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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

Message from the Sports Department

If your child was awarded a 'House Sportsmanship' cup last Summer please can these be returned asap to Mrs Fitch or via the School Office. Thank you.

IAPS National Swimming Championships London Aquatic Centre – Saturday 8th June 2019

Following a very promising start at the qualifying round we knew the boys and girls had the potential to achieve some good results against the best schools in the country.

All the boys and girls who qualified did so from a field of 4,634 competitors from 285 schools across the length and breadth of this country and abroad. To make a national final is an achievement in itself and the boys and girls should be very pleased with their efforts. The standard of swimming seems to rise each year with all schools going that one step further than the previous year, the children should be proud of themselves for competing at such a high standard.

Not only is reaching the national finals a reward but the opportunity to compete in the iconic London Aquatic Centre, which was the venue for the swimming, diving and synchronised swimming at the London 2012 Olympic Games. Following in the footsteps of Michael Phelps, Chad le Clos and Rebecca Adlington the pupils were extremely lucky to have the opportunity to swim in this fantastic pool.

The morning session saw the girls take to the pool first and after the obligatory photos the warm up started! Whilst the U12 girls were warming up we were lucky enough to see Tom Daley (Olympic Bronze medallist, British and World Champion Diver) start his training. He also posed for a great selfie with the girls. And so to the swimming - after a fantastic range of swimming in the relays where all teams either improved their times, equalled or improved their rankings it was onto the individuals. Freyja B-W swam a fantastic heat in the U10 Backstroke improving her time and her ranking considerably, qualifying for the final. Elizabeth H was the next individual to swim in the U12 Backstroke, again an improvement in time and ranking saw Elizabeth qualify for the final. Our final individual swimmer was Megan R, swimming in the U11 Breaststroke. Megan swam a great race in the outside lane, improving her ranking but missing out on a finals place. After a short break, the girls were ready for the finals. Both girls swam great races chasing times and school records. Freyja finished in 7th and Elizabeth in 10th. The girls should be very proud of their times and improved rankings.

The afternoon session saw the boys team arrive, full of high spirits and ready to race. Having every year group represented, with 6 out of a potential 8 relay teams qualifying. All the teams had swum extremely well gaining personal bests across the board, again like the girls either equalling or improving their ranking.

Three boys had qualified for the individual heats and it was with excitement we moved to these races. George P was first to take to the pool in the U10 Backstroke and displayed some great swimming, improving his times from the prelims. After a bit of a gap we saw our final two swimmers take to the pool in the Freestyle events. Noah B-W was up first and once again he improved his time from the prelims, breaking the school record in the process. He finished in 4th place, securing his place in the final. Next up was Matthew Y, who entered the competition as a reserve but smashed his time, improved his ranking and was the first time he swam 50m freestyle in sub 30sec! Well done.

So to the finals – Noah had quite a wait before swimming again but remained focussed and determined. As he took to the pool we knew it was going to be an extremely close race and it certainly was. As all the boys turned it was very difficult to tell what the outcome would be. Miss Wilby and I were excited yet nervous as they headed into the final length. As the boys touched the wall it was difficult to see the final positions, so we turned to the big screens waiting for the result! Noah finished in an outstanding 4th position, improving his time and breaking the school record he had just set! What a swim – well done Noah.

Our thanks go to all the boys and girls for the competitive effort they showed to the end along with their teamwork, individual skills, bubbly enthusiasm and support; to the parents for their support on the day and throughout the run up to the finals with training.

Well done everybody!

Marie Seivewright and Chelsea Wilby





London Area Athletics Championships

Monday 10th June 2019

As with every year this competition is one of the biggest in the athletics calendar but the predicted weather didn't look like it was going to be in our favour this time round!

The London Area Regional Athletics Competition is for pupils from Years 5-8 to take part in a number of events in the hope of qualifying for the National finals.

Upon arrival we looked for the best bit of cover in an already packed stand. We knew from the start there would be some tough competition but the boys and girls were determined to do their best in the hope of qualifying for Nationals. Pupils in Years 6-8 had to win their event to qualify, if they came second and reached national standard the London Area team manager may consider them for the team. For Year 5 pupils this competition is a chance to experience a large athletics meeting in preparation for future years.

The day started with the relays before the competition started fully. As the day progressed the weather became gradually worse. Just before lunch the decision was made to cancel the hurdles, which was a shame for those pupils competing in this but totally the correct decision. The rain continued to fall from lunch time onwards, getting gradually worse making the conditions extremely challenging. A number of field events were cancelled towards the end of the day.

As always the pupils were a credit to themselves and the school in such hideous conditions. Well done to all who competed and the parents for your continued support.

