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## Gifted girls take home trophies

PUPILS at Teesside High School in Eaglescliffe came away with a haul of trophies at Darlington Festival which was held over two weekends in March.

On the first weekend, seven-year-old Lucy Branch won three trophies – the under-8 piano class and the under-10 piano class, and then went on to win the Junior Music Championship.

In a very successful day at the festival, the junior school choir, led by the prep school's Director of Music, Jane Todd, also went on to win its class.

The following weekend, in the Speech and Drama section Kamiela Soeldner, Yasmin Soeldner, Alice Entwisle and Zahraa Maiter all took first places in their classes. Seven girls got second places, including Lucy Branch. Sixteen pupils received Commendations in their classes.

Head teacher Thomas Packer said; "These children – some as young as six – have all done remarkably well, in classes ranging from poetry and prose reading to acting and sight reading. I'm delighted their hard work in preparation has paid off."

Photographs above show Lucy Branch with



her trophies, and the shield won by the school choir. And inset are, from left to right: Kamiela Soeldner, seven, from Wynyard, who won two classes; Yasmin Soeldner, nine, and Zahraa Maiter, 10, from Yarm who each won one class.