# VOICEB X awards



**2016 JOKE BOOK** 





## **FOREWORD**

Speech, language and communication skills are fundamental to developing good literacy and numeracy. Without good communication skills, children will find it harder to make friends and do well at school.

Developing good communication can be fun and to demonstrate this, the Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly and the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists have, for a fourth time, hosted the Northern Ireland Voice Box Awards, a joke-telling competition for school children.

This year, thousands of pupils from primary, postprimary and special schools got involved by holding their own mini Voice Box competitions to select a pupil to represent their school. Out of all the entries received, 20 finalists were shortlisted to tell their jokes in front of MLAs and other invited guests in Parliament Buildings Stormont.



The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists is working with the Northern Ireland Assembly to raise awareness of speech, language and communication difficulties. Visit www.givingvoiceuk.org for more information.



In this book, we have gathered together the entries from the 2016 competition. We hope that you will use it as part of a class or whole-school activity. Hopefully, it will remind you of the fun aspects of communication and the importance of building children's communication skills and confidence whatever their starting point.

Although there can only be one Voice Box Champion, we wanted to say thank you and well done to all the schools and the speech and language therapists who took up the 2016 Voice Box challenge. We look forward to having you join the competition next year!

Yours sincerely,

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Anne Gamble
Chair of Voice Box 2016 Judging Panel
RCSLT

Country Representative



# PICTURED ON FRONT COVER:

2016 Voice Box Champion Lily Barlow from Glencraig Integrated Primary School.



# **2016 JOKES**

Why are meteor jokes the best?
Because they are out of this world.

Aaron Hughes, Y8, RBAI

Why did Cinderella get kicked out of the football team? Because she ran away from the ball.

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Alicia Jones, P4, St Dallan's Primary

Why did the man lose his job at the orange juice factory? Because he couldn't concentrate!

Anthony May, Y12, Beechlawn Special School

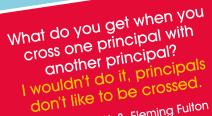


What do you call a fake noodle?
An impasta! (imposter)

Benjamin Johnston, P4, McClintock Primary Two flies are playing football in a saucer and one says,

"Make a decent effort, we are playing in the cup tomorrow."

Ashton Morris, P5, Regent House Preparatory Department



Bob Pearson, Yr 8, Fleming Fulton 2016 Post-Primary Category Winner

Post-primary category winner Bob Pearson, accompanied by his teacher Mr Johnston, receives his trophy from Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness and Alison McCullough MBE Head of RCSLT NI, at the 2016 Voice Box Awards final.



What did one hat say to the other hat? You stay here, I'm going on a head.

Callum Breen, P2, St Anne's Primary



Bryce Metcalfe, P5a, Thornfield House Special School







There was a boy and at his nursery school. His teacher told him to learn the first three letters of the alphabet. So when he got home he asked his mum what the first letter was. She was on the phone so she said, "Be quiet!"

Then he went to his sister who was obsessed with Elvis Presley and he said, "What's the second letter of the alphabet?" She replied, "Elvis Presley, Elvis Presley."

Then he went to his little brother and asked him, "What's the third letter of the alphabet?" He replied, "In my little brrrum brrrum car!"

So he goes into school the next morning and the teacher asks, "What are the first three letters of the alphabet?" He says, "Be quiet." The teacher says, "Who do you think you are?" He replies, "Elvis Presley, "Who do you think you are?" How are you going to Elvis Presley." The teacher says, "How are you going to get away with this?" And he replies, "In my little brrrum brrrum car!"

Charlie Magrath, P6, Grange Park Primary



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What do you call cheese that isn't yours?
Nacho cheese.

Chloe Spence, P4, Towerview Primary Why did the farmer take the cows on a bumpy ride?
Because he wanted a milkshake.

Cheyanne Satchells-Gentles, P3, Sion Mills Primary







Why did the toilet roll down the hill?
To get to the bottom.

Cameron Clements, P5, Acorn Integrated Primary

Why did the sheep cross the road?

Because it wanted to go to the baaa...rbers!

Caoilain Glennon, P4, Fleming Fulton

Teacher "what should you say to a cheeky giraffe? Wind your neck in!"

P7, Brooklands Primary

Two friends were walking through the graveyard, looking at the headstones. They came upon a headstone that said, "Here lays a politician, an honest man."

One friend says to the other, "There must be two men buried there!"

Cody Walker, P7, Bessbrook Primary





A wife asks her husband to describe her.
He said, "You're A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K."
She asked, "What does that mean?"
He said, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute,
Delightful, Elegant, Fashionable, Gorgeous,
Hot!"

She said, "Oh that's so lovely, but what about I, J and K?"
"I'm just kidding," he said.

Connor Gaw, P7, Dundonald Primary





Why did the school boy eat his homework?
Because his teacher said it was a piece of cake!

Culann Brennan, P5, Wallace Preparatory Schoo What did the mouse say to his unwanted friend? "You know what they say, two's company, cheese a crowd!"

Damon Corbett, Y10, St Joseph's Boys High School

Why can't ghosts sing in church?
Because they don't have any organs.

Daniel Millar, Y9, Thornfield House Special School



Did you hear the news? Wee boy at Sacred Heart PS gives cheek to teacher. This is what happened: So this wee boy went to school and his teacher asked him, "What are the first four letters of the alphabet?" He said he didn't know, so his teacher said, "For your homework, learn the first four letters of the alphabet."

He went home

That night he asked his Mummy what the first letter of the alphabet was. His mum was on the phone. She answered, "Be quiet."

Next he went to his Dad. He asked his Dad what the second letter of the alphabet was. He shouted, "Yes." because his favourite football team, Manchester United, had just scored.

