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Dear parents

I thought I would write to you all to let you know the outcomes of the performance of the Young Shakespeare Company visit last week.

The performance was of a very high quality. The children were all fully involved in the drama with some individuals performing small parts in the play and everyone else playing the parts of Macbeth's guests or the Scottish armies, even! The actors who played all the main parts used the original Shakespearean language with one actor giving a commentary at the end of each scene to ensure that every child followed the story. However, the drama was so effective that all the children remained mesmerised throughout.

Here are some comments that the children put in their letters to the company written straight after the performance:

- *You really brightened my day*
- *It was my first Shakespeare play and definitely will not be my last one.*
- *Macbeth was very dramatic and he was a master of drama, like all of you!*
- *I liked it because you got us involved properly, not just a little bit.*
- *It was so inspiring to me and to everyone else too!*
- *The acting was top notch.*

It was certainly one of the best visits I have been involved with too and we are all looking forward to following up the play now with our own drama work, reading and writing.

Finally, it must be noted that the Company themselves commented to the teachers that the children's behaviour, attitude and knowledge of the play were exemplary...so a big well done to all of your children too!

Yours

Ben Harris and Toby Heath