



DOWNSEND
SCHOOL



Proud to be nominated in the
**Independent Schools of
the Year 2019 Awards**

DOWNSEND SPORTS BULLETIN

03 October 2019

DOWNSEND SPORT | #RESPECT



- | | |
|----------------------------|--|
| Relationships | To create positive relationships between staff parents & pupils. |
| Excite & Engage | To excite those playing, coaching and spectating and to engage an entire school community. |
| Set Standards | To set our own standards that all abide by in all that we do. |
| Participation | For all to take part in an environment that matches their level of ability. |
| Enjoyment | For all involved to enjoy the experience and the journey of school sport. |
| Compete to Win | To have the mindset of 'compete to win'. To not fear losing but see it as something to learn from. |
| Teamwork | Teamwork makes the dreamwork. |

#TeamDownsend



DOWNSEND
SCHOOL
Inspiring Young Minds

www.downsend.co.uk

Message 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

U8 Downsend Success @ Cranmore Tournament



The U8's at Downsend retained the Cranmore tournament in fine fashion. The team were asked to make the pitch big, draw players in and decide when to pass or when to dribble. Off the call we wanted to work harder than any team we played to get the ball back as quickly as possible.

The group stage started off brilliantly with Brady J setting the tempo with his outstanding work rate and speed of play. The boys beat Cranmore 3-2 with a lovely finish from Jacob R and a fine free kick from Jasper

T. They then beat kings 2-0 and drew 2-2 with Lanesborough resulting in us winning the group.

In the semi-final the boys played champagne football moving the ball brilliantly and scoring some outstanding goals to progress to the final.

The final was an excellent end to end game against KCJS. The game finished 1-1 after some excellent attacking football. A massive mention has to go to Brady J for his outstanding 'net busting' finish! We then went into extra time, the boys went 2-1 down, but they showed great resilience and determination to come back and win 3-2. A fantastic last minute winner from Archie R!

The squad played some great attacking football and worked exceptionally hard! Well done to Jacob R, Austin W, Brady J, Harry W, Jasper T, Finley P-S and Archie R.

Grant Lawrence

U10 Football Tournament @ Cranmore

On Saturday 28th September the U10 team played in the Cranmore tournament. In the group stage we first faced a very strong Cumnor House team who passed the ball brilliantly. We ended up chasing shadows for the entire game and lost 0-2. We then faced Lanesborough and performed very well without being able to kill the game off. We played by far the best football but once again, we lacked the end product resulting in us drawing 1-1. We then played Cranmore in a must win game. The boys played outstanding football and showed everyone what we are capable of when we put our minds to it. The movement and finishing was excellent resulting in us winning the game 2-0.

We progressed from the group stage into the main competition semi final and faced a good Shrewsbury House team. Unfortunately the boys ran out of steam and were unable to back up the performance that we showed against Cranmore. Shrewsbury House eventually won the game 2-0 knocking us out of the tournament in the semi final.

The U10 team continue to improve in their performances and are working hard to turn their season around. They are capable of playing superb football, as was shown in the Cranmore game, and I look forward to seeing more of the same when we play Danes Hill on Thursday.

Grant Lawrence

U11 Girls Hockey - IAPS Tournament



Twenty-four U11 Girls Hockey Teams converged on Hurstpierpoint College to compete in the South Regional Round of the U11 IAPS hockey competition. The tournament structure of 4 pools of 6 teams meant the top 2 teams in each section qualified for the Cup competition, those finishing 3rd & 4th moved into the Plate Competition with 5th and 6th place heading home.

We had a far from ideal start arriving with 5 minutes pitch time due to our bus having difficulties picking us up, so unsurprisingly we were caught on the back foot in our first game Vs Holme Grange and lost 1-0.

With the games only lasting 10 minutes the key phrase of the day was REACT and in the next set of matches we tried hard to play our recognisable Downsends Style Hockey and produced some good performances winning 1-0 vs Brighton College, 2-1 Vs St Bedes, 2-0 Vs Westbourne House and 1-0 Vs St Michael's.

These set of results meant we topped our group and headed straight into the Cup Competition as part of the top 8 schools. Our quarter final Vs Rowan did not start well conceding an early goal and from that point we were chasing the game with only 10 mins of match time. Through good pressure and ball retention we equalised and set about building on our possession and had several chances in front of goal that were swept of the line. Against the run of play Rowan scored a second goal and being unable level the scores once again we lost 2-1.

Despite the disappointment of losing in the quarter finals to a team (who incidentally went on to win the tournament) that we felt we could have beaten, when reflecting on the days hockey the girls did a great job representing Downsends in their style of play.

I hope that the girls spend some time reflecting back and use the tournament as a learning experience, taking plenty of positives from the day as well as areas of their skills & understanding that they may wish to work on in training.

Claire Cooper-James

Surrey Schools Secondary Relay Gala



On Saturday evening five girls and five boys from Year 7 & 8 headed to The Spectrum to take part in the Surrey Schools Secondary Relay Gala. The girls took to the pool for their first event which was the freestyle relay. We were in the 3rd heat of 4 and were closely keeping an eye on the times from the other heats. Finishing strongly in our heat we waited patiently to see how the other teams had done and check that we hadn't been disqualified. Unfortunately the timing system wasn't working so it was difficult to tell the final positions of all the teams. Next up were the boys in their freestyle event. Once again a strong swim from all four boys resulted in a confident finish. Next up were the Medley Relay's. Once again both teams swam well and should be pleased with their efforts. The full results have just come in and I am pleased to say that we placed as detailed below.

Girls Freestyle – 15th out of 21 teams

Boys Freestyle – 6th out of 20 teams

Girls Medley – 16th out of 21 teams

Boys Medley – Unfortunately we were disqualified in this event.

The boys and girls should be extremely proud of their achievements at this event. With a team where not all of the boys and girls are club swimmers, the results are not to be frowned upon.

Well done all and thank you to the parents for your support.

Marie Sievewright

Match Results

All match results can be viewed on Schoolsports.

Other Sporting News

A massive well done to Henry H in Year 5 for his fantastic cycling achievements during the summer. Henry is a very keen cyclist and in the Summer Break went to Herne Hill Velodrome to learn to ride a fixed gear track bike. After his first day he stayed on in the evening and competed against experienced locals of his age group and came 3rd place overall in a series of races.



Joe C in Year 5 was runner-up in the U11 event at the Surrey Squash Junior Closed, held at Surbiton 27-29th September. Unseeded going into the event he beat the 4th & 2nd seeds on his way to the final. Fantastic job Joe - Congratulations!



Alaina M in 3NL completed her modern dance exams at the end of July and results are just in, she has completed her rainbow to receive her pot of gold award and achieved her bronze special award in modern dance. Well done Alaina!



Several Year 2 boys played in their first rugby festival on Sunday. Harry J, James S and Joseph K for Dorking Rugby Club and Edward C for Effingham and Leatherhead. Edward also won the player of the festival trophy for his club. What a great start - Well done boys!



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.

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.

Inspiring young minds

[Download School Notices](#)

Copyright © Downsend School 2019, All rights reserved.

Our mailing address is:

Downsend School
1 Leatherhead Road
Leatherhead
Surrey
KT22 8TJ

www.downsend.co.uk
