

Children take theatrical journey

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It was a sell-out evening when Cotswold Junior School took to the stage last week.

The junior pupils performed their production *The Journey* — a show all about sustainability and the effects people have on their environment.

Almost 300 junior school children, aged five to eight, took part in the show, which had taken hours of preparation to come together for the three performances.

Senior teacher Liz Davies said both parents and teachers enjoyed the “buzz of show night.”

The children had worked hard to get the show together and were excited to perform the show to friends and family, she said.

Performer Zach Hedgecock said: “I liked the morning show because my mum was there.

“I saw her standing at the back.”

Rebecca Owens, a lion in the show, said: “I liked the evening show. I smiled a lot and saw my mum and dad. The best bit was our class dance because it has cool moves.”

The junior pupils had been learning about animals and their habitats in term three and the impacts that humans have on their environment.

Ms Davies said *The Journey* was based on sustainability.

“In the show, Ben finds an injured bird from an oil spill. Ben and his friend the bird travel around the world meeting animals in their habitats and hearing how people have impacted on their environment. They learn that together they can make a difference to our world.”

Isabella Ferkatovich (tuatara), 6; Cameron Talbot (boy), 8; Kayden MacKenzie (penguin), 6; Josh Barlo (zebra), 5; Amy Buckmaster (bird), 8; and Zach Hedgecock (tiger), 6, take part in Cotswold Junior School's production *The Journey*.

