

## MATCH REPORT

Date of Match Season Report	Sport and Opponents Netball	Team U8A
<p align="center"><b>Result</b> <b>Won 3 Drew 1</b></p>		<p align="center"><b>Coached by</b> <b>Mr Ford</b></p>
<p><b>Netball v St George's</b> The girls were nervous as this was their first competitive game. They need not have worried as they played very well to win easily, 12-2. The basis for their excellent play was their movement into space to get away from their defender and their fast passing. Of course, accurate shooting put the goals on the board. The girls were also very disciplined on their defence, marking their player well and always putting their hands up in front of the passer. A great start that gave the girls a lot of confidence. Their sportsmanship was exemplary.</p> <p>POM: Ione Gaskin</p> <p><b>Game 2 vs Chesham Prep</b> The girls were much more confident and were playing an inexperienced side from Chesham Prep. We started with a different line-up to the first game but it didn't matter. We moved ahead easily. We then played a quarter with our best line-up and moved further ahead. We flipped the entire team (attack to defence and vice versa) and each player adapted quickly. 11-1. The same excellent style of play as the first game continued.</p> <p>POM: Ione Gaskin</p> <p><b>Game 3 vs Holme Grange</b> A more experienced opponent this time and a journey south meant a greater challenge. We started with our preferred line-up and played 3 quarters. The first 2 we played very well and gradually eased ahead to a comfortable lead. The third quarter we mixed it up and they drew closer. We had many shots but they weren't going in as the shooters weren't used to that position. Nevertheless, the great ball handling and intense defence. We won by 5 goals.</p> <p>POM: Ione Gaskin</p> <p><b>Game 4 vs Bishopsgate</b> Our toughest game was expected against Bishopsgate do a lot of netball. We put our best line-up on and moved ahead 4-2 at half time. The order of play that day meant that was the third quarter in a row with the same line-up that day. So we changed to give the girls tougher experience in other positions. Despite this, we still had plenty of opportunities to score but missed all of them as the attackers normally played defence. The final score was 4-4 in a tight game. Perhaps, if we had focused only on winning rather than gaining experience in different positions then we may have stayed ahead. The girls again played a great style and their focus and work rate was excellent.</p>		