

**Report on Inter-House English Elocution Competition** 

## "The right word may be effective, but no word was ever as effective as a rightly timed silence."

Mark Twain

The Annual U-12 and U-14 Inter-School English Elocution Competition organised at the Bishop's Co-Ed. School, Kalyani Nagar, clearly resonated with these words by Twain. The event was held on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 at the School Auditorium. True to its purpose, the elocution competition empowered students with good oratory skills, built confidence and helped them overcome their stage fright.

Eight students, two from each house, participated in their respective categories. The students were allowed to select a poem of their choice. The poems covered a wide range of humorous, thought-provoking and inspiring pieces.

The elocution competition began with a word of prayer by Meera Selvadoray, followed by the introduction and welcome speech by Rishi Law. The participants were briefed about the rules of the competition before moving on to the actual presentation by the students. The competition in the U-12 category was followed by the competition in the U-14 category. Myra Kandhuri and Sarthak Verma moderated the U-14 Inter-House Elocution Competition.

The participants were judged by a panel of distinguished teachers from the Junior School - Mrs. Beryl Vaz, Mrs. Anita Singh and Mrs. Divya Jairaj. Every participant put their best foot forward, delivering their poems with confidence and clarity. The Inter-House Elocution competition was witnessed by the students of classes 6, 7 and 8 who thoroughly enjoyed every presentation. Their presence motivated the participants.

The judges were impressed with the level of confidence, poise and preparedness of the young orators and congratulated them for it. They commended the efforts of the school for providing such enriching experiences to the students in the form of public speaking competitions.

The judges' address to the students was followed by the much-awaited declaration of results by the Headmaster, Mr. Merwyn Rodricks. In what was a close competition, the Freese House bagged the first prize in the U-12 category while the Cooper House was the winner in the U-14 Category. Aarna Huria was adjudged the Best Speaker in the U-12 category, while Isabel Bobby won the award for the Best Speaker in the U-14 category.

The Annual U-12 and U-14 Inter-House Elocution competition came to a close with the Vote of Thanks proposed by Jizelle Benjamin of Class 8 A. The talent of the young ones made the event a truly memorable one.



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