

Shakespeare Schools' Festival 2025

Limington House School - A Midsummer Night's Dream

REVIEW - By Helen Jermy (Governor)

"what a fabulous evening"

"such a joyful interpretation"

"it was wonderful to behold"

"their performance was
nothing short of sensational"

The audience at the Haymarket Theatre in Basingstoke was treated to a rare evening of joyous theatre. For one night only, the Limington House School players performed a modern interpretation of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. The company, made up entirely of young people with multiple and complex learning disabilities, gave a stunning performance that delighted the audience and stood out among the three school productions.

The tale was re-imagined as a video game with three players controlling the characters in the play. The Haymarket stage cannot accommodate wheelchairs so the LHS wheelchair users became the game players and were projected onto video screens at the back of the stage. The narrator used an electronic communicator to set the scene and take the story forward. Music was used effectively to take the players from scene to scene. The finale featured all the players singing "You've Got A Friend In Me" bringing a lump to the throat!

All the traditional characters were there - a strong Oberon; a demure Titania with her fairies; an energetic Puck; Bottom and the Mechanicals plus dancing flowers and musicians. A new character was added - the Star. The student playing the Star deserves a special commendation for stepping in with 2 hours notice as the original Star was unable to perform.

The actors were discreetly and deftly supported by largely un-noticed staff and their director.

The audience reaction was enthusiastic and appreciative with prolonged applause. The smiles and happy faces of the players reflected in those who had watched this spectacular performance.

What will LHS Players do next? Whatever it is, it will be fantastic. Do not forget to look out for next years hot ticket - for one night only!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your support with our events this term.

The children enjoyed themselves at our Valentines disco. This proved to be a great success and in addition to a fun packed night we raised a fantastic £153.00!

Parents' Evening

We attended both parents' evening dates, there were complimentary refreshments and pre-loved uniform available. Due to your generosity of voluntary donations, we raised a fantastic £79.00. If you require any uniform, please contact us via adminoffice@limingtonhouse.hants.sch.uk and if the size is available, we will make up a parcel for you to send home via your child. Uniform donations can be left at the school reception desk.

Coffee Morning

Our regular coffee mornings are becoming popular. These are a safe space where all parents and carers are welcome. We supply complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits. We share experiences and advice; we are a friendly bunch who love a chat! Our next coffee morning will be on Wednesday 21st May at 9:30am until 11.00am in the school hall. It would be great to see some new faces.

Fundraising Project

Friends of Limington House are now back in the swing of fundraising for extra resources for all the children to enjoy. On that note, I would like to tell you about our current fundraising project: An outdoor sensory swing! It has been identified that the children would hugely benefit from an outdoor sensory swing.

We have been busy applying for grants and contacting supermarkets who may be able to help us reach our goal. SoPhysical, a local physiotherapy centre based at Jameson House in Basingstoke, have kindly nominated Friends of Limington House as their chosen charity. They have been busy fundraising for our swing and have so far raised a whopping £225.00!