

KEVICC was delighted to welcome our local Rotary organisation recently ...



for their annual Speak Out! event with local primary and KEVICC students

Charlie Rose-Button, Beth Holder & Jasmine Leate were KEVICC Young Writer winners at the Intermediate Level; now entered for the District Level, as is Aubrey Simpson for the Young Photographer Competition, all on the *Our Beautiful World* theme.

We were also privileged that the Rotary Club had managed to get Tanya Landman, Carnegie Medal winner for 2015 for her book *Buffalo Soldier*, to come and speak, and her talk was enthralling, amusing (especially about her pig!) and full of practical advice and help for aspiring authors.

Our Beautiful World

Aidan Morphett 7THY

B right blue seas on a white sand shore
 E vergreen forests on a majestic mountainside
 A mazon rainforest, lungs of the Earth
 U nderwater Kingdom, full of life
 T ime is precious, act now to save our beautiful world
 I cy winter wonderland, slowly melts away
 F riendship has no end, peace & equality for all
 U nknown species, a treasure being lost
 L ife beyond the eye, the microscopic world

Chosen topics for the 5-minute Speak Out! presentations by groups of 3 or 4 were: *Healthy Eating* - Broadhempston Primary; *Healthy Drinking* and *Tigers* - Diptford Primary; *People who save our lives* - Marldon Primary.

Afterwards students were congratulated on the expert delivery, as well as the instructive, interactive and engaging nature of their subject choice in feedback from Rotarian panel members before receiving Commendation Certificates and book tokens for themselves and for their Schools.

Prizes were also awarded to Totnes Young Writers and Young Photographers, and Speak Out! presentations were made by teams from the visiting schools, with feedback made from a panel of Rotarians.



The local Rotarians offer a wide variety of support for KEVICC students, ranging from the Literacy, Public Speaking and Photography opportunities mentioned here, to setting up mock interviews with older students.

This is of particular benefit to those applying for work experience, further education or employment and the Rotarians, with their varied professional backgrounds, are particularly able to encourage students, whilst giving them the practice and confidence that they need for a 'real-life' occasion of this sort.

They will also be inviting our Folk Band to take part in a charity concert, featuring the South Devon Big Band, at KEVICC in June of this year. Watch for posters!