

INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR  
ENGLISH DEBATE COMPETITION  
2019 – 2020

***“Debate improve students’ critical and creative thinking, teamwork, leadership, empathy and self-management.”***

On 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019, the Primary wing of Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir has set another benchmark by providing an individual platform to the young debaters of class V’s who actively and enthusiastically participated in the English Debate Competition. Speakers spoke vehemently in favour of and against the motion- ‘Social Media does More Harm than Good.’

The motion open to debate, is a burning issue causing anxiety to both parents and the youth. The platform gave a fair chance to the young debaters to extend their knowledge including familiarization of issues, cooperating with classmates, developing the ability of analyses and synthesize data and information to form arguments and take position, familiarizing self with exposure to audience, compete and take action in the school and local community proposing for a better world.

The Judges invited to adjudicate the event, Mrs. Deepti Arun, Mrs. Subha Shetty and Mrs. Chioma Esther Ojiaka, were deeply engrossed in the views and ideas expressed by the young students. The team against the proposition was declared the best. Shashwat Singh of Class V G and Insha Khan of Class V E were awarded the best speakers of the day. Runner-up debaters were Ohm Anoop of Class V G and Dhriti Gohil of Class V C.

Students developed a range of skills including an ability to think logically, organise one’s thoughts into a persuasive speech, think on one’s feet to deliver rebuttal. The ability to work effectively in a team is also an invaluable skill that becomes well developed in our debaters. The competition was enthusiastically embraced by teachers and students and evolved from within.

Pupils visibly increased in self-confidence through presentation and clarity of argument. By the end of the competition, they developed a strong sense of their own voice.

The students of Classes V, who were the audience, enjoyed the event to the fullest.

Kudos and Congratulations to all the participants.