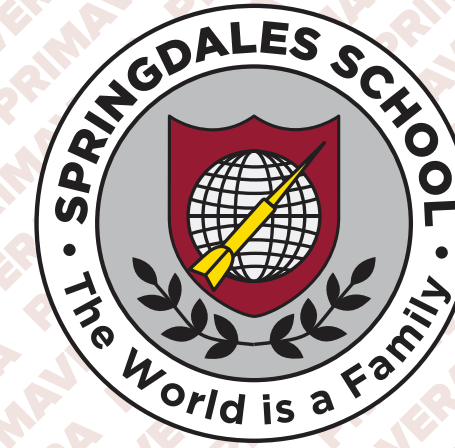


# PRIMAVERA

2015





**SPRINGDALES SCHOOL  
DUBAI**

## The National Anthem of the United Arab Emirates

Live my country, the unity of our Emirates lives  
You have lived for a nation

Whose religion is Islam and guide is the Qur'an  
I made you stronger in God's name, oh homeland  
My country, My country, My country, My country  
God has protected you from the evils of the time

We have sworn to build and work

Work sincerely, work sincerely

As long as we live, we will be sincere

The safety has lasted and the flag has lived oh our Emirates

The symbol of Arabism

We all sacrifice for you, we supply you with our blood

We sacrifice for you with our souls oh homeland



The Late Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan  
First President of the United Arab Emirates



His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Sultan Al Nahyan  
President of the United Arab Emirates & Ruler Of Abu Dhabi



His Highness Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum  
Vice President & Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates & Ruler Of Dubai



# MESSAGE

## From The Management Board



**D**ear Editors-in-Chief and members of the Editorial Board  
Congratulations on bringing out the first Edition of your  
School's Annual Magazine in such a short space of time.

Aptly named PRIMAVERA, I am sure it will showcase Springdales  
Dubai beautifully, reflecting the essence of spring, the burgeoning of  
new life. It will also provide the needed opportunity to our budding  
young writers, poets and artists to express their thoughts and ideas  
in their own inimitable way

Go ahead, Springdalianians, remembering Maxim Gorky's dictum, "  
The madness of daring is the wisdom of life" and the words of our  
famous poet and Nobel Laureate Rabindra Nath Tagore, "with your  
head held high" and "your mind without fear".

Good wishes to you all.

**Dr (Mrs.) Rajni Kumar**  
Chairperson

Springdales Education Society, Delhi

# MESSAGE

## From Chairman



**S**pringdales for me is always a dale where spring is ever present.  
Spending my childhood in Springdales School, Delhi and being  
nurtured and moulded by Dr. Mrs. Rajni Kumar is a blessing  
for which I shall always remain grateful.

The lessons learnt through my growing years, and the values  
imbibed has held me in good stead in my adult life; visible in the  
establishment and growth of the Goldline Group that has emerged  
as a business with a difference.

Springdales School, Dubai is a 'gurudakshina' that is testimony to  
my heartfelt gratitude and reverence for my mentor Dr. Mrs. Rajni  
Kumar.

Springdales School, Dubai is successfully into its 3rd year of operation  
and on this occasion is with immense pride and gratitude, that  
I write this message for the inaugural issue of the annual school  
magazine Primavera and the magazine will play an important role  
as a chronicle of the journey of the school, highlighting the journey  
of holistic learning, that our young pioneers have undertaken and  
the milestones that the schools and students achieve year after year.  
Education for me is the only answer to the many situations that face  
the world. Quality education is the only safe passport to a valuable  
tomorrow from a cherished present. The values that a quality  
institution such as Springdales will enable imbibing will open up  
endless opportunities for the manifestation of the Springdalian  
vision of the world being one family.

I congratulate the staff, students and parents of Springdales School,  
Dubai on this gigantic step.

With every good wish for many, many successful years ahead.

**Dr. Navjit Singh Anand**  
Chairman Goldline

# Real education has to draw out the best from the boys and girls to be educated.

Mahatma Gandhi



A school is living organic unit, which is a home away from home and a mirror of the blossoming of each individual in it. It is indeed a matter of pride for all of us that Springdales School, Dubai has completed 2 successful academic years since its inception which has been an exciting journey for all us. As with any start-up, teething problems and troubleshooting go hand in hand and in the case of Springdales School, Dubai the visible commitment of all the members of the team has ensured that the school has a lot to showcase through its annual school magazine Primavera. There is no doubt that academic excellence along with co-curricular and extra co-curricular activities in a proper balance make the process of learning and teaching enjoyable and experiential thereby enabling the overall development and personality of the students. Primavera is a platform provided by the school for its students to express themselves in all creativity and originality of thought and perception as well as for the school to highlight milestones of its progress. There is no doubt, that Springdales is successful as a centre of excellence with a stress free and caring environment for the nurturing of young minds aided by the fine partnership of the school and parents. We are committed to a healthy partnership to ensure that this environment continues and we seek the vital co-operation and support of all stakeholders to ensure high standards that Springdales is synonymous with.

I congratulate the school, the students, parents and staff on this successful journey evident in the pages of this annual school magazine and my best wishes and prayers for the continuation of this successful journey.

Dr. Farooq Wasil  
CEO Goldline Education

# MESSAGE From Co-Chairperson

I take pleasure in the celebration of the manifestation of a vision to emulate the genius and excellence of the well-known Springdales School which has now found resonance in its new branch in the UAE. 'Rome was not built in a day.' This proverb, I presume, explains the long gestation period undertaken by my colleagues at Springdales to bring out an education system that serves the needs of the changing world. You can, without any shadow of doubt, call 'Springdales School Dubai' the sanctuary of modern techniques in education.



The creations of Springdaliens are superbly inspiring and infinitely beautiful. The real spirit of Springdales is its creative energy and belief in oneness of the universe, which is born out of the great ideal of 'Vasudhaiv Kutumbkam' which means 'The World is a Family'. I assure you that Springdales will maintain its pre-eminence as a unique institution in all fields because it has always responded to the needs of changing times. It always surges forward as the world spins down the ringing grooves of change. The institution aims to bring transformation in the education system globally and operating from a multi-cultural place like Dubai will give an opportunity to excel and give more meaning to the vision, mission and motto of the school. Acceptance and promotion of progressive thought is more concerned with raising the standards of teaching and learning in the global educational landscape. Springdales Dubai, with quality staff and highly educated teachers, will maintain the wonderful tradition of academic excellence, research, and promotion of new ideas.

To realize a vision as panoramic as 'Springdales,' calls for marathon effort and unparalleled clairvoyance. Clairvoyance came to us in the person of our Chairperson Dr. (Mrs.) Rajni Kumar, who through her long-sightedness and benignity kept us as a team on the right track. I hope this step is going to be a harbinger of a very bright future for Springdales. I am confident that the students studying here will emerge as independent critical thinkers and problem solvers and will continue to evolve as lifelong learners.

Mrs. Jasmine Anand  
COO Springdales School, Dubai



# Message From The Principal

I am very proud to part of the Springdales family and indeed honoured to be able to write for our inaugural magazine. The name 'primavera' is very apt. It is our first publication that gives a varied and dynamic insight into this flourishing school. A school set to be the school of choice within Dubai.

The very seeds of high quality learning and teaching have been planted. Much time has been taken in creating the right conditions for our young Springdalianians to grow and flourish. It is evident in leafing through publications such as this the quality, the talent, the experiences and opportunities that take place during the course of an academic year.

Pulling a school together, developing the community and enriching our students' experiences requires a team. I am fortunate to work alongside professionals that not only have a passion for their subjects but care for and take pride in their students. I am appreciative of the work that has gone into leading the school to where it is today; a strong platform from which to grow and flourish.

We are clear that our family will grow not only in size but in reputation and standards within the GCC and the international world. I look forward to leading the 'family' and developing many more publications in the future as we share our journey to 'outstanding' with you.

It is always good to look back and reflect on what has been achieved to ensure we are clear about our way forward. As we launch the publication of 'Primavera', I am reminded of a quote by Henry Ford.

**“Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.”**

Darren Gale  
Principal Springdales Dubai



# A Journey from a Sprout to a Blossom!

**F**ounded on the principle of global values and the concept of oneness among young hearts, Springdales School in Dubai is committed to raise students who not only excel academically but carry great values. It is a privilege to be associated with a school that has a legacy of 60 years in India and carries the richness of experience blended with an international flavor.

Being the first employee of the school, I cherish and enjoy a strong bond with the school which was launched in 2013 and it gives me immense pride to see it grow from strength to strength. Believing in the curiosity and joy of childhood is the natural basis of successful learning. We provide learning environments to support concrete understanding. In the last two years the school has not only grown in numbers but our students have developed a culture of respect and support for individual differences and believe that 'world is a family' and this is so visible through the ethos that prevails in the school, in all its members contributing to the growth of the school in varying capacity. The staff modifies the curriculum to meet the needs of all students and exceed standards for the gifted and talented.

For the young students my message would be to follow their passion and put in their best efforts. Learn to empathize and connect, as the foundation of all human relationships in the context of global perspective is "oneness".

It gives me immense joy to write for our school's first magazine. On this occasion I wish all the best to the editorial team and our students and pray that their maiden effort matures in years to come. With every true wish.

Mrs.Mala Mehra  
Head Primary



# From the Desk Of Head Secondary

**I**t is now a little more than a year since I became a member of the Springdale's family. I still wonder how time flew by and I became so involved with this growing and flourishing institution in such a short time.

As an educator in this field for almost two decades, every experience of mine has been extremely enriching and engrossing. With each experience I came out more polished, stronger and wiser. Every experience taught me some of the finest lessons in the field of education and imparting the same to young, impressive minds and my time and involvement in Springdales is equally proving to be a time for great learning, a school where I have fantastic bonding with my colleagues, students and parents and above all a fulfilling emotion of nurturing a young school like that of a potter playing with a mould of clay and shaping up his beautiful creations with love and imagination.

Each day starts like a fresh new canvas that I splash with colours of my deepest wishes and ambitious dreams for the school and all its members. The school has a magnetic effect as I go about my regular responsibilities and recharges me with such positive energy and enthusiasm that my dreams are ever growing. As the day begins with every nook and corner of the campus reverberating with the laughter, pranks, squabbles of our children, their boisterous ways, and their innocent and yet honest take on life; it drives at the point that this is undoubtedly the greatest reward of our profession.

Springdales is truly an institution, a home away from home for our students, where we impart education for the purpose of giving the world her finest caretakers, the beautiful minded individuals, the sensitive and responsible citizens of the future who believe in achieving excellence by combining healthy minds and compassionate hearts.

Primavera-2015 is a window to those beautiful minds giving us a glimpse of their dreams and goals, thoughts and opinion, imagination and realistic understanding of life's many hues and colours. Here's wishing all Springdadians a great journey of learning and knowing self; continue to believe in the power of pen and freedom of sharing thoughts and expressions.

Mrs. Farah Soonawalla





## The Leadership Team



**A**t Springdales School Dubai we believe, children are born artists, dancers and storytellers! They are naturally creative and enjoy all kinds of artistic expression: story-telling, music, dramatic play, dance and visual arts. They are absorbed by images in books and express delight over music-even the most informal contact with creative media generates a positive response in children. It is our joyful responsibility to add meaning to

these experiences and expand these artistic opportunities so that a child's understanding of and love for the visual and performing arts is nurtured.

It gives students a chance to build closer bonds with their classmates, experience new environments and enjoy a class room without walls.

**Mr. Alok Kumar Sharma**  
Head of Creative & Performing Art



**O**ur profession as a teacher is undoubtedly the most fulfilling one with a myriad of emotions and a plethora of definitions that sum up a teacher's job. The primary role of a teacher teaching in the classroom too has changed in the course of education reforms and newer thinking. We are now more known as facilitators in a less teacher-centric education. Our roles have become complex and varied, just not limited to exchange of knowledge but

looking into the overall schooling experience for the students.

And so my role too changed from just a teacher or a coordinator into looking into the care, guidance and support of the students of Springdales as Head of Student. It is a challenging role where I am entrusted to nurturing students beyond their intellectual abilities. They are the tomorrow's citizens, leaders, entrepreneurs, musicians, sportsmen, artists and the list goes endless. Their voices, their opinion and their expectations are of prime importance to building up of a school that believes in democratic principles, freedom of thoughts and expressions and excellence in all areas of life.

It is a world of experience of a different kind where I hear their say on global issues, on school matters, on peer pressure, on academics and curriculum and on their dreams and goals. As I see budding leaders in the Prefectural Board, shouldering their responsibilities with all sincerity and seriousness, I hear the Student Voice and admire their candid expressions, their honesty and their focus on key areas of concerns and issues.

It gives me an immense pleasure to be surrounded by an age-group of a population who keeps us forever young and forever going. It is this interaction with them that which develops the bond, the trust and the very precious relationship that gives an unforgettable, cherishing experience of a lifetime.

**Opinder Kaur**  
Head of Students



“No student ever attains very eminent success by simply doing what is required of him: it is the amount and excellence of what is over and above the required that determines the greatness of ultimate distinction”

By Charles Kendall Adams

Every child has potential in some form or other. Every student can definitely move ahead from fair to good, from good to excellent & from excellent to outstanding. There is always scope to do something better than before. A child must learn to compete with himself/herself all the time in order to grow consistently.

The school counsellor’s first professional responsibility is to the students. The educational, academic, career, personal, and social needs of all students within the school setting, from Kindergarten to Grade 9, are the focus in planning and delivering a developmental, comprehensive guidance and counselling program.

The diverse needs of students may require specific counseling expertise and a school counsellor recognizes their boundaries of competencies by providing only those services for which they are qualified by training and experience.

School counsellors serve a dual role of educator (through guidance education activities) and counsellor (through counselling services) merging when the counsellor is involved in prevention work. All of life’s situations interact with each other. For instance, by addressing a student’s personal/social needs through talks, presentations the school counsellor simultaneously teaches resiliency skills and affects the student’s readiness for educational challenges. As a result of such interrelationships, the school counsellor supports the integration of guidance and counselling services to address students’ life skills for ultimate success in life.

“Prevention is better than Cure” is the dictum followed by the counsellor in school settings where she helps students’ develop competency in all needed endeavors.

Ms. Sarika Gupta  
School Counsellor



Mark Twain once said and I quote, “I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.” These words aptly portray what education means today. No longer is it merely about learning facts and acing exams but about acquiring knowledge and skills that go far beyond the classroom. Learning in the modern world is collaborative, research-based. It takes place through peer interaction and it

is what a student takes away beyond the subjects he /she learns. It’s about application and about using education as a tool and not as a product. In this changing scenario Teachers are no longer viewed as the gatekeepers of information, but rather as facilitators and students are no longer mere vessels that need to be filled, but proactive co-creators. The larger paradigm looks to the nature of learning rather than methods of instruction. Learning after all is not schools, teachers, literacy, math, grades or achievement. It is the process by which learning is kindled in the mind of the individual whenever new information is integrated or a new skill is mastered.

Would it then be right to say that schools today combine education with life experiences? In my mind there is no doubt that along with emphasizing the fundamental aspects of education schools also provide learning experiences that meet students’ individual and other needs. It is indeed noteworthy that education today recognizes learner diversity, encourages learner’s interest and creativity, and above all fosters a generation of independent focused young thinkers, who will in the years to come make a difference in this ever evolving dynamic environment of the modern world.

**AbefittingEducationisnotpreparation for life; education is life itself. ~John Dewey**

Meenakshi Mehta  
(Head of Academics, Senior School)



At Springdales School Dubai we believe, children are born artists, dancers and storytellers! They are naturally creative and enjoy all kinds of artistic expression: story-telling, music, dramatic play, dance and visual ar Dear Parents and Children, Welcome to the Kindergarten Section at Springdales School, Dubai. As the Head of the Kindergarten Section, I draw upon my many years of educational experience, both

as an educator and an administrator, along with the support of an amazing staff of caring, talented educators, we create a unique educational environment, specially tailored for our youngest scholars.

Every academic year enfolds with a lot of excitement of trying to create a difference in teaching methods, classroom learning, student interaction and learning outcomes. Innovation and creativity brings in competitiveness, flexibility and an enhanced outlook. I am convinced that our institution has taken this sacred responsibility of igniting young minds towards creating ‘thinking citizens’. I would like to say that this year will be treated like a fresh canvas wherein the teachers, students and other staff members would be using their brushes of experience and knowledge to colour it with creativity and splendour.

We provide a happy and safe environment within which our students can experience opportunities inside the classroom and beyond. We foster values of courtesy, consideration, and individual responsibility, and provide both challenge and support for our little ones. With gentle care, we help shape their young minds to be ready for the world that is waiting to meet them.

The achievement of our students is built upon the partnership between students, parents, and teachers. Through quality teaching, student support, and our commitment to extra-curricular activities, we create the building blocks for success that will give them an advantage in their later years.

Together, let us step up our dreams and work with a focus to the best of our ability and potential.

Arundathi Srinivas  
Headkindergarten



**The New Dawn in Education: A Paradigm Shift from Tradition to Trends**

At SPRINGDALES we believe the most creative thing that you will do

in your life is to raise your child. Therefore, the most important investment you will make in your life will be in their education.” As being the Head of Academics, Primary I strongly believe that each day is a new learning experience for me i.e. from my students, peers and surrounding. Now, this has become a passion for me to indulge the mind of each individual by pouring a little of my knowledge, keeping in my mind that “ the essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well” by bringing up a new generation who will be the crafts men for creating a new era of aspiring and inspiring knowledge.

As we are introducing a new approach in our teaching and learning process; from content based to skill based learning, I am sure our students will taste the flavor of Active learning which is very different from the traditional ‘teacher down’ model of learning. This approach enables a teacher to have a close account of the needs of the individual children and ensure that everyone is offered the best chance to expose his/her potential. This would enable the child to come out from his secure shell and be a competent as well as a confident learner, who takes pride and ownership in his/her learning.

Sreevidya  
(Head of Academics, Primary)



# Editorial Desk

We dedicate this first issue of the annual school magazine Primavera to Dr. Mrs. Rajni Kumar our leading light who enabled this eternal season of spring in the form of Springdales School, Dubai.

Primavera means spring in Spanish. A more significant name for the annual school magazine of Springdales could not have been chosen as the school is always energetic and vibrant with activity and life all through the year just like the season of spring.

Every new challenge is daunting in the beginning but with time, our acceptance and eagerness to overcome the challenge sets things rolling. At the finish post, we seldom realise how far we have travelled

or how much has been achieved in the journey.

The maiden journey of the making of the magazine has been a wonderful learning experience and a revelation of sorts as it was an unknown world that opened before us, of breaking norms and preconceived notions, striking out at our own tendencies to be judgemental about talents and abilities or ideas. It has been a sacred commitment for all of us, right from the sprouting of thoughts, blossoming of ideas and in turn the spirit of every member of the school fraternity, from the time of the inception of Primavera to planning, allowing the seeds of ideas to germinate, allowing them to grow, sharing with a critical audience for feedback and finally seeing all of this through to its print form.

**“Write. Rewrite. When not writing or rewriting, read. I know of no shortcuts.”**

At Springdales, we take what Larry King, the American author and playwright says serious to ensure that no shortcuts are allowed in enabling the flowering of creativity and in particular creative writing. We believe that this will nurture all our children across sections to express their thoughts, view, opinions or imagination fearlessly. We extend this support into other forms of expression such as art or photography and other media of expression.

The first edition of our magazine, relates much to what Benjamin Zander in his book ‘The Art of Possibility’. He talks about how one

can go beyond contributing to beginning the journey and says ‘In the game of contribution, you wake up each day and bask in the notion that you are a gift to others’; such a perspective has great value as it allows us to appreciate everyone around us as a gift to us. As we continue our journey towards excellence in 2015, it is our hope and desire that each of us in the school will be a gift & contribution to others and it is only then that we will fulfil our motto, “World is a Family”.

Our sincere thanks to our dear students, teachers, parents, the leadership team and the management who have brought Primavera 2015 alive with their immense support help and rich contribution and present it for your reading pleasure.

# Making Of Springdales



Being a founding member of this glorious institution has helped me grow as an individual. Two years back Springdales School Dubai opened its doors for a new generation of students who joined from all walks of life. We had around 300 students and the Kindergarten itself consisted of around 175 students. Setting up the standard of being “Quintessentially Indian and innovatively international” and maintaining the ideals of an already established and esteemed organization like Springdales was not at all an easy task.

The team has been hard working, organized, dedicated, enthusiastic and highly professional. We all strived hard to keep the Springdalian ethos and culture, and work towards the vision and mission of the school. My major task was to create a hospitable climate to child education, implementing strategies for the holistic growth of this institution, shaping the vision of academic excellence for all students. Inculcating leadership in others, managing the staff under me were some

of the challenges encountered by me.

Bhairavi (Coordinator: Kindergarten)



## The Meandering Springdales



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From a few classes on the ground floor to a packed three storey building (and a gigantic addition very soon yet again) within a matter of months, is just not any feat or achievement to boast about.

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This is the story of the most vibrant and happening school of Dubai, Springdales. I have seen the number grow by the day and each day I see new faces, confident and yet apprehensive at times; little worried as to what would be in store for them in the next minute or hour to come. However in no time, they overcome their fears, adopt and adapt the Springdalian culture, the ethos of the school very fast. They are the young learners, eager to open their hearts and mind to anything and everything that comes in their way.





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In my years of experience I must say I have never seen such abundance of exuberance and confidence within a matter of days. This is unique to Springdales.

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I think the environment resonates with the motto 'The World is a Family' through every brick and every ounce of mortar used. This feeling of oneness radiates through the hallways and corridors and the children like sponges absorb it the most. Our aim is to imprint and embed this aspect of human emotion in every heart beating in the campus, no matter how wide or tall our structure grows.

