

Ninfield Carnival 2016

It was a sunny, balmy morning of the Carnival, as staff and students (some recognisable, others not so much!) turned up to put the finishing touches to the school carnival float. The theme this year was 'From Shakespeare to Showbiz'. The English teachers had quickly jumped onto the 'Shakespeare' part of the theme and, given that students in KS3 had recently been learning the play *The Tempest* and *Romeo & Juliet* was a key GCSE text, it didn't take long to decide how the float would be constructed. The main part of the float was designed to look like a ship, and students in Construction and Art worked hard to create the sides and the mast. Recognition should be given to Harry Norrell, whose realistic waves splashed and crashed around the bow and stern of the ship. The second part of the float was transformed into Romeo & Juliet's balcony, with flowers and ivy entwined around and about the trellis that led Romeo to climb up to Juliet. Kings and Queens, Princes and Princesses, Magicians, Witches and Bottoms abounded, along with all the major characters you would associate with the Bard.

Once the float was finalised and staff, parents and students fully assembled, the Headstart procession set off to Ninfield High Street, ready to take our place in the Carnival Cavalcade. The sun shone down and cool drinks were consumed as we waited for the judges to come and see our student's handiwork and costumes. With the judging over, we proceeded to make our way around the village, rattling our buckets as we went.

All too soon, the procession was over and we made our way onto the Recreation ground. When the results were announced, we were delighted to have found that we had not only won first prize in our Category, but also first prize for our 'walking' entrant - our very own 'Prospero' whose little boy (and buggy) was magically transformed into a giant spell book. We would like to thank all staff, students and parents whose hard work, help and support made the event as special as it was. A very special thank you should also go to Amanda Humphrey who, never having driven a float before, managed to manoeuvre the float around the course and on and off the Recreation ground without incident. Thank you everyone. We look forward to doing it all again in 2017!

