On the evening of Tuesday of 26th November, I witnessed one of William Shakespeare’s most well-known tragedies - Macbeth. The play, staged at Neston Primary School, was performed beautifully by the marvellous Beech and Maple classes. Their old school hall was transformed into the gloomy hills of Scotland, where the play takes place.

Three terrifying witches (Lily Overton, Tia Jacobs and Jennifer Sykes ) started off the play tremendously , by chanting William Shakespeare’s famous witches’ chant. Half way through the action, Macbeth (Thomas Hancock) is forced to murder King Duncan (Ben Ward) in order for him to reign as king of Scotland. After the realistic murder of King Duncan, Macbeth and his wife (Ella Fairhurst) host a glorious feast to celebrate his ascension to the throne. Unfortunately the ghost of Banquo (Henry Phillips), Macbeth’s old friend appears and haunts him over the killing of King Duncan.

Each and every actor was definitely worth noticing but three very special actors stood out: Tia Jacobs as Witch 1, Ella Fairhurst as Lady Macbeth and Scarlett Harrington, who had to improvise as one narrator couldn’t make it to the performance.

In addition, the sound affects gave a feel of the 12th century to the dark hills of Dunsinane. Mark Davenport had worked long and hard on finishing a credits poweroint that included some 12th century- style art.

Unfortunately this version of Macbeth has finished showing at Neston. If it was still being performed, I would’ve definitely recommended it to all the fans of Shakespeare’s work.