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Welcome from the Sports Department

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](https://twitter.com/DownsendSport)

The Sports Department

Year 4 Rugby Festival at Shrewsbury House



The squad benefited from attending the Shrewsbury House Rugby Festival as they played against some excellent teams over the course of the afternoon.

Dulwich Prep proved to be our toughest opposition, putting the side under serious pressure from an organised, quick and aggressive line press when they were defending. Learning from this encounter however Downsend went on to record an excellent draw, two tries each, against Caldicott, a well know rugby school, where the boys tackled with courage and ran with growing belief. The same attributes helped the team compete well against Yardley Court and record a super win against St Columba's.

It was a shame to finish the day on a loss against St Benedict's, where the boys seemed to run out of organisation, forgetting to press forward as a line in defence and run onto the ball in attack, the two attributes that had seen them play so well in the three preceding games.

Overall the day saw the U9A squad making good progress. Well played! Henry J, Sawyer K, Joe C, Riley N, Tommy G, Archie D, Zach W, Sam Y and Henry H.

Rupert Howe

Secondary Swimming

Last weekend a team of 5 girls and 4 boys headed to The Spectrum to take part in the Secondary Individual Swimming Championships. These events are over raced over 100m and 200m.

The first event for the girls saw Katherine V take part in the Junior 100m Freestyle. A respectable swim from Katherine who was competing against some extremely fast girls. Next up saw Elizabeth H take to the pool in

the 100m Backstroke. Elizabeth was competing against many girls from the year above her and finished in a very respectable position. Then it was Sophie B's turn in the 100m Breaststroke followed by Tegwen H-J in the 100m Butterfly and Sam C 200 Individual Medley. All girls swam extremely well against some fierce competition.

The afternoon was followed by the boys event which saw us take a bigger team than in previous years. First up Matthew Y competed in the 100m Freestyle and despite an injury earlier at Rugby swam well. Noah B-W was next up in the 100m Backstroke finishing in a fantastic 4th place. Our final two competitors of the day were Ben W in the 100m Breaststroke and Thomas U in the 200m IM, both finished 5th in their respective races.

Well done to all the swimmers for their fantastic enthusiasm. You are a credit to yourselves and a pleasure to coach.

Marie Seivewright



U10A Rugby Winners



The U10A rugby side travelled over to Shrewsbury House on Thursday 17th January to compete in a very competitive tournament with the top Prep schools around all entering.

After seeing the draw we knew it would be tough but the team faced the challenge and were fantastic! Our first game was against Dulwich College Prep who we beat 15-0. In our second match we played St Benedict's and beat them 15-0. We then played a very strong Shrewsbury House side beating them 15-5 and our final group game was against Kings House which resulted in a 5-5 draw meaning that Downsend were unbeaten and won the group.

We then found out we were playing Donhead Prep in the 1st vs 1st playoff. Donhead beat us in the previous season so we had a score to settle with them. The game was played at a very fast pace and we came out of top eventually winning 15-10.

Downsend were the only unbeaten school at the tournament and Mr Lawrence couldn't be prouder of all the boys for the fantastic effort in a great afternoon of rugby.

Special mention to Toby D for winning the most improved award and Louie S for winning tackle of the tournament. However, all the boys were amazing! Well done to Zac S (capt), Bobby H, Toby D, Louie S, Ned S, Ted C, Lucas T, Alex G Toby T and Max L.

