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## KS1 Public Speaking Competition 2018

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Dear Parents,

Communication is fundamental to children's development. It is the foundation of relationships and is essential for learning, play and social interaction. Children who can talk with adults and peers alike will have the confidence to ask and answer questions and share their ideas.

As 'grammar' is becoming increasingly important in the school curriculum, we need more than ever to help children speak correctly, with appropriate language and sentence construction. Children's skills in oral communication should eventually transfer to their written compositions.

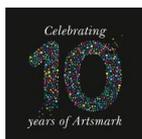
To help develop the children's language skills, we would like each child to prepare a short talk, lasting no longer than five minutes. They may choose their own topic on which to talk e.g. a hobby, a collection, a toy, a family event etc. There are some ideas below. The children can bring objects/photographs etc. to show. We realise that some children can be very shy and teachers will be sensitive to this, whilst encouraging them to share something with the rest of the class. Your child will be given a date for their talk so they can be well-prepared. The talks will take place after half-term. One or two children from each class (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) will be chosen to go forward to present their talk in the school hall, near the end of the summer term. Special medals will be awarded to children presenting well-prepared, interesting topics, using good language and sentence construction.

Some ideas:

- My hobby
- My doll/car/card/model collection
- A holiday I have been on
- The happiest day of my life
- My favourite possession
- When I grow up ...
- My family
- My favourite book/film
- Music I enjoy
- How to play a musical instrument
- My favourite sport
- My favourite football/rugby team
- The day I visited... the zoo, Disneyland, London...
- My pet(s).
- How to make ...

Thank you for supporting your child with this project. Last year the children produced some excellent presentations. We look forward to seeing more this year.

Mrs. Killeen (Literacy Leader)



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