

IMPROMPTU PARLEY: A WAR OF WORDS

“A good leader can engage in a debate frankly and thoroughly, knowing that at the end, he and the other side must be closer, and thus emerge stronger” said world statesman Nelson Mandela. This is exactly what the Debate Society of PSBB strives to achieve – to mould young, zealous speakers, into the leaders of tomorrow – who can speak their mind, with utmost clarity and the Impromptu Debate is one such forum provided by the school.

The excitement inside the Dr.Mrs.YGP auditorium was palpable as the students belonging to the debate society of both the contesting schools, Ngm and KKn seated themselves in eager anticipation, at 10.30 am on Wednesday the 4th of July, 2018, to witness The Impromptu Debate, between PSBB Nungambakkam and K.K. Nagar. Students and teachers from the Siruseri Branch were also present to witness the verbal duel which was the curtain raiser to the Debate club activities of the year.

After the traditional toss of a coin ,to determine the sides, the students of both teams had been shown the motions the previous evening. There had also been a draw of lots by the Principal, Mrs.Vasanthi S.to decide the speaker order.



Both sides, represented by the finalists at the 2017-18 Inter-PSBB debate, began on an enthusiastic note. In a time span of 4 minutes, each speaker had to deliver their standpoint on the motion, while being eloquent, humorous, and most importantly, convincing.

From convincing the judges and the audience that ‘watched pots do boil’, to using the PSBB moto ‘Knowledge is Power’, to show that ‘ignorance is not bliss’, the speakers engaged in battles of wit and will, using their three greatest weapons - articulation, logic, and conviction.

Two students, one from each team won the first prize as there was a tie for the first place. Ansh Bomb of PSBB Nungambakkam shared the prize with Tejas of PSBB K.K. Nagar. There was no second place due to the tie, and Aishwarya Anand of Ngm. bagged the 3rd prize.

The judges, Mrs. Hema Nagarajan, Senior Mentor,PSBB Millineum, Dr.Anitha Rajendran, Principal ,Annai Velankanni College, and Mrs.Ganga. Vice-Principal, Shankara School expressed their appreciation of PSBB’s efforts to take debating forward in an admirable manner. The audience unanimously agreed, that at the end of the day, all 8 debaters were winners – no matter the results.



As the curtain fell on the event, which surely inspired many a student, one thought remained in the minds of all present: this was the curtain raiser for the Debating Society of 2018 – and the year ahead, promised to be one of discussions, deliberations and debates. As the coterie exited the auditorium, one could still sense the lingering excitement and fervor.

The PSBB Debating Society produces the best of the best, every year, by exposing students to the world of debating, and by cultivating in them, an ability, that will set them apart from the rest of the crop – felicity.

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