Springdales meanders its ways through the desert, each day growing into a stronger and mightier river of education, enlightening and enhancing the growth and development of the young generation of today and tomorrow, promising the world of a more responsible and sensitive citizens to take the onus of spreading peace, harmony and cooperation and breaking all barriers into making life truly worthy in this beautiful planet. Bushra Mansoor





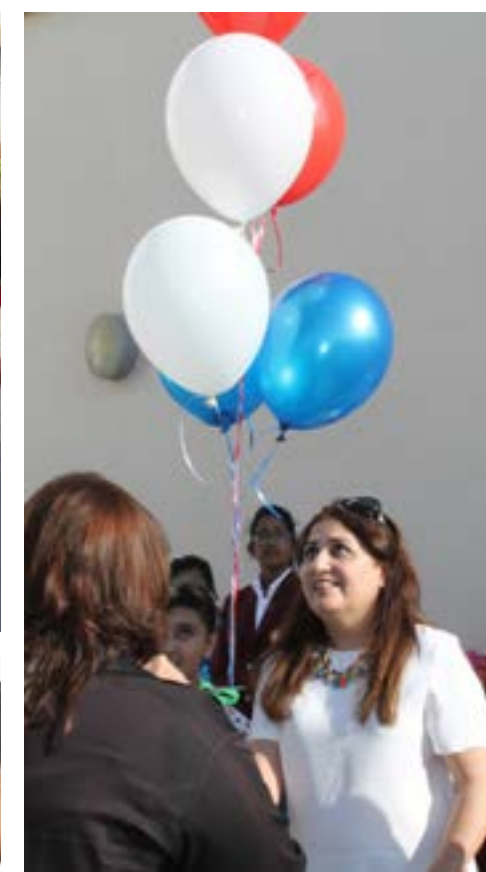
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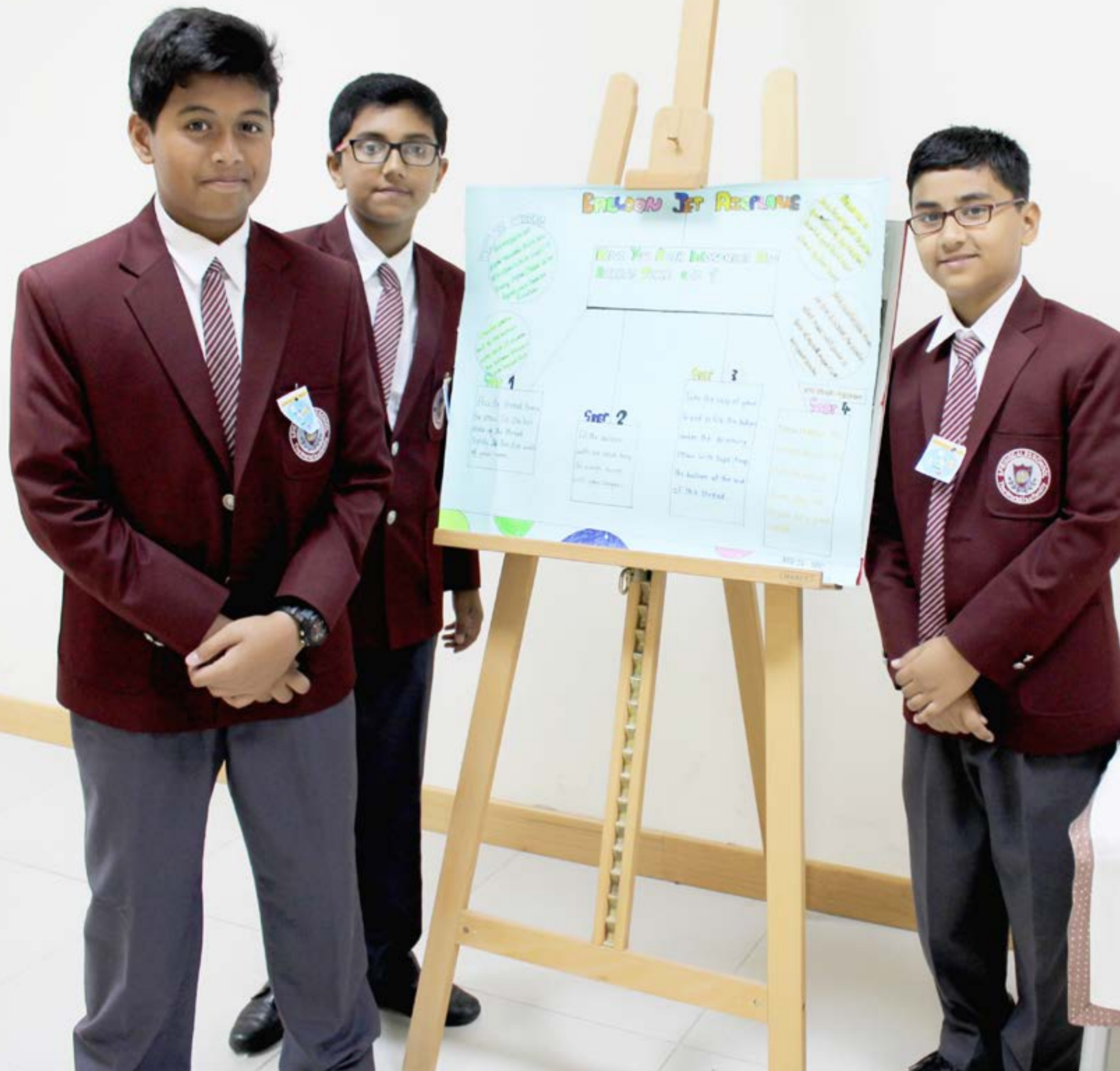














Visit From Emirates Environment Group













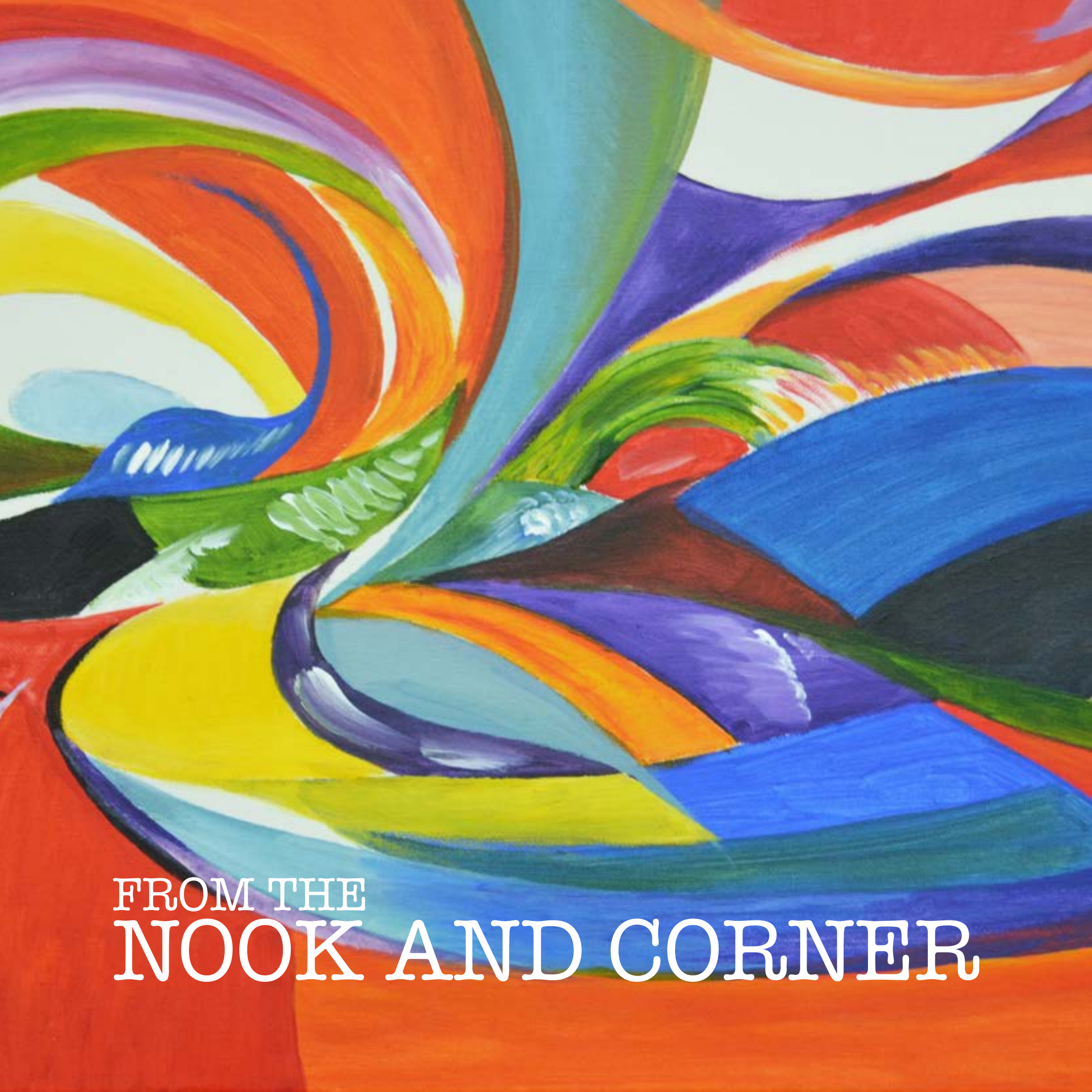












# FROM THE NOOK AND CORNER









## ‘Where the Paint-brush’ is mightier than the ‘Pen’

**I**t is no less than Ali Baba’s cave, treasure trove of paints, brushes, coloured papers and a whole lot of paraphernalia, where our Art teachers weave magic in the world of colours. As students, we play with colours, we doodle, we cut and shape papers, we transform simple lines into intricate images and we are let loose in the World of Art. It is indeed composing poetry with colours as Leonardo Da Vinci so rightly had said about art.



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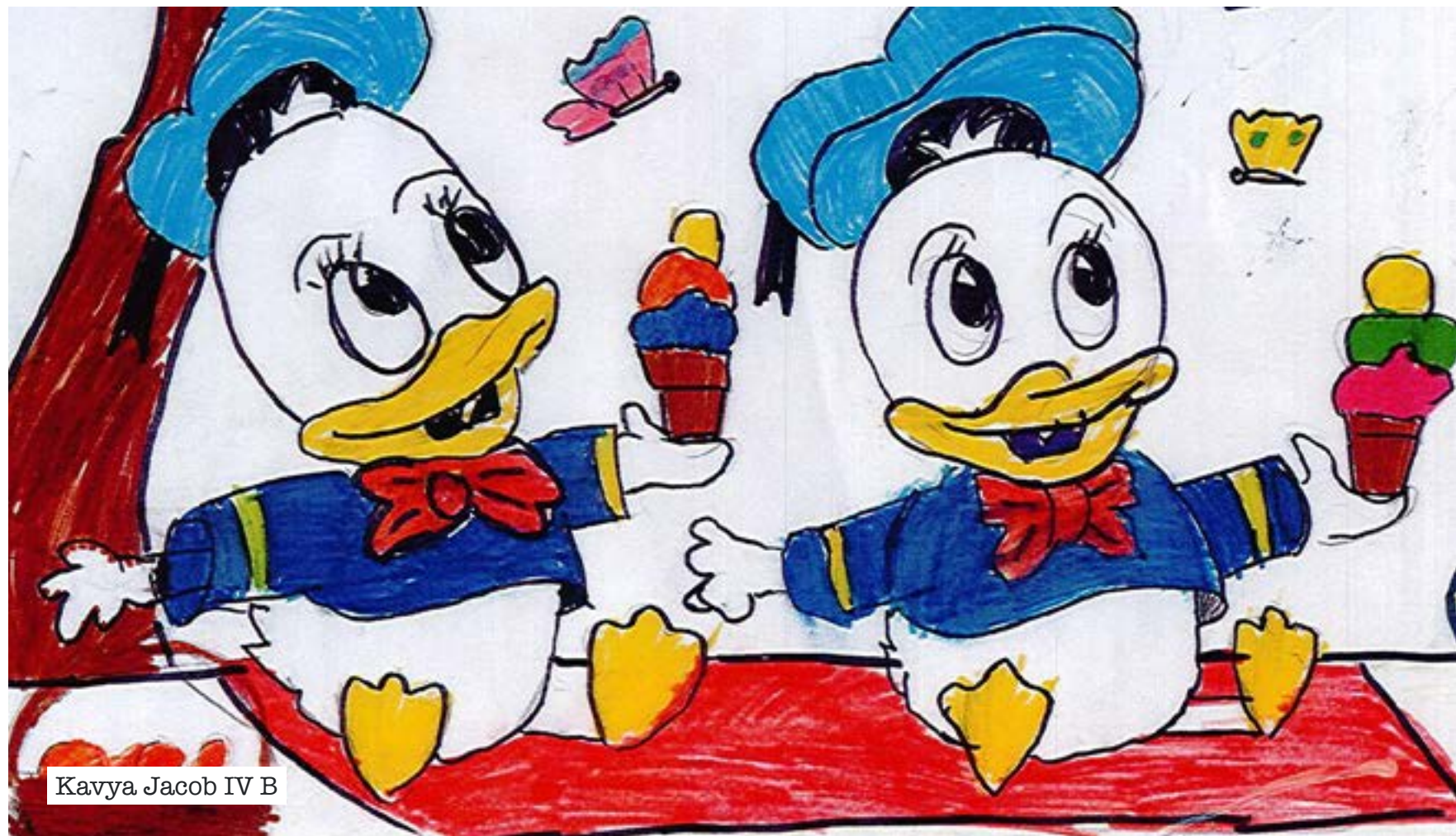
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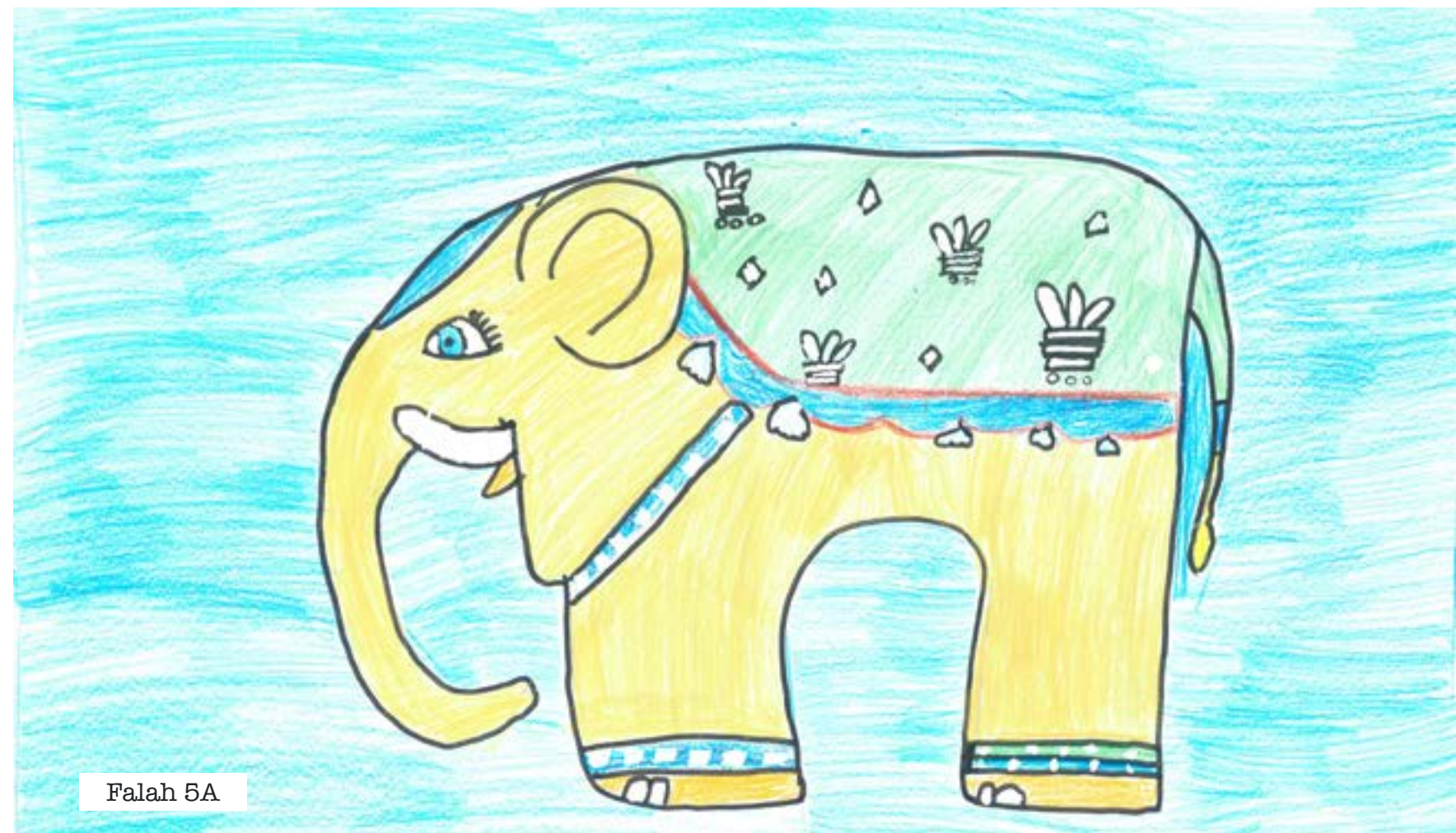
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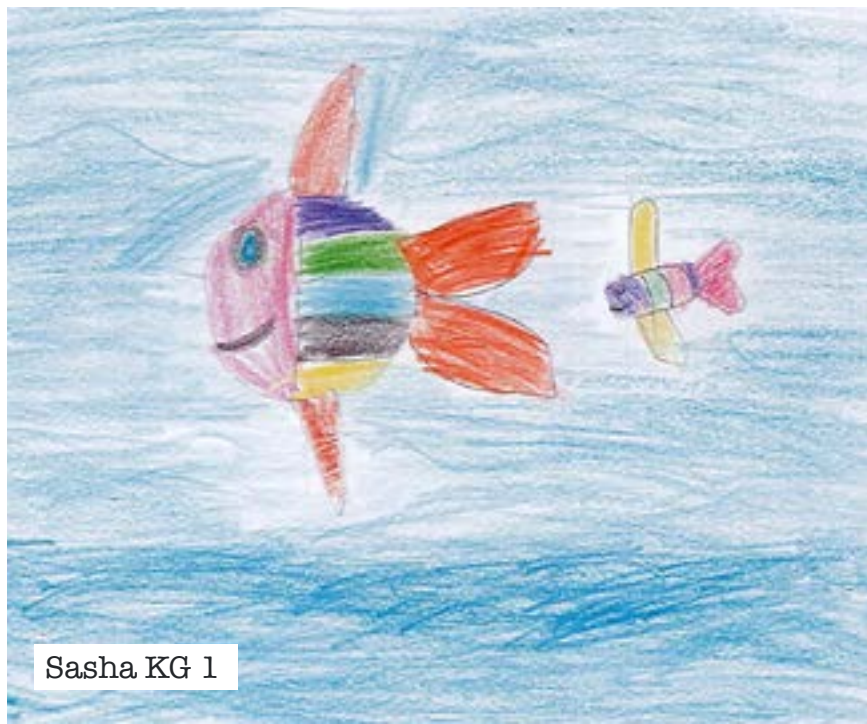
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Falah 5A



Prisha Agarwal 4B



Sasha KG 1



Midhuna 3B



Abigail 3C



Haiza KG 2



Surabhi 4C

# Origami



## My Heart Book Mark

Origami is the art of paper folding, which is often associated with Japanese culture, with no cutting or gluing. Last year I was shown a BOOMERANG by one of my friend. I was very amazed to see that paper craft, that was the piece of Origami art which inspired me. And today ...right after exact one year I am able to make these things. I am inspired by these origami artists Robs World, Jeremy Shafer, Jo Nakashima and Tadashi Mori. I wait for every Wednesday when a new video is uploaded on You tube. I watch once and then I try ....and I

am successful each time I try. I feel extremely happy when my mom praises me....Friends, I love to do Origami....here are some pictures for you...

YUVRAJ SINGH , GRADE 6 A





## Where the Nightingales Croon

The den where we sing, where our voices dance on the instruments where our teachers help us to bring out melodious expressions from our soul, where notes are sung and notes are played, where beats and rhythm merge; where lyrics define poetry in music; the much beloved 'MUSIC ROOM'.







# Basic Approach To Music Competition

(WESTERN VOCAL SINGING)

**J**ust singing at home without any guidance is not enough to win a competition. Therefore it is essential to learn and train under various vocal specialists who can polish your skills and teach you the various aspects of singing.

2. First of all select songs of a singer you like and that will suit your voice and your range (level) in singing.

3. After selecting the singer and the song, try to see whether you are able to sing on the original scale.

4. If you are not able to sing on the original scale, say for example D scale then try to sing the song on C scale or even lower.

5. Most of us will not be able to sing like the original singer, but we can still do the song according to our range in singing by choosing the right Scale.

6. Learning the lyrics of any song correctly is the key to singing, apart from starting on the right note (pitch).

7. It is essential to choose a simple or a difficult Rhythmic song that would capture the imagination of the people.

8. One should focus on the various aspects of singing like the Pitch, Diction, clarity, modulation etc. apart from the four parts and definition

giving importance to the Rhythm.

9. Try not to make too many changes from the original song including Music.

10. Those of you who are singing should definitely learn a Musical Instrument which the singer.

11. Be always confident, positive when you perform on stage and feel the song so that comes out of you.

Melody and Rhythm changes from the background

have the Talent in singing should definitely learn a Musical Instrument which is an additional asset to the singer.

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Lastly there is no substitute for hard work and if you believe in your Talent, you can definitely achieve your goals.



VERGHESE JOSHUA  
(Department of MUSIC)



## Where Flamingos Foot-Tap'

It is that time on the timetable in the week when our body and soul converse in the same language, when we lose and find ourselves at the same time, when the music is not sung but expressed through exquisite body movements, when discipline collaborates with aesthetics; the time when we DANCE in our Dance Studio.



## Dance Your Way Through

When I was four, I could barely balance and walk, but I started my first class of ballet. The steps, the music, the glitter of the enchanted world of ballet made me love dance more than anything. With time, I understood how much my first ballet teacher had worked on me to make me fall in love with ballet much. The capability, the experience and her great passion for the dance world created that fantastic and shining environment for us, pupils.

Today, I am a teacher following her footsteps and pursuing my passion. I don't want my students to find dance as a burden with all about syllabus, curriculum and technique. I want them to bring out their souls in rhythmic movements, to dance as if no one is watching them, to let their inner self be free, expressing themselves in exquisite forms and patterns, where mind and body talk the same language.

I aim to make my students happy while dancing, to conquer their fears and inhibitions, to confidently take the stage and face their audiences. Sometimes, the lessons are tough and technical and children rebel against such rigors of the course. That's wherein lies my testing times; teaching them about sacrifices and hardships, discipline and determination required to fueling their passion.

And there are times when I feel I am on the right path when my students come to me with requests of using the dance studio, to practice more, to become more adept in their skills, to discuss on the choice of song or music that they want to dance on. Their enthusiasm and their love for dance make my day. A little help to them, a little guidance, a smile on my face and sometimes a little firmness make our journey together such a soul-searching one; a discovery of our own selves, unfurling and unfolding our common passion as we trudge together as teacher and students.

Creativity is limitless, passion is unbeaten, expressions paramount, discipline and dedication uncompromised, souls finding freedom are some of the keynotes that we foot tap on in our Dance Studio.



Ms. Stefania



## Where IT begins

The place that holds the key to the future! We use our equations and logic to make an Excel sheet dance to our tunes. We learn how to create beautiful looking presentations that make our projects so much more fun. We type our essays and assignments using the lessons from the ICT lab. Cyber do and don'ts are drilled into us here to keep us safe on the World Wide Web. You cannot conquer the internet without knowing how to create a webpage.

The young minds who work in here, whose interest in the topic gets heightened, could be the next Sabeer Bhatia. Though the basics always begin here, yet it is the man who makes the machine and not otherwise. Thus mechanical intelligence still has to bow down before human intelligence and IT must not forget it!

Ms. Jyothi Nair



Ms. Jyothi Nair





## Where the Crowds Cheer: From the Arena

**T**he time of the week that we eagerly wait for; the periods in our time-table that we never want to give to any other subject, never to compromise or adjust with any other periods: our much beloved Physical Education period. It is at times hilarious, at times scary and at times irritating how teachers make us do our work, complete our assignments in the name of the P.E. period. When all their efforts fail, we indeed give in to our teachers' demand as they know where our interest and soft corner lie.

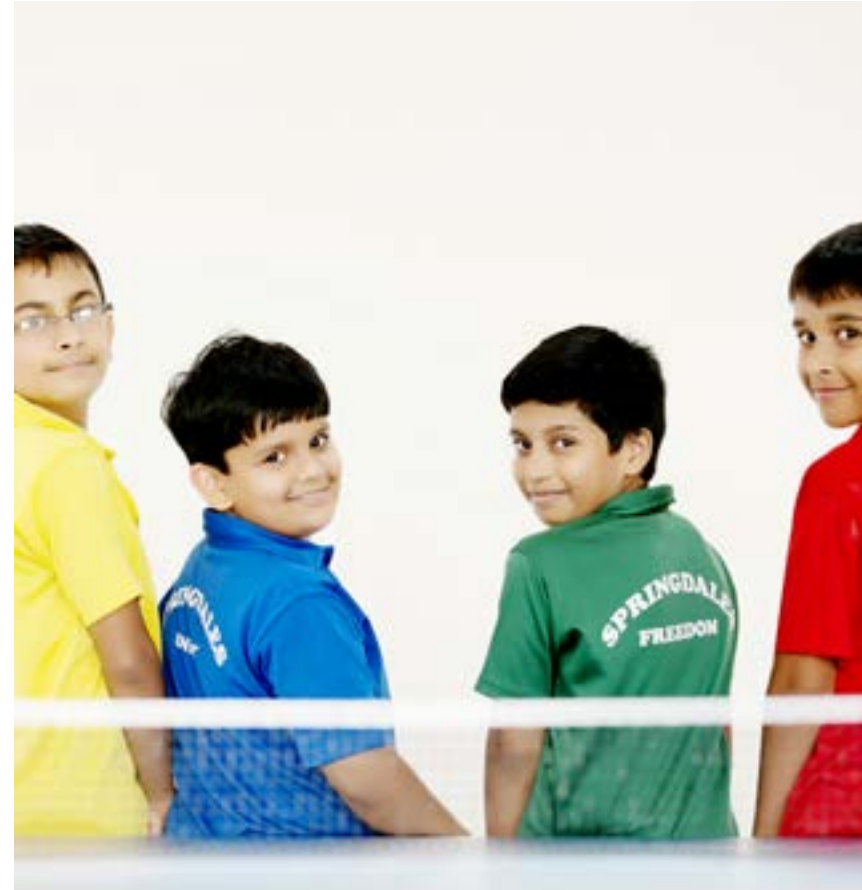
The games period is a combination of fun, freedom, of learning skills, of strengthening our mind and body, of discipline, of determination, of focus, of aims and targets. Last but not the least, it is in this period we learn the value of team spirit and of the strength of one's character. Thus our P.E. Department makes all the efforts to impart lessons that believe in learning beyond the classrooms and text books.

