

Dear Mr Brady

On Wednesday afternoon 29 November 2017, my husband and I travelled to the Liverpool Empire Theatre to watch 'War Horse'.

Sat next to us, to our left were pupils from Bidston Avenue Primary School.

The immaculately dressed young people behaved impeccably throughout the afternoon performance.

They had clearly been well prepared in advance of this visit which I understand was part of a wider piece of work.

During the interval I spoke briefly with a small group of the young people sat in the seats next to ours to ascertain the name of their school and year group so that I could give feedback (*I didn't tell them that I was going to do this*); in addition to telling me they also told me briefly and confidently about the work they had done and when I asked, confirmed their enjoyment of the afternoons performance.

They were attentive throughout the performance and during the interval left their seats only at the invitation of and under the supervision of the staff accompanying and supervising them.

With 36 years experience in the education sector, including most recently as a Deputy Headteacher in a Sefton Secondary School and a period of working as LA Education Adviser with both primary and secondary schools, it is a pleasure to be able to take the time to comment positively on the young people representing your school; a school previously unknown to me - unfortunately, as you will be aware - it is often the case that youngsters who demonstrate good behaviour are not acknowledged but those who engage in inappropriate behaviours are highlighted for their poor behaviours.

On returning home I looked at your school's website to obtain the name of the Headteacher and contact details in order that I could make contact, initially by phone. Thus I spoke with Mrs Welch (Headteachers PA) the following day, to pass on this information verbally but also know the importance of having a written record!

Please ensure that the young people in year 6 are aware of the positive image they demonstrated at the theatre, by their behaviours, (*to my husband, myself and the wider public too, I am sure*) and as a result of my being impressed I took time to look up the school and make contact to give feedback.

With Best Wishes
Janet Brimley