



A WAR OF WORDS !

Impromptu debate 2019

“It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it.”

This year’s impromptu debate marked the 12th year of the Debating Society of PSBB and was a splendid curtain raiser to the debating society of the institution. The programme began at 10:30 am with an invocation to the Almighty. This was followed by a welcome speech and introduction of the judges: Ms. Madhumati and Mrs. Meera Rajagopalan.

The motions debated were- “This house believes that there is no need to sugar coat anything”, “The reason the grass appears greener on the other side is probably because it’s fake”, “Money does talk and it usually likes to say bye-bye”, “Too busy is just a myth” and “It would be better for people to have small groups of close friends rather than large social groups.”

The toss of the coin to determine sides put the students of Nungambakkam on team Proposition and KK Nagar on ‘opp’ .Represented by the finalists of the Inter-PSBB debate held in February 2019, the exchange of words and wit kept everyone engrossed. The motions were well defined and clearly elaborated upon by all the speakers. The debaters, who grabbed the attention of the audience with anecdotes and puns, were poised and delivered their arguments well.

The judges were highly appreciative of the performance of the debaters as well as the co-operative audience. “Debates help one to think why and build upon empathy because one may not always believe in the stance of his team. This debate was a true replica of this.” said Mrs. Madhumati.

With 40% weightage given to humour, the ‘one-on-one’ debates were a treat to the ears. Siddharth S. of PSBB KKN was adjudged the ‘Best Speaker’ while Arvind Sivaram of PSBB NGM bagged the second place and Tejas of PSBB KKN the third.

“The debate was like watching 10 Rohit Sharmas batting.” said Mr. YG Rajendra, to whom goes the credit of launching the debating society in the PSBB Group of Schools. In his address, he stressed the ill-effects of social media cautioning students against a display of personal views or pictures as all sites are under tremendous scrutiny nowadays, ending the event on a vibrant note.



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