

FH vs Ibstock

On the 19th of January 2026, the Year 6 dark blue team played Ibstock place at netball.

Everyone climbed onto the bus full of excitement and nerves as it was the first match of the term. We were soon handed our positions and the teams we would be playing in.

The bus pulled up to Roehampton University and we walked over to the courts we would be playing on. We realised there was only two courts but three teams so we had to move to a different court which was a few metres away. We set up quickly and Mrs Gardener blew the whistle. It was a fast, quick-paced start to the game and Ibstock managed to score a goal. It was our centre now and we held our heads high ready to play. Vivienne passed to Poppy who then speedily passed to Allegra. The ball flew into the D after a few passes which then resulted in a goal. At the end of the first quarter the score was 2-2, we still had everything to play for.

We had an enlightening team chat with Mrs Gardener which helped us with our tactics in the next quarter. We swapped sides and began to play. We passed quickly and tactically. Unfortunately some of our passes got intercepted by the opposition. Rebecca and Lora were, what Mrs Gardener called 'demons' in the D with interceptions left, right and centre, which was a really important

factor of our team scoring a lot of goals. By the end of the first half it was 3-5 with some excellent netball playing as well. Long powerful throws from Elizabeth, amazing shots from Poppy and myself, wonderful teamwork between Allegra and Vivienne and superb defending from both Lora and Rebecca.

It was our centre and it unfortunately got intercepted. A centre pass later it was our ball again with the score now being 3-6. We managed to work our way up to the D with the help of Elizabeth, Allegra and Vivienne and had a shot. They sadly caught the rebound but we kept our heads high and maintained a positive mindset.

It was now the final quarter, only six minutes left of the match. Vivienne held the ball and the whistle blew. Poppy did a very skilful pivot around her defender and received the ball from Vivienne. Vivienne ran around Poppy losing her defender and catching the ball, she passed the ball to Allegra who caught it smoothly. She passed to me and I took a shot. It went in! We were now on a streak with a flurry of goals from me and Poppy which wouldn't have happened without the amazing defending and attacking from all the other players. We intercepted the ball many times with Ibstock only scoring one more goal. With four goals gained the score was now tied as the referee blew the whistle. We all cheered and we were all extremely proud of ourselves that we had managed to work together and score four goals in six minutes!

We said three cheers and announced the star players. It was..... Elizabeth which was extremely well deserved with her amazing attacking and defending skills.

Everyone who played in this match should be very proud of themselves and we all really enjoyed playing. A big thank you to Mrs Gardener and Miss Tucker for taking us and organised this match. Also a special thank you to Randy for taking us and bringing us back from the match!