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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

Schools Aquathlon – Wednesday 08 May 2019



Last Wednesday saw 37 pupils from Years 3 to 8 take part in the Schools Aquathlon Championships for the first time. This event is a children's swimming and running event that was launched in May 2012 as a new initiative for England's Olympic year to get as many children as possible involved in trying out a new sport. It is a perfect introduction to the popular and ever-growing sport of Triathlon.

Unfortunately the weather was not on our side for the event! The forecast rain showers certainly appeared but they didn't dampen the pupils' spirits. As we arrived at St Teresa's we set the gazebo up placing our kit bags underneath it and headed to the Sports Hall to get ready. Having numbered the children up before we left, we managed to save time allowing us to set up our transition areas and check out the run course. All pupils dodged the rain showers to set up their clothes and shoes in transition, ensuring they knew where their area was ready for when they finished their swim.

Throughout the morning the weather varied at points but ultimately every pupil transitioned/ran in the rain! Despite the conditions the pupils still finished with smiles on their faces and a feeling of success. For many this was the first time that they had participated in such an event and felt a real sense of achievement and pride.

Once all pupils had completed the course we gathered in the Sports Hall to find out the results. Congratulations to our medal winners – listed below.

- Freyja B-W – Year 4 Sprint Category – 2nd place
- Francesca W – Year 4 Super Sprint Category – 3rd Place
- Lucas R – Year 5 Super Sprint Category – 4th Place
- Noah B-W – Year 7 Sprint Category – 1st Place
- Jack M – Year 7 Sprint Category – 4th Place

Full results can be found on the following website

<http://www.schoolsaquathlon.co.uk/race-information>

Well done once again to all the pupils for your enthusiasm for this new event. I hope it has inspired you to find other events of a similar nature.

Apologies that the whole team photo hasn't been taken yet, I will try again on Friday – don't forget your medals!

Miss Seivewright



Year 3 and 4 Athletics festival – Friday 10 May 2019



Last Friday afternoon 36 girls from across Years 3 and 4 headed off for their first athletics festival of the summer term.

All the girls were amazing, competing tirelessly all afternoon against teams from CLFS, St Teresa's and Rowan. Talent was in abundance across all the events as the girls put everything into running, jumping and throwing their best.

Hosting the event was CLFS. Thank you for a great afternoon.

Laughter and jubilation could be seen and heard as each girl worked hard and played hard all afternoon. Each girl participated in every event for their team which included the 75m sprint, 600m distance run, Long

jump, vortex throw and relay. They showed true grit and determination across all events. Teamwork was the aim of the afternoon with all girls scoring valuable points for their efforts.

Impressive performances were recorded all round. The U8A team dominated the sprints, the U9A excelled in the vortex throw and relay; the U9B team were strong on the track whilst the U8B team outclassed the other schools in most areas and won their event.

Congratulations to all the girls; there were some fantastic results across the teams. Well done to the U8B team who won their group and the five girls awarded the individual athlete of the afternoon for their teamwork, support and efforts – Year 4 - Lauren M, Lauren L, and Adelaide T. Year 3 - Jess R and Raffaella P.

Special thank you to all the parents for their continued support and encouragement of all the girls and well done to all the girls.

Fiona Fitch

ESSA Swimming

Following on from the previous success of our swimming teams at the Surrey Round of the ESSA Primary Relay competition we were delighted to have three teams qualify for the South East regional finals. Swimming competitions can be rather tense events as I have witnessed over the years.

The chance of going to the national finals was something that all the swimmers wanted and the determination and training demonstrated this.

The girls started the evening with the medley relay heats looking to compete for a place in the top 8. With secure change overs and fast swimming, the girls finished in 4th place in their heat and waited patiently for the second heat to be completed before finding out if we had qualified for the finals. Whilst we waited the boys swam incredibly well in their heat for the medley winning it and improving their time from Surrey round. The announcements came around quickly and both medley teams had qualified for their respective finals.

Both the boys and girls headed into the final determined to improve their times and striving for a place at Nationals. An improvement in time for the girls resulted in an improvement in ranking finishing in a very respectable 7th place (from 13th). The boys headed into the final with the second fastest time and just needed to maintain that position. All they had to do was stay 'safe but fast'. With excellent swimming from all four boys they finished 2nd securing their place at the Nationals.

Next up for the girls was their freestyle relay. Once again they finished 4th in their heat but narrowly missed out on a place in the final but again improved their time and ranking from the Surrey round.

Swimming is extremely challenging as it can be so hard as times can be very tight as was evident in many of the races on the night.

To have a team travel to the National Finals again is something that the school is extremely proud of. Well done to all who took part. All the swimmers on the night proved to be great representatives of the school and were a credit to your hard work and determination. You made me very proud to watch all of you swim. Thanks again to all the parents for your support, enduring the heat and tension from above.

Miss Seivewright



Match Results

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

Girls Cricket

Mixed U8A	Cranmore	Lost
U9A	Danes Hill	Won
U9B	Danes Hill	Won
U9C	Danes Hill	Won
U9D	Danes Hill	Won
U11A	Cranmore	Won
U11B	Cranmore	Won
1st XI	Danes Hill	Won
2nd XI	Danes Hill	Won
3rd XI	Danes Hill	Won
4th XI	Danes Hill	Won
5th XI	Danes Hill	Won

Boys Cricket

U8A	Cranmore	Lost
U8B	Cranmore	Won

U8C	Cranmore	Won
U8D	Cranmore	Won
U9A	The New Beacon	Lost
U9B	The New Beacon	Won
U9C	The New Beacon	Lost
U9D	The New Beacon	Lost
1st XI	CLFS	Won
2nd XI	CLFS	Lost
3rd XI	CLFS	Lost
4th XI	CLFS	Lost

Tennis

Boys U11A	Parkside	Won
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Other Sporting News

Congratulation to Jake D who has signed his first contract with AFC Wimbledon.



Well done also to Sonny A, Ned S & Teddy C who all had their contracts renewed for 2019-2020. These boys all work incredibly hard all year round to juggle their football on top of their busy school commitments,

which is no mean feat! Well done boys - we are all very proud of you- keep up the good work! A big thank you to Josh Evans for mentoring and inspiring these boys!



Congratulations to Henry J in Year 4 who has been selected for Surrey Performance Cricket this Summer. Henry has worked extremely hard all winter and has shown great determination. He is testament to our philosophy that with hard work you can achieve your goals. I am very proud of him and look forward to

hearing about his progress! He joins our other 17 Downsended pupils into the Surrey Cricket set up this Summer - Well done.



Jon Albert

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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