# Fitting Reasons for Fitness

The increasing popularity of computer, video games and television makes the children to be very inactive in their lifestyles. Lesser time should be spent on these pastimes and more on physical activities to have a healthy growth and development of mind and body. Parents should be a role model for their children. If the parents are looking very active, the children are more likely to be more active and will stay active for the rest of their life.

Participation in sports and other physical activities have many benefits for the children. Organized sports offer the chance for youth to enhance their physical and social skills. A balance should be maintained that matches the child's maturity, skills, and his interests in sports. Sports offer children a break from the monotony of their daily life. It is also a useful means of entertainment that helps in the alertness and agility of their faculties.

A healthy diet and an active lifestyle will bring good results in the academics and co-curricular activities. The recreational activities eliminate the unhealthy habits of the children that may lead them to diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, heart disease, joint pain, strokes and other serious health issues.



# Where the Bookworms thrive and flourish

The most loved den for many of us, a haven of tranquility, where the world opens before us as we turn the pages of different books of different genre and by different writers! It is the place where many a great creator had met with his 'Eureka' and had given birth to great ideas and creations. Springdalianians find their school library a retreat

where they find their best friends, 'books' who take them out on a tour of fantasy, mystery, fiction and truth. They find their inspirations here; their flights of fantasy take off from this very room and their seeds of creations get sown here. The library is the paradise of books that help us with our 'DEAR' time (Drop Everything and Read) every month.



# Books, the Beaconing Light of Wisdom

There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world, but love of books and reading is the best of all.' This quote by Jacqueline Kennedy is so true because whenever you read a book you open a door to allow in more light. Books undisputedly play an unparalleled role in shaping the destinies of both individuals and nations and nothing guides more effectively than reading. Alas! In today's digital world books as a child's best friend are being replaced at an alarming rate by the very latest versions of iPhone, iPods, and video gamesto name a few of the fascinating gadgets doing the rounds. No doubt this might be the era of PSP or Xbox or WIFI, but in my mind books can never ever be replaced.

The best gift that any parent could gift his or her children would be to inculcate in them not only love but a passion for reading. A question I always ask my students is "Do you love reading?" Because I do! In my mind the importance of reading books cannot be undermined. They are a storehouse of knowledge just waiting to be discovered. And the advantages? Well where does one begin? They give us peace of mind, improves concentration and skills of language, facilitate our art of expression, fuels our imagination and creative inclinations and above all enrich our treasure chest of knowledge.

However the apathy lies in the fact that children today spend the lion's share of their time watching TV or on social networking and blogging. Not to say these are entirely without benefit. Definitely the advent of technology has simplified access to knowledge and its dissemination but somewhere we need to strike a balance. In fact I believe that thanks to technology it is easier to be well read. Earlier the act of reading was synonymous with acquiring whatever we wished to read but today the world of books are just a fingertip away. Search the internet and you are sure to find whatever you desire to read. The crux of the matter is therefore not where or how you read but the importance of developing the habit of reading.

Since times immemorial books have played an important role in our lives be it for recreation, education or articulation of our thoughts. History is full of instances where books have been the harbingers of change. The writings of Rousseau and Voltaire kindled the flame of the French Revolution, while Karl Marx's 'Das Capital' paved the way for the Russian Revolution. The point I am making here is that through reading we get enlightened and this awareness opens up pathways to new worlds.

Thus, a bookstore holds great attraction for me; the beautiful covers, the illustrations, the smell of the new print, the pride of possessing old publications explain my love for books. The most beautiful and engaging den of Springdales to me is the library which is a world of its own, a haven of peace and wisdom that invites one and all to be lost and to be found with new learning and enlightenment. It is vibrant, colorful and inviting and hence it is my constant endeavor to see our students spend a fair share of their time in our school library. No wonder Harold Howe, the former U.S Commissioner of Education had so rightly said, "What a school thinks about its library is a measure of what it thinks about education."

In conclusion I would like to reiterate the fact that it is our responsibility as parents and educators to kindle and keep the love of reading alive. Charles William Eliot sums it up beautifully when he says, "Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers."

Mrs. Farah Soonawalla  
Head Secondary



Matilda

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## The Learning corridors

The corridors of the school breathe life with creative contributions of our students. Some boards allow us to peep into the minds of the youngsters, their perceptions and convictions of the world around them; some boards display their world of art and aesthetics and some boards tell us their stories, their emotions and understanding of life. Each and every board has their touch that speaks of their dreams, their learning and their growing up years as they are nurtured and molded with great care and love.

As we walk through our corridors of the school, the boards display the children's work as well as portray the teachers' guidance and patience, their creative inclinations and their love and passion

towards their work. At times they are the potters molding and shaping the clay and at times they are the gardeners, nurturing the many blooms in Springdales gardens of holistic education and environment.

The corridors give us a glimpse of the classrooms on either side. They give us the taste of the beautiful realm of wisdom and knowledge, of stories and role plays, of songs and poems, of writing and scribbling, of doodling and painting, of concepts and calculations; some lessons to fill up the souls and some lessons to understand the real and the practical world, pertaining to mind and logic.







# To Teach!

## To Learn Beyond The Boundaries.

To help young people learn the more complex and analytical skills they need for the 21st century, teachers of Springdales School, Dubai have learnt or learning ways that develop higher-order thinking and performance. To develop the sophisticated teaching required for this mission, Teachers are offered more and more effective professional learning. The importance of spending time building a collaborative culture within the schools is also stressed, wherein teachers keep learning and feel valued, risk-taking is promoted, and teachers are encouraged to articulate their values and beliefs, developing a shared vision of the school's future. Here are few examples of different types of collaborative, students-embedded professional learning activities being followed at Springdales School, Dubai:

- the analysis of the school's culture;
- peer observations of practice;

- small-scale classroom studies about students' written work;
- analysis of student data;
- study groups;
- involvement in a development or improvement process (designing or choosing new curricula or textbooks; assisting with the school improvement plan);
- Case studies about patterns in students' classroom behavior.

To sum up, among the key factors that seem to inspire our teachers is to change their classroom practices, and joint work with other teachers on concrete tasks and problem-solving, supporting teachers' mutual aid, responsibility, initiative and leadership; observation and assessment/ feedback processes; inquiry and reflection on own and others' beliefs and behaviours; teacher educators and mentors modelling the new teaching practices, encouraging teachers to implement them, and constructing oppor-

tunities for teachers to share their learning and reflections; practical courses connected to the reality of classroom activities. The collective participation of teachers from the same department, grade or subject, afford opportunities for active learning, and contribute to a shared professional culture - the development of a common understanding of instructional goals, methods, problems and solutions is the benchmark or the pillars laid by the Teachers of Springdales School, Dubai for future generation.

Mr. Shyam.K





# Rhyme And Rhythm

## Chocolate

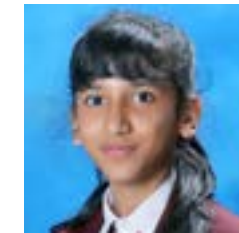
It cruises around the cake,  
It contributes a lovely taste,  
It is not contrived at all,  
And is really yummy of all.

It gives me a chirp,  
It brings me a little near,  
I chase it a lot,  
Even faster than a cat or a mouse

There are many things made up of this  
Cakes, cookies, croissants, cupcakes  
You can try it too,  
Why should we wait

Sometimes Brown, or even darker,  
Sometimes white, or even whiter  
But always yummy  
And even yummiier

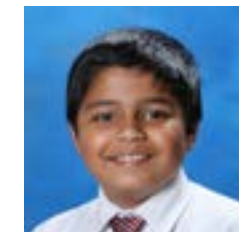
Oh! You can guess it  
Oh no! you have not  
So I tell  
CHOCOLATE is that.



By Jitakshara Nain

## Dream

Your dream is yours alone  
Your treasures, yours alone  
Your mission, yours alone  
And  
The key to unlocking the mysteries  
And the wonders of life are also yours



Siddhant Nair - 4B

## Christmas

Its Christmas Eve today Mistletoe, socks  
and bells Everyone in a jocund company  
And mistletoe to bring us smile

Its Christmas Eve today  
Its afternoon already  
Please don't tell me lunch is ready Yumm! I  
think today I am lucky  
Its Christmas Eve today  
Wine, sweets and berries, Jingles, carols  
and merry  
Gifts and Presents everywhere  
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By Senalda - 5B

## Glory

Even a small wish is okay.  
Even a small resolve is fine.  
Even a small good deed is excellent.  
Walk forward alone  
Fearless and calm One step at a time  
On the path of right  
And dory will shine in your life.



Siddhant Nair Grade 4-B

## Dubai

I live in Dubai  
Here the building touches the sky

Burj Khlaifa is the tallest building of all  
It is next to Dubai Mall.

In Emirates Mall we Dubai can do icesking,  
There are many gardens for picnicking.

Dubai has many beaches to have fun,  
Where there is lots of sand and sun.

I like Dubai because it is clean,  
It looks like a beautiful scene

People wait for their turn,  
This is what we should learn.

Here they live together in harmony,  
As if they are a family.



Shikhar Ojha 3C

## The Little Bird

Once I saw a little bird,  
Coming Hop, Hop, Hop  
So I cried out "Little Bird,  
Stop, stop, stop!"  
I was going to the window,  
To say "How do you do?"  
But he shook his little tail,  
And away he flew.



Kashish Sharma 7-A

## Pledge for Honesty

Each day when I wake up,  
I take a pledge to be honest.  
To defeat lies by honesty,  
To defeat lies by truth.

No matter how difficult it is,  
We follow the path of truth.  
To gain the trust of the world,  
We will follow the path of truth.

Every Moment of our Life,  
We will be responsible, at any cost,  
To not betray our own or others,  
By lies and hatred.



Pratyush Jha 5C

## Sun

Sun in blue blue sky.  
You never wear sunglasses  
They are important for you.  
Your eyes will be tired,  
As you are full of fire.  
You move in all directions  
Giving sunlight to all.  
Hey! My dear sun do you  
Have home? In London or  
Rome or just float around the globe?



Kritika Kochar 1C

## My Mother

My mother, bright as sunshine,  
Making others more than fine,  
My loving mother,  
Always bothers, for me and my family,  
Always guiding the right way,  
Happy feelings, all the time,  
But when we are away,  
Its all bore and bore,  
She always cries when we do something  
good,  
She always cries when we do something  
bad,  
Thank you mom for everything  
No matter how big I'll be  
I'll always remember the things you have  
done for me.



By Amal Roy 4A

## PEACE:

Let there be peace on earth  
For which we have been in search  
Peace is a gift from God  
Who is our Divine Lord.  
Peace is love  
Just like a dove  
Peace is light  
Which makes a place bright  
There is no height  
Where there is peace, delight  
Peace is hope  
A tight bond like two tied ropes  
Peace is Joy  
It's our time to enjoy  
Peace is faith

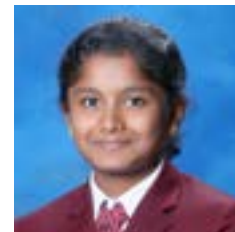
This is our chance to change your fate.  
Peace, you can say  
Might go a long way  
Let there be peace on Earth  
For which we have been in search



By: Tanushree Verma 7A

## Friendship

Oh! What a beautiful life  
To have a friend by my side  
For giving me such love  
That I am very proud of  
Oh! What a beautiful day  
When you come near me and stay  
To share your feelings and thoughts  
When our friendship is a complete knot  
Oh! I am feeling lucky  
When you make my day so shiny  
Whenever I come near you  
I always think our friendship is true  
I thank God  
For our friendship which is so firm  
I love you my friends  
For being so kind



Devanshi Vipin – 8A

## The Perfect Gift

A gift to keep you organized?  
A present to help you clean?  
A gadget for the kitchen?  
No, that would just be mean.  
Pretty perfume just for you?  
Something for the car?  
All these ideas,  
won't get me very far.  
So much that you deserve,  
Was your favourite colour blue?  
Oh, what is that one thing?  
To show that I love you?  
I will make you something,  
End of that I will be proud,  
I know you will love it too,  
It will be bright, it will be loud too,  
Here it is mum,  
In bed you should stay,  
With breakfast and a card,  
On Mother's Day

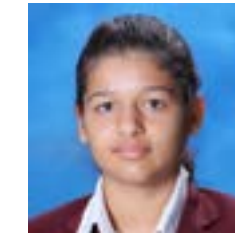


Sanya 6B

## Today is the day

Today is the day of beauty  
In things plain jane  
As I see the snow falling  
By my window pane  
Seeing the flakes fall  
I thank the heavens  
For joy in things all  
Today is the day of giving  
Putting a smile on someone's face  
Doing an act of kindness or two

Pushing forward the human race  
Tears of joy trickle down my mother's face  
"Oh my child, in you I see the God's face".  
Today is the day of friendship  
Standing by my friend in need  
By your side, I will always be  
Through thick and thin and your every  
deed  
Whenever you are feeling down  
With no shoulder to lean on  
Call for me, you'll find me around.  
Today is the day of dreams  
I see rainbow and the golden pot  
I can draw the path across  
Joining dot to dot  
Santa comes with gifts galore  
Riding on his sleigh  
Spreading the magic of love. Joy and more.



Mihir Kiran Singh – 7A

## Nature in the Garden

I smell the fresh air  
Wind blowing on my hair  
The flowers, green, yellow, red  
In this place, I would never go to bed  
The grass as sharp as a knife  
Never seen such a thing in life  
The flowers glowing in sunlight  
This place is so bright  
The leaves shining violet blue  
In this place, I would never get flu  
The Lavender's smell  
In heaven I fell  
Some flowers look like porcupines  
If you steal them you will have to pay a fine.  
The Orange flowers  
I am getting some power  
The beautiful rocks  
All together in stocks

The leaves red, yellow, green  
What a beautiful sight I've seen  
The leaves are rustling  
Some flowers are wearing cufflinks  
I can smell the fresh air  
Wind blowing on my hair



By : Tanushree Verma 7A

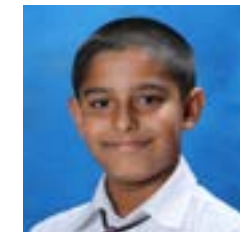
## I know I can!

I know I can  
Everybody's my fan  
I think I'll pass  
I'll finish in a zan

I don't know how it goes  
Well nobody knows  
I'll see it in the end  
I think am close!

What will it be?  
Well let me see  
I don't know if not  
I'll cry and flee

Wow I got full marks  
I got shocked like sparks  
This is so exciting  
I can run to the parks!



By,  
Kris Jason George 5C  
Culture & Creativity Group



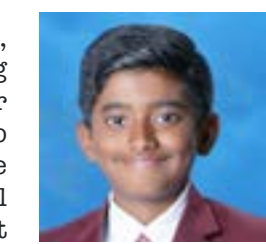
# Land of Dreams



It all started when I saw an advertisement from McDonalds Arabia for selecting Player Escorts for FIFA 2014 World Cup, going to be held in Brazil. With great excitement I took part in the competition. The results were to come after two months but I was so excited that I used to check with my Father if he received any message from McDonalds almost daily. Then when one day as I returned from school and entered my home, I was greeted with a big broad smile from my father and a tight warm hug from my mother. I couldn't believe what I was hearing; when my father told me that I won the competition and would be flying to Brazil soon.

**“ Before I could realize what was happening, I had already arrived at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The representatives of McDonalds were there to receive us and took really good care of us. Finally the big day had arrived. ”**

There were many kids like me who had travelled from different parts of the world as Player Escorts. We were given the official uniform of the Player Escort complete with the shiny new Adidas Football boots. I couldn't believe my eyes. As we approached the entrance of the football field at the Maracana Stadium, I could smell the fresh cut grass and could hear the roaring cheers from the hundred thousand spectators seated. I accompanied the players from France and Ecuador to the field. I can never forget that moment. When I returned back to Dubai, so many newspapers and TV channels had covered this news and many people recognized me both here in Dubai and my home town. I felt like a celebrity. I can say that yes part of my dream did come true and I am definitely working for the rest of it to come true too...



By Fahim Faisal V - B

## My dream comes true

Everyone has a dream; like achieving something, going places, doing great things etc. I too have a dream of one day becoming a world famous professional football player and playing for the FIFA World Cup. I have always dreamt of walking on the crisp cut grass of the football field, greeted by the roaring cheers from the spectators and doing what I love the most – that is playing football and scoring goals! Well, you know what! I never thought that a part of this dream would come true so early in my life.

# CANDY LAND

Falah and Rachel were walking in aisles of the museum when they heard Carmita Mam calling all the students for instructions. "Nobody should attempt to enter that room in the corner" said Carmita Mam. Jyoti Ma'am also insisted that everyone should follow the instructions. With this the children started going around the museum.

Rachel: What do you think could be inside the room?

Falah: I really don't know but maybe there is something unique.

Rachel: Let's go into the room.

Falah: Stop! Stop! , the teacher will get angry at us.

Rachel: Come on Falah, none will know if we sneak in quietly.

With this both the girls slowly opened the door of the room and noticed some worn out artefacts and a small trampoline. The girls decided to play on the trampoline. The moment girls jumped, they disappeared and landed in a colorful place. The whole world seemed to be made up of candies and chocolates. They walked slowly and carefully, without touching a thing.

The trees were made of candies and they had cotton candies dangling from the branches. The girls were bemused to see all this and could not believe. They ate a lot of candies until they came across a rabbit made up of chocolate. Rachel decided to eat the rabbit but Falah told her not to as it is alive. The rabbit started talking to the girls and thanked Falah for this gesture. They asked rabbit what time it was and were scared when they got to know that it was 3 o'clock already. Falah! Falah! Shouted Jyoti Ma'am and Falah woke up. Falah always used to dream about candy land and wondered whether it was real.



By: Falaa Fatima – 4-B

# THE BOSSY: PRINCESS

There once lived a king and a queen who had a beautiful princess. she was pretty but very bossy and rude. she was rude to her parents, rude to her teachers and bossed the servants. she had many beautiful things but the most she adored was her sparkly gold shoes. one day she was eating her breakfast in her room which her servant made for her. suddenly a strange wizard popped out of nowhere. "what are you doing here" said the princess rudely.

"i am here to teach you how to be polite" said the wizard gently. "i dont want to be polite cried the princess". the wizard took his wand, waved it and pointed it at the princess. the princess favourite shoes where floating in the air. the wizard said "if you be polite for one day i will come back and give your shoes". the princess had to agree. she would do anything for her shoes.

the next day when she woke up she was making her own breakfast. when the servant came to make her food the servant was surprised. "i am making my food today" said the princess. I cant belive this said the servant happily. In school, she listened to the teachers, her parent and her friends. then after this entire day she went to bed. the next day, when she woke up the wizard appeared. he said "i was watching you the whole day yesterday". "since you were polite i gift you your shoes back". the princess was happy. she learned her lesson and was not rude anymore.



By Johana Ann Biju  
5-B

# Tiger & me

I was walking in a deep and green jungle. I saw a ferocious tiger who was smiling at me and his smile suggested that he liked me and offering me his friendship. I was amused by this and responded with a big smile and a gesture suggesting that I was excited by his proposal and excited to explore the jungle with him. He gently walked in the jungle and indicating me to follow him. I followed and he took me to the beautiful parts of the jungle and kept on introducing me to all the lovely animals of the jungle. All the animals were very friendly except a snake that sneezed at me and tried to bite me. I shouted 'Help Help .... Help ' ... The tiger came running and roared at the snake . The snake fled away and I went on and hugged my dear friend. I can feel the gentle breeze touching my cheeks and then I heard COOOO COOOO COOO...' - It was my alarm and I realised that it was 06:30 AM and I have to get ready fast else I will get late for school.



By Fahim Faisal V - B



## The Wicked Never Reward

Once a wolf was eating his hunt and suddenly a bone got stuck in his throat. He was unable to swallow; he felt terrible pain in his throat. He called out to a crane that was passing by and asked him for his help he said, "I will reward you if you help me take this bone out of my throat." The crane agreed to help, put his long beak down the wolf's throat and took out the bone. "Please give me the reward you promised" ,said the crane. The wolf smiled and replied, "Be contented. You have just put your mouth in a wolf's mouth and taken it out safely. Isn't it a reward enough for you?" The crane cursed the wolf and flew away quickly

MORAL OF THE STORY: Serving the Wicked Expect No Reward and Be Thankful If You Escaped Unharmed!



Anuraag Srinivasan  
Gr 2 A

## My First experience in Dubai

Earlier I was studying in Mirambika Free Progress School in Delhi. When my father was transferred to Dubai, I had two options – to stay in India or go to Dubai. I chose to go to Dubai because I would get to learn many new things there. While I was sad to leave my friends and relatives, I was excited because Dubai has Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building, Ferrari World of Abu Dhabi, which has the fastest roller coaster in the world and so many attractions of being the world's one of the finest cities. I was very happy when I joined Springdales School, Dubai. It was a new school which had just started. The school building was very impressive. Many of my cousins had studied in the Springdales branch in Delhi. On my first day in school, I was very nervous and shy. But soon I made friends with my classmates. The teachers helped me to settle down in the class. What I like most about Dubai is that it is a very clean, multicultural city where people from different countries live together as one family. You can learn a lot about other cultures, traditions and beliefs. I like the people being so disciplined and law

abiding. They follow the rules and keep the city clean. I like to go out to enjoy the natural and man-made marvels of Dubai. My favourite outing is to Jumeirah beach. There I love to swim and play in the sand with my brother. I also like to go to Kidzania where we get to play the role of different professions. The Global Village, which is open during the winter season, is a place where we find handicrafts from all over the world. I also like to go ice skating in the Ice Rink in Dubai mall and play with snow in 1-ski Dubai. There are many places for outdoor activities such as rock climbing, playing sports and going for picnics. Also here you can eat different types of cuisines whether it is Arabic, Indian, Chinese, Thai, Mexican, Iranian or Lebanese. There are many good restaurants in the city. I find Dubai very exciting and fun-filled city. I am happy to be in Dubai.



Saurabh Ojha 8B

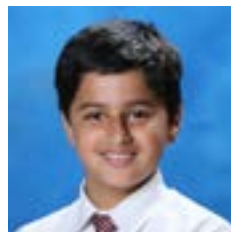
# The Voice of The Young

## Mango Farm Visit

This article is about my recent visit to my aunt's mango farm during last summer vacation. We were a group of 14 including all adults and children. I went with my sister, cousins, aunt, grandparents and mother. We had a lot of fun for the whole day. We ate lot of mangoes. These mangoes were really sweet and tasty.

We played different outdoor games like cricket, hide & seek, climbing on trees, running & catching each other. While playing cricket, we lost the ball many times but somehow found it luckily all the time. There were many farms next to my aunt's farm house where farmers were living with their families in nearby huts and do farming job. My grandparents who were supervising us briefed us about farmer's work. Some of the farmers who were very poor did lot of hard work

to produce wheat, rice, maize and vegetables to sell out in market and earn money for their livelihood. The best time we spent here is to having bath in open tube well playing with water throwing at each other. It was a wonderful experience which I want to share with you all. If you get a chance to visit any farm house in future please don't miss it as this will be a unique experience in your life.



Daksh Mehrotra

## An Unforgettable Journey To The World Of Aliens

It must have been past midnight. Anna was fast asleep... the night seemed as quiet as could be. Suddenly, a loud noise woke her up She rushed to make sure it was locked... but still something didn't seem right. She hid behind the blanket trying to sleep, only to wake up a few seconds later. Bright lights lit up the night sky., she had heard her brother talking about UFO's a few days ago. But could this be real... an unidentified flying object in her backyard! She gathered some courage, wanting to see it for herself. She tiptoed out into the garden through the backdoor. Three creatures were walking towards her. "Are these aliens?" She muttered to herself. It looked like a family... a bit eerie she thought. They had large heads and small bodies and they talked softly and

before she could realize one of them held her and injected something. She shuddered at the thought of being transported into the strange world of aliens. Green noses, one eyed animals, strange smells... she woke up exasperated! Thank God it's only a dream!



