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# The Springdalian

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## Quintessentially Indian Innovatively International



## Celebrating Achievements

As adults and indeed role models, we must never lose sight of the importance of showcasing talent, rewarding effort and achievement.

At times schools can lose sight of the importance of celebrating how far 'one' has come, what 'one' has overcome and the achievements made.

Celebration and positivity set a tone and a culture for a school.

As a school, we have introduced many initiatives which encourage children to aspire and achieve. It is not something that is saved until the end of the academic session. If we imagine the school year as a Marathon, we don't simply have people cheering at the finish line. At different stages along the way, there are different motivators to ensure we reach the best.

The same goes for schools. Throughout the terms we have encouraged our Springdalian to keep going, aim higher, and beat their personal best.

This publication celebrates many of the positive aspects of our student achievements.

It is not an exhaustive list but a showcase, a flavor, to be a Springdalian and what it feels like to be a "Celebrated Springdalian"

Enjoy the read.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink.

**Mr. Gale**  
Principal



# Celebrating 67th Republic Day of India Jai Hind !!

## गणतंत्र दिवस

गणतंत्र दिवस २५ जनवरी को स्पिंगडेल्स विद्यालय के प्रांगण में हर्षोल्लास से मनाया गया। भारतीय ध्वजारोहण के पश्चात प्रधानाचार्य जी ने हिंदी में इस विशेष पर्व और भारत के गौरव के बारे में हिंदी में संभाषण दिया। तत्पश्चात सभी बच्चों ने जय हिंद के नारे के साथ भारतीय ध्वज को लहराया। बच्चों ने देश भक्ति गीत गाया। भारत के गौरव को प्रकट करते हुए बच्चों ने सुंदर नृत्य प्रस्तुत किया। इस प्रकार यह कार्यक्रम सफलतापूर्वक सम्पन्न हुआ।









# Big Idea Teachers Awards



## Behind every great school are great teachers !!

That is certainly true at Springdales School, Dubai. We are particularly proud to announce that 2 of our many effective Teachers were nominated by Parents for the 5th Big Idea Amazing Teacher Awards.

Harkamal Ma'am from the Middle School Maths dept. and Anila Ma'am from Grade 3 received the awards.

We remain very proud to have them on the Team.

Springdales School, Dubai is fortunate to have a large number of very talented professionals who are making a difference.

I look forward to the 6th Big Idea Event and future Springdalian awardees.

## Workshop at What Works - Living Arabic



The presenters through the workshop aimed to establish the importance of an integrated approach in the learning of Arabic language. The social studies topic of the antiquity route of incense was the inspiration to the students to study the journey of Oudh through role play making them converse in Arabic.

The teachers discussed the ease and difficulty levels of the students and how the linking of the topics in other subjects with the learning of the language and their daily lives generates that additional interest and improvement in picking up the terminology and conversational skills in Arabic.

The workshop was presented following the main elements of the lesson with ICT integration where the starter was the 'WOW' factor followed by Presentation done through Social Studies, the class activity was explored through Science, Plenary through Maths and wrap up and assignment through English. The educational apps like Aurasma, Zaption, Infographics and Kahoot were used





# SPORTS DAY

## KINDERGARTEN

"Strength does not come from physical capacity;  
it comes from an indomitable Will"

Excellent weather, a lively crowd, a well laid sports field, a charged team of teachers and an enthusiastic, excited, energetic and eager bunch of young Kindergartners- All in all, the perfect elements for a fun filled Sports Day.

Right from start, the entire event was a mixed bag of frolic and fitness combined with learning and excellent team work. The different stations set up with age appropriate and challenging equipment and the lively music station had the little ones raring to have a go in each one of them.

The warm up session gave the right start to the young athletes to face the events ahead. It was a treat for their doting parents to join them, cheer and click lots and lots of pictures. The parents too

participated in the activities and the little ones had a whale of a time encouraging them to put their best foot forward. It was amazing to hear a little one call out to his father and say 'Come on Dad, you can do it'.

The unique feature of the event was that along with learning there was 100% participation. As one of the parents rightly quoted it was, " a show for everyone and everyone's show," wherein each member of the Springdales family present in the field was a part of the programme throughout.

Towards the end, though everyone seemed exhausted the joy and smile on their faces revealed that they were all ready to get set and go for another round of jumping, balancing , running and even crawling ..... the fun never seemed to end!!!







