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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.

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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 [here](#).

Girls U10 & U11 Football Competition

Downsend entered their first girls u10 and u11 football competition held at Downsend and run by David Cole from the Josh Evans Soccer School. The squad have only trained together since January, the start of the first afternoon girls football club and they have shown an incredible rate of development, they are using their back foot to play forward, they are recognising when to spread out and when to get goal side.

The girls won their first game which set the tempo of the afternoon, they defended brilliantly and also showed great team work to create chances, Summer A neatly finished off a team move and secured a 1-0 win!

In the second game, Maya B, turned magnificently without taking a touch and scored a wonder half volley with her left foot into the top corner, with the game finishing 1-1.

The girls rotated taking turns in goal, but a special mention to Octavia M and Daisy M who showed a great understanding of the role. Adie T and Natalia T showed excellent technique to control and pass and keep the ball moving and Stephania O was our rock at the back!

Well done girls!

Josh Evans



U13A Rugby 7's Tournament at Feltonfleet

The U13A 7's team travelled to Feltonfleet on Saturday 7th March to play in the first of our 7's tournaments this season. This was a hotly anticipated tournament due to the quality of schools attending and the fact that so much has had to be cancelled recently due to a number of unforeseen circumstances.

Our first game was against Rokeby and we were hoping to go one better than the draw which we got against them earlier in the season. We started the game slowly and conceded an early try. We soon got into the swing of moving the ball and attacking wide and our ability to attack space was the difference between the 2 sides, resulting in us winning the game 15-10. Our second game was against an incredibly strong Danes Hill side. We did amazingly well to limit them to 3 tries and although we didn't manage to get on the score board, we defended very well throughout the game.

Our third game was against Aldro which was always going to be a tough fixture. This was our best performance of the tournament and we performed superbly winning the game 10-5, demonstrating some excellent attacking rugby and courageous defence. We were starting to realise the importance on attacking space and using our kicking game to our full advantage! Our fourth game was against a well drilled Cranmore side. We started the game at 100mph and very quickly went 2 tries up. Unfortunately we couldn't sustain the excellent tempo that we started the game with and unfortunately 'fell' off a few tackles resulting in Cranmore winning the game 10-25.

Our final game was against Feltonfleet and we knew that if we were able to put in a big score we would finish third in the tournament on points scored. The boys turned on the style in the final game winning convincingly 25-0. We demonstrated excellent attacking flair and our ability to create space from nothing resulted in us scoring some excellent tries.

A great morning's work by all the boys in the squad and I'm sure as the tournaments progress we will continue to develop our 7's game.

Mr Lawrence



U8 Netball Tournament at Reigate St Mary's

On Saturday nine very excited girls from Year 3 headed to Reigate St Mary's for their first netball tournament for the school. Although the weather wasn't perfect this did not deter the girls as the boundless enthusiasm was evident to see.

The girls have been enjoying playing the 5-a-side version of the game during all their inter-school fixtures, demonstrating their versatility on court due to the rotation between positions that had to take place. The tournament on Saturday posed new challenges as the format of play was 7-a-side, with the introduction of Wing Attack and Wing Defence alongside a change in areas on the court that some of the other positions were allowed to go. With a quick team talk about the new positions and their role on court the girls patiently and with excitement watched the first game before heading onto the court to play their first match.

All the schools in the competition were unknown opponents. Our first match against Lingfield College was extremely exciting with end to end play. The girls demonstrated excellent passing and control down the court, feeding the circle well and giving our shooters plenty of opportunity to shoot at goal. As the game progressed the girls really began to get into the game, with the final result being a 3-0 win.

The girls came off the court as excited as ever, telling me that they really enjoyed playing with the Wings! After another games rest the girls once again took to the court for their final two games of the tournament. Again the girls showed excellent teamwork and communication, as the ball flowed down the court with style. In their second game they came away with a narrow victory against Reigate St Mary's winning 1-0 and their final game resulted in a 2-0 win over Chinthurst School.

Once all the games had been completed we headed into the Sports hall for the presentations. As the girls sat patiently the results were read out and with great delight the girls were awarded the gold medals for finishing in 1st place and being undefeated!

I am very proud of the girls for the way that they adapted their game play and their teamwork on court is to be commended. Thank you to the parents for their support and enthusiasm on the side lines.

Miss Seivewright



Liverpool Academy Visit

On Saturday 7th March a number of Downsend Boys were very fortunate to travel to Liverpool with Josh Evans Academy to play Liverpool's Academy Squads. It was a wonderful morning for the boys who rose to the challenge and played some attacking, fantastic football in a spectacular training facility. What an experience for the boys to remember! Huge thank you to Mr Evans and team for continuing to provide these experiences for our children. Well done to Alfie A, Finley G-S, Ralph H, Ralphie A, Louis K, Jayden K, Harrison G-S and James R.

