

“OUR PLAY IS PREFERRED”

A Midsummer Night's Dream
by Bridge and Patrixbourne CE Primary School
at The Gulbenkian, Canterbury, 6/11/2017
appraised by Iain Jones

I would like to offer sincere thanks and congratulations to Bridge and Patrixbourne CE Primary School for your wonderful production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as part of the 2017 Shakespeare Schools Festival. Students and teachers alike have put hard work, imagination, determination and passion into this production, and were a credit to the school. I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight just a few fantastic moments that you should be especially proud of.

- ❖ You were so confident in opening the performance which set the tone for the evening, and what a magical start it was! You introduced the audience to the four worlds of the play - workers, fairies, lovers and narrators - by explaining what each group wanted in the story. Then, the four worlds collided to bring so much fun to the evening. The workers had their brilliantly silly play; the naughty fairies put everyone into daft poses; the lovers argued with passion; whilst the narrators were such confident storytellers.
- ❖ Your costumes were dazzling with Theseus and Hippolyta in red; the fairy dresses with wings and the workers' brilliant beards.
- ❖ The dances, to both Little Mix and Bruno Mars, used the whole stage and were so well rehearsed. As were the comedy moments of Bottom wanting to play all the parts and Thisbe in a wonderful wig.
- ❖ The demonstrable understanding of this 400 year old text that was spoken with clarity meant the audience could follow this complex play with ease.
- ❖ Michael did a brilliant job, too, with the technical aspects of the show.

Well done for a magical, merry and musical production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Congratulations to everyone involved in this superb production. I hope to see Bridge and Patrixbourne CE Primary School in the Festival again next year.

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