



“IF WE SHADOWS HAVE OFFENDED”

**A Midsummer Night's Dream
by Ivybridge Primary School
at The Watermans Arts Centre, 20/11/2018
appraised by John Canfield**

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Ivybridge Primary School for your fantastic production of A Midsummer Night's Dream as part of the 2018 Shakespeare Schools Festival. It was a brilliant night of theatre, and I'd like to highlight just a few elements that really stood out.

I think this is one of the more challenging plays to do, because of how well known it is, and the cast leapt to the challenge. They had an amazing grasp of the switching relationships and changing affections, and portrayed them with wit and flair!

Their performances were cheeky and charming, and they successfully demonstrated the heightened passions and both the highbrow and lowbrow comedy. I never thought I'd be able to say this, but I particularly enjoyed the fight scene in this Midsummer Night's Dream, it was very polished and had clearly been rehearsed thoroughly and creatively.

They worked wonderfully well as a company and were supportive and engaged with each other during both rehearsals and the performance itself.

Though they be little, they are fierce - congratulations to the cast of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Performing Shakespeare's words on a professional stage takes courage, resilience, and imagination. You and your teachers should all be incredibly proud of what you have achieved.

I hope to see Ivybridge Primary School in the Festival again next year!

John Canfield

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