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“Something wicked this way comes.”

A MURDEROUS PRODUCTION OF MACBETH!

Macbeth

**Produced and Performed by
Enstone Primary School**

The Theatre Chipping Norton

18 October 2016

Appraised by Henry Gilbert

Many congratulations to the cast and crew of Enstone Primary School on their fantastic production! I'd like to highlight a few things from this group that stood out, wowed the audience and made this Shakespeare Schools Festival night an evening to remember.

I loved how the cast used their physicalities as actors to help tell the story. You worked together as a team to create strong stage pictures and sequences, such as the apparitions on the heath and Birnam Wood marching, which made the different locations of the story clear for your audience and really drew us into the world of the play.

The entire company worked so hard to project to the back of the theatre so that we could hear each and every word – this is so important to help the audience follow and understand the story, and greatly impressed me.

Your grasp on the story and language was brilliant, and this understanding (along with your fantastic imaginations!) created well-rounded and believable characters who really engaged the audience.

I also loved the lovely shift of pace and energy as the play spiralled to its epic and bloody conclusion!

I was so impressed by the commitment and professionalism of this whole company. You worked fantastically throughout the day, and it was a pleasure to work with you.

This was a murderous and mystical Macbeth from an energetic and confident cast.

“It's a significant achievement to do something as difficult and aspirational as perform one of Shakespeare's plays on a professional stage. Everyone who's taken part should be so proud of themselves.”

Ruth Brock, SSF Chief Executive

I would like to congratulate everyone involved in this superb production. I hope to see your school in the Festival again next year.

Henry Gilbert
SSF Stage Director