Sahel Halim Ahmed – 4B

# Save Earth

Our earth is blessed with a health and beautiful environment. We thank god for having created so plenteous beauties. One of the common enemies of nature is 'Plastic'. So we should Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Plastic. For one tree chopped we should care to plant five trees. Only people who are unlucky cannot enjoy and appreciate nature.

Nature poet Wordsworth states -  
"One impulse from the vernal wood,  
May teach you more of man,  
Of moral evil and of good  
Than all the sages can."

By Nanadana S. 4-B



# My Goal

It was not easy to find out my goal. This is because I see many interesting personalities in my life. Moreover I like to do something thrilling and meaningful to the society. And I got the answer. I decided to become a Police officer. I feel this is a very challenging and responsible profession. Being patriotic I am proud to serve my nation.

By Nandita .S 4-B



# Mother Earth

Oh our wonderful Mother Earth. The smell of jasmine, rose and lilly. Such a treat for our eyes.

They look like colorful dancers of the nature. The essence of fresh fruit tempts you to eat it all. The fresh flowing water from high up in the mountains, just leaves you spell bound. Oh how could I forget the creatures God has made.... The animals who grow and enjoy every bit of nature.

Man today has got lost tracing luxury and glamour. So far away from nature standing in the high rise buildings. Our assets are all being cut down....Let's help our Mother Earth just a little bit friends...be a true Springdalian and remember to plant a sapling on our birthday at least !!

Eshita Jaswal  
5C



# Save Mother Earth

Is saving the planet important

Yes! It is important to save a planet.

It is much more important to save a plant.

Of course! It is very important that we save water, trees wood, paper etc.

People should reduce the "Carbon Foot prints"

So we should all save the planet earth.

Promise us that we will save planet.

By Jaya Alias Ragini Kakkar 4-B



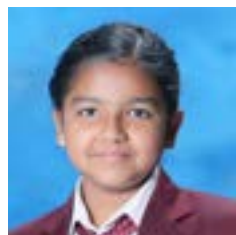


# The Lesson on Food Wastage

On one fine morning on the breakfast table there was a lot of food to eat but Sita was not hungry and this food was also wasted. Then the next day when she went to school, her teacher asked every one, 'Do know you how much food you waste in a day and where does that wasted food goes?' In her class only few were able to answer this question. Then her teacher said, "Let me tell you in detail about it. When you're looking for it, you see food waste everywhere—at restaurants, in large portions and even in your own refrigerator.

UK households waste 6.7 million tons of food every year, around one third of 21.7 million tones we purchase. Most of this food waste is currently collected by local authorities. Some of this will be recycled but most of the wasted food is still going to landfill. Then their teacher told them the journey of wasted food. She said that 90% of waste goes to landfill. When food waste is put into landfill and rots it produces methane, a greenhouse gas much more harmful than carbon dioxide. By recycling your food waste rather than putting it in your rubbish bin you can help reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and its environmental impact. Food waste is a huge issue in America, especially in light of the growing divide between the rich and the hungry poor. Then Sita asked her teacher, 'Can you tell me how to stop food waste?' Her teacher

gave some tips to the class. Meal planning help you spend less and waste less. When you know what you're going to eat today, tomorrow and this coming weekend, you will only purchase the foods you need at the store, preventing you from buying foods on a whim only to have them spoil before you eat them. Look for new ways to use food scraps instead of throwing away half an onion or extra bits of carrot. Store the extras in a container, in the freezer. Once you've saved enough, boil them in water to make your own homemade vegetable broth that you can use when cooking rice and soup. Pickling, canning, drying (dehydrating) and freezing are all ways to extend the shelf life of many fresh fruits, vegetables and meats. Sita then asked her teacher about what could be the number of people going hungry in the world or sleeping without food. Her teacher estimated the number around 45%. After every one asked their questions they told their teacher that they will not waste food. The journey of the wasted food is a lesson for one and all.



Harshita 7A

# Educate the Girl Child. Educate a family

An educated girl child will grow up into an educated mother. As the saying goes, the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. Education will only add strength and support to those hands that rock the cradle.

A very high population of rural India still follows child marriage and female infanticide. This set back is mainly because of the lack of basic education. Parents feel that the education of girls is wastage as they will go to their husband's house after marriage and more dowries have to be paid from more educated girl. Poverty and Literacy among the people is also a big reason for not sending the girls to schools and colleges. This scenario is gradually and slowly being changed in India, through various awakening programmes launched by the government to educate the girl child.

Reservations in Rajya Sabha, Lok Sabha and Panchayats have played positive roles in this direction. Illiteracy is a cause of many ills. The educated women can help eradicate many social evils prevalent in the society. A woman influences the decisions and activities of the family than anyone else. Only she can shoulder any responsibility and support the family in any crisis. From the family her next step extends to the society. A woman has more tolerance, patience and commitment towards her work. Kalpana Chawla, Kiren Bedi,

Arundhati Roy, Indira Gandhi, Pratibha Patel and the founder of Springdales Padmashree Dr. Rajani Kunar are a few names I would like to mention.

Charles Fourier has stated

**“once could judge the degree of civilization of a country by the social and the political position of its women.”**

Ignoring a girl child and keeping her illiterate, means that we are creating an illiterate generation. I would like to quote Swami Vivekananda “ I ask you all so earnestly to open girl's school in every village and try to uplift them; if the conditions of the women are raised, then their children will, by their noble actions, glorify the name of the country. Educate your women first and leave them to themselves, then they will tell you what reforms are needed.”



Arundathi Nair

# “ELDERS AND OLD AGE”

The human life cycle experiences 3 stages in its circumference: the childhood, young age and the old age. The best days are your childhood ones and in many cases the worst are your old age days. WHY?

A famous quote says, “Respect the elderly, when you are young, Help the weak when you are strong, Admit your mistakes, when you are wrong, Because one day you will also grow old, become weak, and expect others to show you some respect”.

Few families are blessed with their elders staying with them in their home. Their presence itself makes a big difference and if not also makes a big difference (negatively). Someone said “Listen to your elders advice, not because they

are always right, but because they have more experience of being wrong”.

In today's materialistic, selfish world, many children in their race of time and money, have forgotten the hands who taught them how to walk, the warmth of love and affection they got in their childhood days, and have become just mere money making, heartless machines. My only special message to everyone reading this article is please respect elders and other family elders, they also deserve all the care, love and affection as your children and wife. “What you sow today is what you will harvest tomorrow” and “Do not regret growing older, it's a privilege denied to many”.

# Peek into a Teenager's Brain.

Everyone must be thinking what a 13 year Old's brain has that everyone should know? Hmm... let's see. I personally hate it when people, especially your family think that being a 13 year old is easy. I'm not saying it's tough but it is a quite a challenge, especially this time of life is pretty critical as everyone says. As we start developing our personality, we

have changes in us; we start getting emotional about anything and everything. Of course our family and teachers would help us outgrow this phase of life but till it happens, it's irritating, irrelevant and yet never quite impassable. What a teenager actually experiences is nothing but mood swings due to hormones going hay wire.

It's a period where everything matters the most about the least important issues and we get hurt when elders don't understand that. The reason we make our friends more important than family is because we feel they are the only support in life as they go through the same and understand us and our feelings.

The family's attitude changes because we are developing changes and they react to our sudden changes in varying ways. It's even worse when a child's family has a lot of negativity and their own set of problems to actually miss out the core issues revolving their child. Not every child has a good day at school. It might be good but one bad or unpleasant thing spoils the entire day as every little thing matters. It can be a teacher scolding or being partial, a fight amongst friends, bullying or any other issue. Hence, after 6 hours of school when we finally get home we either feel better or worse depending upon how we have combatted our struggles at school. However the academic pressure, the school's and parental expectations once again leave us with very little choice to express our anguish to our elders.

Now I know parents and teachers would say that Facebook and our phones will not train us for the real world but after 18 hours of training for the real world we need our fun as well. It's like team work, everyone cooperates. We feel the lack of understanding and co-operation from our families as such.

So to achieve our fun time we start skipping our sleep, lunch and dinner. We always want to be in touch with our friends and hence the obsession with

Facebook and phones with applications like What'sapp. However our over indulgence with the gadgets and social networking sites throw our parents in pits of insecurity and fears and to top it up our falling scores get make them hyper and fill them up with all sorts of fears and tensions.

Also at some point we start feeling worthless and incapable. Our minds start perceiving that others are better than us. A sense of hatred is developed toward our family and teachers because for some reason they love to compare us to other family members and students. This also creates jealousy amongst siblings as some may have excelled in many areas and have fulfilled parental expectations while we feel we have failed them. This is when the closeness with siblings gets cut off as we treat them as our competitors. We feel criticized and degraded.

It becomes more irritating when people ask us to 'CHILL' or say things like 'You need to get rid of this habit of yours. You can't take everything personally'. The matter gets worse because of 'Peer Pressure.' Now, do we really understand why we are called the 'TURBULENT TEENS'?



ASHWINA MEHRA 8A



# My Ideal School

**W**hat an opportunity to write about my ideal school! When I think of an ideal school, my mind just has so many ideas though I am not sure all of them are practical. Firstly, the school will start at 9 am so that students get a goodnight sleep and give some time to few of the lazy students to complete their homework. The first period always should be gathering together in the playground taking for fifteen minutes and balance for doing breathing and stretching exercises. Healthy body means a healthy mind.

School uniforms will be smart and will be different for the summers and winters! Every student's birthday will be treated as a special day. Everyone will have to sing a happy birthday song in the class for this student. Student of course will have to get a cake and toffees for the entire class YUM! The teachers birthday will also have to be special and students to get flowers for their class teachers on their birthday. I get so tired of carrying all those heavy books every day

so I think we will have only three subjects per day. This would mean student would pay full attention to the subjects and concentrate at the same time be saved from carrying all the books.

My ideal school cannot be without friendly teachers. The teachers would help students understand all topics and solve all their problems. Teachers have to give homework otherwise, how will the students learn but it has to be limited. Special occasions and festivals would need to be celebrated like wearing national dress on UAE National Day or wearing a witch costume and dressing up on Halloween.

TRIPS! Everybody loves them. Trips sometimes can be educational but sometimes will just be about having fun e.g. going to water park, zoo and movies. SPORTS! Are equally important as studies.

My ideal school would have swimming, football, basketball and running. For boys

we will have rugby because they love to push each other around. Test! WORKSHEETS! EXAMS! Everyone hates them but they will be there in my school as we have to learn and go to universities. PROJECT WORK will be there as it really helps everyone to learn faster.

My ideal school will be the school which I will look forward to attend every day!!



Mehek Sawhney 7B



My ideal school will be a book-less, homework-less and most importantly, an exam-less school. Children will be given laptops instead of old-fashioned textbooks and notebooks. They will be allowed to wear coloured clothes every day and also will be allowed to bring any of their electronic gadgets.

They will be 'earning fun and easy topics. An example: why is TV important for the life of humans (this is actually the 1st topic in a 3rd grader's academic year). They will also be grade according to the number of correct answers you give in class. Each correct answer consists of 5 marks. If they manage to get 50 marks every week, he/she will get an 'A1' in their report card. They will also be rewarded for their excellence with a small bar of chocolate.

They will be allowed to bring one electronic gadget to school every day. Their bags will be checked every day to ensure that only their laptop (which is the substitute for book and notebooks) and one electronic gadget is inside the bag. If any more are found, they will be kept in the school till the child writes a 100- word essay on "obeying school rules".

In all, my school will be the dream school of most children will make the child is happy at all times.



Riya Rajan 7A

My Ideal school will have no studies whatsoever, no books; even if there were books, there should be no text, only pictures. Might seem kiddish but hey! They say a picture is worth a thousand words. We could learn in some other way. Oh! And wouldn't it be nice if we got a dollar just for coming to school?

There need to be food; yes LOTS of it. There should be popcorn, nachos, pizza. Every Monday there should be a different cuisine from any part of the world. Let's add a chocolate fountain to that picture. A tuck shop near the cafeteria with small snacks would be exciting. Classrooms could have a view of the sea. (I don't know how they are going to do that, but a person can dream right? Maybe a unicorn could give me a ride to school. I don't like thinking much; so I need a reward every time I think. After all people do say, "A penny for your thoughts" and so why not actually get paid for it? The school should be spacious, and it should have a large field, with sports such as badminton, football, tennis etc. And I enjoy listening to music, so the school should allow electronic devices. The students will not wear uniform, but the students will be dressed neatly. Of course no school is complete without friends; all my friends should be there because they are what makes my life complete. And if there is any sort of studies they should be about zombies! We need to be prepared for the zombie apocalypse. Just kidding! I just listed out my fantasies which I don't think is possible in reality!



Devika 7A



# YOUTHFULLY YOURS

Questionnaire For Students



**Q1.** Create your own holiday. What would you celebrate? How could you get others to join in the fun?



I would like to have a holiday on my birthday which is on the 6th of April every year. I would spend all my day with my friends and family. I will call everyone at Dubai Mall-Kidzania and spend time enjoying with my friends.

**ARYAN DEWAN 6B**



I would like to go on a holiday to Mars. I would go with my friends. I would play lots of games and make barbeque. I will also take a ride on Curiosity Rover.

**SAURABH OJHA 7B**



If I could create my own holiday, it would be fun day. We would celebrate it by having fun, playing, eating, etc.... all day.

**RIDDHI 6A**



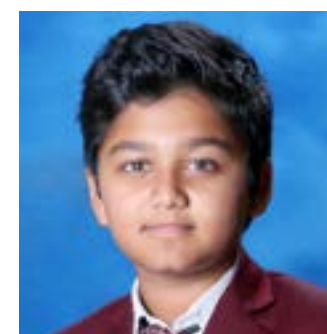
My holiday would be of a photo-shoot day. When I am holding a photo-shoot usually on Fridays, the day when I am always free and luck tends to favour me. I will call my 6 best friends: Amaan, Joel, Joseph, Ashmik, Rutherford, Deval. They all possess professional cameras. We would plan out to go away from the city, far from the madding crowd, a place like Jebel Hafit or Hatha. These are the best places to have a photo-shoot as the camera captures Nature's harsh and wild moods with the barren hills, the dry wadis, the thorny shrubs and the local fauna.

**Md. SHIBIL 8A**



I would go to Hong Kong. I would celebrate by having fun with my friends and family

**Seeya 6B**



"Console yourself" It's a day when there's no school and we can play our consoles the whole daylong

**Joel Alex Biju 8A**



If I could create a holiday it would be called "everything is free" day and everything would be free. I'm sure everyone could afford to give away things for free for one day. Then I would take my friends to all the amusement parks.

**Shivani 7B**

**Q2. Would you rather hang out by yourself after school or with friends?**



If I were given an option I would definitely choose hanging out with my friends because it's more exciting than playing alone on the computer or outside so I prefer joining my friends because its more chillax

**Joel Joy 6A**



It actually depends on my mood and if I have any work. If I am sad and have no work, I would stay home listening to music but if I am happy and have no work, I would love to hang out with my friends.

**RIDDHI 6A**



I would rather hangout with my friends after school as otherwise I am left alone without people my age. I spend enough time with my family and in solitude, so I would like to spend time with my friends

**Shivani 7B**



I would rather hangout with my friends because in the school with my friends, I make a deep connection with them so if I don't meet them or even be in touch with them I would miss them a lot.

**P.M. CHINMAY 7B**

**Q3. If you could any one problem in the world, what would it be? Why?**



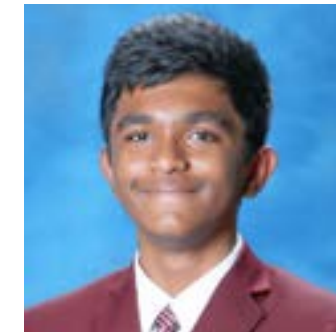
I would end child labor because I feel every child has the right to go to school and study.

**Seeya 6B**



I would end poverty. This is so that everyone can have a comfortable living, and live in peace and harmony.

**Shriyeditha 7B**



World Wars because seeing other people suffer isn't a pleasant sight or I would want the world hunger problems to end.

**Joel Alex Biju 8A**



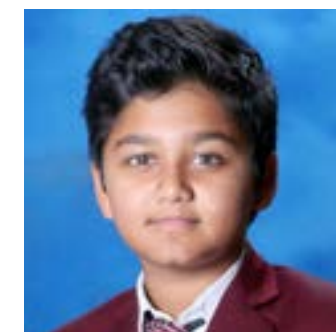
I would end women molestation, as it is a very delicate issue to deal with. Every woman has her own rights which should be respected.

**Poorvaja Subramanyam 8A**



I would end religious intolerance because everybody should respect each others religion. It will bring peace and happiness worldwide

**Mehek Sawhney 6A**



I would end over-education. These days homework is so much you cant even go down to play at 4:00 P.M. I really think you should stop this because it makes you really stressful on the homework you have. JAI HIND!!!!

**Joel Joy 6A**



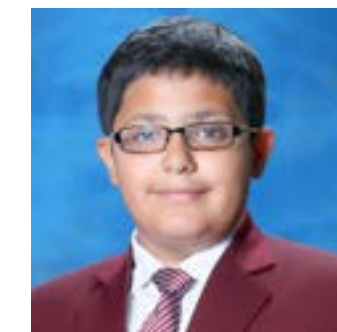
I would end the problem of hatred towards one another on the basis of caste, creed, religion and nationality.....

**Palak 7B**



I would like to end child labour because I want all children to enjoy childhood.

**SAURABH OJHA 7B**



If I could end any one problem in the world it would be to find cure for cancer. By becoming a doctor, I would do a lot of research on it and find its cure.

**ARYAN DEWAN 6B**



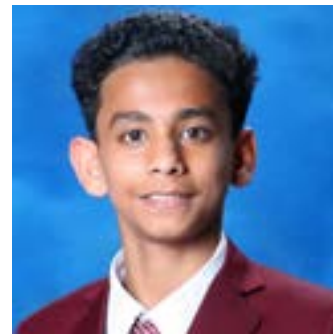
The one problem I would like to end would be terrorism. Terrorism is a phenomenon that haunts the world. It causes a lot of death, destruction and pain. It destroys dreams, breaks bonds between people and countries and it harms the development as well.

**GOVIND R. NAIR 6B**



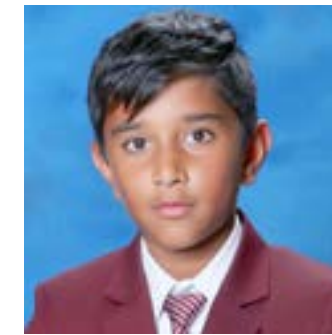
In my whole life if I would get a chance to end a problem it would be provide education to girls too as they too have equal rights along with boys to be educated and be successful in life by choosing a career that they like to pursue.

IRUM SHAIKH 7B



I want to end racism, in the name of caste, language, skin colour, religion, nationality and wealth.

Md. SHIBIL 8A



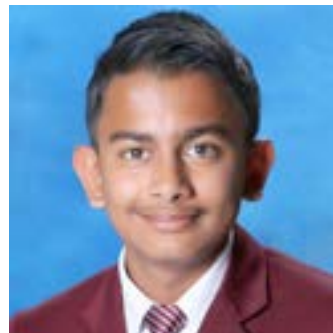
I feel awkward when I am wrong, but I would like to learn from my mistakes.

PRAYAG 6B



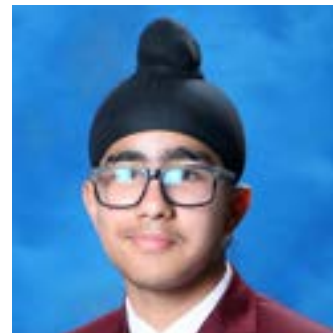
When I do something wrong I feel really ashamed and I always feel that I should have had the power to be invisible so that no one can see me.

P.M.CHINMAY 7B



If I could end any one problem in the world it would be illiteracy because this is the root cause of each and every problem in the world especially in under developed nations.

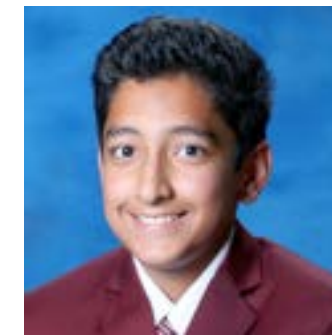
ANSHUL JAJODIA 6A



I would end the problem of polluting this earth because it is to our benefit that we protect earth from destruction caused by human greed and negligence.

Ashmik Sawhney 8A

**Q5. Write about three values that are important to your family.**



Respecting Elders  
Being Punctual  
Be Happy

Abhinav.T 7B



The three values important to my family are  
Love: it shows the bond between us  
Unity: it helps to achieve our goals  
Honesty: it will help us to be open and frank with each other.

GOVIND NAIR 6B

**Q4. What does it feel like to be wrong?**



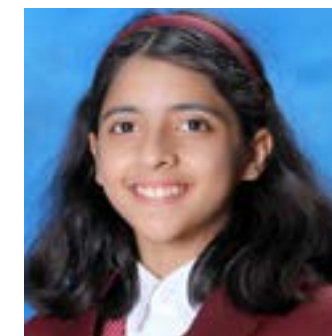
It feels really bad when you are wrong and you think that the other person was wrong.

Srishti Kumar 7B



I don't really know how to explain it. It's like you've been stabbed with a dagger but it feels numb and doesn't hurt.

Trisha Pramanik 8A



Don't raise your voice  
Respect Elders  
Solve Each others problems

Mehek Sawhney 6A



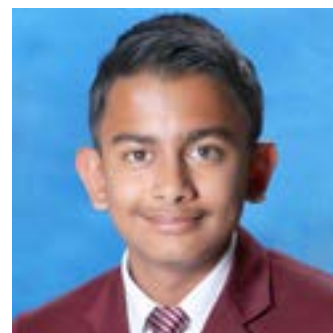
The three values important to my family are respect, honesty and forgiveness. Respect is acknowledging and valuing everyone's thoughts, feelings and contribution to the family as a whole. Respect is indeed earned and there is a very fine line between it and fear. The only way to earn and keep someone's respect is to first show them respect yourself.

RIDDHI 6A



We all are humans. We make mistakes and in most cases we don't either realize or too egoistic to admit our mistakes. The mistakes are forgiven when we make an attempt to correct them but the time of making mistakes, I am mostly filled by grief and shame.

Md. SHIBIL 8A



When you are wrong you feel like someone has taken your breath away. It's the most horrible stimuli.

ANSHUL JAJODIA 6A

**Q6. Could you ever be a vegetarian? Why or why not?**



Yes, I could be a vegetarian because it is good for health and it is good not to kill animals. Live and let others live.

**Mehek Sawhney 6A**



Yes I am a vegetarian because I don't like to harm animals.

**Shriyeditha 7B**



I can never be a vegetarian because I don't believe in deforestation.

**SAURABH OJHA 7B**



No. I cannot be a vegetarian because I belong to a hardcore meat eating family.

**PRAYAG 6B**



I can never be a vegetarian as I don't enjoy them.

**Bhairvi 6B**

**Q7. If someone wrote a book about you, what would it be about?**



It would mostly be about my life or great achievements I have made. -

**Abhinav VII-B**



If someone wrote a book about me it would definitely be about "A Disciplined Child".

**- Seeya 6B**



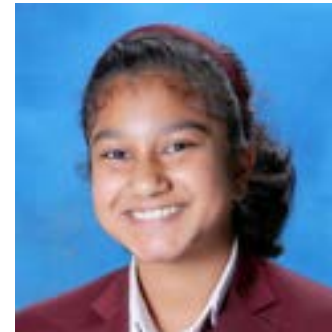
The book would be about my life, my choices, my creativity

**Poorvaja Subramanyam 8A**



It would be about uncovering the truth about myself.

**Poorvaja Subramanyam 8A**



It depends on what interests the author about my personality.

