

YOUR APPRAISAL

“A thousand times good night”

Produced and Performed by
St Joseph's RC Primary School
Knowsley Leisure and Culture Park
11th November 2016

Appraised by Freddie Machin

Many congratulations to the cast and crew of St Joseph's RC 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.

There was a lovely, vibrant energy to this piece from a committed group of actors. It was lovely to see this cast work so well together as a team. The cast's brilliant characterisations throughout meant the audience were really invested in the relationships between the characters and their emotional journeys.

The dance scene and fight choreography were so memorable and entertaining for the audience. The whole cast had very impressive stage presence and brought a great energy to the production.



The opening sequence was really impactful and well-rehearsed, and each performer had a fantastic grasp of their role and really embodied their character through both voice and movement.

There was a lovely shift of pace and energy as the play spiralled to its tragic conclusion, and the company delivered Shakespeare's often complicated language with clarity and precision.

This was a thoroughly entertaining and well-rehearsed Romeo and Juliet, with dancing, fighting and 400 year old language executed with style and great confidence. A joy to watch!

“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.

Freddie Machin, SSF Stage Director

