## HOPELANDS WINS THE STEWARD'S CUP AT THE CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL OF PERFORMING ARTS



It is well known that our Year 6 pupils are great at drama (!) but this year, when they took their skills to the Annual Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts, they won a prize for it.

The Stewards Cup is awarded for a Junior Themed Performance and requires the participants to show a number of skills including singing, dancing and mime – as well as, obviously, acting. Our piece was called 'Making a Splash', a spooky undersea adventure and was conceived and choreographed by the pupils themselves.

Extracts from the judges' comments sum up how good we were

"Movements and Actors were thoroughly orchestrated"
You explore and carry the humour of the suit very well"
"Confident use was made of the performance space"
Harry Luck said "It was the best experience ever, and I want to do it all again".

I quite agree. It was a fantastic afternoon, tense but enjoyable, and I am immensely proud of everyone involved.

Steve Evans, Drama Teacher