**Saamiya 6B**



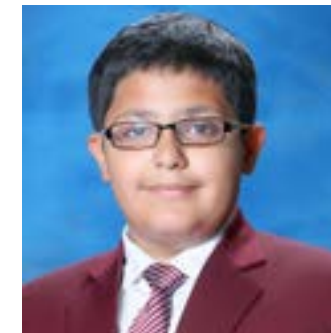
It would be about the twists and turns in my life.

**Palak 7B**



It would be about the problems in my life and how I solved them as well as how I overcame the fears in my life.

**Mehek Sawhney 6A**



If someone writes a book about me it would be on my dreams to becoming a world-class chef.

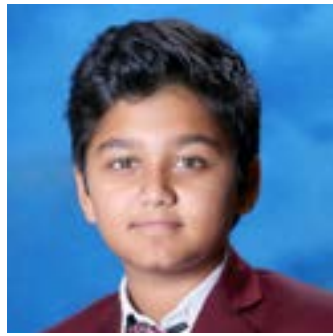
**ARYAN DEWAN 6A**



It would be on the sibling bond that I share with my little sister.

ANSHUL JAJODIA 6A

**Q8. Write about the most important thing in your life.**



It would be my family because they lifted me up this high. Who would give you as much love as your family gives you?

Joel Joy 6A



Faith is the most important part of my life. If I have faith in myself then I know can do/achieve anything in life.

Krishna Satwik 8A



It would be my family because my parents get me anything I want and everyone in my family respects me.

Abhinav.T 7B



The most important thing in my life is KNOWLEDGE

Riddhi Virmani 6A

**Q9. Write a poem about your favorite activity or hobby.**



The reason I read books:  
I read books,  
Some times because of the way the cover looks,  
The title and names are never the same.  
I can read anywhere  
On a bridge, under trees or behind a bear

Shivani Anilkumar 7B



Reading:  
Reading is fun  
Under the sun  
You will be reading  
Your pages will be turning  
You will be dreaming  
Or probably eating  
Or Probably even sleeping

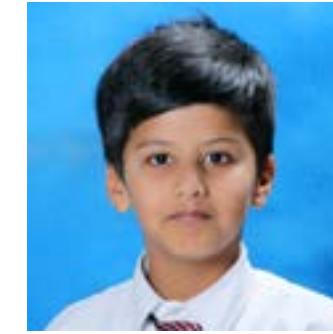
Anjaly Roy 8A

**Q10. Write a poem about your classroom.**



Check your paper  
Check your pen  
Make sure you've got it right  
Is there punctuation and capitalization?  
And spaces?

Mehek Sawhney 6A



Classroom is a jewel,  
Among many, the one I love to dwell.  
A classroom is a place where teachers teach,  
Professors preach.  
The classroom is used every day,  
In many a way.  
Girls try to rule!  
Boys try to fool.  
The classroom is the best  
Leaving behind all the rest  
Together with all my friends I pray  
To be in my classroom everyday

Naman 3B



I hear some laughter  
I hear some gossips  
I hear some noise  
That is not from my house  
Welcome to my 8A!!!!

Anjali Roy 8A

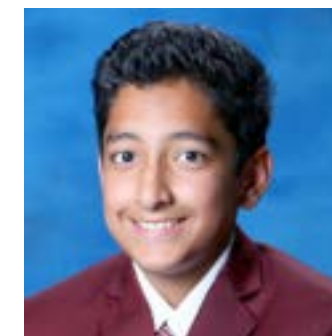
**Q11. Write about the best vacation you ever took.**



The best and the most memorable vacation I had was my visit to England. My visit to Buckingham Palace, Madame Tussaud, Big Ben, London museum, Stratford Upon Avon. It was a wonderful and splendid experience.

Saamiya 6B

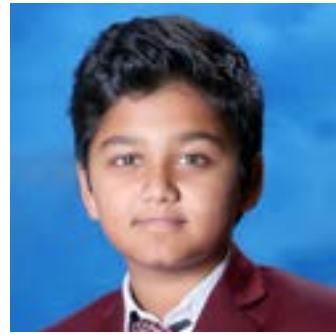
**Q12. Write about a time when someone helped you. How did you feel after-wards?**



When I was a small child, I was with my grandparents for holidays .I went to a canal nearby; while I was standing on the bank of the canal suddenly my foot slipped and fell into the canal. I was scared that I was going to drown. Suddenly a very old man came running and rescued me from drowning. My grandparents had such gratitude towards the old man. I was too young then to realize what had happened. Now when I sit and remember the incident, I realize that today I am probably breathing because of the old man who saved me from drowning. I owe my life to him. Wherever he may be or if he isn't there, hope life has been good to him and a special prayer for his family.

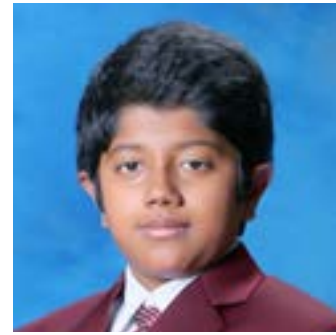
Abhinav.T 7B

**Q13.** Do you prefer reading books that are parts of series or standalone books? Why?



I would prefer reading books that are part of a series because that makes me feel as if I am reading a movie while I feel if I am just made to do an assignment in reading standalone books.

Joel Joy 6A



I prefer to read standalone books because in them u always because in them you always stand fresh and don't have to remember the previous story or characters.

SAURABH OJHA 7B



I prefer parts of series because they always leave suspense in every book. You can also read the same series rather than another interesting book.

SAMAH NOOR 7B



I prefer standalone as I don't want to wait for the next part to release as I lose interest.

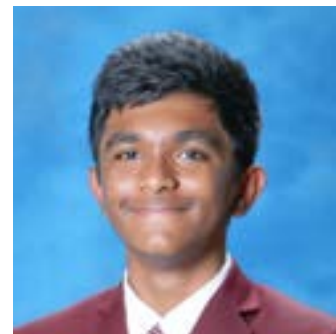
ARYAN DEWAN 6A

**Q14.** Would you rather jump out of a plane or go scuba diving? Why?



I would jump out of a plane because it is more of thrilling than swimming in the ocean.

Abhinav.T 7B



Jump out of a plane, because it gives you the feeling of flying up in the sky but I think that my parents won't be too enthusiastic on hearing this.

Joel Alex Biju 8A

**Q15.** Write a poem about love.



Love even if for a day,  
And the world has changed!  
So what if the sun's away and the birds estranged?  
The wind has dropped,  
And the sky deranged  
Summer has ended and winter not far away,  
So what? Love even if for a day,  
And the world has changed. ....  
Khushi Gaur 6B

**Q16.** What is your favorite TV show? What do you like about it?



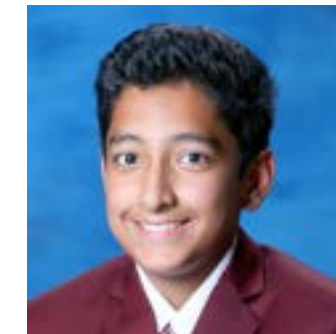
Pogo, I love cartoons such as ChotaBheem, Tom & Jerry and Ben 10 :Omniverse.  
Krishna Satwik



My favorite TV show is "VEDS DECLARSTIED SCHOOL SURVIVAL GUIDE." I love this show because the protagonist shows many ways in which we can deal with things and issues related to middle school.  
PoorvajaSubramanyam 8A



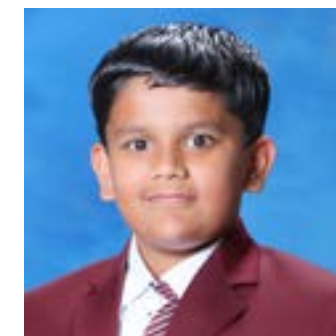
My favorite TV show is 'Everest' because it gives you the courage to achieve the impossible.  
Srishti Kumar 7B



My favorite TV show is NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC because it is entertaining and educational.

Abhinav T. 7B

**Q17.** What is your favorite way to be creative?



My favourite way to be creative is by reciting poems. To recite a poem well i have to put myself in the role of the poet or the character and be this creative.  
GOVIND NAIR 6B



My favourite way to be creative is to make up stories at particular time and to imagine.

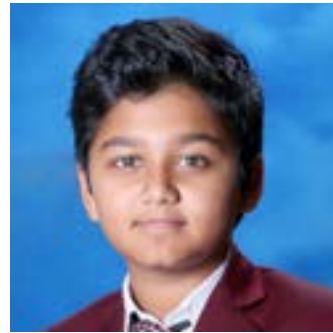
SAFAL Gupta 6B





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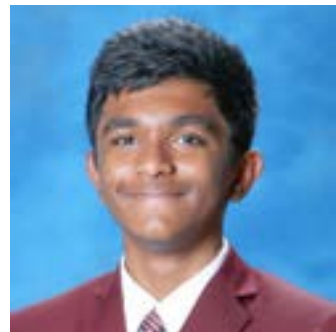
Mehek Sawhney 6A



Well I like drawing because I express my best creativity while I draw. My imagination finds an outlet through my drawings.

Joel Joy 6A

**Q18. Are you the last person to speak up in a group or the first person to have an idea? Why do you think this is so?**



I'm the guy who goes along with the group and makes changes where I feel like or is necessary

Joel Alex Biju 8A



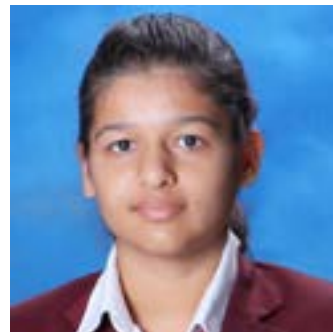
I am the last person to speak because I have time to think.

Seeya 6B



I am the last person to speak up because I want to hear everyone else's ideas first.

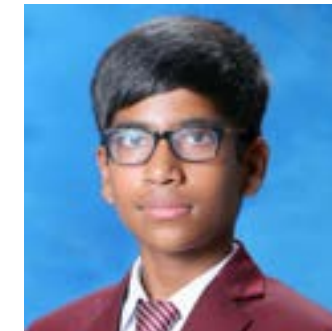
Palak 7B



I am usually the first person to speak up. I think this happens when I am well prepared for the discussion or when I am just enthusiastic about it.

Mihir Kiran Singh 6A

**Q19. Why do we give respect to senior citizens and people who are our elders?**



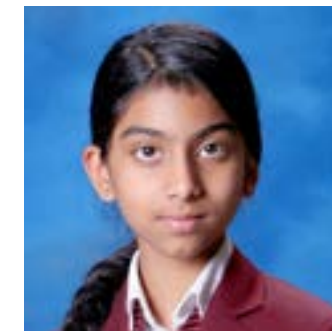
This is because they know more about the world than us and they are the ones who tell us what's right and wrong.

Krishna Satwik 8A



We respect our elders because they give knowledge to us

Seeya 6B



Senior citizens and elders have good experience and they have given their advice and support us when needed.

Shriyedita 7B



We give respect to senior citizens as they have a lot of experience in life and can guide us in tough situations

Mehek Sawhney 6 A



## Technical Error

The senior most class of the school has expressed their views on a very pertinent issue: the tussle between elders and young on the obsession with the cyber space and time.

# Cyber

## Bar Or No Bar For Youngsters

The cyber world, in my opinion is currently the life and soul of many people. I would not say that I am obsessed, but life without the internet would certainly not be easy for me! For more than a million people around the world sites like Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube are ways to keep in touch with people far and near. For many, the cyber world is a source of entertainment in the comforts of our homes. Education too is much depended on the internet. We have become so completely depended on the internet for all our big and small needs. However, it is equally frustrating to know about the dangers lurking at the corner, when we get so immersed in social media and the internet. Why do people have to get into crimes using the cyber world is a question still not answered by many.

Is it the lure of money? It is difficult to pinpoint on any particular reason. Just a few days ago, arguably the two most gaming related networks, the PlayStation Network and Xbox Live had been hacked. A group of hackers who called themselves the lizard squad had been fiddling with the servers. Why were they doing it? The worst part about it was that it was happening on Christmas Eve, which was the time many kids, including myself were getting their hands on the new consoles, the PS4 and the Xbox One.

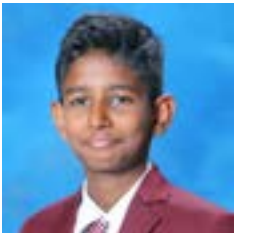
Another thing that frustrates me is the reservations that some parents have and thus restrict youngsters from having accounts in the social network sites or rather monitor the accounts with strict dictates against posting photographs, accepting friend requests, playing games, chatting, etc.

The point that I am trying to make here is that the stricter the dictates and more the control from parents, the greater is the possibility of youngsters doing things behind their backs and more the probability of falling prey to cybercrimes. There should be a healthy understanding between parents and children regarding the use of internet, an open discussion about the dos and don'ts rather than dictating terms to children without giving the logical reasons.

I wish people didn't use social media as their only pastime. It is important for us to step out of home and sweat out in the fields and parks playing a sport or games in the open air which nourishes our body and mind. It is of prime importance in today's world to meet people face to face rather than on Facebook, it is significant to capture the moods of people, nature and life around and post them on social sites rather than becoming obsessed with

selfies and count the number of 'likes' and comments that they earn. Last but not the least people must find better ways of earning money rather than by hacking accounts. To end my views on the topic, parents must monitor their children's cyber time to keep them safe and not by putting a ban on it which makes youngsters more stubborn and more curious to know about the 'forbidden areas'.

Joseph Pallipadan 8A



# Cyber Obsession

Most of us, teenagers are addicted to the internet/virtual world. Internet can be very helpful but at the same time addicting and dangerous. Internet is helpful depending upon how you use it. Internet gives us a lot of information from all fields of study etc. connects us to people around the world and sometime even reduces boredom. A few reasons why internet is more comfortable to use is because it is faster and an easier source. Internet is like having a whole library inside. But excessive use of internet can be a problem. Most of teenager students are addicted to social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat etc. We have never seen what could happen if we get addicted to all this.

Internet addiction has a lot of negative impacts in our life. If we keep sitting in front of the internet, gaming consoles etc., other areas of life can be neglected. We may grow distant from our friends and family who were previously close to us. Homework would be unfinished and could cause grades to fall. Along the same lines, a person may sit down at his computer with the intent to spend only a few minutes, but completely lose track of time and suddenly find that several hours have passed. Someone who is addicted or at the verge of being addicted to the computer, is unable to control the amount of time she spends on the computer.

These are just few main points highlighting why internet can be wrong in some ways.

Internet has many uses but anything used in excess is not good. It requires careful supervision and monitoring so that it does not affect the social life and relationships.



POORVAJA -8A

## Creativity VS Cyberactivity

“Social media is addictive precisely because it gives us something which the real world lacks: it gives us immediacy, direction, a sense of clarity and value as an individual.”

David Amerland

Social media has made its way into culture and society. We can interact with others without having to waste credit or going over to their houses every time and it's a fun activity too; but, there are many disadvantages that come with too much of time spent over social media. When we are glued to our phones all day, we are only paying attention to relationships in a virtual world thus losing connectivity with the real world which means without us being aware, we are in fact, we are becoming unsocial. This generation has embraced a culture of narcissism with the obsession of uploading Facebook statuses, sending tweets, instagramming, etc.

The relationships, in reality can be affected in a negative way if we don't spend quality time with people who mean something to us. It's really easy for individuals to get lost in the virtual world. It happens without us knowing! It affects our physical condition too. The longer we spend in front of the screens, the healthier we become. Even though it may seem impossible, there is a solution to this addiction.

We should limit our time and spend more time meeting people and

interacting with them outside the virtual world. It's important to control our cyber time.

There are other various ways to stop the addiction too like engaging in drawing, dancing and singing. Once we stop, we can actually enjoy ourselves. We can travel to new places and discover all about the world. We can get into sports like golf, join creative clubs or engage ourselves in some other fruitful pastime

“Creativity is the key to success in the future, and primary education is where teachers can bring creativity in children at that level.” -A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

So let's shun social media practices and get creative for a better future.



Vedha Sanghavi 8A

## Hues of Language

## النحلة والحمامة

في يوم حار، كانت نحلة تبحث عن بعض الماء. بعد أن تجولت لبعض الوقت، وزهبت إلى بركة لتشرب، كان عليها أن تتلوى لئلا تنجس من العشب. بينما كانت في طريقها، وقعت وانزقت ومقطفت في الماء.

وخافت أن تغرق كأن الحمامة فوق شجر مجاور. رأت أن النحلة في ورطة، فطرت الحمامة بسرعة ورمت غصن من الشجر في البركة بالقرب من النحلة. صعدت النحلة على الغصن. سرعان ما حملها بالأمس إلى أرض الجافة. فقطفت ذلك الوقت، جاد صياد من مكان قريب أراد أن يصطاد الحمامة ورمى رصاصة نحو الحمامة، طارت النحلة بسرعة. ولحقت الصياد في يده وهكذا ردت الجميل للحمامة

ساندرا

## الضوء في الروح

إذا كان هناك ضوء في الروح سيكون هناك جمال في الشخص  
إذا كان هناك جمال في الروح سوف يكون هناك انجاء في المنزل  
إذا كان أهل المنزل في انجاء سيكون هناك نظام في الأمة  
إذا كانت الأمة تعيش في نظام سيكون هناك سلام في العالم  
وهذا ما نصيولنا.

الطالب: محمد شبل (الصف الثامن)

When things are done  
And you are out of your mind  
Remember just remember  
Allah is Kind  
When your life is in distress  
And nothing is safe  
Remember just remember  
Through the darkness,  
Allah is light  
When nothing makes sense  
And your heart is in pain  
Remember just remember  
It doesn't make sense, but Allah is the Wise  
When times are troubled  
And the sea seems to come  
Remember just remember  
Allah won't hurt you. He is the Fair  
When your heart is broken  
And your pain makes you feel  
Remember just remember  
Allah and it will  
When you are weak  
And all roads seem long  
Remember just remember  
Ask almighty from the strong  
When life is a burden  
And everything is unstable

Remember just remember  
Allah is the able  
When the sky is cloudy  
And there is no sun  
Remember just remember  
Allah is "only" the guide  
When no one wants to listen  
Or is willing to lend an ear  
Remember just remember  
Allah is always ready to help  
When you are poor and penniless  
And you are stuck in a niche  
Remember just remember  
Allah is the rich  
When you are clean in your money  
And there is nowhere to turn  
Remember just remember  
Or can change you to the one  
Whom your actions are leading  
And your heart is in pain  
Remember just remember  
Allah is really here

-By Imam Shafiqul Uloom  
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**Five Pillars of Islam**  
What are the five pillars of Islam?  
The five pillars of Islam are the foundation of the Muslim life. They are: the testimony of faith, prayer, giving zakat, fasting during the month of Ramadan and the pilgrimage to Mecca once in a life time for those who are able.

1) The Testimony of Faith: The testimony of faith is saying "There is no god but Allah, Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah." The first pillar is the testimony of faith. It is the foundation of the religion. It is the first step to the path of Allah. This testimony of faith is called **Shahada**.

2) Prayer: Muslims perform five prayers a day. Each prayer has a set time. They are: Fajr, Dhuhr, Asr, Maghrib and Isha. There are no intermediaries between God and we the worshippers.

3) Fasting: Muslims perform fast prayers a day. Each prayer has a set time. They are: Fajr, Dhuhr, Asr, Maghrib and Isha. There are no intermediaries between God and we the worshippers.

4) Zakat: All things being in Allah are worth is therefore held by him. Zakat is the spiritual and physical growth of the soul. It is the purification and growth of the soul. It is the purification and growth of the soul.

5) The Pilgrimage to Mecca: The annual pilgrimage to Mecca is an obligation for every Muslim who is physically and financially able to perform it. It is the most important pillar of Islam. It is the most important pillar of Islam. It is the most important pillar of Islam.

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The Beautiful name of Allah

- Al-Kareem: The most Generous
- Ar-Raqeeb: The watchful
- Al-Wakeel: The protecting Guardian
- As-Samee: The All-Hearing
- Al-Hakeem: The wise
- Al-Awwal & Al-Aakhir: The first & the last
- Al-Hadi: The giver of guidance
- Al-Qad: The Just
- Al-Haleem: The tolerant

**Ramadan**

Ramadan is the ninth month of Islamic calendar. Muslims neither observe this month of fasting. This annual observance is regarded as one of the best of the year. The month lasts 29-30 days based on the visual sighting of the crescent moon, according to numerous geographical locations compiled in the hadith. The month of Ramadan carries great spiritual merit, and is a time of intense spiritual growth and devotion. Fasting in Mecca for adults Muslims, except those who are suffering from an illness, pregnancy, menstruation, diabetes, or going through medical bleeding.

**الله**

**Prophet Ibrahim and the Bids**

One day, Prophet Ibrahim (AS) wanted to be sure that he was worshipping Allah, the one and only true God. He went to the mountains and made a special vow: "Oh Lord, show me how you give life to the dead!" Allah said, "And you believe?" "Yes I do, but I want my heart to be very sure," replied Ibrahim (AS).

Allah ordered Ibrahim to kill four birds cut them into pieces and put each part on a different hill. Allah ordered Ibrahim to call the dead birds to come to him. Ibrahim obeyed Allah. He called the birds and immediately the pieces of the birds came together and came back to life. Prophet Ibrahim was amazed to see the birds jumping around. He thanked Allah and decided to tell all the people to believe in Allah and not to worship anything but Allah.

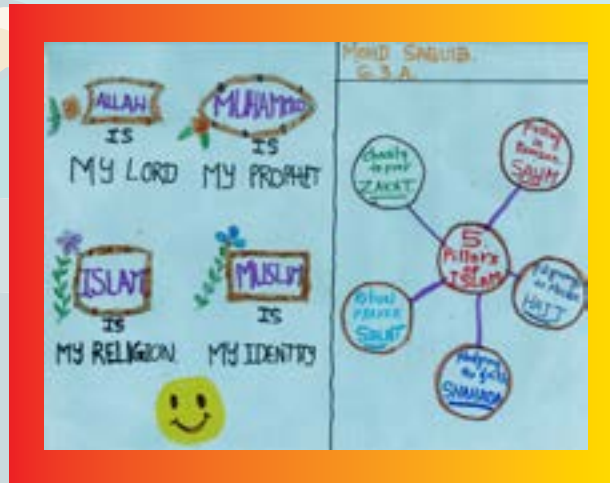
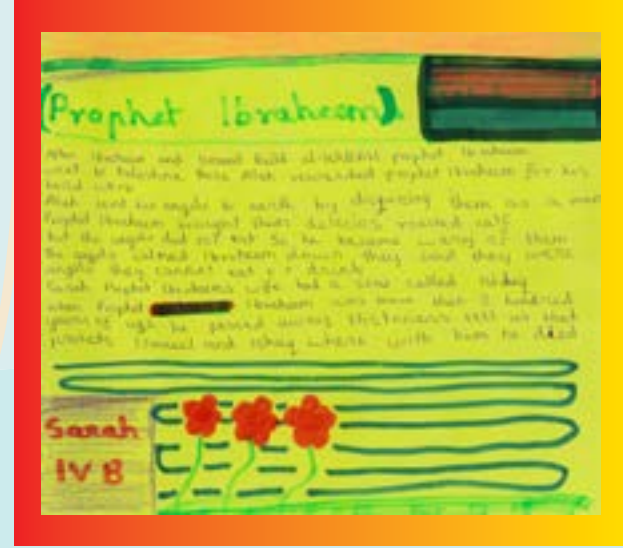
**Importance of SALAH**

Establishing salah develops Taqwa. Salah is a sign of belief. Establishing salah leads to Allah's eternal blessings. Those who pray shall have nothing to fear on the day of Judgment. Remain in Allah's remembrance after prayer. Allah's special order to women. Allah's special order to women. Allah's special order to women. Allah's special order to women.

Leaving salah leads to death. Friendship should be with those who pray.

