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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

U13 Rugby @ Rosslyn Park 7's

The U13 7's rugby squad finished their rugby playing days at Downsend in style! Entering the eagerly anticipated Rosslyn Park 7's, the boys knew that it was going to be a fantastic day and it certainly lived up to the expectation.

Our first game was against The Downs School and unfortunately we got the day off to the worst possible start by not playing the rugby we were capable of, losing to a lesser team 20-30. Frustrated and with time on our hands until our next game, we put right our lack of defensive organisation and got ready for what we knew was going to be a tough fixture. Our second game was against Cheltenham College and it was like watching a different team on the pitch. The boys defended with control and attacked with flair resulting in an excellent win 25-5, our day was off and running!

We then faced Kings House who we had narrowly beaten last week in the Shrewsbury House tournament. Kings House took the game to us straight from the kick off scoring 2 unanswered tries very quickly. The boys didn't panic and stuck to our game plan resulting in us being 10-10 at half time. Some inspired attacking in the second half allowed us to run in 3 unanswered tries. We finished the game 25-15 up and we were starting to play some impressive rugby! We then played IAPS Kenya who had some very big physical lads in their ranks. It was a tough game but we came through the game winning 25-15, although there were periods of this game where fatigue started to kick in and the boys had to dig deep to get the win that we desperately wanted.

Our final game was against Llandovery College from Wales. The Downsend boys were inspired as they knew this would be the last time they would walk on the pitch together. What the boys produced was nothing short of spectacular in what was their final game of rugby for the school. We scored 9 unanswered tries winning the game 45-0 and showed the style of rugby that we were capable of.

After catching our breath we found out that IAPS Kenya had beaten The Downs School and as we had scored so many tries in our final game we had won the group! This was the fairy-tale ending that myself and the boys had hoped for at the start of the day and the buzz around the squad was evident for all to see.

The fabulous weather inspired some expansive rugby to be played by the team in black and white. Outside of the first game, the Downsend team was outstanding. I couldn't have been more proud of each and every one of the boys and they fully deserved to end their rugby playing days at Downsend with this win. The entire team were great but a special mention must go to Matthew Y for not only captaining the side but for leading by example in all that he did.

Boys, you have been a pleasure to coach. Thank you for listening, working with me and taking on board the advice that was given. Wishing you all the best of luck for the future.

Yours in rugby,

Grant Lawrence

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 Boys-U13A Fixtures & Results 

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Group A Standings

	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PD	Points
1	Downsend School Boys-U13A	5	4	0	1	140	75	12
2	The Downs School Boys-U13A	5	4	0	1	120	-5	12
3	IAPS Kenya Boys-U13A	5	3	0	2	170	105	9
4	King's House School Boys-U13A	5	3	0	2	110	40	9
5	Cheltenham College Preparatory School Boys-U13A	5	1	0	4	80	-35	3
6	Llandovery College Boys-U13A	5	0	0	5	30	-150	0

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Boys Surrey Hockey Plate



After four months of hard training and getting to learn the rules and skill of our lovely game it was time for our U12's to play their Surrey Hockey Plate, their first actual fixture against other boy's teams, at Woking Hockey Club. With plenty of energy we started our warm up. Games were 8 minutes each way with 2 minutes team talk.

Alley's were our first opponents, it was our first game ever so it took us a little while to get into the game. With a final score of 1-0 the boys were into the tournament from the very beginning. With no time to rest, we had a quick chat and we were back playing Kingston Grammar School "Red", one of the big hockey schools we were going to face. Another outstanding performance with an 8-0 win and compliments from the other team coaches. One game off to rest and back in to play St Georges, our toughest game of the day. Unfortunately, the final score was a win to them. With a quick turnaround between games, we headed to play Thomas's Clapham. Our boys were playing fast and transferring the ball from one side to the other controlling the game. The goal was going to come at any time and it did, by the end it was a 3-3 draw. After two games in a row we had a little break to have quick snack and get our positive energy back. This we did, going into our final pool game against Whitgift with a positive focus. It was a close game until the last minutes when the opposition scored two goals in a row ending the game 2-0 to them.

The weather was great. By the end of all the games with 7pts we finished up third in our pool. We had one more game to play against the team that finished third in pool B, Kingston Grammar School "Grey". Knowing it was our last hockey match of the year we went and played it like a final. Transferring the ball, playing as a team, having control of the game we ended up winning 3-0.

We stayed for the final, which was played after our game, and between the two teams we had in our pool - St Georges and Whitgift. The game finished with penalties and St Georges as the overall winner.

Now it was time to go back to school with lots of compliments of outstanding hockey.

Congratulations boys for such a high level of hockey, I am proud of you.

Miss Ceci RT



Cricket Success



Congratulations to Teddy C, Theo J-M, Finlay S, Rhyen P, Zac S, Alex G, Will R, Toby D, Thomas D, Bobby H, Ralphie A, Alex D, Luca C-S, Louie L, Sam B, Jack M & Sonny A who have successfully been chosen to represent Surrey County Cricket Club this Summer in their Performance Squads.

Downsend School are very proud of these boys and we wish them all the best in their season that commences at the end of April. We look forward to hearing all about it!

Well done boys - hard work pays off!

Jon Albert

Surrey Hockey Success

Downsend school has some incredibly talented pupils across many sports and across all ages. This is constantly highlighted through the weekly school team results and individual successes outside of school. The PE department are incredibly proud of all the pupils' talents and achievements.

This academic year has seen a number of pupils in Year 7 and 8 achieve U13 Surrey hockey representation and over the past few weeks they have been involved in league fixtures against other county sides. Surrey enter two teams into the U13 South league, Lions and Panthers, and over four different weekends they play against two other county teams.

Congratulations to the following and good luck with their remaining fixtures.

Natasha C – Surrey Panther

Chloe M – Surrey Panther

Oliver F – Surrey Panther

Sophie B – Surrey Lions

Fiona Fitch





Air Rifle Club Update



Having only just started our Air Rifle Club on Tuesday mornings, all that concentration has paid off with some excellent results in the recent British Sporter Rifle Spring Competition. Well done to all of the children that took part, but particularly to Alice U for winning the Division 12 category and to Joel W for winning the Division 1 individual and team category. An amazing achievement!

Jon Albert

Other Sporting News

Ashtead Colts Athletics U11's won the Secretary's Cup against Cobham Jets at Caterham Pumas FC on Saturday 30th March. This was their first season together for this team and a great win of 3-0 on penalties! Well done to Aiden M, Jack M, Jack B and Isaac R.



Congratulations to Darcey JM and Tileena T who played for Epsom Hockey Club at a hockey festival in Canterbury at the weekend. The Mixed U8's team were runners up against some tough opposition. Well done girls!



Congratulations to Joanna H in 8AD who took part in the 2019 Swimathon for Cancer Research in a 5K swim at the weekend. Joanna swam an amazing 200 lengths continuously and raised £1000 for a charity very close to her heart. Well done Joanna!



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or via our website at www.leatherheadcc.co.uk

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.

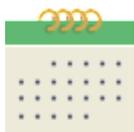
Within the website you can either select the team, calendar option or by the sport. A small icon that looks like a little blue man will appear if the team sheet has been added. This provides all the information that will be needed for the match.

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

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