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## DOWNSEND SPORTS BULLETIN

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### DOWNSEND SPORT | #RESPECT



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

**#TeamDownsend**



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*Inspiring Young Minds*

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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](mailto:editor@downsend.co.uk).

Please keep an eye on [www.schoolssports.com](http://www.schoolssports.com) for team sheets and match results. Follow us on Twitter [@DownsendSport](https://twitter.com/DownsendSport)

*The Sports Department*

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## Match Results

All match results can be viewed on Schoolsports.

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## Year 2 girls Hockey with Notre Dame

Two weeks ago the girls from Year 2 had the opportunity to play against Notre Dame in small-sided games. They really impressed both myself, Miss Ceci and the staff from Notre Dame, who commented on their skills and understanding of the game. This is tantamount to the hard work and energy they are putting into the hockey development in lessons and after school club.

Great work girls, keep it up next term.

*Mrs Fitch*

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## Year 2 Inter-House Hockey



What a fantastic afternoon we had last Friday with the Year 2 girls showing off their brilliant hockey skills in their Inter-House event.

Each House first came up with their own 10-second song and dance which they needed to perform when they scored a goal. They had some great ideas and thoroughly enjoyed showing off to their parents.

Next came the hockey and it was amazing to see how much progress the girls have made this term. Getting stuck into tackles, scoring goals, passing the ball and understanding their positioning on the pitch. All bodes well for the future. We saw lots of energy, enthusiasm and goals, some fantastic goal-line saves which would have made Maddie Hinch proud!

The scores were very close at the end with two teams finishing on the same number of points for 1<sup>st</sup> place so it was down to goals scored to decide the winner.

The results were:

4<sup>th</sup> Norbury

3<sup>rd</sup> Headley

2<sup>nd</sup> Ranmore

1<sup>st</sup> Wisley

Well done girls and thank you, parents, for your support and encouragement.

*Mrs Fitch*

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## IAPS Swimming



Well done to all the Downsends pupils who took part in last week's IAPS Swimming Qualifier held here at school. A total of seven schools with approximately 175 pupils took part in the time trials throughout the evening, with each individual swimmer competing in their chosen stroke over 25 or 50 metres. The relay teams from all of the schools also put in some great times. This competition gave the swimmers a good idea

of their unofficial ranking. Everyone now faces the wait, as the times are compared against swimmers from other qualifying events, to see if they are fast enough to take part in the National Finals in June, being held at the London Aquatic Centre - home of the 2012 Olympics. My thanks to all the Downsend staff who helped with the smooth running of the event.

*Mrs Seivewright*

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## U10A Rugby Festival at Cumnor House



The U10's arrived in at Cumnor House in Croydon early on Saturday morning and warmed up well in preparation for 7 short, 8-minute games. The Boys got underway against The Hawthornes and after a good defensive effort turned the ball over and after working hard all week on the '2 pass rule' quickly scored through H James with a marauding run. They held off their Hawthornes opponents and won the game 1-0 in a tight encounter.

They moved on to a game against local rivals CLFS and unfortunately they could match the execution and the accuracy they showed in the first game and unfortunately went down 2-1 despite having chances to win the game. We moved onto another pitch and with a short turnaround, played Lanesborough is a tough encounter. The Downsend boys performed much better than their previous game and defended superbly against an aggressive opponent. They held off the attack for 6 minutes and nearly snatched victory in the

dying seconds but unfortunately, passes didn't quite go to hand at the end as the line beckoned.

After a short break, we played The New Beacon in a feisty encounter. With a large amount of background noise, the boys performed superbly and kept their cool and deservedly scored to level the match at 1 try apiece. Unfortunately, The New Beacon pounced on a loose ball at the side of a ruck and dotted it down for a try in the corner in the last play. We then moved onto the pitch next door and played our game of the tournament. With every phase of play, the boys grew in confidence and their aggressive lines of running put them into a 3 try lead within 4 minutes thanks to tries from Riley N, Henry J and Aidan W. Their defence was ferocious and despite not having the ball for the remaining 4 minutes held on to tackles superbly against an impressive KCS team.

Our final two games were against Cumnor House and Hazelwood, with both games following a similar pattern. Boys being impressive with the ball in hand but becoming slightly lazy in defence, relying on some superb cover tackles to keep them in the game. Unfortunately, we went down in both games despite improvement in our ball carrying.

Two boys stood out in the morning who were Henry J as a top tackler, and Archie D who was the top ball carrier for the morning. The boys have progressed enormously over the course of the season-long may it continue!

*Mr Moore*

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## U10A&B Surrey Hockey Tournament



With the U10 A & B Surrey hockey tournaments approaching in the distance, we took the opportunity for an U10 hockey team to dust off their skills and compete in a small tournament organised by Tormead at the lovely venue of Surrey Sports Park.

Our opening match vs Feltonfleet was a good display of possession hockey and saw us win comfortably 2-0. Our second match Vs St Teresa's was a story of 2 halves. The first we pushed too high and left our defence exposed and were punished as a result by 2 quick goals. Pleasingly the team re-grouped and picked up our game and pulled a goal back. This followed by a siege on the St Teresa's goal but we did not manage to convert all this pressure into the equaliser we needed and so left the pitch disappointed to have dropped valuable points.

Our final match saw the team return to winning ways with a confident show of skill and attacking patterns to beat Tormead 3-0.

The overall result meant Downsend won the silver medal which despite the disappointment of missing out on the gold gave the team plenty to positive things to think about and hopefully has left them more hungry for the Surreys after half term.

*Mrs Cooper-James*

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## Other Sporting News

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Congratulations to Freyja B-W of 5LC who has just finished competing in the second of three weekends of the prestigious Surrey Age Group swimming champs. The competition is the culmination for swimmers in all clubs across Surrey who have made the high qualifying times over the course of the past year.

Freyja was delighted to get a bronze medal coming 3rd in the 400m Free and knocked over 20 seconds off her PB to do so.

Congratulations also to Noah B-W of 8MSG who has achieved a Top 8 place in 5 of the events swum at the champs so far.



## 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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