



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

I write this Newsletter at the end of a very busy, and rather hot, final week of school. This morning we celebrated the achievements and pure joyousness of our fantastic Year 6 pupils, who are off to embark upon the next phase in their learning. We wish them all well. It's particularly emotional as we are also saying goodbye to some of our families who have certainly been associated with the school throughout my time here, at least. Please do keep in touch - we would love to hear all about the children's future successes.

I would just like to say a personal thank you to all of the children for making North Downs such a wonderful place to be; to all of the staff and governors for your amazing hard work and dedication, and to all of you parents and carers for your support. Have a super summer break everyone, and see you (well most of you) in September. I will write to you all again at the end of the summer holidays, with a few reminder and updates for the new school year.

Sports Report for 2023-24

North Downs have had another fantastic year for PE and sport.

In April we were very proud to be awarded Quality Mark with DISTINCTION by the Association for Physical Education for our outstanding PE offer. We have also achieved the Games Mark Platinum Award for the second year.

North Downs children's achievements in a wide variety of sporting competitions and festivals have been amazing, culminating in an exceptional performance from our Year 5 and 6 athletics teams at the District Sports on 4th July. In what is always a fantastic evening, North Downs swept the board winning the relay trophy, boys track, throwing, jumping and overall winners trophies!



Swimming Gala

Key Stage 2 children took part in our inter house swimming gala this week with Arundel finishing in 1st place.

Strictly Glitter Ball Competition

All classes entered their best dances from lessons in the Strictly Glitter Ball Competition. Children then watched the dances and voted for their favourite. Votes were counted this week and the winning class dance was Skylarks with their Street Jazz. In 2nd were Woodpeckers with their animal dance.

Sports Crew

All 12 of our year 6 sports crew achieved their gold awards for leadership. They have been busy helping with the elf run, swimming gala and sports day as well as running activities for Years R -4 at playtime throughout the year. They have become very confident and organised leaders!

SPORTS RESULTS 2023-24

63% of our Key Stage 2 children have taken part in the varied sporting festivals and tournaments this year with outstanding success. They have won an amazing 23 trophies!

- Year 6 boys football - 1st
- Year 5 boys football - 1st
- Year 5/6 girl's football - 3rd
- Year 3/4 gymnastics 1st and in the individual event -Daisy 1st and Florence 2nd
- Year 5/6 gymnastics 1st
- Year 5/6 Hockey 1st and 2nd
- Year 5/6 Rugby 1st
- Year 3/4 cross country 2nd, Year 5/6 cross country 1st, Overall cross country 1st
- Individual cross country - Year 3/ 4 boys James W. 1st, Year 5/6 boys Ollie 1st and Thomas 2nd
- Surrey Cross country -Ollie 1st and Thomas 11th
- Year 6 netball 3rd
- Year 5 netball 4th
- Year 4 golf 1st
- Year 3/4 tennis 1st, 2nd and 6th
- Year 5/6 boys cricket 1st
- Year 5/6 girls cricket 1st
- Year 4 rounder's 2nd
- Year 5/6 rounder's 1st
- Year 5/6 Pixham athletics 1st relay, 1st throwing 1st jumping, 1st boys track 2nd girls track and 1st overall
- Year 5/6 sportshall 1st in girls track, 1st in boys track and 1st overall in Dorking event and 3rd in County Final
- Panathlon 1st in district and 2nd in county

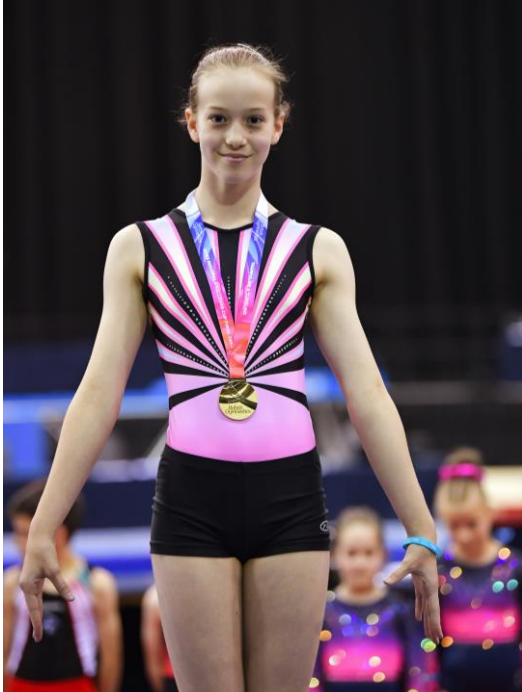
Well done to all the many children who have taken part. Below all the year 6 children who have represented the school with all the trophies.



And there's more...

The riding team had a fantastic day at Coombelands Equestrian. Matilda and Be Be formed a team for the 40cm. They won the team section with Matilda winning the 'Led' section, while Be Be won the 'Assisted' section. This amazing result means they will compete at the National Grassroots Championships held at Hickstead in August.

Holly won the 70cm and 80cm, with Arthur coming second in the 80cm.



After becoming British champion for trampoline last year, this year she has gone and done it again, but in a second sport! Daisy is now British champion for DMT (double mini trampoline) level 1 age 11-12, having qualified as the best of the London region heats and going up against the best 2 of all the regions in the United Kingdom (top 26) in the final.

Amazing job Daisy! Congratulations.



Forest School

Tuesday July 30th 2024, 2-4pm

The next Forest School event is happening at the end of July. Book now to secure a place!

It takes place in a wonderful local woodland.

All sessions will be run by a qualified teacher and Forest School leader. Open to children from Betchworth and the surrounding villages.

Suitable for children between 5-10 years

(under 5's need to be accompanied by an adult)

£15/session

To book a place

or to find out more,

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