



Dear Parents,

WORLD SPEECH DAY MARCH 15,2017

We will be celebrating the World Speech Day on March 15,2017. This day is dedicated to celebrating speeches and speech making. There will be a host of live speaking events, taking place across the world. These events may be small and local, or large and global. World Speech Day will be fashioned around a simple theme: Change the World.



All students of SOPAAN must wholeheartedly participate in making this event a success. There will be an audition on Feb 27 to shortlist the speakers for the final day ie; March 15. Students must submit their names to their respective English teachers if they wish to participate in the auditions by 24th February. The speeches will be video graphed and uploaded on the WSD website and also live streamed across the world.



All students will make a 2 min formal speech on topics of their choice loosely centered around the theme. We hope to encourage formal English speaking through this program.

Speakers could choose their topics by finishing the sentence: “The world would be a better place if” or choose a relevant quotation and elaborate it or use a fable and say how a value based nurturing can create better communities.

A list of suggested themes is attached.

TOPICS:

- On learning new skills
- True leadership
- The need for more smiles
- Greeting people politely
- The importance of listening to those who do not speak
- About children with disabilities.
- To plant more trees because the earth needs them to survive.
- On becoming a better person , “Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself.”
- A call to re-establish our connection with the earth and be its guardian.
- Encouraging listeners to differentiate between false charisma based on image control and genuine charismatic leadership that empowered people.
- To uphold women’s rights and to listen to their voices in fighting corruption and poverty and in bringing resilience and peace to the world.
- To step outside of our middle and upper class bubbles and to engage with people and projects at community, national and global levels.
- To smile more often, the benefits of smiling, including the release of feel-good chemicals and increased attractiveness.
- A call for people to explore ideas and concepts from the Classical world. Experiences from these times could shed light on current day challenges, such as the trauma of war veterans.



- Sharing ideas on the importance of making mathematics interesting for children. Ideas for tangible problem-solving related to real-life questions.
- On the value of holding family dear in our hearts. “family” means more than blood relatives and includes people who love and respect us.
- On treating fat people better. Discuss the false assumptions we make about others based on their body size, and encourage listeners to embrace diversity.
- About the benefits of having more poetry in the world, and suggest that poetry could be a gateway to using the full potential of the brain.