Done by: Darya Inayat





## जिंदगी का सच

एक सेठ था, वो दिन-रात काम-धँधा बढ़ाने में लगा रहता था, उसको शहर का सबसे अमीर आदमी बनना था। धीरे-धीरे वह नगर सेठ बन गया। इस कामयाबी की खुशी में उसने एक शानदार घर बनवाया। गृह प्रवेश के दिन उसने एक बहुत बड़ी पार्टी दी और जब सारे मेहमान चले गए तो वो अपने कमरे में सोने के लिए गया। वो जैसे ही बसिटर पर लेटा एक आवाज़ उसके कानों में पड़ी .. मैं तुम्हारी आत्मा हूँ, और अब मैं तुम्हारा शरीर छोड़ कर जा रही हूँ! सेठ घबरा के बोला, अरे तुम ऐसा नहीं कर सकती, तुम्हारे बिना तो मैं तो मर ही जाऊँगा, देखो मैंने कितनी बड़ी कामयाबी हासिल की है, तुम्हारे लिए करोड़ों रुपये का घर बनवाया है, इतनी सारी सुख-सुविधाएँ सिर्फ तुम्हारे लिए ही तो है यहाँ से मत जाओ। आत्मा बोली, मेरा घर तो तुम्हारा स्वस्थ शरीर था, पर करोड़ों कमाने के चक्कर में तुमने इस अमूल्य शरीर का ही नाश कर डाला, तुम्हें बूँड प्रेशर, डायबिटीज, थायरॉइड, मोटापा, कमर दर्द आदि बीमारियों ने घेर लिया है। तुम ठीक से चल नहीं पाते, रात को तुम्हें नींद नहीं आती, तुम्हारा दिल भी कमजोर हो चुका है, तनाव की वजह से ना जाने और कितनी बीमारियों का घर बन चुका है तुम्हारा शरीर, तुम ही बताओ क्या तुम ऐसे किसी घर में यचना चाहोगे जहाँ चारों तरफ कमजोर दिवारें हो, गंदगी हो, जिसकी छत टपक रही हो, जिसके खड़की दरवाजे टूटे हों, नहीं रहना चाहोगे ना! इसलिए मैं भी ऐसी जगह नहीं रह सकती।..... और ऐसा कहते हुए आत्मा सेठ के शरीर से निकल गई। सेठ की मृत्यु हो गई।

सीख - मित्रों, ये कहानी बहुत से लोगों की हकीकत है, ऐसा नहीं है कि आप अपनी मंजिल पर मत पहुँचिए, पर जो भी करिए स्वास्थ्य को सबसे ऊपर रखिए, नहीं तो सेठ की तरह मंजिल पा लेने के बाद भी अपनी सफलता का लुत्फ नहीं उठा पाएँगे।



संग्राहक  
नेहा सूजन कुरियाकोस कक्षा - आठवीं (अ)

## माँ की महिमा

माँ - दुःख में सुख का एहसास है,  
माँ - हरपल मेरे पास है।  
माँ - घर की आत्मा है,  
माँ - साक्षात् परमात्मा  
माँ - आरती है, माँ-गीता है।  
माँ - ठंड में गुनगुनी धूप है  
माँ- उस रब का ही एक रूप है।  
माँ - तपती धूप में साया है  
माँ- जीवन में प्रकाश है  
माँ - निराशा में आशा  
माँ - महीनों में सावन है,  
माँ - गंगा की पावन है।  
माँ - माँ रत्नों की माला है  
माँ - अँधेरे में उजाला है।  
माँ - ममता में प्याला है,  
माँ - शीत में दुशाला है।



संग्रहाक  
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# बचपन की साख

प्यारे बच्चों सोचो ज़रा ....  
हम न सही कोई और हैं ऐसा,  
जानो उनके दिल का दर्द  
वे भी तो हैं इस धरा का हिस्सा  
निभाओ अपना वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम् रिश्ता ।  
मिलाओ अब हाथ से हाथ अपना  
साकार हो जाए उनका सपना,  
सीमा का बंधन अब यह कैसा ?  
हो यह मनुजता के

बाल्य अवस्था इंसान की जदिगी की सबसे हसीन वादी , न किसी बात की चिंता और न ही कोई जम्मेदारी। बस हर समय अपनी मसतयों में खोए रहना, खेलना-कूदना और पढ़ना। लेकिन सभी का बचपन ऐसा हो यह जरूरी नहीं।

बाल मजदूरी की समस्या से आप अच्छी तरह वाकफि होंगे। कोई भी ऐसा बच्चा जिसकी

उम्र 14 वर्ष से कम हो और वह जीविका के लिए काम करे उसे बाल मजदूर कहा जाता है । गरीबी, लाचारी और माता-पिता की प्रताड़ना के चलते ये बच्चे बाल मजदूरी के इस दलदल में घंसते चले जाते हैं।

आज दुनिया भर में 215 मिलियन ऐसे बच्चे हैं जिनकी उम्र 14 वर्ष से कम है। और इन बच्चों का समय स्कूल में कॉपी-कतिबों और दोस्तों के बीच नहीं बल्कि होटलों, घरों, उद्योगों में बर्तनों, झाड़ू-पाँछे और औजारों के बीच बीतता है।

भारत में यह स्थिति बहुत ही भयावह हो चली है। दुनिया में सबसे ज्यादा बाल मजदूर भारत में ही हैं। 1991 की जनगणना के हिसाब से बाल मजदूरों का आंकड़ा 11.3 मिलियन था। 2001 में यह आंकड़ा बढ़कर 12.7 मिलियन पहुंच गया।

बड़े शहरों के साथ-साथ आपको छोटे शहरों में भी हर गली नुककड़ पर कई राजू-मुन्नी-छोटू-चवन्नी मलि जाएंगे जो हालातों के चलते बाल मजदूरी की गरिफ्त में आ चुके हैं। और यह बात सरिफ बाल मजदूरी तक ही सीमति नहीं है इसके साथ ही बच्चों को कई घनौने कुकृत्यों का भी सामना करना पड़ता है। जनिका बच्चों के मासूम मन पर बड़ा गहरा प्रभाव पड़ता है।

कई एनजीओ समाज में फैली इस कुरीत को पूरी तरह नष्ट करने का प्रयास कर रहे हैं। इन एनजीओ के अनुसार 50.2 प्रतिशत ऐसे बच्चे हैं जो सप्ताह के सातों दिन काम करते हैं। 53.22 प्रतिशत यौन प्रताड़ना के शिकार हो रहे हैं। इनमें से हर दूसरे बच्चे को किसी न किसी तरह भावनात्मक रूप से प्रताड़ित किया जा रहा है। 50 प्रतिशत बच्चे शारीरिक प्रताड़ना के शिकार हो रहे हैं।

बाल मजदूर की इस स्थिति में सुधार के लिए सरकार ने 1986 में चाइल्ड लेबर एक्ट बनाया जिसके तहत बाल मजदूरी को एक अपराध माना गया तथा रोजगार पाने की न्यूनतम आयु 14 वर्ष कर दी। इसी के साथ सरकार नेशनल चाइल्ड लेबर प्रोजेक्ट के रूप में बाल मजदूरी को जड़ से खत्म करने के लिए कदम बढ़ा चुकी है। इस प्रोजेक्ट का उद्देश्य बच्चों को इस संकट से बचाना है। जनवरी 2005 में नेशनल चाइल्ड लेबर प्रोजेक्ट स्कीम को 21 विभिन्न भारतीय प्रदेशों के 250 जिलों तक बढ़ाया गया।

आज सरकार ने आठवीं तक की शिक्षा को अनिवार्य और नशुल्क कर दिया है, लेकिन लोगों की गरीबी और बेबसी के आगे यह योजना भी नष्पफल साबति होती दिखाई दे रही है। बच्चों के माता-पिता सरिफ इस वजह से उन्हें स्कूल नहीं भेजते क्योंकि उनके स्कूल जाने से परिवार की आमदनी कम हो जाएगी।

माना जा रहा है कि आज 60 मिलियन बच्चे बाल मजदूरी के शिकार हैं, अगर ये आंकड़े सच हैं तब सरकार को अपनी आंखें खोलनी होगी। आंकड़ों की यह भयावहता हमारे भवष्य का कलंक बन सकती है।

भारत में बाल मजदूरों की इतनी अधिक संख्या होने का मुख्य कारण सरिफ और सरिफ गरीबी है। यहां एक तरफ तो ऐसे बच्चों का समूह है बड़े-बड़े मंहगे होटलों में 56 भोग का आनंद उठाता है और दूसरी तरफ ऐसे बच्चों का समूह है जो गरीब हैं, अनाथ हैं, जिन्हें पेटभर खाना भी नसीब नहीं होता। दू स रों की जूठनों के सहारे वे अपना जीवनयापन करते हैं।

जब यही बच्चे दो वक्त की रोटी कमाना चाहते हैं तब इन्हें बाल मजदूर का हवाला देकर कई जगह काम ही नहीं दिया जाता। आखरि ये बच्चे क्या करें, कहां जाएं ताकि इनकी समस्या का समाधान हो सके। सरकार ने बाल मजदूरी के खिलाफ कानून तो बना दिए। इसे एक अपराध भी घोषित कर दिया लेकिन क्या इन बच्चों की कमी गंभीरता से सुध ली?

बाल मजदूरी को जड़ से खत्म करने के लिए जरूरी है गरीबी को खत्म करना। इन बच्चों के लिए दो वक्त का खाना मुहैया कराना। इसके लिए सरकार को

कुछ ठोस कदम उठाने होंगे। सरिफ सरकार ही नहीं आम जनता की भी इसमें सहभागिता जरूरी है। हर एक व्यक्ति जो आर्थिक रूप से सक्षम हो अगर ऐसे एक बच्चे की भी जम्मेदारी लेने लगे तो सारा परादृश्य ही बदल जाएगा।

क्या आपको नहीं लगता कि कोमल बचपन को इस तरह गर्त में जाने से आप रोक सकते हैं? देश के सुरक्षति भवष्य के लिए वक्त आ गया है कि आपको यह जम्मेदारी अब लेनी ही होगी। क्या आप लेंगे ऐसे किसी एक मासूम की जम्मेदारी?



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# FRENCH CORNER

L'école c'est parti!

Papa l'a dit,  
Maman l'a dit,  
Grand frère l'a dit,  
Grand sœur l'a dit,  
Maîtresse l'a dit,  
L'école c'est parti,  
Joyiii!!!

The world  
is  
a Family



## Chanson pour les enfants | Hiver

Dans la nuit de l'hiver  
galope un grand homme blanc  
c'est un bonhomme de neige  
avec une pipe en bois  
un grand bonhomme de neige  
poursuivi par le froid  
il arrive au village  
voyant de la lumière  
le voilà rassuré.  
Dans une petite maison  
il entre sans frapper  
et pour se réchauffer  
s'assoit sur le poêle rouge,  
et d'un coup disparaît  
ne laissant que sa pipe  
au milieu d'une flaque d'eau  
ne laissant que sa pipe  
et puis son vieux chapeau.

## Dans la Forêt

Dans la forêt sans heures  
On abat un grand arbre  
Un vide vertical  
Tremble en forme de fût  
Près du tronc étendu  
Cherchez, cherchez, oiseaux,  
La place de vos nids  
Dans ce haut souvenir  
Tant qu'il murmure encore

## AMIS ♥♥♥♥♥

Vous doublez mes joies  
Vous multipliez par acclamations  
Vous divisez mes peines  
Je ne peux pas à étou  
Un génie, des maths  
des savoirs que vous êtes  
Un véritable ami  
quand je suis détresse  
tu es là  
Vous êtes un vrai ami



# The Apple Tree

A short while ago, I visited Kinokuniya. Bookstores today are much different than they were when I was a child. I remember the distinct smell of old books and how to coalesce into a never-ending narrative. There weren't many computers back in the mid 90's and the ones that were around, made inter-galactic sounds that freaked everybody out.

As I perused through the columns of bookshelves, I saw a book that sent nostalgic goose bumps down my spine. The book called the "Giving Tree" is a short story written by Shel Silverstein. Initially published in 1964, this children's book tells the story of a young boy and his relationship with his friend: a tree. In short, the boy befriends this tree that seems willing to do anything for him. The boy would come and play in her shade, gather her leaves, and even play hide and seek. As the boy grows older, he becomes preoccupied with the world around him and is no longer satisfied by the company of his friend. At one point, he asks the tree for money. "I'm sorry", said the tree, "but I have no money. I have only leaves and apples. Take my apples boy, and sell them. Then you will have money and you will be happy." And so the boy climbed up the tree and gathered the apples and carried them away. And the tree was happy...

Here we see just one example of the tree's unconditional love for the boy and its willingness to sacrifice itself for him. This story reminded me of the types of friendships we form and how dysfunctional many of them are. We have all seen, or even been a part of, one-way friendships where one party is always giving and the other is always taking. Some give so much emotionally that they completely lose their identity and become utterly dependent on their so called, "friends". Unfortunately, there are many people who fake entire relationships for their selfish needs. The day their needs are met, they show their true colors. They forget that the other person helped them in the time of need. They are like human leech draining the other person emotionally. I was sitting in the corner, squeezing myself into one of those tiny chairs reserved for toddlers, totally engrossed in the book. Don't judge me.

But it got me thinking. What is the nature of a friendship in Islam? How is it described in the Quran? Many of God's messengers had titles that give us glimpses into how He looks at them. For example, Prophet Isa (Jesus) (peace and blessings be upon him) is known in

Islam as Ruhullah-The Spirit of God. Mohammed (peace and blessings be upon him) is referred to as, "Habibullah"- God's beloved. And Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) the father of Prophets, is known as Khalilullah- God's friend. So, if Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) (peace and blessings be upon him) was God's friend, what was the nature of their relationship? In chapter four, Surah anNisa (The Women), of the Quran, Allah says, "Who could have a better religion than someone who submits himself completely to God and is a good-doer, and follows the religion of Ibrahim (Abraham), a man of pure natural belief? God took Ibrahim (Abraham) as an intimate friend." (Quran 4:125)

What struck me about this passage was the importance of gratitude in friendship. If we take a close look at our friendship, whether with our spouses, parents, cousins, friends, neighbors, colleagues, servants, we have got to ask ourselves, are we grateful for that shoulder to cry on? Do we take the initiative to call up our friends, when times are good and not just when we need some cash? We have many friends on Facebook. But are we in touch with them in real life. An acquaintance of mine lost her father. Everybody offered their condolences by writing on her wall. But hardly anyone took the initiative to call her up or go visit her.

At the end of the book, the boy, now an old man, comes back to the tree. The tree, unable to give anything more, tries to explain herself to the boy. "I am sorry, boy", said the tree, "but I have nothing left to give you. My apples are gone." "My teeth are too weak for apples," said the man. "My branches are gone", said the tree. "You cannot swing on them." "I am too old to swing on branches", said the boy. "My trunk is gone", said the tree. "You cannot climb". "I am too old and tired to climb", said the man. "I am sorry" sighed the tree. "I wish I could give you something... but I have nothing left. I am just an old stump. I am sorry..." "I don't need much now", said the man. "Just a quiet place to sit and rest."



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I am very tired". "Well", said the tree, straightening herself up as much as she could, "Well an old stump is good for sitting and resting. Come, boy, sit down and rest".

”

## Where Faith Moves the Mountain

And the man did. And the tree was happy...The tree had nothing left to give. Despite that, she still offers her stump, barely a few feet off the ground, as a resting place for her old friend. Life is too short to lose people we love.

It is said that if a friendship lasts for seven years, it lasts for a lifetime. Stay in contact with old friends even if it is every few months. The friendships we formulate during our time here have the power to resonate for eternity. We just have to show gratitude and respect for each other's time and effort. And we'll be happy.



Hamida Rehman

# On the Wings of Freedom



Springdalian often express their desires to have lessons free school. The ideal school for many is a classroom without teachers, a timetable which has more play and less studies, weekends without homework and a curriculum without examinations; not to forget a school beyond the boundary walls, a horizon where they soar high with their dreams, with their imagination and with their thoughts flying to distant places in a flash of a moment. Here are some glimpses of Springdalian on Wings of Freedom where they have learnt, they have acquired knowledge and they have become wiser without the pressures of books and bags; where education has been truly imparted beyond the boundaries of school and classrooms.

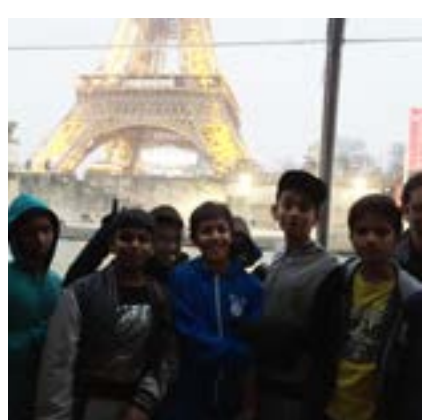
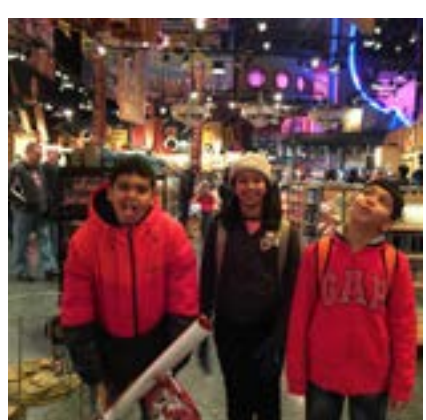
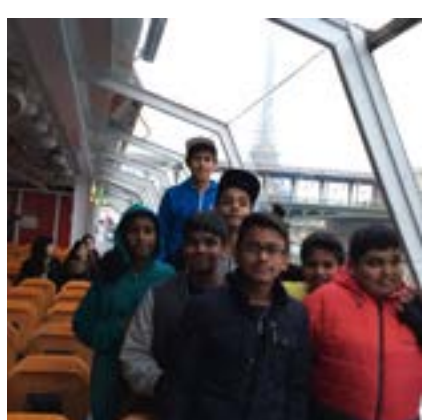
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## The Wisdom Speaks

Teachers, even today form the role models for the students they teach. It is one of the finest professions of the world where a teacher's greatest reward is his or her student's success. Scientists, doctors, lawyers, engineers, actors, dancers, musicians, painters, authors, poets and

many others in various other professions learn to realize their dreams as they are taught and guided by their teachers. For time immemorial, the teachers have been shaping, carving, and moulding generations through the many eons of time and most often than not as students we have been all

too curious to know who, what and how are our teachers beyond classrooms and outside the gates of the school. Let's know a little about the teachers of Springdales away from the subjects they teach and the many roles they play at school.

## The Let-out

The vicious wave comes a charging...  
 Her pain and fury now withstanding...  
 She hits the shore with all her might;  
 And lets out the emotions; withheld tight.  
 Having confided her sordid tale...  
 The wave departs along her trail.  
 With her mind empty; she feels relieved...  
 Her spirits are high with her goal achieved.  
 She then dances along the ocean floor...  
 Having emptied her baggage at the shore.  
 She is feeling light and so full of life...  
 And is geared up for all of life's strife.  
 Her joy and gaiety are but short-lived;  
 Life's challenges soon leave her peeved.  
 To the shore she returns feeling deterred...  
 For the shore is her only sounding board.  
 She can lash and hit and scream out aloud...  
 And at the end of it feel light like a cloud!

Anju S Nair  
 Class Teacher 1B



## Unique Camaraderie

Curly wurly waves wash across the shore;  
 Dragging along sea shells and so much more;  
 They dash against the shore go back to the rear;  
 Trakversing back along the path in the reverse gear.

Having met the shore and shared many a secret;  
 The curly wurly waves soon depart without regret.  
 They come back ashore to whisper; yet another tale...  
 Each time they two meet there's reason to regale!

With splashing water droplets and tiny grains of sand...  
 Their coming together sounds; so much like a musical band...  
 They meet several times a day and each meeting they relish;  
 Their friendship and love for each other just doesn't diminish!

By Anju S Nair  
 Class Teacher- 1B



## PUFF

When there is harmony; there is peace  
 Joy on earth does increase  
 For peace to grow in your community  
 The first step is social unity  
 With unity as our strength and peace in our mind  
 Together we shall move forward; to freedom  
 Freedom that's mine; freedom divine  
 Freedom that no money can buy.

Honey Malhotra  
 (Staff Secretary)



## Change Thinking Change Life

When you change your thinking,  
 You can change your belief.  
 When you change your belief,  
 You can change your attitude.  
 When you change your attitude,  
 You can change your expectation.  
 When you change your expectation,  
 You can change your behavior.  
 When you change your behavior,  
 You can change your performance.  
 When you change your performance,  
 You can change your life.

Ashok Kumar Choudhary  
 PE Department



# La beauté d'un sourire

C'est celle qui sort  
Du fond de ton cœur  
C'est celle que je vois  
Tous les matins dès six heures

La beauté d'un sourire  
C'est le début du bonheur  
Qui procure une joie  
Agissant d'un style séducteur

C'est un aspect qui donne  
Un avenir pour demain,  
Aussi un amour  
Pour mon prochain

C'est celle qui fait  
Parfois oublier la faim  
Qui nous donne  
De nous tenir La main dans la main.

Rasha Roushdy



# Mindful of Hope

When the nights are too short and days too long,  
I hope for my dreams to throng.  
At the threshold of slumber so deep,  
Not to wake up but the hopes that I keep,

In the deep recesses of my mind  
That urges me to find.  
A beautiful world that blooms and flourish  
Where peace, happiness and love nourish.

Nurtured by the hands of humanity,  
Where not all is lost in vanity.  
Where all live in a world without fear,  
Where all lives are treated dear.

Where children do not grow in hunger,  
Where a happy home is not a dream any longer,  
Where light of education brings opportunities for all,  
To live a life of dignity and standing tall.

Where nations do not break apart and crumble,  
Where societies do not crawl and fumble,  
Where old order yields to the new,  
Where leaders lead and despots rue.

Where nature is loved and care,  
Where Earth is not made bare,  
Where mountains glow with the morning sun,  
Where the flowers and bees sing with fun.

Where rivers flow with sparkling shimmer,  
Where the winds bring hope and glimmer,  
Where stains of hatred and greed,  
Are long forgotten and fears freed.

Where laughter is shared by young and old,  
Where grandma's tales and stories told,  
Of a world where all God's creatures live in harmony,  
Are my dreams too many?

So what if they are ever growing?  
Isn't it Hope that keeps mankind going?

Uttara Mazumdar



# Mother and Child

It moved and it turned,  
She sighed and she smiled  
The heart beat was loud and clear, Life within was distinct with-  
out fear.  
The day arrived, when the doctor notified  
Here comes my angel, the mother said with pride. As the days  
passed, the child grew fast,  
From lap to arm, she exhibited her charm.  
She stood on her feet, it was spectacular indeed!  
To carve her future, she handed her over to her teacher, She is not  
only a disciplinarian,  
But one who guides her children.  
It's amazing the way they connect, Love so pure and sacrosanct  
This indeed is God's creation A bond beyond admiration!!

Reeta Lisa  
Teacher: 1B



# The Learning Curve

Look up at the sky,  
With a heart full of love,  
Each day a new beginning,  
Each day full of hope.  
What is it that I want,  
My dreams are so vague,  
Why dream at all I say?  
Does life need an escape?  
Be happy, be content,  
The voices all over say,  
With such weakness of heart,  
And thoughts that just stray?  
Change is a must,  
For the better, of course,  
Having lived this far,  
Happily, for far more.  
Grow a bit of courage,  
Grow a bit of nerve,  
Life experiences teach,  
Learning is but a curve.