Grant Lawrence

Match Results

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

Netball

U10A	Danes Hill	Lost
U10B	Danes Hill	Lost
U10C	Danes Hill	Lost
U9A	Claremont Fan Court	Lost
U9B	Claremont Fan Court	Won
U9C	Claremont Fan Court	Lost
U8C	Danes Hill	Won
U8D	Danes Hill	Won
U9A	The Study	Won
U9B	The Study	Drew
U9C	The Study	Won
U9D	The Study	Lost
U11A	Claremont Fan Court	Won

Rugby

U10A	Shrewsbury House	Won
U10A	Dulwich College	Won
U10A	St Benedict's	Won
U10A	Kings House	Drew
U10A	Donhead	Won
U8A	Milbourne Lodge	Lost
U8B	Milbourne Lodge	Drew
U8C	Milbourne Lodge	Drew
U8D	Milbourne Lodge	Won
U8E	Milbourne Lodge	Drew
U13A	The Hawthorns	Lost
U12A	The Hawthorns	Won
U11A	Feltonfleet	Won
U11B	Feltonfleet	Won
U9A	Cranmore	Lost
U9B	Cranmore	Lost
U9C	Cranmore	Lost
U9D	Cranmore	Lost
U9E	Cranmore	Drew
U11A	Danes Hill	Won
U11B	Danes Hill	Lost
U11C	Danes Hill	Drew
U12A	The New Beacon	Lost

Please note that last week's match results were reported incorrectly. The correct results are as follows:

Rugby

U12A	Danes Hill	Lost
U12B	Danes Hill	Drew
U9A	Milbourne Lodge	Lost
U9B	Milbourne Lodge	Won
U9C	Milbourne Lodge	Won
U9D	Milbourne Lodge	Drew
U9E	Milbourne Lodge	Won
U13A	Cranmore	Lost
U12A	Cranmore	Lost
U12B	Cranmore	Lost

Football

1st XI	Dorothy Stringer High	Lost
U7A	Milbourne Lodge	Won
U7B	Milbourne Lodge	Won
U7C	Milbourne Lodge	Won
U7D	Milbourne Lodge	Won
U7E	Milbourne Lodge	Drew

Netball

U13A	Dorothy Stringer High	Lost
U9A	Royal Russell	Lost
U9B	Royal Russell	Won
U9C	Royal Russell	Drew
U9D	Royal Russell	Won
U13A	Nonsuch	Lost
U13B	Nonsuch	Lost
U12A	Nonsuch	Won
U12B	Nonsuch	Won
U12C	Nonsuch	Won

Boys Swimming

U13A	Parkside School	Won
U12A	Parkside School	Won
U11A	Parkside School	Won
U10A	Parkside School	Won
U9A	Parkside School	Won

Other Sporting News

Congratulations to Kahlan who won her category (U8 beginner ladies) of the Guildford Ice Figure Skating Club's annual Freeskate competition earlier this week. Well done Kahlan!



Saturday Sport Fixtures

This is a polite reminder for parents to check the School calendar and School Sports website www.downsendsport.co.uk, for any upcoming fixtures for your son/daughter (especially Saturday's).

Below is the fixtures protocol and expectations:

- Team sheets will be published on School Sports 48 hours prior to the fixture date. The location, meet time, kick off and pick up arrangements can all be found here too.
- A School Comms will be sent to all parents of the children involved.
- If you son/daughter is unable to take part for any reason, please notify the member of staff responsible for the team at your earliest convenience. This can be found on School Sports - [contacts tab](#).
- We would also like to reiterate the importance of children committing to School teams. We understand that many children participate in clubs in the community and this is fully encouraged by the School. However, where there are clashes between School fixtures and club fixtures, the School fixture must be prioritised. In the case that your child cannot play for School due to, for example, a county representative match or trials, then this can be discussed and agreed with Mrs Oliver (Head of Sport).

Jill Oliver, Head of Sport

Winter Training

As we enter the colder months of the year, it is very important that your child dresses appropriately for PE and Games lessons. We expect ALL children during the winter season to wear black base layers and attend training with their Downsend tracksuit top and/or drill top. These are supplied by Stevenson's. Please note that the tracksuit top MUST NOT be worn for contact Rugby practise due to the zip, in this case, the drill top is more suitable.

The Sports Department will be providing large plastic boxes pitch side during the lessons. When children remove their jackets, they will be asked to place them in this box to keep them dry throughout the session.

Jill Oliver, Head of Sport

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.

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 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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