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It was a fairly chilly Tuesday afternoon as we headed up to the Girl's School for our final match of the year, with a mixed team of both seniors and juniors, due to the art exam. This was to be played on the outdoor courts, and as the opposition weren't ready when we arrived we had plenty of time to warm up and stretch!

Having lost the toss, we had to defend from the start, and unfortunately they soon took the lead. However, with Kik (C) quickly passing to Frances (GA) from our centre pass, and with the excellent communication between them and Aya (WA), the ball was soon in our circle and Frances was able to complete the move with a goal. Team work continued with some extremely fast dodges, and the opposition were taken aback by the variety of passes between our girls.

The defensive players (Nutty (WD), Kamile (GD) and Nat (GK)) also worked well together, making SSG's progress down the court difficult. Unfortunately their efforts were not enough, and by the end of the first half we were trailing 7-2. (The second goal was also scored by Frances)

The second half continued at a fast pace, with particularly sure passes between Frances and Aya, but this time more of the passes ended in Rachel's hands (GS), who was successful in putting 5 balls through the net! This time the opposition only managed to get 3 goals past the defence.

So, despite the cold (chilly hands did lead to the occasional dropped ball!), this really was the most exciting match of the year!

Well done to all the players (including reserves Helen and Angel who were in fine voice cheering on their team mates), everyone truly played their best netball, and it was noted by the umpire that on this occasion, the better team came second!

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