Jyothi Nair



# Who Am I?

I was born free, with no name  
 No class, no caste, just one more  
 Amongst the many millions,  
 An ordinary mortal and no fame.  
 With no bindings, no shackles, no chains.  
 And then an identity given, a name given,  
 As society accepts me in all its glory,  
 But my dreams remain dreams, ever growing and everlasting.  
 A life of freedom, a life to fly, a life to run  
 With no strings attached,  
 To race against the winds, to ride the crest of waves,  
 To reach the deep recesses of oceans, to win the lofty peaks  
 Of mountains so high and to penetrate forests so deep.  
 To lie on the grassy verges of rolling hills and the green vales,  
 To smell the spring flowers and lose myself in bottomless slumber,  
 To wake up under the canopy of the blue endlessness,  
 To quench the thirst from the rippling brook that passes by.  
 Amidst these dreamy desires, the realities of life come knocking at my mind's door  
 And yet I promise to continue with what I came for.  
 To live life, to win, to fly  
 And to paint my life in rainbow colours,  
 In hues of happiness and tones of laughter,  
 And to fulfill my life's commitments amidst thrills and excitement,  
 To invent, to explore, to discover,  
 And to carve out my entity in the world,  
 For yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Uttara Mazumdar



तीन नज़्में

1. चाँद माँ की तलाश करता है .....  
 मेले में गुम हुए किसी बच्चे की तरह ,  
 मासूम चाँद सदियों से माँ की तलाश करता है .  
 बहोत तेज उजालों से डरते हैं बच्चे ,  
 और ये सूरज भी खंजर की तरह लगता है  
 बस इसलिए डरता-डरता  
 बेचारा चाँद अंधेरे में निकलता है  
 रात भर चलते हैं मासूम कदम  
 और बेलिबास जिसमें दर्द है  
 माँ को पाने की ख्वाहिश में तन्हा  
 चाँद रोता है भटकता है

माँ की तलाश में रात भर रोता है  
 चाँद का आँसू ही तो सुबह शबनम होता है  
 जसके दम से मिलती है ईद की नैमत  
 उस चाँद का हर रोज़ मोहररम होता है  
 ...दोस्त आज फिर शाम होने को है  
 देख आँधेरा होने को है , फिर वो-  
 ननहा चाँद माँ की तलाश में निकलेगा  
 आ कि एक दुआ कर ले  
 कि एक बच्चे को उसकी माँ मिल जाये .....  
 मेले में गुम हुए किसी बच्चे की तरह ,  
 मासूम चाँद सदियों से माँ की तलाश करता है .

2. वतन बेहद करीब लगता है...

कोई एक कीमती-सा कागज़ है  
 जिसपे चस्पा है  
 नयी तस्वीर मेरी और पुराने दस्तखत मेरे  
 और उसी में मौजूद  
 कुछ सरकारी मुहरें हैं  
 कुछ सीलों की स्याहियाँ हैं  
 इन सब से है परदेस में नाम मेरा, पहचान मेरी, तार्ररफ़ मेरा...  
 सोचता हूँ किसी रोज़  
 गर धोखे से भी कहीं गिर जाये कि खो जाये ये महंगा कागज़  
 जो परदेस में मेरे होने की निशानी है  
 तो खो जायेगा नाम मेरा, मिट जाएगी पहचान मेरी और तार्ररफ़ मेरा...  
 दरअसल ये परदेस के सही मानी हैं  
 कि हमसे बढ़कर वो एक निशानी है  
 यकीनन अब जब वतन से दूर हूँ मैं  
 वतन बेहद करीब लगता है...

3. उससे मेरा बस इतना ही सिलसिला था बातों का

उससे मेरा बस इतना ही सिलसिला था बातों का  
 कि जब भी मैं हिंदी पढ़ाने जाता था ,  
 वो फ्रेंच पढ़नेवालों के साथ कोई और क्लास में चली जाती थी...  
 उससे मेरा बस इतना ही सिलसिला था बातों का  
 कि एक रोज़ जब  
 फ्रेंच पढ़नेवाले बच्चे मेरी क्लास में बै रहे ,  
 वो मेरी ज़बान नहीं समझ पाने की वज़ह से  
 बहोत मासूम से सवाल पूछ रही थी ...  
 उससे मेरा बस इतना ही सिलसिला था बातों का  
 कि स्कूल के कॉरिडोर में जब भी आते जाते दिखती  
 मुसकुराते हुए छुपती- सी गुजर जाती थी...  
 उससे मेरा बस इतना ही सिलसिला था बातों का  
 कि एक रोज़ जब वो क्लास में शैतानी करते नज़र आई  
 तो मैंने कहा- ' वेट आई विल कॉल योर मम्मा'  
 और उसने उसी लम्हे में चुपचाप कहा था -  
 ' ओ के , बट आई डोंट हेव मम्मा सर '...  
 कल सुबह से जिसके सिवाय कोई याद नहीं  
 कुछ याद नहीं...  
 उससे मेरा बस इतना ही सिलसिला है बातों का...

डॉ. सुधीर आज़ाद



# مَقَاتِلَاتٌ عَنْ اَلْخِلَافِ

- اَلْخِلَافَ : كُنْ خَلِوَةً تَنْلُ زَكَرًا جَمِيلًا .  
 يَقُولُ الرَّسُولُ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ : ( اَكْمَلُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ اِيْمَانًا اَحْسَنُمْ خَلْفًا ،  
 الْمَوْطُوْرُوْنَ اَتِّعَا ، الَّذِيْنَ يَأْتُوْنَ وَيُظْفَرُوْنَ ، وَلَا خَيْرَ فِيمَنْ لَا يَأْتِ وَلَا يُوْفَى ) .  
 وَيَقُولُ الشَّاعِرُ : اِنَّمَا اَلْخِلَافُ مَا بَقِيَتْ فَاِنْ هُمْ زَهَبَتْ اَخْلَاصُهُمْ زَهَبُوا  
 - اَلَا هَتَمَاهُمْ : اَطْهَرُ اِهْتِمَامًا بِاَهْلِ خِرْيَتِهِ . حَتَّى يَظْهَرُوا اَلَا هَتَمًا بَلَّ .  
 يَقُولُ الشَّاعِرُ :  
 اَحْسَنُ اِلَى الْاَسْرِ تَتَّعِدُ قُلُوْبُهُمْ فَطَانًا اِسْتَعِيدَ اِلَى اِنْسَانٍ اِحْسَانًا  
 اَحْسَنُ اِذَا مَا كَانَ اِمْكَانًا وَمَقْدَرُ خَلْقٍ يَدْرُومُ عَلَى اِلْاِنْسَانِ اِمْكَانًا .

٣- اَلْفَاوَلُ وَالْحَمَاسُ .  
 قَالَ الرَّسُولُ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ : ( تَفَادَلُوْا بِالْخَيْرِ تَجِدُوْهُ ) .  
 سَلَّمَ نَابِلِيُّوْنَ بَوْنَابِرَتَ : لَيْفَ اسْتَطَعْتَ اَنْ تَمْنَحَ اَلْفَتْحَ فَرِحَ اَهْرَارُ حَيْثُ ؟ فَقَالَ : كُنْتُ اُرِدُ بَثْلَاثَ : مَدَحَ قَالِ  
 : اَلَا اَسْدِرُ ، صَلَّتْ لَمْ : خَاوَلُ ، وَمَدَحَ قَالِ : اَلَا اَعْرِفُ ، صَلَّتْ لَمْ : تَعَلَّمُ ، وَمَدَحَ قَالِ : مَسْتَحِيلُ ، صَلَّتْ لَمْ : جَرِبُ .

-٤- التواضع : تواضع كل انسان .  
 قَالَ الشَّاعِرُ : تَوَاضَعْتَ تَلَدُكَ فَانْجَمَ لَاحٌ لَّنَا طَرُ عَلَى صَفْحَاتِ الْمَاءِ وَهَوِ رَفِيعُ  
 وَلَا تَكْ كَلَامُ خَانَ يَجْلُو نَفْسَهُ عَلَى طَبَقَاتِ الْجَوْ وَهَوِ وَضِيعُ . اَلْحَمْدُ : لَا تَخْضِبُ اَبْرَأ .  
 قَالَ اللهُ تَعَالَى : " وَلَا تَتَّوَكَّلْ اِلَى الْاَعْنَةِ وَلَا اِلَى الْيَدِ اِرْضِعْ بِالْبَاقِ مِنْ اَحْسَنِ  
 فَاِنْ اِذَا الَّذِيْ يَبْنُكُ وَيَبْنِيْ عَدَاوَةً اِنَّهُ وَلِيُّ حَمِيْمٍ " سُورَةُ فَصَّلَتْ اِلَايَةَ ٣٤ .  
 قَالَ الرَّسُولُ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ : ( لَيْسَ الشَّدِيْدُ بِالصَّرِيْعِ ،  
 اِنَّمَا الشَّدِيْدُ الَّذِيْ يَمْلِكُ نَفْسَهُ عِنْدَ الْخَضْبِ ) . a.

# حکَم وَاَمْثَالٌ عَرَبِيَّةٌ

ظَلَمَ  
 مَدَحَ طَلَبَ الْعِلْمَ صَحْرَ الْبَالِي  
 الطَّيْبُورُ عَلَى اَلْحَاكِمَا تَقَعُ  
 الْفَرَشُ اَلَا بِيضَ لِلْيَوْمِ اَلَا سَوْدُ  
 اِذَا رَأَيْتَ اَسْنَانَ الْاَلِيْثِ بَارِزًا فَلَا تَنْظُرَنَّ اِلَى الْاَلِيْثِ يَتِيْمَ  
 الصَّدِيْقُ وَقِيَّتَ الصَّدِيْقِ  
 الْوَقِيَّتُ كَالْيَفِ اِنْ لَمْ تَقْطَعْهُ قَطْعًا  
 مَدَحَ جِدَّ وَجِدَّ وَمَدَحَ كَدَّ حَصْدِ  
 خَيْرُ الصَّرِيْمِ مَا طَلَعَ وَرَدَلُ  
 لَيْسَ حَلًا مَا يَلْمَعُ زَهَبًا

# The Learning Curve:

I look up at the sky,  
 With a heart full of love,  
 Each day a new beginning,  
 Each day full of hope.  
 What is it that I want,  
 My dreams are so vague,  
 Why dream at all I say?  
 Does life need an escape?  
 Be happy, be content,  
 The voices all over say,  
 With such weakness of heart,  
 And thoughts that just stray?  
 Change is a must,  
 For the better, of course,  
 Having lived this far,  
 Happily, for far more.  
 Grow a bit of courage,  
 Grow a bit of nerve,  
 Life experiences teach,  
 Learning is but a curve.

Jyothi Nair





# The Man Who Made His Life Eternal

There is a very popular saying that ‘when the going gets tough, the tough gets going’. This is probably one of the many lessons that we teach our students and one of the finest mantras that we all aspire to imbibe in our life. There are innumerable stories and examples of the above saying and how people have achieved the impossible when the commonest and simplest efforts are not made possible for them. Amongst the many such inspiring stories of achieving the impossible, my favourite is on the journey of Dr. Stephen William Hawking, the British theoretical physicist.

Dr. Hawking has devoted much of his life to probing the space time described by general relativity and the singularities where it breaks down. And he’s done most of this work while confined to a wheelchair, brought on by the progressive neurological disease amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig’s disease.

Hawking first began to notice problems with his physical health while he was at Oxford—he would sometimes trip and fall, or slur his speech—he didn’t look into the problem until 1963, during his first year at Cambridge. Eventually, however, doctors did inform that he was in the early stages of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS, or Lou Gehrig’s disease). In a very simple sense, the nerves that controlled his muscles were shutting down. Doctors gave him two and a half years to live.

Hawking was devastated to hear this news. He was on the verge of becoming despondent when he realized one day that his situation seemed more tolerable than the boy who was his roommate in the hospital and was suffering from leukemia. However, it was a dream that changed his perspective on his life; when he dreamt of his possible execution. This was a turning point as he realized that he still had a long way to go and much to achieve rather than awaiting death to claim him finally. Hawking’s take on life is one of a kind where he has taught many to use adversaries to their advantage, be they their enemies, or personal losses in life or diseases to battle against. Before the diagnosis, Hawking hadn’t always focused on his studies. “Before my condition was diagnosed, I had been very bored with life,” he said. “There had not seemed to be anything worth doing.” With the sudden realization that he might not even live long enough to earn his PhD, Hawking poured himself into his work and research.

While physical control over his body diminished and was forced to use a wheelchair by 1969, the effects of his disease started to slow down. This did not deter him from his work, his searches and his findings and studies. Soon Hawking became a member of the Institute of Astronomy in Cambridge.

In 1974, Hawking’s research turned him into a celebrity within the scientific world when he demonstrated that matter, in the form of radiation, can escape the gravitational force of a collapsed star. Hawking radiation was born. This sent shock waves of excitement through the scientific world, and put Hawking on a path that’s been marked by awards and distinguished titles. He was named a fellow of the Royal Society at the age of 32, and later earned the prestigious Albert Einstein Award, among other honors.

As Hawking’s career as a physicist expanded his physical state deteriorated. He required assistance for every day to day activity and gradually his speech became slurred, so that only those who knew him well could understand him. One day, he lost his voice for good following a tracheotomy. His condition caught the attention of a California computer programmer, who had developed a speaking program that could be directed by head or eye movement. The invention allowed Hawking to select words on a computer screen that were then passed through a speech synthesizer. At the time of its introduction, Hawking, who still had use of his fingers, selected his words with a handheld clicker. Today, with virtually all control of his body gone, Hawking directs the program through a cheek muscle attached to a sensor. Through this program, he went on to write various scientific papers and he soon catapulted to international prominence with the publication of A Brief History of Time. The short, informative book became an account of cosmology for the masses. Soon he authored the book The Universe in a Nutshell. The life of this great Physicist of our times has inspired the movie makers of around the world and a biopic has been made on his life, “The Theory of Everything”.

Dr. Stephen Hawking thus is the finest example of the saying with a slight change that ‘determination can move the mountain’. In our well cocooned life with comfortable if not luxurious existence we often get baffled, miffed, upset and confused with the slightest of the challenges that come in our way; we make life miserable by dramatizing our supposed miseries; we love to glorify our sorrows and woes and we pride in our imagined trials and tribulations. It is thus imperative for all of us to learn, read, and follow the lives of such people who have made a mark in this world differently. They are abler than the most abled and the winners than the most victorious. Long live life as life is truly beautiful and worth every day of it, no matter how long or how short it is. Long live the dreamers who have achieved their dreams not by sleeping but by staying awake and seeing their dreams become a reality. “However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at.”

**Dr. Stephen Hawking**  
**Debjani Ghosh**



## गीत

आओ मिलकर एक स्वर में कहो  
स्विंघेल्स हमारा हमें जान से प्यारा  
यसुधैव कुटुम्बकम् हे इसका नारा।  
हमने तुझसे पाए शिक्षा के उजाले  
एकता और प्रेम के नग्ने निराले  
गाए हम तेरे तराने एक स्वर से  
स्विंघेल्स हमारा हमें जान से प्यारा  
यसुधैव कुटुम्बकम् हे इसका नारा।  
हम करेंगे अच्छे काम होगा स्विंघेल्स का नाम  
हम चमकेंगे भूगंडल पे जैसे चाँद सितारा  
स्विंघेल्स हमारा हमें जान से प्यारा  
यसुधैव कुटुम्बकम् हे इसका नारा।

पूजा श्रीवास्तवा



## सदाबहार उच्च विचार

पश्न था – सफलता किसे मिलती है ? सफलता का रहस्य क्या है आखिर ?

उत्तर दिया शही ने – सदा समय पर काम करो।

कैलेण्डर का मुझाव था – अपटून्ड रहो।

समय पर प्रहार करो हथौड़ा चिल्लाया।

सब अवसरों को हाथ में कर लो लाठी चीखी।

चाकू के शब्द थे – हर काम में तेजी लाओ।

सूई-श्यामा बोला – मिलजुल कर रहो।

शीलवान व नम रहो। बर्फ का विचार था।

मेहनत करो यह मेरा मुझाव है।

## औंखें

हर पाणी की न्यारी औंखें  
छोटी बड़ी मतवाली औंखें।

दिल का आइना कहलाने वालीं  
लाखों सपने दिखलाने वालीं।

खुशी से झूमें जब भी औंखें  
हो जातीं तब नम ये औंखें।

यां गम में जब झूवे मन तो  
औंसू टप-टप टपकाती औंखें।

इतनी सुंदर, प्यारी, सुनहली,  
रंगीन दुनिया दिखलाती औंखें।

अपनों को मिल चमक अनोखी  
सच में हैं दिखलाती औंखें।

अपने प्यारों का दर्शन करके  
सुख-संतोष से भर जातीं औंखें।

खुली औंख तो जीवन चलता  
बंद औंख में सबकुछ धमता।  
इन दो औंखों का अर्थ क्या कहना  
सच में सब का अनमोल ये गहना।

रश्मि खन्ना

# The World is a Family

'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' an ancient Sanskrit phrase that recognizes the world as one family and thus calls for unity, care, love, understanding, tolerance and sharing. As the motto of Springdales, the students and teachers deeply embrace this thought and live the motto every day. The section depicts a few expressions of our student body in the various community services and endeavours that they had taken up in the course of the year.

Reeta.Lisa  
Teacher: 1B





## From the SAWA Department

“We at Springdales have a responsibility to ensure that every individual has the opportunity to receive a high-quality education, from kindergarten to elementary and secondary, to special education, to technical and higher education and beyond. SAWA Department reverberate the motto of Springdales School; “The World is a family”

‘No Child Left Behind’ requires SAWA department to ensure that all students are learning and are reaching their highest potential. “No student ever attains very eminent success by simply doing what is required of him: it is the amount and excellence of what is over and above the required that determines the greatness of ultimate distinction” By Charles Kendall Adams

SAWA department comprehensively work towards inclusion of pupils with special needs, EAL learners, able gifted and talented students besides providing counselling and career guidance for better school adjustments and successful professional life.

Our special needs pupils are important part of regular classes and are supported to learn through differentiated teachings at their own pace with apt modifications & accommodations and proudly contribute and participate in all aspects of the life of the school. They are given timely interventions, Individualized education programmes and assistance of shadow teachers for personalized attention if required. SAWA professionals along with the other care givers develop and design programmes and activities to assimilate with school so that all students learn and participate together.

SAWA counselling services serve a dual role of educator (through guidance education activities) and counsellor (through counselling services) merging when the counsellor is involved in prevention work. All of life’s situations interact with each other. For instance, by addressing a student’s personal/social needs through talks, presentations, the school counsellor simultaneously teaches resiliency skills and affects the student’s readiness for educational challenges. As a result of such interrelationships, the school counsellor supports the integration of career guidance and counselling services to address students’ life skills for ultimate success in life.

As we know that the students with difficulties face unending emotional traumas, feelings of incapability, low self-esteem and poor social & economically independent lives. We at Springdales School Dubai have neither the pretension to solve all the problems of these children nor the intention to sit down and feel sorry for these children, knowing that we have made a difference in their lives. As rightly said “Enable the Disabled; Translate Disability into Ability; Capability, a winning Opportunity-Indeed a Reality” - Why do we not step forward and make a beginning to a better world for every one?

## A Trip That Taught us Humility

A short break out of our daily routine could become such an opportunity to learn, was beyond our imagination. It was no regular picnic or education trip or even a community work related to environment and cleaning campaign. It was to learn about abilities and challenges of life that most of us take for granted.

A few teachers accompanied us to Rashid Pediatric Center and opened before us a different world; a world of joy, a world of challenges, a world of simplest of the simplest achievements and a world of reality. We made friends with students with disabilities but who were braver and a happier lot than us, who have simple expectations and greater missions to fulfill in life.

It was their sports day and we accompanied them and it made all the difference to them who vie for acceptance and not sympathy, to be with them and not pitying them; to stand alongside with them, encouraging them on their struggles to achieve their mission.

We came back as better people and learnt the real meaning of courage, challenges and achievements with all humility.



Neha Susan

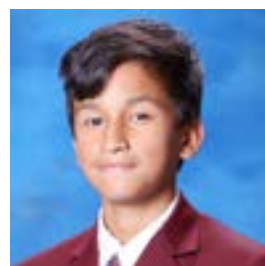


# The World which is Less Understood by Most.

Some experiences are extremely hard hitting, they expose us the naked truths about ourselves. Our achievements and our failures, our ego and our self-obsessions get buried under the stories of children and people who are simply struggling to be understood by a greater majority of people of the world. Such was the experience when we visited Rashid Pediatric Centre for Special Needs.

The Centre caters to special needs children and adults having physical disabilities or with neurodevelopmental disorder like autism and Down syndrome and many more. It was a day well spent with the students at the center. It was our first experience related to Community Service that stresses on 'Know your fellow beings and Serve Mankind'.

Compassion and pity are not what they want; rather they want some of our time with them, our understanding for them and our acceptance and affection for them. This was thus a different world that was opened before us, an opportunity given by our school; an experience that made most of us appreciate what we have and not, what we don't have.



Amaan Basheer 8A



## Everybody is Abled.

What I took back from Rashid Disabled Centre is a valuable lesson. Ability is measured with how well one utilizes one's faculties. With all our faculties working fine, we are still unable to take up the simplest of the challenges while we have people who are abler than us by taking up challenges way beyond their means. The students of Rashid Center taught us an important lesson about our false vanity and our supposed achievements and laurels.

We sincerely thank all our friends at Rashid Center, for showing us the mirror and helping us into becoming better individuals.



Poorvaja Subramanian- 8A





amenities, a dream place for the students who call their school 'a home away from home'. In an air of happiness, in the mood of stretching a helping hand, in the expression of sharing and caring, the students learnt the importance of 'one world, one family'



## Helping The Helper

It is not enough to recite the motto of the school, 'THE WORLD IS A FAMILY' but it is important to respect the motto, to live the philosophy and to inculcate the values into our students and every member of the Springdale fraternity. With such thoughts in our minds, Springdalian came forth in huge numbers from across the school to begin their first community service: HELPING THE HELPER.

As the popular saying goes by, 'Charity begins at home', our Springdalian involved their parents into their project and prepared goody bags for the helpers of the school, the bus uncles and bus aunties; for those uncles who are painstakingly putting brick by brick in bringing up the new school block with the state of the art

# The Silent Support

When we say that we are a school with a difference, the question that is put to us is in what way? And we are quick to answer as the school's philosophy runs in our system, we breathe in and out on the ethos of Springdales, where on one hand we believe in the world being a family while on the other hand we are a mini world ourselves where every member irrespective of race, nationality and position is part of the Springdales family.

If the leadership team, along with teachers and students form the big family tree of the school, then there are the silent workers, like the roots of a tree holding the school firmly on the ground.

They are our support staff, our members of the administration and maintenance, the transport staff, safety and security personals, the accounts and human resource department and of course the admission office, working tirelessly towards the systematic growth of the school and it's efficient and smooth functioning.

Without our team of excellent support staff, our performance in every sphere of work and activity would fail to reach high standards and quality. They stand by us in every possible way, at times appearing like the genie of Aladdin's lamp, always stretching out a helping hand without a frown or a second thought, just to make our work easy.

As we march forward to a well-paced growth, achieving many more feats, becoming the premier school in the region, we salute our silent workers and all those departments who provide us a steady ground and a congenial environment of working, learning and teaching, thereby taking the school to its pinnacle of success.



Helping Everyone To A Smoother Workday Everyday





Hands On The Wheel, Eyes On The Road  
Our Safety Is Their Load



The Trusted Connections !!







The light of the Dawn



## Smart Initiatives

“The roles we play in each other’s lives are only as powerful as the trust and connection between us; the protection, safety and caring we are willing to share.” .....

Oprah Winfrey.

As said and believed by Oprah Winfrey, so do we at Springdales School, Dubai have a strong philosophy of a safe, caring and nurturing environment for all, especially for our young students. In an extremely complex and competitive world, human mind and actions are difficult to judge and gauge and it is in such situation we are completely unaware of perils waiting at the corner to strike us at the most inopportune times.

With such thoughts in mind, Springdales has worked immensely in ensuring a safe environment and actions at all times for our students and staff. In this ongoing process of initiating and enacting, the school’s commitments to safety measures have been much appreciated and recognized by the Road Transport Authority of Dubai and thus helped Springdales to win DAST (Dubai Awards for Sustainable Transport) in the category for School Transport.

The school’s ‘SMART INITIATIVE’ has identified, established and implemented the safest best practices to ensure the highest standards in school transportation. Armed with latest technology, trends and tools, our excellent tracking and monitoring system of our school buses has given a new meaning to our care and guidance to our children. With helpful nannies and bus attendants maintaining

logs and records, as well as the RFIDs installed in our buses, have made us reach the highest standards of safety rules and actions. The School has identified the hazards of transport system and implemented control measures through Safe best practice, Management system, Awareness & training, Risk management and Technology.

Our Chairman Dr. Navjit Singh Anand along with his team received this prestigious honour and award from His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum in the second year of the school’s existence in Dubai. This is indeed a great achievement and a proud feel that which has made us even more committed to reach the highest standards of excellence in all areas of school.





