

## YOUR APPRAISAL



**“I do love nothing in the world so well as you”**

### **Much Ado About Nothing**

**Produced and Performed by  
Horsford Primary School**

Norwich Playhouse

1<sup>st</sup> November 2016

**Appraised by Jordana Golbourn**

Many congratulations to the cast and crew of Horsford 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.

This production had a brilliant opening to clearly introduce all the characters. There was fantastic storytelling throughout and it was wonderful, as an audience, to see the action during the narration. It really helped the audience to understand the story.

This cast did a fantastic job at finding the comedy around the lines, which is something we spoke about at the Cast Workshop. There were some lovely moments in the masked ball scene between Beatrice and Benedick, in the physicality of The Watch and when the soldiers enter at the start of the play.

There were also wonderful reactions from the whole ensemble which really added to the

comedy of the piece. It was evident that the ensemble were really engaged and listening to the action. This was especially obvious in the wedding scene.

Every actor had a really confident command of the language which was wonderful to see and hear. Everyone was making an effort to make real sense of the words and also have fun with the witty language.

There was fantastic projection and vocal energy from the cast, you were all wonderfully expressive and animated.

**“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**

An action filled, amazingly fun and confident production, with awesome reactions from an animated cast!

I would like to congratulate everyone involved in this superb production. I hope to see your school in the Festival again next year.

Jordana Golbourn  
SSF Stage Director