

Tuesday 6th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are thrilled to introduce an exciting new opportunity for our students as part of our *Seeds of Change* project: **our very own TED Talk event!** This will be a chance for your child to develop their public speaking, writing, and advocacy skills while exploring a theme that is deeply important to our community — **homelessness**.

Building on the success of our Speech Competition in the Autumn, this project will see students write, learn, and present their own TED-style talk, supported by a PowerPoint or visual slides. Their talks will explore issues around homelessness — raising awareness, challenging misconceptions and offering ideas for positive change.

Children will first deliver their talks to their class. From there, a group of children will be chosen to share their talks with the wider school community and invited guests at a special TED Talk event. This will be a ticketed event with proceeds supporting our 'Seeds of Change' project.

Instead of a May half-term project, we encourage your child to spend time planning, writing, and practising their homelessness TED Talk. They should aim to memorise their talk as much as possible (though cue cards are permitted if needed) and ensure their 3-4 slides clearly support and enhance their message. Talks should be around 3–4 minutes long but for our younger students a shorter talk is perfectly acceptable.

Participation is optional, but we would love to see as many children as possible get involved in this inspiring and important project. The TED Talks need to be ready to present on the first day back after May half term (**Monday 2nd June 2025**).

Thank you for your ongoing support. We cannot wait to hear the powerful voices of our young changemakers!

Warm regards,
Mr O'Shea



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