Grant Lawrence • Director of Sport



Boys Surrey Hockey Plate

After four months of hard training and learning the rules and skills of our lovely game, it was time for our boys to play their Surrey Hockey Plate, their first actual fixture against other teams, at Woking Hockey Club. With plenty of energy we started our warm up. Games were 13 minutes one way.

Kingston Grammar School "Red" were our first opponents, it was our first game ever so it took us a little while to get into the game. With a final score of 2-1 for us, the boys were into the tournament from the very beginning. With only one game to rest, we had a quick chat and we were back playing Barrow Hills. Another

outstanding performance with an 3-0 win and compliments from the other team coaches. No game to rest we had a quick chat about specific areas to improve and back in to play Amesbury, with a final score of 4-1 to them. With a quick turnaround between games, we headed to play Whitgift, our toughest game of the day. Our boys were playing fast and transferring the ball from one side to the other with a strong focus on man marking. Unfortunately the final score was a 4-0 loss, but the boys played a great game and understood the speed play. With a couple of games to rest we were back playing Thomas's Battersea. With a lot of nice hockey and plenty of attitude our final score was a 4-1 win, showing great improvements in the key focus skills we talked about through the day.

Now it was time to wait and see if we were through to the next stage of the competition. It was really tight, we were third in our pool and we drew in points, goals and goal difference with Alleyns for the best third. Due to the fact that they had one less team in their pool we end up going to percentage of goals difference per game, and unfortunately Alleyns went through to the quarter finals.

The weather was great. We played our best and the boys enjoyed the U13 Surrey Plate competition. We stayed for the FINAL and watched Whitgift finish as the overall winner. Time to go back to school with lots of compliments of outstanding hockey. Congratulations boys for such a high level of hockey, I am proud of you.

MissCeci RT



U11 IAPS Netball 2020

Oh my goodness what a fantastic day of netball. Excitement, thrills, disappointment, pressure and fun, it was like being on a rollercoaster ride. Our exciting day began bright and early as we met at Downsend at 7.30 to travel to Kent College for the big day ahead. The girls were thrilled to have been selected and were proud to be representing Downsend in the regional round of the IAPS competition. Twenty schools were drawn against each other in 4 groups to gain places in the Cup, Plate and Bowl competition.

The opposition in our pool were relatively unknown so we played with clear heads and determination. Our

first match was against Sevenoaks we played some great netball with a fast-moving ball and accurate shooting, to secure a 5-2 win. The following game against the hosts Kent College Prep. This game saw us evenly matched with the opposition. Play was end to end each player on the court playing their heart out. Sadly, the end score was 7-5 loss with a fighting spirit to the end. Our final game in the pool was against Granville - news that they had won all their games so far added pressure and anticipation. Again, the girls were outstanding in their effort and commitment but unfortunately went down 8-3.

The results meant that we through to the Plate competition and were drawn against St Michael's. What a thrilling game. Fast paced, precise, with goals going with the centre pass to half time. 3-3 at the break and the chance of a finals place meant the girls were now feeling the pressure. After swapping ends, we fought hard, but St Michael's edged away with a 8-4 victory. Our final game was for third and fourth place in the Plate and drawn against Junior Kings. We were very evenly matched, and the game saw the ball change possession frequently with some excellent interceptions. Although the girls played some of there best netball to date we sadly lost 4-2.

With heavy hearts the girls took stock and reflected on their performance. They finished in the knowledge that they played their best and did all they could for each other whilst on the court. They really had played well, with spirit and determination. What a pleasure it was to watch them grow as players and people during the tournament, building on their resilience, collaboration and support for each other.

I was extremely proud of all of them. Well done girls.

Mrs Hawes



Other Sporting News

Specsavers Surrey Youth Games 2020

The Specsavers Surrey Youth Games 2020 will take place on **Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 June** at Surrey Sports Park, Guildford, GU2 7AD.

The Specsavers Surrey Youth Games is the largest, multi-sport youth event in the county for non-club beginners. Spread over a single weekend, every year it brings together 6 - 16 year olds (18 for disability activity, if still in KS4) from all Surrey's local authorities who receive up to seven weeks' FREE training before the event. Activities will vary between different age groups and, although most activities are open to all genders, some are exclusive to boys or girls only.

How do I take part?

To see if you are eligible and to register online for any of the sports listed in this brochure, please visit molevalley.gov.uk/syg call 01306 886001 or email sports@molevalley.gov.uk.

Registration closes on Wednesday 20 May.

Do you have a disability?

All our sessions are inclusive and do not discriminate against learning or physical disabilities. However, if you would like to be involved in an exclusive disability activity, try out bocce or cage cricket.

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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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