



## Arsenal Double Club Tournament

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2015, 5 girls and 5 boys from Ladbrooke Primary School travelled to London Colney to participate in the annual Arsenal double club tournament.

There were 5 other schools competing against us, and 2 different groups: group A and group B. Group A (which was our group) were the first to play football.

As we entered the Arsenal football pitch, we were taken aback at the size of it all: the goals, roof, floodlights and the overall size of the pitch. Our first match was against Oakmere, who were known to be extremely good at football, and unfortunately we lost.

However we won or drew all the rest of our matches. J

Next, at 11:30, group A went inside to participate in the challenging literacy half of the day. Each school was given a folder filled with 35 worksheets to complete. Each school was also designated a discussion topic to create a presentation about.

Our topic was about experimenting on girls football pitches and not men's. People were going to change the natural grass to astro turf. This matter disgraced many of us (especially the girls!) and we felt compelled to create a fantastic presentation explaining our opinion on the subject. We went last, which was difficult as we had had a chance to see all the other schools' amazing presentations! At last it was our go and the judges were mesmerised (we hope!) by ours!

After that, all the schools filed into the Arsenal football pitch to play some 5 minute mini matches while the judges added up all the scores from throughout the day. Points were also being awarded for fair play and team effort during that time. We also met Gunner the Arsenal mascot! (It was a shame that we weren't all Arsenal fans!)

Finally, to conclude the tournament, the judges and coaches announced the winners of the tournament. To our delight, Ladbrooke had won with 53 points! The whole team was overjoyed as we trooped over to receive our medals from Gunner! We also received a certificate each for participating along with all the other schools. Everyone was buzzing with excitement on the journey back to school, and the team took the pleasure in sharing the news that we'd won!

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