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#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



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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

Downsend Alumnus named in England's Test Series Squad



Former Downsend pupil and Epsom-born batsman, Dominic Sibley, has been named in the 15 member squad for England's two match Test Series against New Zealand in November.

Dom joined Downsend in 2006 and swiftly became part of the community, contributing both on and off the pitch, taking Downsend to a series of victories. Dom remains connected to the school, and acts as an aspirational role model for all Dowsendians.

We will be excited to support Dom and the England Test Squad over the winter.

U7 Football Tournament at Cranmore

The U7's embarked on their Downsend sporting careers Saturday morning at Cranmore School in the annual U7 invitational event. The weather was set fine and the boys began their day against a very strong Wimbledon Common side. After the early struggles, the goalkeeper in Reggie B and defence in Rafferty L settled down and Downsend improved on their first half showing and dominated the second half but were unable to make a breakthrough despite great attacking endeavour by both Harry E and James S.

Our second game against Cumnor House was a very close encounter and despite the visitors taking an early lead, the Downsend boys showed huge promise in a brilliant attacking display whilst staying very resolute in defence. Edward C was superb, keeping a clean sheet in the second half and despite numerous shots on goal by Harry J, Downsend were unable to break down the defence and unfortunately lost.

The following game against Rokeby the Under 7's fought back brilliantly after conceding an early goal and with a brilliant move that involved Oscar S and Harry J, with the ball eventually breaking to James S who was fouled in the box. James S dusted himself off and dispatched the penalty with ease to bring Downsend level. Unfortunately neither team could find a winner and the points were shared.

Downsend couldn't improve in their last game and unfortunately they ran out of energy and Cranmore showed a killer instinct in front of goal to put the game out of sight within the first half. The boys worked their socks off to get back in the game but were up against a superb Cranmore keeper who kept the attack at bay.

Well done to everybody that took part. The boys will be a lot stronger for the experience and will be raring to right the wrongs of this tournament later in the term. Many thanks to all the parents for giving up their time to support on a beautiful Saturday morning.



U10 Football Tournament at Kings House

On a beautiful September morning the U10A football team travelled to Kings House School to compete in their tournament.

In the group stages we faced Danes Hill, Shrewsbury House, Durston House, Hall Grove and Harrodian. Unfortunately we didn't play the football that we are capable of and ended up drawing 3 and losing 2 games in the group. This resulted in us finishing 5th in the group where we were then faced with a 5th vs 5th playoff against Hampton Prep

The game kicked off and I have never seen a more one sided game. In the 10 minute match we managed 9 shots on goal (which was more than we had taken all tournament) and played a very good style of football. Unfortunately we couldn't get the ball in the net and then with one minute to play Hampton had a break away which they scored. The final whistle went and whilst we congratulated Hampton Prep on their win, we took away some valuable learnings from our defeat, having failed to take advantage of the number of great goal-scoring opportunities we had created.

Lots to learn from this tournament. We go again on Saturday at Cranmore.

Grant Lawrence

U13A Hockey Tournament at Danes Hill

Let the hockey season begin...

Last Saturday our 1st team had their first hockey fixture of the season at the Danes Hill U13 tournament, a tough and competitive tournament.

With a lot of enthusiasm our girls arrived on time and started their warm up, focussing on their first game vs St. Teresa's. With a strong start we won 3-0 in a tough and physical game. Straight after the game and with 3 minutes to change pitches we played against Feltonfleet ending 0-0 with lots of missed chances to score. Once again we were straight in to our 3rd game without any resting time so 3 minutes to change pitch again and playing against Cranleigh. We played a nice game with a result of a 2-0 win.

Time to relax and have some time for a team talk. But let's not get that comfortable because we were back on again after 12 min to play St. George's. A very physical game with lots of stick tackles and very crowded, with the result a 0-0 draw.

Now it was time for our last game of the day vs the home team, Danes Hill. Like every fixture against them it was a strong and fast game. Josie, our GK did some amazing saves and so did Geraldine saving an ariel ball towards the goal and creating a fast counter attack. Unfortunately the final score was 2-0 to Danes Hill.

That was the end of our first tournament of the year, ending in 3rd place and having Chloe awarded the opposing coaches best player.

It was, as I mentioned, a tough and competitive tournament with lots of strong teams. I'm really proud of our girls. We still have lots of things to improve but this is just the beginning and is a great start!

Thanks to all the parents and members of Downsend school that came down to support our girls.



Downsend 1st team with Hannah Martin GB player

Ceci Rodriguez Turano

Swimming v Feltonfleet

Last Friday saw the first gala for the boys and girls swim squads. A trip to Feltonfleet for the U9-11's was a new experience for many. There was much excitement on the coach as we headed across to Feltonfleet. The pool at Feltonfleet is quite different to ours but after a quick warm up everyone had adapted to the pool, and was ready to race. All the boys and girls swam extremely well and should be proud of their achievements. The final score was a solid win for Downsend beating Feltonfleet 157 - 124. A great start to the season. Well done all.



Miss Seivewright

Match Results

All match results can be viewed on Schoolsports.

Other Sporting News

Congratulations to Ethan L-T in Year 4 on his recent swimming success. Following the Epsom District Club 2019 award medals over the summer, he finished at the top of the leaderboard with the most gold medals in the U8 category. Well done Ethan!



Huge congratulations also to Kahlan C in Year 4. On Tuesday 24 September Kahlan competed in the Skate Southern Club International Open, Ladies Level 1 - 11 years and under. She placed 7th overall which is an excellent result for competing at this level for the first time. A fantastic achievement Kahlan!



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.

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