

**"SPEECH IS POWER. SPEECH IS TO PERSUADE,  
TO CONVERT, TO COMPEL."  
– RALPH WALDO EMERSON**

With the aim to foster public speaking skills in students a competition for the same had been organized for the students of Class IV. Prior to the competition children had a session with Mrs.Panna Ray, a guest speaker who briefed them about the nuances and dynamics of oral communication and public speaking. All the students enthusiastically participated for the qualifying round. As the competition progressed, 39 students reached the finals which was held on 4th November, 2018. Mrs. Panna Ray, Dr. Geetali Deroi and Mrs. Bobby Sathyaseelan graced the event as judges. The active participants mesmerized the audience with their vibrant oratory skills on various captivating topics. The judges lauded the versatility and talent exhibited by the students. Six children emerged winners.

<b>FIRST POSITION</b>	<b>OHM ANOOP</b>	<b>4E</b>
<b>SECOND POSITION</b>	<b>INSHA KHAN</b>	<b>4C</b>
	<b>DEEPSHIKA PRADEESH</b>	<b>4J</b>
<b>THIRD POSITION</b>	<b>AMARA</b>	<b>4D</b>
	<b>SHASHWAT SINGH</b>	<b>4J</b>
	<b>KRISHNADEV MAHESH PARIKKAL</b>	<b>4J</b>

Public speaking gives the pupils an effective platform for building self-confidence, overcoming stage fear and empowering their communication skills. The speakers left the podium beaming with confidence and a tremendous feeling of achieving the 'seemingly impossible'.