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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

Match Results

All match results can be viewed on Schoolsports.

U11A Football Team - 2nd best in the country!



On Sunday the U11A's competed in the IAPS National finals against 23 of the best prep schools around the country down in Queen's College Taunton. We started brightly winning our first game 4-0 against Bedes with some well taken chances. Second game was a narrow affair ending with a 0-0 draw, although we squandered several chances to take the lead against Chigwell. This frustration focussed the boys minds and they went on to beat Wycliffe and Dorset House 8-0 and 2-0 respectively. Some of the football we played throughout the day was exquisite. The boys first touch, speed of thought, passing and clinical finishing was really impressive and they should be very proud of their achievements and reputation. The final group game was against Cheam School, who managed to reach the Cup final via an easier half of the knockout stages. We finished this game as 2-1 winners and topped our group by 5 points. We played Oratory School in the quarter-finals where we were quickly 2-0 up and looking very strong. However a little error in the second half allowed them back into the game, but it was great to see such resilience from the boys, who managed the final few minutes well to progress to the next stage. In the semis we played Royal Russell school and unfortunately conceding first. With such quick matches we were unable to get back into the game, eventually losing to the tournament winners 2-0. It is great to see the boys maturing in their approach to sport and although they were very disappointed to not reach the final they went on to convincingly beat a very strong Papplewick team 3-0 in the third and fourth place play-off securing the bronze medals. In a national tournament to only lose one game and conceded three goals is an amazing achievement and the boys should be incredibly proud of being the second best team in the country!!

Well done to all the boys and their committed parents.

Team: Louis S, Teddy C, Ned S, Bobby H, Alfie A, Seb B, Robbie D, James R, Zak S

U13 IAPS Hockey Tournament at Bedes Senior School



Inspirational. Miss Ceci and Mrs Fitch had worked tirelessly to improve our skills and game play.
Attention to detail. We had prepared every Monday morning before school as well as regular practice sessions and were ready to kick butt!

Pumped-up. Awesome tunes on the journey from our laps playlist got us ready and raring to go!

Striking the shots. We secured numerous wins and draws without conceding a goal.

Happy. We had come second in our pool.

Outstanding. We felt amazing and spirits were at an all-time high.

Confidence. With wins under our belt, we marched into semi-finals.

Knockouts. A nail biting match led to extra time and a penalty shoot. Due to penalties we advanced to third-place playoff.

Endurance. We fought our way to fourth place.

Yay! We qualified!

This was a tough tournament with lots of ups and eventual downs of not coming home with a medal. We all worked so hard in the build-up and throughout the day. As a team we came together and played together to the best of our abilities. This made our eventual qualification well earned and thoroughly deserved! Bring on Repton for the Finals!

Written by Chloe M, Geraldine H, and Elizabeth H

Jersey Sports Tour 2019



Article By Chloe S & Sadie T Our Jersey Sports Tour

This spectacular Sports Tour was for both of us our first time away from home without our families and we were so lucky that our amazing Sports Teachers gave up their time to take us there! Our first adventure in Jersey was the Zoo which was one of favourites. We both admired the butterfly's, monkeys, bats, gorillas and birds (particularly the Toucans). After a long day a delicious dinner came in handy. One of our other favourite activities was a scrumptious lunch at Pizza Express and a run around on Brélade Beach it felt so magical looking out onto the glistening sea. All of our matches were successful even if we did not win them all as it was good to meet the other girls and see their schools and also nice to do some sport as well as explore the island of Jersey. Mount Orgeuil Castle was very interesting and historic whilst St Helier had great souvenirs. Every evening we participated in an activity such as bowling or a disco which were both great fun. We had a fantastic time in Jersey and if anyone is thinking of visiting, The Monterey Hotel is truly recommended.

Andrew M-T (6CB)

The best bit of Jersey was? The disco

Why? We had a really fun night which finished with a boys vs girls dance off. This was especially good fun as I won it!

Toby T (6MSk)

The best bit of Jersey was - pizza express and the beach.

Why? The pizza was very tasty, the service was really quick and the ice cream was amazing. We then went down to the beach. The sun was shining and there was so much sand! We had a running race, played some football, took some photo's and enjoyed the scenery.

Some quotes from the boys!

George P (6MD)

The best bit of Jersey was? The fixtures

Why? The competition was really good and we were evenly matched against our opposition. The final rugby game against Warwick School was really good fun and very physical!

Lucas T (6ST)

The best bit of Jersey was? - bowling

Why? We were able to pick our own friends in our lanes. The emoji's when you got a strike were hilarious and the bumpers really helped get my score into the hundreds.





Year 2 Hockey with Notre Dame



On the Friday afternoon before breaking for the well-deserved half term, the Year 2 girls were full of energy as we travelled the short journey to Notre Dame school in Cobham for a fun afternoon of hockey. This was the girls' first experience of hockey and they certainly impressed. After a thorough warm up they were quickly shown the hockey basics before applying them in relays – keeping the stick and ball “kissing” in a strong, low 1 o'clock position. They were impressive!

We then joined up with the Notre Dame girls and rotated between mini games and skills-based activities for the remainder of the afternoon. The girls worked really hard learning the new skills and applying them in the game situations. It was a wonderful way to bring the half term to a close whilst preparing them for hockey in their club until Christmas. We have another hockey coaching afternoon to look forward to with Feltonfleet on Friday 22nd November and many more hours of hockey fun planned this year!

Great work girls, it's going to be an exciting year of sport.

Huge thanks to Miss Wilby and Mrs Crowe for coming with me to ND and helping with the afternoon.

Mrs Fitch

Other Sporting News

Well done to Amelia B (5PM), Sienna V (5PM) and the rest of the U10 Epsom Hockey team for their clean sweep against Cheam and Wimbledon Hockey Clubs on the first weekend of half term.



Freddie C in 3VB had a very active half term keeping busy with his running and obstacle course racing activities in between climbing and cycling.

He ran his 109th and 110th Junior Parkrun nearly beating his current pb of 8:11 for a 2km run. He also completed the Active Warror 5km Obstacle course race that he ran with his dad.

Freddie is part of an International team of Obstacle course racers called 'The Ocr Boys'. He was asked by his team manager to take part in a World Championship Qualifier race called Zeus Race based in Leicester with his other team mates. Zeus is a 7km course through mud, rivers, over/under numerous obstacles with a lot of trail running in between and the day of the race was very wet and windy. Freddie had to run approximately 1.5 miles carrying a car tyre before even reaching the first obstacle! He was the youngest competitor in the morning waves and many marshalls commented on his amazing, fearless approach to the course.





Surbiton Hockey Club - Inspire Talk

Please see message below from Surbiton Hockey Club. The first of their Inspire Talk series starts tomorrow 8th November from 6pm to 7pm at Surbiton Hockey Club. GB Superstars James Gall, Zach Wallace and Tom Sorsby will be talking about their hockey journeys so far and it will be followed by a Q and A. This is a fantastic chance for any sports boy or girl to get advice about reaching their potential in sport and the highs and lows experienced along the way.

SURBITON HOCKEY CLUB
'INSPIRE TALK'
FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
6PM-7PM

We will welcome young Great Britain and SHC Men's 1s superstars James Gall, Tom Sorsby and Zach Wallace to the stage to talk about their hockey journeys so far. This will be followed by a Q&A - a fantastic chance to get advice from the boys about reaching your potential.

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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