

Match report.

Falkner vs Queens gate

The bus was bubbling over with excitement and nerves. We couldn't wait to get on the pitch! But, before the bibs were handed out, Mrs Gardener announced a slight change of plan: they only had one team. We had three. We would be swapping in and out throughout one hour of netball, everyone would play less but we would all get lots of much-needed breaks! Something that the other team didn't have.

We arrived, played a warm-up match against each other, and then set up. We would change bibs every quarter, so there were many subs offside.

The whistle blew.

The game began.

The ball flew off people's fingers, darting from player to player, speeding down the court-till it came to rest in Poppy's hands. She later became star player, and there was no questioning why! The goal went in. And so did the next. And the next. And the next. Aaliya B and Poppy worked in unison-a pass, a pass, an interception, a pass and a goal. And so it went-up until the whistle blew and, with panting breath, we walked off. It was 6-0 to us. But we know from experience that the tables can turn.

A new load of players came on, and this quarter began. Queens Gate just couldn't get a goal. The ball sped from the centre circle to the goal faster and faster every time. It was fast and it was great.

Everyone worked together perfectly, like puzzle pieces when you finally get the match right. Before we knew what was happening, it was half time. And, this time, people were going in in positions they didn't normally play...a defender suddenly a shooter. A GK now C. Despite this, the game went on. Queens Gate gave us a run for our money but were blocked by Clemence every time bar one - when they got a goal. The last quarter was very much the same, Lora, an excellent GK, actually scored some goals as a shooter with help from Matilda. Queens Gate kept pushing but - it was done. The whistle blew. The game finished. With a win of 18-1 and a smile on our faces.