



## **Bedfordshire Festival of Music, Speech & Drama**

### **Message from Mrs Stott**

I am incredibly proud of all our children for their hard work, attitude and behaviour at the Bedfordshire Festival of Music Speech & Drama in March.

This festival gives the children an opportunity to develop life skills - confidence, resilience, the ability to speak in a public forum (and receive feedback before people you don't know) and the ability to convincingly share with others.

The children worked together to support and build each other's performances – even when they were in direct competition with each other. The Year 6 children in particular helped the children in Years 4 and 5 and that was so lovely to see.

We were one big team, and this was noted by two of the adjudicators - one started calling us 'Team Red'

I was delighted by the polite and respectful behaviour of our children at the Festival. They were patient, took feedback with courage, thanked adjudicators and administrators and congratulated other performers.

Lastly thank you to the parents, who delivered children to early practices, picked them up from late practices and supported them at home.

## A few stats

- 8 days (Saturday to Saturday) with performances every day.
- 40 speech performances
- 7 music performances
- 13 speech classes with 32 children
- 2 music classes (strings) with 7 children

We had children placed in 11 of the 13 speech classes and in both music classes . Mrs Farrow our peripatetic teacher worked with the music children.

### **Placings**

12 performances were graded as distinction

27 performances were graded as commended

1 performance was a merit

### **Speech**

- 5 first places
- 5 second places
- 6 third places

### **Music**

- 2 third places

## **Message from Mrs Barker**

I wanted to share with you the immense pride that we have for all of your children who took part in the Bedfordshire Festival of Speech, Music and Drama.

The standard was so high and our children showed great courage, performing in front of such a large audience. A huge thank you to Mrs Stott for all her hard work and dedication with preparing the children for the Festival and as always, a huge thank you to the parents who supported the children so well.











