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Welcome from the Sports Department

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)

If your son/daughter is unable to participate in any PE/Games lesson please can a note or email be sent to the members of staff taking their lesson.

Many thanks

IAPS Hockey

Congratulations to our U12 girls for achieving third place at the IAPS National Hockey Finals on Tuesday. A full report will follow next week. Well done girls!



U11A's Undefeated at Wellington College Rugby Festival



Vs Wetherby Prep	Won: 5-0
Vs Hoe Bridge	Won: 5-0
Vs Highfield	Won: 5-1
Vs Chesham Prep	Won: 2-1
Vs Hall Grove	Won: 4-1

On Wednesday the U11 A team competed in the prestigious Wellington College Preparatory School Rugby Festival. Right from the off, the boys demonstrated a real determination to not only compete physically, but to implement the new style of rugby introduced this season. We moved the ball to find space incredibly well and were superbly competitive in both attack and defence. A tremendous start to the season; we couldn't be more proud of the boys.

Jon Albert



National Biathlon



Following on from the success at the Whitgift Biathlon 20 boys and girls from Downsend qualified to take part in the British Modern Biathlon in Leeds at the weekend. This competition is another event that enables the pupils to improve on their times for the British Schools Finals in March.

A large number of competitors at this event participate in biathlon through specific pentathlon/biathlon clubs and therefore the competition is tough, especially on the track with club runners dominating the field.

After a busy week at school, the pupils headed up to Leeds ready to compete in this National final. The event started in the pool with all pupils completing their swim before heading out to the track. For some of our younger pupils this was the first time they had swum in a 50m pool. A number of personal bests were achieved in the pool, knocking vital seconds off their times and adding valuable points to their overall scores.

After the performances in the pool the boys and girls headed to the track. Once again the pupils showed strength on the track. Strong performances both in the pool and on the track ensured a great team score from all the pupils.

Once the boys and girls completed their event we then had the wait for the final results. It gives me great pleasure to announce that our U10 Boys team are National Champions and our U9 Girls team are National Runners up. Congratulations to all involved.

We now look forward to the British School's Finals in March.

I would like to thank all the pupils who participated in the competition; once again you performed strongly and with courage to succeed. It was a tougher competition but everyone should be proud of their achievements at a National Final! Thank you also to the parents for their continued support. Alongside the children and parents the biathlon has been supported this year by Mr Popham and I would also like to express my thanks to him for his training sessions and support at the competitions.

Miss Seivewright

Competitors over the weekend included: Angus W, Monty H, Toby T, Lucas R, Lucas T, Francesca W, Bella T, Oscar W, Jake D and Joseph B.



U7 Football Tournament @ Downsend



On Saturday 24th November, we hosted our annual Under 7 indoor Football tournament. The event has become one of the highlights of the season, not just for Downsend, but for our visiting Schools too. We were joined on this occasion by Parkside, Cumnor House, St Christopher's and Danes Hill.

The Downsend Team got their games underway first with a head to head versus Danes Hill. From the off, they played some fantastic attacking football, demonstrating confidence on the ball and not afraid to shoot! It paid off with a 5-1 win. Next up they faced St Christopher's School. Again, the boys had a dominant performance. They kept the ball well, switching the ball back and forth to create space for a shot. The result was a convincing 5-0 win.

Into the final game, the Downsend boys had to beat Parkside to secure the trophy. Parkside were also coming into the game unbeaten, so the boys knew the challenge was on! For the first half of the game, both teams shared the possession and had shooting chances. It was 1-1 midway through the game. When Downsend managed to get their second goal, the momentum of the game swung in their favour, with another goal in the final minutes of play, the match finished 3-1. Downsend had won their home tournament! The boys were ecstatic and deservedly so, they played marvellous football and really deserved to be crowned champions.

Well done to: Toby H, Finlay P-S, Archie R, Brady J, Alexander C, Jacob R, Austin W.

Jill Oliver

Year 2 Girls Hockey with Danes Hill



If anyone was lucky enough to see the astroturf on Friday afternoon they would have seen over 60 girls from Downsend and Danes Hill joining together and making friends through hockey. They were divided into 6 groups with a mix of Danes Hill and Downsend girls in each group. They rotated around six different

hockey activities from relays, shooting, push pass challenge and individual challenges. It was a great opportunity for them to interact whilst learning new skills and showing off their hockey knowledge.

Well done girls, we can't wait to get the hockey started with you all, you were amazing!

Thanks to the parents for all their support and Mrs Crowe, Miss Newall and Miss Ceci for helping out on a station.

Fiona Fitch

Christmas Hockey Clubs



Next week are the last Hockey Clubs of the term. In a time honoured tradition and to celebrate the end of the Hockey Season pupils are encouraged to wear any suitable Christmas outfits for a festival session full of games and fun. The only rule is that shin pads and mouth guards still need to be worn and of course they need to be able to move freely in their outfits! Prizes will be awarded to the most 'Festive Outfits'

Just a reminder of the sessions:

Monday	Year 3 Girls	3:45 – 4:30pm
	Senior Boys	4:20 - 5:20pm
Tuesday	Year 4 & 5 Girls	4:20 – 5:20pm
Thursday	Senior Girls	4:20 – 5:20pm

Match Results

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

Football

U7A	Lanesborough	Won
U7B	Lanesborough	Won
U7C	Lanesborough	Lost
U7D	Lanesborough	Won
U7E	Lanesborough	Lost

Rugby

U12A	Thomas's Clapham	Won
U12A	Northcote Lodge	Lost
U12B	Thomas's Clapham	Won
U12B	Northcote Lodge	Drew

Hockey

U10A	Royal Russell	Won
U10B (Red)	Royal Russell	Lost

Other Sporting News

Congratulations to Emerson W (4JN) who was awarded the Silvermere Golfer of the Week trophy for consistently hitting the ball well over the past few weeks. Well done Emerson!



Congratulations to Henry S, James W and Ben W who all competed in the Box Hill Swimming Championships on Saturday. Well done boys!





An early Christmas present from Storm

Every child can develop their skills, make new friends and have fun on our holiday camps this December.

Coached by Storm stars **Lorraine Kowalewska** and **Nicole Humphrys**, it's a fantastic chance for your little ones to learn from the pros themselves.

Juniorstorm

School years 3-4 & 5-6

Ideal for new players looking to develop their talents on the court.

Seniorstorm

School years 7-9

The perfect place for club or school players to practice their skills.

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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. 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.

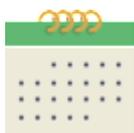
Within the website you can either select the team, calendar option or by the sport. A small icon that looks like a little blue man will appear if the team sheet has been added. This provides all the information that will be needed for the match.

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

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