

English Speaking Board



ESB exams for the Year 7 children took place in the Lent term. The individual ESB exam involves each pupil preparing a talk on a subject of his/her choice, reciting a poem and reading a prepared extract from a book of his/her choice and then answering questions from the examiner and the other children! As ever, the range of interests was eclectic and wonderful with talks on Pheasant Shooting, Hong Kong, Wood Turning, Surfing, Scipio Africanus, Global Warming, The French Revolution, the Kukri, The Home Guard and Snow Boarding, to name but a few! Year 6 perform a group ESB where the class prepares a poem and each Year 6 class was rewarded with a distinction for their performances of Skimbleshanks the Railway Cat (6H), Jack and the Beanstalk (6M) and The Lion and Albert (6B). The junior ESB exams take place in the Summer term and this year a record 21 distinctions were awarded. There were outstanding performances from Anna Campbell, Lucy Everist and Jasper Piper and the two Year 3 classes excelled in their renditions of Noah's Ark and Scarface Claw, each earning a distinction. It is quite an ordeal for the children speaking in public but it is a vital one to learn and congratulations are due to all the children for getting through their ESB experience!