## Environmentally Envisaged



## From Emirates Environment Group

**W**e live in a very interesting time, shaped by the revolutionizing forces of Globalization and Communication. The rapid pace of growth and development in our Region and across the world opens up both opportunities and challenges. History will judge our generations by how we lived and what we contributed to the world. We are not living sustainably, and we are adding problems instead of solutions to already critical global challenges. It is imperative that mankind changes trajectory to embark on sustainable development as our ultimate and collective destination. The time to act is upon us; only we can choose how we will be remembered; - as a greedy, polluting and wasteful generation or a responsible, ethical and eco-wise generation.

Habiba Al Marashi  
March 2015

# When the most significant issues cry for attention

Such a beautiful planet, the most unique in the solar system, the only one to have supported all forms of life, the home for everyone and yet it is so threatened by us that some do not exist anymore. We are now categorized by 'extinct' and 'endangered'. Who will do the needful to save Earth, save us?

An ordinary query by 'LIFE' but extraordinary task by a handful to save the world! At Springdales Dubai, we are at a nascent phase taking up the yeomen's task to do a little which will add up to the huge onus of saving the world. The Environment Club 'The Green Warriors' have been constantly working round the clock to spread

awareness to one and all, to collaborate jointly across all levels at school, to cleanse and beautify their surroundings as best as possible. With round the year Recycling Campaigns, Cleanliness Drives, Tree Plantation, Eco Art and Awareness Programs, the environment warriors have been on their toes, proving their mettle, handling with all the pride and sincerity that they could muster. Our Green Warriors will thus continue with their zest and zeal to launch many more future projects and programs.

President Environment Council & the Green Warriors





Where the Mind is

# Without Fear

The Fearless Minds of the Prefectorial Board 2014-2015

## Where Leaders Are Groomed

A famous saying by Charles S Lauer comes to my mind when I sit back and evaluate my role as a House Coordinator. It has been an inspiring and a motivational journey through out! The respective House Wardens and the students of the Prefectorial Board have all passionately and enthusiastically contributed towards fulfilling their duties. To be a leader is actually a process of inner self discovery. Here at the Springdales, we are privileged to have an excellent team who are backed by a very supporting management. Together with the support of our parent fraternity, we endeavor to inculcate in our students a sense of responsibility to be worthy citizens of tomorrow.

Rajani Jaiswal

## The Head-Girl Speaks

Leaders are not born but leaders are made. This thought was never truer before but became a reality to me since the time I joined Springdales. The school truly believes that excellence does not mean achieving academic excellence but the attitude to excel. Springdales thus instill in me the faith that it is the process of achieving excellence more important than becoming excellent.

I was made to believe that ordinary can become extraordinary with the right attitude to life. I regained my confidence and started trusting my decisions. I was not scared to share my views and opinion and realized that I indeed have an inner strength that can command respect and not demand it. This head girl post has shown me that I am responsible enough to guide myself and my schoolmates in the right path to achieve goals and aspirations. My school's faith in me and my leadership skills worked for me in deleting negativity in me, in taking criticisms constructively and to strengthen my weaker areas with greater determination. I learnt that it is the perseverance and the courage to accomplish something that makes one a good leader. Being the Head Girl of my school puts the onus on me to try out the once believed impossible, to venture into areas unexplored before and to stretch my hands out to one and all, friends and foes.

I thank my teachers, and my friends for believing and encouraging me in all my activities and trusting me with my responsibilities and commitments.

Poorvaja Subramanian  
(Head Girl- 2014-2015)



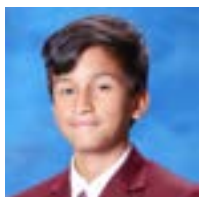
## My Way to Becoming the Head Boy

Talkative, fun-loving and a good ear to catch new words and to use them just to make my friends sit and wonder about them are a few of my regular traits; but never had I dreamt that these traits would help me to carve out a path that demanded greater attention to my goals, greater responsibility and being constantly in the limelight. In a new school, with new set of friends and teachers, I carved out my niche and found out more about myself than before. My teachers discovered in me the art of speaking, the skills of oratory and the spontaneity of my expressions and that which earned me the post of the Head Boy. Was this an easy journey for me? No, life became a little more strenuous as the demands and expectations from me suddenly became more.

A leader needs to be an all-rounder. And here I am, stumbling my way through in academics, sports and other extra-curricular areas. It was indeed a proud moment for my parents for Springdales indeed found in me the latent talents which I was compelled to bring out, use it to my advantage and make my school stand out with a responsible student council headed by the top-most post holders. Having said that, there are times when I indeed feel the curbing and curtailing of my freedom to be just the way I am; easy going, stress-free, complacent and procrastinating to top the chart.

However, it is those moments when I see the pride in my parents' eyes, the happiness and a sense of achievements that my teachers get after completion of an assignment and the words of praise and a few pats on my back from friends, that make me realize that how fortunate I am to have such beautiful people surrounding me and always encouraging me to put my best foot forward. Thus here I go with my humble thanks to Springdale fraternity to have believed in me and nurturing me with so much love and care into becoming a responsible individual.

Amaan Basheer (VIII A)





## And the Legacy Continues..... Introducing the Prefectorial Board 2015-2016

### Rehan Zahid Head Boy

I have often heard of leaders are born and leadership qualities are innate talent for some of the world's best known leaders. However, I believe that we are all born with many talents but how we groom ourselves and use our talents, which decide our destiny, our future course of action, realizing our dreams and ambition. Becoming the Head Boy for the year 2015-2016 in Springdales is not going to be an easy task as it would require greater responsibility, better time management, proving myself as best as possible in all areas of school be it academics or co-curricular and above all fulfilling my duties to the best of my abilities. Walking solely in the road to success is difficult but it is even more fraught with hardships to walk with a team of people with different traits, different likes and dislikes and different temperaments. I am confident of support from my school mates, my juniors, my mentors and teachers in carrying out my work and fulfilling the expectations of my school.

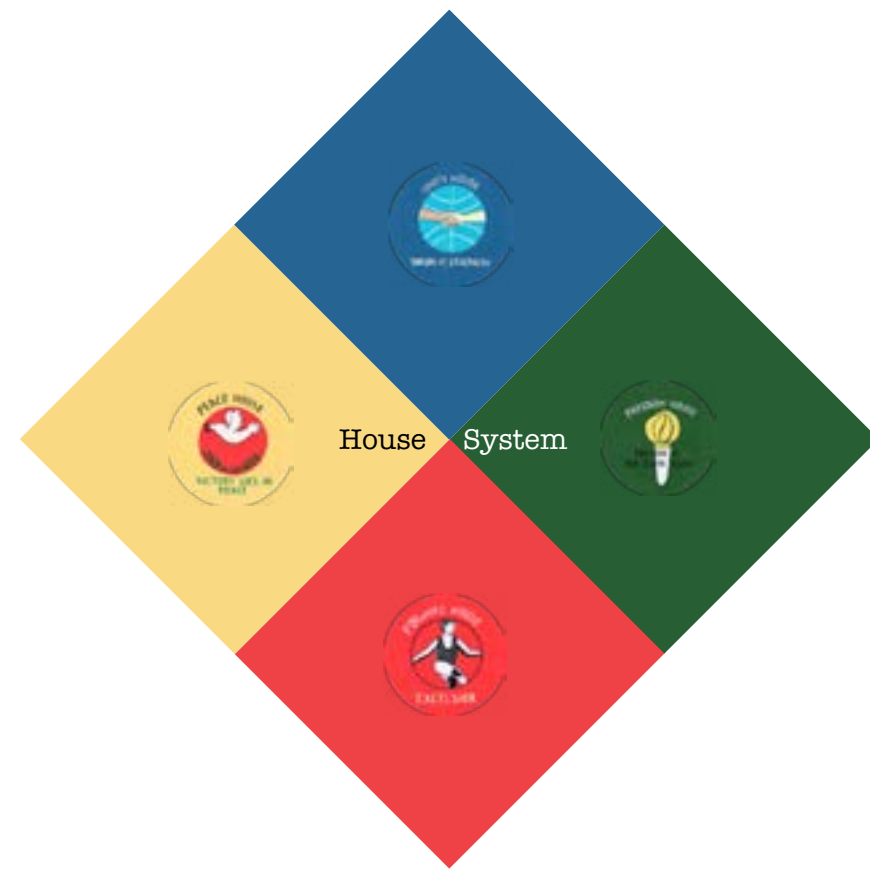


### Vaibhavi Head Girl

With true efforts, sincere heart and determined mind, success is bound to be mine and that's what has helped me to become the Head Girl of the year 2015-2016. I am disciplined, I give extreme importance to orderliness, I am true to my conscience and I give my best to all that I do. I am confident of leading my team in making my school proud of me and taking the school to its highest degree of success and achievements. The world's very few women leaders have all made a mark in their respective fields and I am sure that I too would carve out a place for myself achieving my goals and leading my team to the pinnacle of success.

## Presidents Environment Board

To work for a noble cause, a just cause, we don't need a post; a desire to do something different, change the mindset, work towards a better world for all are all that we need to do with or without a badge to pin up on our shirts. We all are perturbed by the condition of the world with her degrading environment, with callousness of human actions, with uncontrollable greed of man and promises unfulfilled and forgotten. As responsible post holders of the environment board we want to first wake up our own school mates and ensure that they too do their bit to make our school a Green School. They say 'charity begins at home'; thus as the citizens of tomorrow's world, we begin with our homes, our school, our neighbourhood and then our community, the city and lastly the wider world waiting for us.



Ayush Mathur 8B



Khushi Gaur 7B

## Presidents Editorial Board

Read, Imagine, And Write. Our work is no less daunting when we have to coax and cajole people to write. Writing for the school magazine and other publications is a joyful experience for some and for many the desire to write is there, mind is brimming with ideas but the confusion is how to go about it.

Here we come in and just ask them to pen down their thoughts and the rest is our job to collect, collate and correct. We want our fellow mates to write their minds, express their views and share their opinion with one and all as the world has seen revolutionary changes wherever and whenever the pen has proved to be mightier than the sword.



Aftaab 7 B



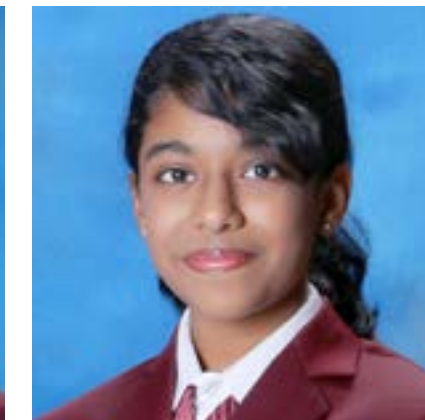
Tanushree Verma 7 A

## The Message of the Sports Captain

In our roles as Sports Captain, we have a very responsible role to play. Arranging competitions and tournaments are the areas that we focus on but the challenge lies in enthusing and encouraging Springdalianians to step out and compete in the various sports and games as our generation fights shy of physical activities and are more engrossed in digital games and engagements. Moreover, it is an additional task in inculcating the right practices, to make our school mates to understand the significance of team spirit and leadership skills and duties. As the year's Sports Captains, we aim to take the school to new heights of success in intra-school and Inter-school tournaments and challenges.



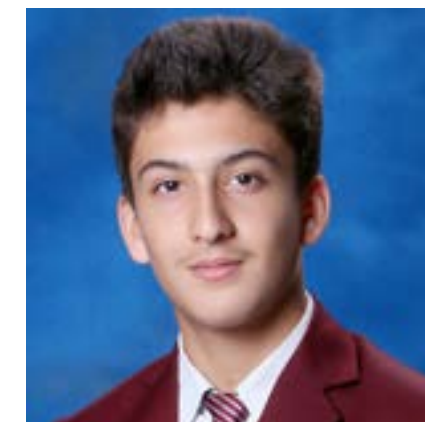
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Riya Rajan 7A

## The Message of the House Captains

We continue to carry forward the legacy of our predecessors and would ensure that Springdales always has able leaders who are sensitive, who are daring, who love challenges, who believe in excelling in all fields, who are responsible and who believe in walking and working with their teams. We are the new generation leaders who believe in 'never say never' and thus other than keeping with our house mottos we also aim at achieving excellence keeping with the spirit of the Springdalian ethos and philosophy where the best wins following the best practices and for the best reasons.



Sarnav Berry 7B



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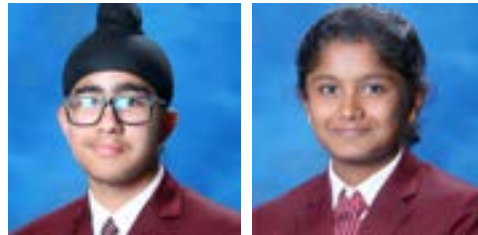
# Peace House

## ‘Victory Lies in Peace’



Our house colour is yellow, the colour of the Sun which is the source of energy and strength for all that earth holds in her bosom. The motto of our house resonates with the belief of one of the greatest emperors that the world had ever seen: the Mauryan ruler, Ashoka. We are the believer and follower of peace that which the world is so much in need of. As House Captains we strongly believe that

the greatest victory is when it is won in peace and harmony. It is a great onus for us to impart the same message, teach the same philosophy to all our students of Springdales and that which we take an oath to fulfill.



Devanshi Vipin & Ashmik Sawhney

## ‘VICTORY LIES IN PEACE’: the motto of the PEACE HOUSE

In a world torn and tattered with so much violence and hatred, have I been able to explain the term ‘peace’ to the children of the school, irrespective of which house or which grade they belong to? This question constantly bothers me as my prime responsibility is to teach the values, the ethics, and the morals that are fast eroding in a very commercial, fast paced world.

Peace and non-violence, harmony and unity are the topics of discussion of the present paralyzed and fractured world we live in. No matter how many different ways there could be to solve problems of the world, the greatest of them is winning battles and cruel hearts and minds through peace, friendship, cooperation and harmony. Where there is peace there cannot be violence and where there is harmony, unity is obvious. With such a beautiful thought and philosophy to imbibe, our students of PEACE HOUSE take on the challenges thrown at them in all fields with the right attitude, the right presence of mind and with great dignity and honour.

Victorious is he who has shown the world how to win with love, with the spirit of the game and with the heart to lose and learn from his failures.



Nagarao Bhojne

# Unity House

## ‘Union is Strength’



Looking back at the past months makes us wonder how much we have learned after joining Springdales, Dubai. This is the school that gave us the opportunity to explore our leadership skills. We are the Captains of the ‘Unity’ house. The colour blue depicts so much of the school’s philosophy and ethos. It’s the colour of the sky, under which our world is one big family. With this

philosophy, we move ahead with our responsibilities of holding our house together for all team work, all competitions and commitments. The school and the teachers together guide us to be leaders of today and encourage us to be the leaders of tomorrow.



Joel Alex Biju & Ashwina Mehra

## Unity House

The Unity House, of Springdales School, Dubai is the proud bearer of the color blue. Unity House stands for Strength in Unity. The Staff and students had a fruitful academic year 2014-2015. We saw our deepest downs and our highest ups. In the face of defeat and victory, the students never lost their fighting spirit. As House warden, I was amazed at the resilience of the indomitable spirit of the students. In the face of defeat, often I saw them rejoicing in the victory of their rivals. May the best team wins was the underlying message throughout the year.



Preeti Sharon

# Forwad House

## ‘Excelsior’



Our house denotes ‘excellence’ while our house colour Red reverberates around our house motto. It is the colour of the blood running in our veins, making us move forward and that’s what life is all about; a journey. We move with a mission to take up challenges with optimism, to excel and to make a place for ourselves. We as house captains lead our teams with the spirit of moving ahead, not to stagnate

and not to look back on ‘if’s and ‘but’s.



Shubhi Sekhri & Md. Shibil.

## LEADERSHIP

While finding a new and unique idea is rare enough; the ability to successfully execute this idea is what separates the dreamers from the achievers. Here are some key qualities that every good leader should possess, and learn to emphasize. These key skills and traits help a leader to move ahead, to lead and to march FORWARD in achieving excellence. Honesty - Whatever ethical plane you hold yourself to, when you are responsible for a team of people, it’s important to raise the bar even higher. If you make honest and ethical behavior a key value, your team will follow suit. Ability to Delegate - The key to delegation is identifying the strengths of your team, and capitalizing on them. Find out what each team member enjoys doing most. Chances are if they find that task more enjoyable, they will likely put more thought and effort behind it. Communication - Knowing what you want accomplished may seem clear in your head, but if you try to explain it to someone else and are met with a blank expression, you know there is a problem. If this has been your experience, then you may want to focus on honing your communication skills.

Commitment - If you expect your team to work hard and produce quality content, you’re going to need to lead by example. There is no greater motivation than seeing the leader down in the trenches working alongside everyone else, showing that hard work is being done on every level. The FORWARD house has imbibed these values and the team has groomed well in these skills. Small and steady steps will take them to greater heights.

Jyoti Kakkar

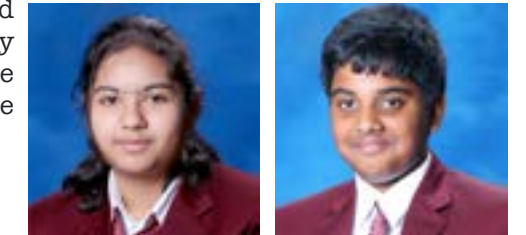
# Freedom House

## ‘Freedom is our Birth’



We are born free to lead a life of freedom where our thoughts and expressions find freedom, where we soar to great heights of achievements and spread our wings in freedom. That’s what our house echoes. It has the colour of life and life thrives best in freedom. We as captains believe in free exchange of thoughts and ideas as collaborative acts lead to greater success.

Teamwork is best exhibited when we are not bound by petty differences but are free to explore, express, innovate and initiate.



Deepakshi Rawat & Joshua Jerson

## What does FREEDOM mean to you?

What exactly is freedom? Can you taste it, see it, or touch it? The answer to these questions is “no.” However, if you start to reflect a bit, freedom can certainly be felt, if not by your hands then by your heart. The question then remains how to explain what freedom is.

One way to explain freedom is to look at the difference between children and adults. Children enjoy a certain kind of freedom that adults do not. This is because the adult understands the rules of society while the child does not. As children grow, however, he or she begins to understand the rules of society and take on the responsibilities. Activities that once seemed easy to engage in become more and more complicated as the child becomes more responsible and starts to internalize the rules of his or her society. In Springdale’s we learn to use our right of freedom with utmost responsibility. We learn to live free by respecting others rights to live free too. We cannot ignore the rights of people with whom we live in the society. We cannot simply do what we want and ignore others. We must take other people’s rights into consideration.

At all times we keep our school motto in mind, ‘Vasudhaiv Kutumbkam’, meaning ‘The World is a family’ and we inculcate the same in our children. We understand that freedom is to be respectful and useful to our society as we are to the members of our family. Freedom is important to everyone, an innate right, where both man and nature work together to create a free and peaceful world to live in. At the end I would like to quote some words of wisdom by Abraham Lincoln “Those who deny FREEDOM to others, deserve it not themselves.”

Zaheen





**T**his section presents the Parents' contribution. Springdales value all its partners greatly and understands the significant role played by them, as nurturing able bodied and able minded citizens of tomorrow's world need the shared role played by both school and home.

## What is My Happiness Quotient?

**T**here, you've got me to really think,  
 Is happiness the success that comes in a blink?  
 Is it the knowledge of a bank balance so immense,  
 That can buy anything -cars, jewels, mansions even part of Reliance?  
 Good health, famous friends, exotic holidays and a fascinating career,  
 Are really nothing if your son or daughter is in character, inferior!  
 The pain that it brings, creates such a black hole,  
 That it sucks, the wealth, the success and the false status, in whole!  
 So is happiness actually in bringing up a child who does things right,  
 With your values and teachings giving his character, more might?  
 Our children are our true investment, not the shares, villas or gold!  
 The rule is simple, if they do well, our happiness increases - manifold!

Sindu Krishnan Menon

## POEM Things To Do

**W**akey, wakey! Rise and shine.  
 Just look at the time! It's nearly nine!  
 Do you think, this is the right way,  
 To start a brilliant new day?  
 There are a million things you have to do.  
 Brush n' bathe, read n' write and of course, eat food.  
 So wake up, get on your feet.  
 Do things properly and you'll get a treat.  
 Eat a good breakfast,  
 Fruits and vegetables are a must!  
 Start making a timetable, go! Go! Go!  
 Try not to add T.V in one of the rows.  
 Don't waste time and lie in bed,  
 Start counting those homeworks, in your head.  
 Make sure not to forget,  
 The upcoming exams that your teachers have set.  
 Now finish this poem and begin your work.  
 Remember, there are a million things to do!

Shivani Anilkumar

## MY THOUGHTS ON...

### Attitude vs Talent

**I**n order to better understand the comparison of attitude and talent consider the analogy with air travel. Whenever, we travel by air, the first thing we do is to purchase the airline ticket. However, the airline ticket by itself is not enough to get into the plane and we need to have a boarding pass. Similarly talent is something which we inherently possess but talent by itself cannot get you success. It is essential to have a positive attitude if you want to harness your talents and succeed in life.

### Dream to Reality

**C**olin Powell, an American statesman and a retired 4-start officer in the US army, said, "A dream doesn't become reality through magic: it takes sweat, determination and hard work". Indeed it's good to dream but it's important to realize that it is through your efforts and perseverance that you can realize them. We come across many successful people in our lives and feel awed by the success they enjoy. What we should keep in mind that their success came from years of struggle and hard work. So dream on, but be ready to accept all challenges and impediments that may come during the journey to make it a reality.

### Success: a journey or destination

**I**agree with Arthur Ashe, the famous tennis player, when he said "Success is a journey and not a destination." We should focus on doing the right things because only by doing that we can be truly successful. Ashe's life story demonstrates how he battled racial discrimination and went on to become the first black player to win Tennis Grand Slams. Even after retiring from tennis he fought bravely against AIDS. He set up a charitable trust to help raise awareness about the disease. He succumbed to the disease in 1993 leaving behind a legacy which went much beyond his tennis successes.

# What is your Happiness Quotient?



“And then my heart with pleasure fills,

And dances with the daffodils.” - Daffodils by William Wordsworth

**T**hese days people are so engrossed in their daily struggles that they forget the meaning of true happiness. Today happiness is construed more as financial or materialistic gain rather than something which is more intrinsic and fulfilling. You don't have to be rich or opulent to be truly happy. What you must look for is what brings internal contentment and pleases your heart. It could be even a small thing as the sight of daffodils in the poem of the same name by William Wordsworth. And that is true happiness!!

Shishir Ojha.



# Success

a journey or destination?

**L**ife is a journey. A journey filled with experience of good and bad. We name good experience as success and bad experience as failure. Destination is a place one wants to reach in the journey. When you reach the destination, you have successfully reached a goal. You celebrate the success and continue your journey, throughout your life. Therefore success is a journey and not a destination.

YOU, The Springdaliens are on a beautiful journey in your life. Together, you grow under the guidance of your teachers and the care of your parents to complete your schooling successfully. Once you reach that destination, you will certainly set new goals for success. Never stop setting new goals and thriving to achieve it. Keep sharpening your skills and knowledge as competition is alive in the new world which is one globe. If you stop and satisfy with one success, remember that someone somewhere is trying to do things better than you did and they will come ahead of you.

**S**uccess is the by-product of our thinking process. It is achievable, provided we are ready to train our brain and stay committed towards it. It is we who determine our success. The philosophy behind success may vary from person to person. To some, it may be acquiring wealth, to some a worldly position, to others, academic glory.

My idea of success originates from a combination or a blend of human attitude, humility and gratitude. A journey to success is easily conceivable with these elements. Let us build our character around this and accept failure as a part of success.

Be cautioned, that in the pursuit of success, we may unknowingly leave behind old bonds and relationships. Let not this happen! As when we achieve success it will be incomplete, if we are unable to share it with people close to our heart that we may have left behind in this journey.

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Joseph Roy,  
Father of Anjali Roy & Amal Roy



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5B



6A



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6B



7B



# Digital Desk

If writing is an art, digital tools embellish and ornament the published craft.

Dr. Farooq Wasil, CEO, Goldline Education

A boat can never be rowed with one oar and that is the story of any project or event. Many a skill hand and creative minds work together in a creative project. Some are visible while others work behind the scenes.

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