



BIG PLAYERS

in Milton Keynes: Sports, Arts & Media

Faye Jenkins

Regional Winner of the Specialist Schools & Academies Trust (SSAT) Award for Outstanding New Teacher of the Year 2008



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Faye Jenkins started her first job as a qualified teacher at Glastonbury Thorn School, Shenley Church End, Milton Keynes in September 2005.

'It's the best job ever – it's fantastic as I love being with children. Every day is different and I feel that I'm making a difference. You see children learning and growing, and revel in the experience. Every child in my class is gifted and talented, it's just my job to find out where'

Faye's innovative teaching methods won her the award:

'Pupils learn maths in the playground by tossing hoops over cones. They learn to write by drawing in coloured sand, and learn about life through all kinds of role-play... The room resounds to claps and cries of delight as children acquire new skills and knowledge...'

(SSAT report).

Glastonbury Thorn School, named after a tree in the local churchyard and established in 1993, was judged by a 2007 Ofsted Report as 'outstanding'. The Headteacher is Fiona Webb.