

LITERARY WEEK 2023-24

ELF - EXCEL LITERARY FEST 2023

In connection with the **English Literary Week (25th Sept. – 28th Sept.)**, the Department of English will be conducting **ELF – EXCEL LITERARY FEST 2023**, to provide our students a platform to exhibit their literary skills. A range of competitions have been scheduled for grades KG to Grade 8.

Competitions are a part and parcel of education. Participation by students helps them to acquire confidence and improves their personality. Hence, it is compulsory that all students participate in at least two events. However, let's remind you that more event participation ensures more points for the student. Parents are requested to encourage their children to participate and help them with preparations. Students will be grouped class-wise. Details are given below.

The final of all the events is slated to be held during the Literary Week (25th Sept. – 28th Sept.)

***All students must participate in at least two events.** The more events they participate in, the more points they score.

Preliminary Rounds - LITERARY ACTIVITIES – WEEK 1 (18th Sept – 22nd Sept.)

Date	KG	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5 - 8
Monday 18.09.2023	Word Formation	Word Formation	Word Formation	Tongue Twister Challenge	Tongue Twister Challenge	What's the Good Word?
Tuesday 19.09.2023	Tell a Tale - Story Telling	Mono Act (Monologue)	Mono Act (Monologue)	Mono Act (Dialogue)	Mono Act (Dialogue)	JAM – Just A Minute
Wednesday 20.09.2023	<p>RECITATION - Grades 5-8 can choose to do Mono Act also</p> <p><i>Teachers have provided a choice of 2 poems for students to choose from. It has been uploaded to the Class Materials of the English Channel.</i></p>					
Thursday 21.09.2023	Action Song	Tell a Tale - Story Telling	Tell a Tale - Story Telling	Declamation	Declamation	Debate

SPELL BEE COMPETITION (Compulsory for all students)

Preliminary written test will be conducted on Wednesday, 20th September 2023. Students are required to learn the spellings of words in the Weekly Spelling list (units 19 – 24). Six students from each section will be chosen to compete in the oral semi-final round. Three students from each section will then go to the finals.

General Rules and Criteria for Judgement

Action Song: Max. Time Allowed: **2 mins.**

- Rhymes are allowed with actions
- Rendering must be from memory only
- Movie songs are not allowed
- Using props will earn extra points
- The participants will be adjudged on the basis of pronunciation, action, expression and fluency

Tell a Tale - Story Telling – Max. Time Allowed: **2 mins.**

- The participants will be adjudged on the basis of pronunciation, action, expression and voice modulation.
- Participants are allowed to use costumes, pictures, visual aids and any supportive materials to make their stories more interesting.

Debate – Max. Time Allowed: **2 mins.**

- The topic for Debate is **“Technology Makes Everyone Smarter”**
- Students can choose to speak FOR or AGAINST the topic. Students chosen from the preliminary round will form a team to compete in the finals.

Declamation – Max. Time Allowed: **2 mins.**

- Choice of passage / speech is left to the participants.
- Participants should avoid reading from a script, paper or any other aid.
- Participants should NOT dress up as the chosen character.
- Marks will be deducted if time limit is exceeded.
- The speaker will be adjudged on the basis of diction, pronunciation, gesture, emotions, intonation and overall presentation.

JAM (Just A Minute)

- A game in which the participants are challenged to speak for one minute without hesitation, deviation or repetition on a topic provided to them only a few minutes before their time slot.
- The participants will be judged on the basis of knowledge about the topic vocabulary, fluency, confidence and time duration (1 minute).

MONO ACT (Monologue – Gr. 1 & 2; Dialogue – Gr. 3 & 4) – Max. Time Allowed: **3 mins**

- Mono act is a short solo play where only one person performs in a single character (monologue) or two or more characters (dialogue).
- Participants will be adjudged on the basis of voice modulation, flow of expressions and props.
- Costumes, props and music can be used

WORD / SENTENCE FORMATION – With the help of a grid of letters/ words, which will be provided by the teacher, students have to make words/ sentences.

For example:

W	M	A	I	E
O	Y	H	S	T
G	D	B	J	U
L	F	R	V	K
N	C	X	P	Q

Task: Make as many words as possible from the above grid to collect points.

Time Allowed: 20 minutes

Two-lettered word: 2 points

Three-lettered word: 3 points

Four-lettered word: 4 points

Five – lettered word: 5 points