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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 [here](#).

IAPS U13 Netball - Regional Round



Last Friday the 1st netball team headed to East Grinstead Sports Club to take part in the regional round of the IAPS netball tournament. The girls have been patiently waiting for the competition to take place due to a number of postponements in recent weeks.

As with any of these competitions it is a tough event and we knew it would be a busy day ahead and we had to work hard to fight for a place at National Finals.

With slightly fewer schools taking part the groups were rearranged so that more game play could take place, so with 5 games ahead of us we took to the court to play Brambletye. The girls got off to a strong start dominating play and taking control of the game. At tournaments it is always important to try and score as much as possible just in case the results end up going to goal difference. This game proved to be one of those that we could do this with – the final score was a 12-0 win. A fantastic start!

With a quick 5 minute break we were back on court playing against St Andrew's Woking. This game proved to be tougher than the first but the girls remained disciplined and kept calm heads resulting in a 7-4 win. Again, we had a quick 5 minute break before our third game against Holmewood House. Once again the girls proved dominant and displayed some excellent netball with the shooters racking up the goals with a 17-4 win.

As we headed into a well deserved break the girls were able to refuel and refresh ahead of their final two pool games that were once again back to back.

Our first game back was against Eagle House B, which proved to be our toughest game so far! With end to end play and goals being scored off every centre pass it was important to try and break down the oppositions play. The girls managed to do this on a couple of occasions and reap the reward by scoring the all important goal. As the clock counted down, I was just reminding them to keep possession of the ball! The final score was a close 10-8 win to Downsend.

We were quickly back on court against local school, The Hawthorns. It was again important for the girls to remain focussed and disciplined on court in order to finish the group unbeaten and top of the pool. It was very impressive to see that the girls were able to demonstrate great resilience and collaboration as they pushed through for another win – 7-2.

The girls were now able to have a decent break ahead of the knockout stages. Having won our pool we were due to play the fourth placed team from the other pool. This turned out to be Eagle House A team! Having played their B team previously we knew it would be a highly competitive game. The girls ensured that they kept the play tight and convert the opportunities on goal. A great 10-2 win was the final result, pushing us through to the semi-finals!

Our semi-final game was against Hazelwood School who we had previously beaten earlier in the season. It was important for the girls not to think about that but maintain the excellent level of play that they had previously displayed. Well, this proved to be an extremely tight game as the team came under greater pressure and the increased break down of play from both teams occasionally resulted in a bit of panic. The tension on the side line was extremely high from both the parents and myself – not good for the blood pressure!!! The girls fought right to the final whistle winning the game 6-4 and earning their place in the final and at National finals!!

Although we knew we had gained a place at Nationals the girls were keen to ensure the overall win. Our final game of the tournament was against another unknown school – Vinehall. The final score was a resounding 6-1 win to Downsends securing the gold medals and remaining unbeaten all day!

I am extremely proud of the girls who have fought hard to win this competition and gain their place at Nationals.

Unfortunately due to the current climate the finals day has been cancelled. I hope that the girls are proud of their achievements and it was a fantastic way to end the shortened season. Thank you parents for your continued support.

Miss Seivewright



Other Sporting News



Congratulations to Tileena, Bella and Summer in Year 5 who won the Surrey Cup competition at Surbiton HC U10's last weekend. Off the Regionals next! Well done girls!



Rachel K at her first Karate grading today and on obtaining her orange and white belt!



Michael H won his orange ball tennis tournament this past weekend at Oxshott Tennis Club.



Jacob N year played for Dorking rugby club in the U7s team.



Football

If any parents would like to book 1:1 or small football sessions for their kids, or for themselves, please contact Josh Evans coaches direct to book it:

David Cole- 07702 561 864
Rob Parsons- 07908 280 110
Joe Elbishlawi- 07766 953 463
Tom Harty- 07702 302 827
Nic Sheen- 07701 046 441
Toby Munday- 07713 871 511
Josh Evans- 07771 591 497

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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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