Magnificent Macbeth

On Tuesday 26th, dozens of audience members were transported to the hills of Scotland, where the tragic tale of Macbeth unfolds. Performed at Neston Primary School, the audience was transfixed and not a sound could be heard.

At the start of the play, three witches meet on the battlefield. They are soon met by soldier Macbeth (Thomas Hancock) and his friend Banquo (Henry Philips). The witches make three predictions; one of which that Macbeth will soon become king. Macbeth is excited, especially since the first prediction soon comes true. When his wife, Lady Macbeth, hears the news she begins to plot the king’s murder, guaranteeing their reign. What follows is a sequence of murders and treason, which reaches out and grabs the audience.

All of the actors were astonishing and captured the audience in a trance. However standouts include all of the narrators, who made the most of their small parts, and the two ghosts, Banquo and King Duncan (Ben Ward).

Other aspects of the performance really enhanced the setting, for instance the extra witches’ chants by Jennifer Sykes, Lily Overton, Emma Pillinger, Chloe Williams and Ella Fairhurst. Other extra aspects were the atmospheric spirits, who pulled in the audience and really intensified the experience.

Unfortunately the play was only performed an exclusive one time. Overlooking that, I recommend that you get your hands on the movie as soon as possible. The play was such an enjoyable experience, as long as you weren’t too spooked by the actors!