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

*The Sports Department*

## U11A Rugby Team lead the way at the Donhead Festival



A tremendous day of rugby saw us win our group, before going to head to head with some of the biggest boys only prep schools in the county. In our first game of the final stages we narrowly lost to Rokeby with the final play, although defended with real passion, determination and courage. The next game was a really proud moment for the boys - having been two nil down at half time against the two term rugby school of St John's Beaumont (who had only lost one game out of 21 this season) we fought back incredibly well to win with a chased kick to the corner. The handling, evasive running and incredible grit was truly immense and incredibly inspiring to watch! In an effort to top this performance, we managed a hard fought 0-0 draw against a much larger Kings Wimbledon school to top the group!

Vs St Mary's Hall	Won 5-1
Vs Donhead	Won 3-1
Vs Thomas's Fulham	Lost 3-0

### Finals

Vs Rokeby	Lost 2-1
Vs St John's Beaumont	Won 3-2
Vs Kings Wimbledon	Drew 0-0

An absolutely amazing achievement - well done all the boys!

*Jon Albert*

## Year 2 Inter-House Hockey



The year 2 girls were showing off their amazing hockey skills on Friday afternoon and demonstrating just how much they have learnt this term, from tackling, passing, dribbling and shooting. There was some fantastic game play on show with teams putting together a number of passes down the pitch and scoring lots of goals too! The standard of hockey just gets better every year and that is detriment to how hard the girls have all worked this term in both lessons and club.

Well done Girls!

Results:

1<sup>st</sup> -Headley

=2<sup>nd</sup> Ranmore and Wisley

3<sup>rd</sup> Norbury

*Fiona Fitch*

## U13 7's Rugby Tournament at CLFS



The U13 7's side played in the City of London Freeman's 7's tournament on Monday 18th March. It was a fantastic tournament with a number of top senior schools attending the event.

We started off playing KCS Wimbledon who we beat fairly comprehensively and then we faced a very strong Berkhamsted team who were full of very big, strong athletic boys. We played the game of our lives beating them narrowly which was a big coup for us as a school. Unfortunately we could not match this performance against Trinity and then drastically under performed against Reigate Grammar School to finish the group stage with 2 wins and 2 losses.

We progressed into the next stage of the tournament and played Worth School first, winning this game well. We then lost narrowly with the last play of the game against a Welsh school called Aberdare and then we finished off the tournament with a great performance and a big win against Halliford School.

Well done to all boys who took part but a special mention to Sonny A and Harry M for stand out performances throughout the day.

*Grant Lawrence*

## U8 and U9 Netball Festival



On Saturday morning a number of U8 and U9 girls took part in a mixed netball festival with Cranmore School bringing their netball term to a successful end. Downsend fielded 3 teams made up of U8 and U9 girls and Cranmore brought two mixed teams. The emphasis of the festival was fun whilst consolidating their knowledge and understanding of the game. The girls had their first taster of versatility netball, rotating through a set sequence of positions at the end of each half. This allowed all to have a go at shooting, mid court play and defence. During the festival, the girls chose a player of the match from each team and they were awarded a packet of chocolate mini eggs as a reward! Downsend's POM's were awarded to Summer A, Freya P and Daisy M.

Well done to all the girls who took part, there was some fantastic play from all the teams and great team work throughout. Thank you to the parents for supporting the event and Mrs Oliver and Miss Newall for helping run the event.

*Fiona Fitch*

## British Schools' Modern Biathlon Championships

Over the weekend we saw 17 girls and 11 boys, from years 3 to 8, compete at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre at the National finals of the British Schools' Modern Biathlon Championships. This year has been a record-breaking year for our biathletes with the largest number competing in the preliminary round and a record number of 37 qualify for the National Final.

It was an early start for the both the girls and boys on Saturday and Sunday morning respectively, who were full of anticipation for an eventful, yet testing day. Upon arrival on Saturday morning the conditions were significantly better than the previous year, for those who can remember the biting wind and the snow falling!

Whilst some age groups were outside competing on the track, others were participating in the swim section of the competition. With messages and pictures being sent from the track to the pool (and vice versa), the achievements and smiling faces were clear to see. For some of our younger pupils swimming in a 50m pool was a first but after the warm up they knew exactly how they were going to swim their race, and again a number of PB's were achieved!

Congratulations to the U9 Girls Team who were placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, taking home the bronze medals!

Sunday saw the boys head over to Crystal Palace, this time the sun was shining brightly. In a similar fashion to the day before some pupils competed in the run whilst others took to the pool. Once again the smiling faces and achievements from all the boys was evident. New (bright!!) hoodies were purchased and the atmosphere amongst the team was amazing. The U10 Boys team were awarded silver medals for their fantastic results, finishing strongly as National Runners Up. Other notable successes are listed below.

Last year we were described as the 'Legendary Downsend School', being recognised as being a successful school in the field of biathlon. This year was no different, for 10 out of the past 11 years we have always had a team or individual in the Top 3! Long may this continue. Although it is great to have this success, I have always said that the wins, medals and trophies are all fantastic, but for me as a teacher seeing the beaming smiles from children when they have made improvements and are pleased, makes for a happy teacher!

My thanks must also go to Mr Popham, who has been an extremely valuable member of the team. His support with the run training sessions and at the events has been integral to the success of the team. I would also like to thank Mr Lawrence for his support on Saturday.

So, who is joining us next year?

Thank you to the parents for their support on the day and throughout the entire competition. For full results, please see the GB Pentathlon website.

