A
- 4th St Teresa's A

A massive thank you to Miss Black for once again running the tournament which allowed us to enter 3 teams and to Miss Seivewright for doing all the paperwork to ensure the smooth running of the morning.

Claire Cooper-James

Match Results

All match results can be also be viewed on Schoolsports [here](#).

Rugby

U12A	Feltonfleet	Lost
U11A	Feltonfleet	Lost
U10A	Feltonfleet	Won

Hockey

U8A	CLFS	Won
U8B	CLFS	Won
U8C	CLFS	Won

U8D	CLFS	Won
U11A	Notre Dame	Won
U11B	Notre Dame	Lost

Swimming

U13A	Danes Hill	Won
U12A	Danes Hill	Won
U11A	Danes Hill	Won
U10A	Danes Hill	Won
U9A	Danes Hill	Won

Squash

Boys U12A	CLFS	Drew
Boys U12B	CLFS	Lost
Mixed U10A	CLFS	Drew

Downsend Squash Club



The Downsend Squash Club has gone so well this term that our coach, Mr Jeremy Colton, arranged a friendly squash match v CLFS on Thursday 15th November at Ashtead Squash Club.

The event went brilliantly, with great play, some long rallies and lots of wins for each side! We plan to arrange further fixtures against Cranmore and CLFS next term, so well played to Joe C, Lucas T, Andrew McT, Thomas D, Jasper G, Ryan T, Arthur C and Jack M!

Karl Newland

Other Sporting News

Well done to Natasha C (Year 7) who took part in a biathlon qualifier on Sunday at Millfield School, competing strongly in the run and swimming well.



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Girls Winter Nets Course January - March 2019



The Girls Winter Nets Course will teach the girls the skills of batting, bowling and fielding through group coaching and games, with an emphasis on developing confidence, skills, awareness and an enjoyment of the game. The course will be led by Ashtead Cricket Club's own ECB qualified coaches. All coaches are trained first-aiders and have passed the DBS checks necessary to be safe and responsible coaches.

We are offering the following dates for the Girls Winter Nets Course from January – March 2019. Please note places are available on a first come first served basis and this training is heavily subsidised by ACC.

Dates: Sunday 13th January to Sunday 24th March (8 sessions)

13th 20th 27th Jan, 10th Feb - 1pm to 2pm

3rd 10th 17th 24th March – 12pm to 1pm

Venue: St Johns School, Epsom Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8SP

Cost: £50 (the remaining cost for these sessions is subsidised by ACC)

Kit: Training kit (e.g. tracksuit trousers, T-shirt / cricket shirt, trainers) and kit for hardball nets for the relevant age

Lead Coach: James Thompson

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. Pick up from sports practices will be at the location of the practice, pupils will not be released to meet parents/carers at any other location.

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 child's year group. It is common practice that they are predominately on the same afternoon but on occasions this may differ.

Within the website you can either select the team, calendar option or by the sport. 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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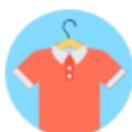
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