



18th May 2023

Stage 2 Public Speaking

Dear Parents / Carers

Stage 2 students will soon participate in our school Public Speaking competition.

Students will select a topic of their choice for their speech. This topic needs to be age-appropriate; something the student feels comfortable, enthusiastic and passionate about. **All children must present a speech to the class**, so that teachers can assess their learning against the Speaking and Listening outcomes from the English syllabus. Please see your child's class teacher if you feel this will present difficulty.

Students will be given the next two weeks to prepare a speech at home. Speeches will be presented in class from **Monday 12th June 2023 (Week 8, Term 2)**. Class teachers will allocate a day for your child's speech. Each class will then select 2 representatives who will present their speech at the school Stage finals.

The finals will be held in **Week 3, Term 3 2023**. You will be notified if your child is chosen to be in the finals and we will celebrate them in our school newsletter.

Speaking Requirements

Division	Speaking Time	Warning Bell	Continuous Bell
S2	2-3 minutes	2 ½ Minutes	4 Minutes

Adjudication Criteria

Matter	40%
1. Creativity/Originality of introduction	/10
2. Content	/20
3. Creativity/Originality of conclusion	/10
Method	30%
• Sustained audience engagement (humour, audience response)	/30
Manner	30%
1. Presentation	/30
2. (enthusiasm, stance, spontaneity, and naturalness of gestures, NO PROPS)	



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Suggestions for Topics

- If I had one wish, it would be
- The best holiday I have had
- My favourite book or character
- What I want to be when I grow up
- If I could be anyone in the world, it would be
- My best birthday ever
- If I was in charge, the rules I would make would be...
- What I would most like to learn how to
- Being a kid is great/horrible because...
- My favourite silly family story
- Kids should get more pocket money
- An animal I would like as a pet
- Why I want to time travel
- How to plan the perfect surprise party

Some Helpful Hints for Preparation:

Introduction

- This refers to the first part of your speech and needs to grab the audience's attention. Dare to **be a bit different, creative and original**. e.g. "Do you know why I love Wednesdays?..... "
- DO NOT say good morning/afternoon to the audience.
- DO NOT introduce yourself or state the name of your topic.

Sustained Audience Engagement

- The judges will be noting how the audience is responding.
- **Make eye contact**; use facial expressions.
- **Project your voice** and speak clearly; try to stay calm and not rush.
- **Use humour** to get the audience reacting.
- **Use small palm cards**, not sheets of paper if you need and use these as cues to prompt the next idea you will talk about. Palm cards can have pictures/drawings on them to help.

Presentation

- **Be enthusiastic**: This can be contagious for the audience, so look excited, smile and be confident – you can do it!
- **Be prepared**: Practise your speech with your family.
- **Stance**: Stand with your feet a little way apart so you look confident; feel free to move if you need to add a big gesture but try not to sway or jiggle or stand stiff as a pole.
- **Gestures**: Use gesture to emphasise a point, assist your humour or sustain the audience engagement and be comfortable with them so they look natural and spontaneous.

Conclusion

Try to finish leaving the audience buzzing – be creative, original, funny.

You DO NOT need to say 'thank you for listening' or 'thank you for listening to my story'.

Good luck with your speeches!

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