After that he asked his sister, "What's the third letter of the alphabet?" She was listening to Michael Jackson on her iPad, so she replied, "Michael Jackson."

Then he went to his little brother and asked him what the fourth letter of the alphabet was. He was playing with his toy cars, so he replied, "In my little brum brum car."

The next day he went to school and his teacher asked him, "What is the first letter of the alphabet?" He said, "Be quiet." His teacher said, "Go to the principal's office now." So he went to the principal's office and the principal said, "Who do you think you are?" The wee boy replied, "Michael Jackson." The principal said, "How do you think you are going to get away with this?" The wee boy replied, "In my little brum brum car."

Damian McGuiness, P5, Sacred Heart Primary





What do you call a blind dinosaur?
Do-you-think-he-saw-us?

David Ross, SLC2, Ebrington Primary What do you call a million rabbits walking backwards? A receding hareline.

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Eden Haycock, Y9, Ashfield Girls High School



My daddy sat on his iPhone but when he stood up he found an iPad.

Eoghan Murray, P7, Harberton Special School A boy rings a restaurant and says, "Do you do take away?"

The lady replies, "yes."
Boy says, "What's five
take away four?"
The lady hangs up.

Fionn McManus, P5, Holy Trinity Primary





What do you call a man with no body and no nose?

Nobodynose.

Jack Kelly, Y8, St Joseph's Boys' School

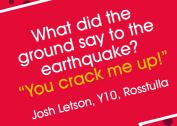


Where does a snowman go to dance? A snowball.

Jo Jo Berry, Y11, Killard House

What do you call a flying jelly?
A jellycopter.

James De Muelemeester, J1, Glenveagh





Who is the most magical pig in the world?

Harry Porker!

Jude McKernon, P5, St Bernards Primary





What did the traffic light say to the man walking past? "Don't look! I'm changing." Kaci Canning, P6, St Peter's & St Paul's Primary





Killian: Will you remember me in 10 years' time?

Killian: Will you remember me

Killian: Will you remember me in one month?

Killian: Will you remember me in one minute?

Killian: Will you remember me in one second?

sean: Yes

Killian: Knock, Knock. Sean: Who's there? Killian: You've forgotten me

Killian Duffy, P7, Our Lady's Tullysaran 2016 Primary Category Winner







An inflatable boy went to an inflatable school, with inflatable pupils and inflatable staff. One day he ran amok around the school with a drawing pin. Pssst! Pssst! The deflated principal called him into her study and said, "You let me down, you let yourself down, you've let everyone down!"

Lily Barlow, P4, Glencraig Integrated Primary Voice Box 2016 Champion



Why did the boy eat his computer? Because it was an Apple.

Katrina Nicholl, P2, Kilmoyle Primary

What did the snowman say to the other snowman? "Do you smell carrots?"

> Luca Gallagher, P1, St Coleman's Primary



What is a koala's favourite sweets? Koality Street.

Luke McClure, P1, Cooley Primary



A mushroom walks into a bar and asks the waiter for a drink, and the waiter says, "We don't serve your kind" And mushroom says, "Why not? I'm a fun-guy!"

Matthew McLaughlin, P4, Oakgrove Integrated Primary



Knock knock. Who's there? Knock. Knock who? Knockmore

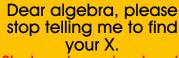
Max Nel, SCU3 Y7, Knockmore Primary



Three ducks are crossing the road. One duck goes, "Quack quack".

The other one says, "I am going as quack as I can."

Nathan Haughan, Y15, Mitchell House



She's not coming back and I don't know Y either.

Owen McKinley, SCUD, Killard House





Knock knock. Who's there? Ivan. Ivan who? I've an itchy nose.

Molly McLaughlin, P7, St Mary's Primary Where do rabbits learn to fly? The Royal Hare Force!

Natalie Johnston, Y10, Downshire School



One day I was watching a wildlife show and the man said, "This is a lion in its most natural habitat." I said, "I can do better than that."
So I went up to my Mum's bedroom and said, "This is my mum in her most natural habitat, eating some top notch toast."

Reece Allingham Groves, P7, St Oliver Plunkett Primary

The teacher asked Ben,
"What do you call a
person that carries on
talking when no one is
interested or listening?"
Ben replies, "A teacher."

Robbie Dunn, P5, Straid Primary





What does the bee say to the flower? "Hello hooooneeeeyyy"

Rosanna Beattie, P3, Holy Family Primary



A thief broke into my house last night. He was searching for money so I got up and searched with him!

Ryan Murray, P7, Faughanvale Primary Why do robbers play tennis?

Because they are always in court.

Sarah Jess, P7, Brookfield Primary



What's the difference between a teacher and a train?

The teacher says, "Spit out that gum." And the train goes, "Chew chew!"

Senan Devine, P5, St John's Primary





There are three men, Manners, Be Quiet and Poop. One day Poop slips and Manners goes to help him up. Be Quiet keeps on walking, soon he meets a police officer, and he asks, "Hello, what is your name?" He replies, "Be Quiet!" The police officer gets angry, "Excuse me? What is your name?" "Be Quiet!" The police officer loses his temper, "Excuse me! Where are your manners?" Be Quiet replies, "Around the corner picking up Poop." Taeya Quinn, P7, Enniskillen Integrated Primary

What do you think was the last thing my granny said before she kicked the bucket? "How far do you think I can kick this bucket?"

Tony Luby, Class 5/6. Ardnashee School & College

A boy puts up his hand and says, "Miss I need to go to the toilet." The teacher says, "First, tell me the alphabet." So the boy says the alphabet, "ABCDEFGHIJKLM NOQRSTUVWXYZ."

Then the teacher says, "Where is the P?" And the boy says, "Half way down my leg miss!"

Una Kearney, P6, St John's Primary









# **FURTHER INFORMATION**



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