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Dear families,

Yesterday, during assembly, I introduced our annual public speaking competition to the children. Our public speaking competition is a fantastic event which allows our children to demonstrate and show case their **Intelligent Talking** to their classmates and if successful our judges.

Last year, we had so many wonderful speeches and poems from across the school, our judges had a difficult job choosing a winner! Rebeca who was in Year 5 won the competition with her speech about what it is like to be a younger sibling! It was a joy to listen to and the children and adults were very impressed with her delivery and the humour which she incorporated.

How does it work?

- It is expected that all children prepare a speech (KS2) or a rhyme/poem (R/KS1) and be prepared to deliver in class.
- Key Stage 2 children (Years 3 - 6) need to write a short speech about a subject area that they are passionate about. They should then learn their speech and practise delivering it.
- Reception and Key Stage 1 children should learn a Rhyme or Poem to deliver. Again they will need to practise the delivery so that it is engaging for their audience.
- Children should not have any props or power points to support their delivery.
- Heats will be held in class and each classes winner will go through to the final. Heats will take place at the beginning of March (Class teachers will inform the children and families about when the heats take place).
- Families of the finalists will be invited to be part of the event which will take place in the last week of this term.
- Two VIPs have been invited to judge the competition and present the prizes.

If your children are unsure about their speech or what is expected, please do suggest they speak to their class teacher about it, they will be able to help them and give pointers.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Worsfold
Headteacher

The Tithe Farm Way:

Resilient pupils who have a life-long love of learning and are ready, respectful and safe in their choices.