**Other notable achievements**

Joseph B – 4<sup>th</sup> in the run, 16<sup>th</sup> overall  
 Francesca W – 11<sup>th</sup> overall  
 Bella T – 16<sup>th</sup> overall  
 Freyja B-W – 4<sup>th</sup> in the swim  
 Lucas T – 12<sup>th</sup> overall  
 Toby T – 15<sup>th</sup> overall  
 Lucas R – 16<sup>th</sup> overall  
 Angus W – 7<sup>th</sup> overall  
 Noah B-W – 6<sup>th</sup> in the swim, 10<sup>th</sup> overall

*Miss Seivewright*



## Primary Relay Championships

The past few weeks have been very busy for the Downsend swimmers. Lots of hard work and training has been the focus in squad sessions for many of the forthcoming big competitions. Saturday saw the boys and girls from Years 5 & 6 head to the Guildford Spectrum for the Surrey round of the Primary Relay Championships.

The event comprises of Relays, both Medley and Freestyle. In a similar fashion to last year there were no finals so the importance of the changeovers and swimming fast in the heats to ensure we had a fast time was even more key to qualifying for the next round. Especially as only the top 2 teams qualify for the South East Round.

Unfortunately due to sickness I was unable to attend but was very grateful to Miss Wilby and Mr Howe for attending the competition and providing me with updates. Alongside their updates, a number of parents were virtually live streaming the event to me at home!

First up were the medley relays, the girls were first to compete. The live stream and messages from poolside showed the girls finish in a fantastic 3rd position, securing the bronze medals. And so on to the boys medley team, with sheer determination and a hunger for a top 3 placing the boys swam extremely well with safe changeovers secured 1st position and a place at the SE round!

Next up were the Freestyle relays and I can say that watching from home is just as tense as being on poolside! Both boys and girls teams were now even more medal hungry and determined to put out strong performances. Both teams swam hard, with each changeover and much cheering from the gallery (quite clear on the video's!!) and poolside, the girls finished strongly in the heat, in a fantastic 4th position. They waited patiently for the final confirmation and the result was read out as us finishing again in bronze medal position due to a disqualification from another team. Once again the boys waited patiently for their race and the video came through almost immediately with us securing the fastest time. Unfortunately when the results were read out we had been disqualified (quite harshly from looking at the video, but the rules stand).

Once again I would like to thank the boys and girls for their amazing efforts and enthusiasm. I was disappointed not to be there on the night but I am so proud of you all.

A great evening of swimming by all the competitors and it is great to have the boys team progress to the next round and we will wait to see the rankings list as the girls may be successful too. Well done to all who took part and a huge thank you to the parents for your continued support, and live streaming!

Boys Team – Angus W, Leo L, James W and George P

Girls Team – Alice U, Megan R, Olivia B and Sienna R

The next round is the South East Regional Round on Saturday 11th May at Spectrum, Guildford

*Marie Seivewright*



## **Guildford High School Invitational Gala**

On Monday a team of swimmers headed off to compete in the annual invitational gala at GHS. The event consisted of individual races and relays to culminate in an overall team score. With heats and finals in all events we arrived prepared with a determined team looking to qualify for as many finals as possible. Potentially some swimmers could swim in 6 races that afternoon!

After some fantastic swims from all our individuals in both year groups a significant number had qualified for the finals. Next up were the relay events and yet again Downsends proved to be strong in these events with two out of the four teams going through to the finals.

We knew we were in a solid position going in to the finals of both the individuals and relays but it was now we now needed to start the points scoring!

The girls displayed some fantastic swimming and great team work and encouragement. Once all the swimming was finished the girls headed up to teas and for the presentations. With the points doubled in the relays we were unsure of where we would finish as a team. The U9 team secured the bronze medals and the U11 team finished strongly.

Full results as follows:

- U11 Backstroke – Olivia B 2nd
- U11 Breaststroke – Megan R 4th
- U9 Butterfly – Lauren Le Q 5th
- U9 Backstroke – Freyja B-W 1st
- U9 Freestyle Relay – 1st
- U9 Medley Relay – 3rd

Well done to all the girls and the parents for their continued support.

*Miss Seivewright*



## Surrey Hockey Success

Oliver F (7JAy) played his first fixtures for Surrey U13 Panthers on Sunday against Berkshire and Sussex at Charterhouse School. The Panthers were victorious in both games, 3-1 and 2-1 respectively, with Oliver assisting two and scoring one great diving goal on the right post. This put the Panthers at the top of the league and looking forward to the next fixtures against the Surrey Lions, Kent, Bucks, Middlesex, Hampshire and Oxfordshire.

*Fiona Fitch*



## Match Results

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

### Netball

U10A	Royal Russell	Lost
U10B	Royal Russell	Lost

### Rugby

U10A	Shrewsbury House	Drew
U10B	Shrewsbury House	Won
U10C	Shrewsbury House	Won
U10D	Shrewsbury House	Won
U10E	Shrewsbury House	Won
U10E	Shrewsbury House U10F	Drew
U9A	Shrewsbury House	Lost
U9B	Shrewsbury House	Lost
U9C	Shrewsbury House	Lost
U9D	Shrewsbury House	Lost
U13A	Reigate Grammar	Lost
U11A	CLFS	Won
U11B	CLFS	Won
U11C	CLFS	Won

### Swimming

U13A Boys	CLFS	Won
U13A Girls	CLFS	Won
U11A Boys	CLFS	Won
U11A Girls	CLFS	Won
U10A Boys	CLFS	Won
U10A Girls	CLFS	Won
U9A Boys	CLFS	Won
U9A Girls	CLFS	Won

## 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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