## HOPELANDS PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS - AND WIN



After prosecuting a very difficult case last week (see last week's newsletter for the report) it was announced that in the small schools Mock Trial Competition.... Hopelands won! The Celia Hardwicke Shield for the Best Small School was awarded jointly to us and Stone with Woodford C of E Primary who both achieved an overall score of 98.5 out of 120. This also placed us fourth overall in the entire competition, the highest we have ever been placed.

And to add icing to our cake, Frankie Coles was named Best Reporter in the overall competition for her piece about the trial, which was written in the heat of the moment as the trial progressed.

Mrs Sands said 'I am not just delighted to see all their hard work be rewarded in this way but I am genuinely touched by the way the whole class came together and embodied the spirit of teamwork to achieve a result for everybody' Miss Porter was equally thrilled 'We all worked together, teasing out ideas and coming up with questions and theories; it was a real team effort'.