

Spelling Bee Championships crowns Burnley and Pendle superstars



The Champion spellers with Bertie Bee.

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Burnley and Pendle's most assured spellers have been crowned at this year's Spelling Bee Championships, with the dictionary-defying whizzes beating away 'fierce' competition to earn their trophies.

Laughing in the face of spell-check and never twice checking their spelling of 'queue', the superstar finalists from 13 local primary schools in the SWAT (Schools Working and Achieving Together) cluster faced off against three other finalists at the championships for the right to be named their year group's ultimate speller.

Held on Thursday 28 June at The Ace Centre, the standard was exemplary, and with parents in the audience to see their brainy offspring compete and Burnley FC in the Community's Bertie Bee also in attendance, there was plenty of support.

"The competition was fierce and tensions were high, with a dramatic tie break between two Year 4 competitors; their parents could hardly hold their nerve!" said Kerry Gorrell, the deputy head at Reedley Primary School, who had winners in both Year 2 and 4. "We are proud of all of the children that competed and hope to launch this again next year so the Champions can defend their title."

The Spelling Bee Champions are as follows:

Year 1 Champion - Heidi (St. John's C of E Primary School, Cliviger)

Year 2 Champion - Aadam (Reedley Primary School)

Year 3 Champion - Ismail (Walverden Primary School)

Year 4 Champion - Saleyha (Reedley Primary School)

Year 5 Champion - Summer (Burnley Springfield Primary School)

Year 6 Champion - Chloe (Padiham Green C of E Primary School)

All Champions received a trophy, a certificate, an Amazon voucher, and a badge, while the finalists received a certificate and a badge.