Congratulations to the following pupils for their podium finishes. Special mention to Emerson N (Year 7) for winning her Shot Putt event and securing a place at Nationals.

Emerson N – U13 Shot Putt 1st Place

Lucas R – U11 100m 2nd Place

Elizabeth H – U13 High Jump 2nd Place

Elizabeth H – U13 Javelin 3rd Place

Leah F – U14 Discus 3rd Place

Leah F – U14 Javelin 3rd Place

Toby W – U14 100m 3rd Place

Noah B-W – U13 1500m 3rd Place

Matthew Y – U14 1500m 3rd Place

Marie Seivewright

U10 Cricket Tournament @ Danes Hill Saturday 8th June 2019



The U10 Cricket 6-a-side team travelled to Danes Hill to take part in their annual tournament. Despite the dreadful weather conditions, Danes Hill managed to keep the tournament on which was great news for all teams playing.

Our first game was against a strong Cranmore side. We fielded first and bowled very well limiting them to a total of 31 runs for 2 wickets. We went into bat in very blustery conditions but a controlled performance from our two openers (Zac S & Theo J-M) resulted in 32 runs being hit with an over spare, resulting in us winning the opening game. Our second game was against Rokeby who we beat in the final of the Charterhouse tournament 2 weeks ago, so we knew they were a very good side. Once again we bowled first and once again we put on an excellent bowling and fielding display limiting them to 27 runs. We batted second and although not as composed as the first game we finished strongly with Finlay S and Toby D hitting the winning runs.

The 2 group game wins resulted in us winning the group and going through to the semi-final. After a short break for lunch we found out that we would be facing KCJS. We lost the toss and went into bat first. A disastrous batting performance from the entire team left our chances of progressing to the final almost non-existent. What followed was the most composed and skilled example of bowling and fielding I have ever seen. Every single delivery was on a superb line and length, every piece of fielding and wicket keeping was on point and the boys showed superb grit and determination as a team to win the game by 11 runs. I walked off the pitch a very proud and relived man and the boys were buzzing!

The final was against Shrewsbury House and we had a point to prove. Still on a high from the semi final we won the toss and chose to bowl first. Another excellent bowling and fielding display followed, limiting Shrewsbury House to 29 runs. We then went into bat and Shrewsbury House crumbled under the pressure resulting in us winning the final fairly comfortably.

I can't praise the boys enough for their bowling performance in the semi final. What the boys showed in this game was a maturity far beyond their years and was an amazing example of a 'never give up attitude' to all watching. Congratulations on another superb days' work – Zac S, Theo J-M, Toby D, Finlay S, Teddy C & Ryhen P.

Grant Lawrence



U11 A Sixes squad undefeated at Tonbridge School 6's



Congratulations to the U11 A cricket team this week. Not only did they win their quarter final against Feltonfleet on Tuesday afternoon, they then won all their matches in the prestigious Tonbridge Sixes.

We started really well against Hilden Grange, restricting them to 21 runs off our 5 overs with all the boys bowling tight lines and adapting quickly to the slightly longer wickets. Ralphie A and Alex D opened the batting and the game was over within 3 overs!. Second game was against a strong Feltonfleet side, where we once again bowled and fielded exceptionally well running the last 3 batsman out for no runs. In reply we chased down the total of 25 quickly with Isaac R and Alex D striking the ball cleanly and running well between the wickets. Next was Great Walstead who scored 29 runs off their 5 overs with some strong early hitting before Ralphie took a crucial wicket. This was our closest run chase, however credit goes to Sam B who opened and carried his bat, securing victory with 3 balls to spare! Lastly our final game was against Eaton House, however after some superb wicket keeping by Luca C-S and bowling by Jack M, Charlie K and Louie L, we restricted them to 5 runs off their 5 overs! This took Jack and Louie 8 balls to secure the victory. The boys should be very proud of their achievement and the way they represented the school! A great day, well done boys!

Team: Ralphie A, Alex D, Sam B, Isaac R, Luca C-S, Jack M, Louis L, Charlie K.

Jon Albert

Match Results

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

Girls Cricket

U10A	The Study	Won
U10B	The Study	Won
U11A	St Theresa's	Won
U11B	St Theresa's	Won

Boys Cricket

U10A	Danes Hill	Won
U10A	Rokeby	Won

Other Sporting News

Congratulations to George D in 3NL, who has achieved his first gymnastics proficiency badge (level 5). Well done George!



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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

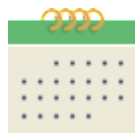
All team sheets are posted on the [Schools Sports](#) website at least 2 days in advance of the scheduled matches. Please do check through the calendar to see when all matches are for your child's year group. It is common practice that they are predominately on the same afternoon but on occasions this 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 need the password to access the team sheets.

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