## YEH MERA INDIA



# TASTE OF INDIA

## CELEBRATING THE FLAVOR OF INDIAN CULTURE

Onset of winters ....a time for celebration in Dubai. Automatically, it signals more joy, more fun , more laughter and more gatherings. With everyone bracing up for a spell of pleasant weather ahead, it was only a matter of time that the idea of having a get-together in the school too, came up. It was envisaged to be a coming together of the entire Springdales community for the first time in an informal setting. On further discussion, it was decided to keep the theme India-centric - a taste of India, my janmabhoomi in this beautiful city of Dubai, my karmabhoomi ! What excitement it caused among everyone !

The afternoon of 12 December 2015 was decided for holding this event. As the invites were sent out, the flurry of activities in the school corridor increased as the various groups fine-tuned the implementation of those small parts, that would come together to make one beautiful whole, that day. The dress code for the event was kept traditionally Indian. The idea was to have a visual treat too, as the vibrant colors of India were visualised to resonate in harmony in the Springdales school, Dubai campus. Truly a reflection of multi-cultural India !

As the day dawned, the volunteers got down to the job of drawing elaborate rangolis, setting up the traditional lamp and floral patterns. At the entrance, little school girls bedecked in traditional finery, welcomed the guests with red-vermilion tikkas and a shower of petals. Honourable Principal, Mr. Darren Gale declared the event open by lighting the lamp, a symbol of knowledge and wisdom. As the guests started streaming in, they found an array of entertainment options awaiting them inside the venue. For the beauty-bound, there were henna and

tattoo counters; for the sporty kind , enthusiastic kids, parents and teachers had set up challenging games stalls ; for the shopaholic , a variety of shopping stalls beckoned indulgence and for those who wanted to get lucky , a raffles draw offered an opportunity. Soon everyone got into the festive mode. To top it all , the cultural show put up by the school kids and staff got everyone on their toes and soon, the audience not only clapped and cheered, but also broke out into impromptu jigs. The stage and mood was now all set for the fashion show and by now, the fashionable , the unfashionable and the not-so-fashionable , all had the courage to hit the stage to test their fashion quotient ! The catwalk was loudly cheered and the ramp walkers, with kids in tow made absolutely marvelous efforts to impress the judges. At the end of the cultural show, the audience took over the stage to dance their hearts out and so it was a melange of the garba, the giddah, the bhangra and the EDM that captured the taste and essence of modern India.

At every Indian festival and celebration delectable food is a given.....and so it was with this Taste of India too ! The event offered the Springdales' community a taste of India literally. The gastronomical spread awaiting the guests was vast and varied. Soon all were seen sharing and spreading bonhomie and camaraderie on the lunch tables.

A wonderful day came to an end.... As appreciation flowed out and satisfaction set in amongst us, I was completely overwhelmed by the feeling of being a part of such a big family. Vasudhaiva kutumbakam moment , really !

**A ring-side view by Dr. Bharti Gautam, Chair -Foss.**







# TERMLY AWARDS



Springdales strongly believes in celebrating achievement and we ensure that children have many opportunities to share good work and exemplary behavior. It's a happy moment for every child when they gain an award, and that happy feeling is palpable. The Termly Awards serve to ensure that students are encouraged and motivated at all levels to set benchmarks for themselves and aim or strive to get better each day. These awards attempt to touch every aspect of school life.

Every Term one child from every class in the year group receives the Subject Award. This award can be received for accomplishments in any subject, consistent or improved effort in a particular subject or for overall interest and effort. Subject awards acknowledge the dedication and passion of students towards the subject. They recognize the extra mile that a student went for their favorite subject.

Going a step further are our star achievers who get the Grade Coordinator Award for outstanding achievement in their class. This is awarded to those students who stand apart and excel in all subjects. The Attainment Award is given to our No. 1 students in each subject in each class in terms of Attainment. It applauds all students who attain the highest marks in a subject.

The only time one should look back is only to see how far you have come.' Recognizing and endorsing true effort motivates students to continue their progress. The Achievement Award recognizes all those who have tried and moved forward from their baseline scores.

Last but not the least are our steadfast warriors who come to school day in and day out. They are commended for their 100% attendance. These children who have not missed a single day of school and shown their love for the school are presented the Attendance Award to help them continue to be regular and also to inspire others to do the same.

Awards are like the steps on a ladder. Each step you take moves you closer to your aspirations and dreams. Our Termly Awards prove to be the catalyst that spurs our young achievers to excel in the field of academics and creative arts.

**"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way"**  
**Martin Luther King Jr.**





# Y Kumar Memorial Day



"Vasudhaiv Kutumbkam" – The world is a family! Indeed a reflection of the school motto was seen through our Grade 3 assembly.

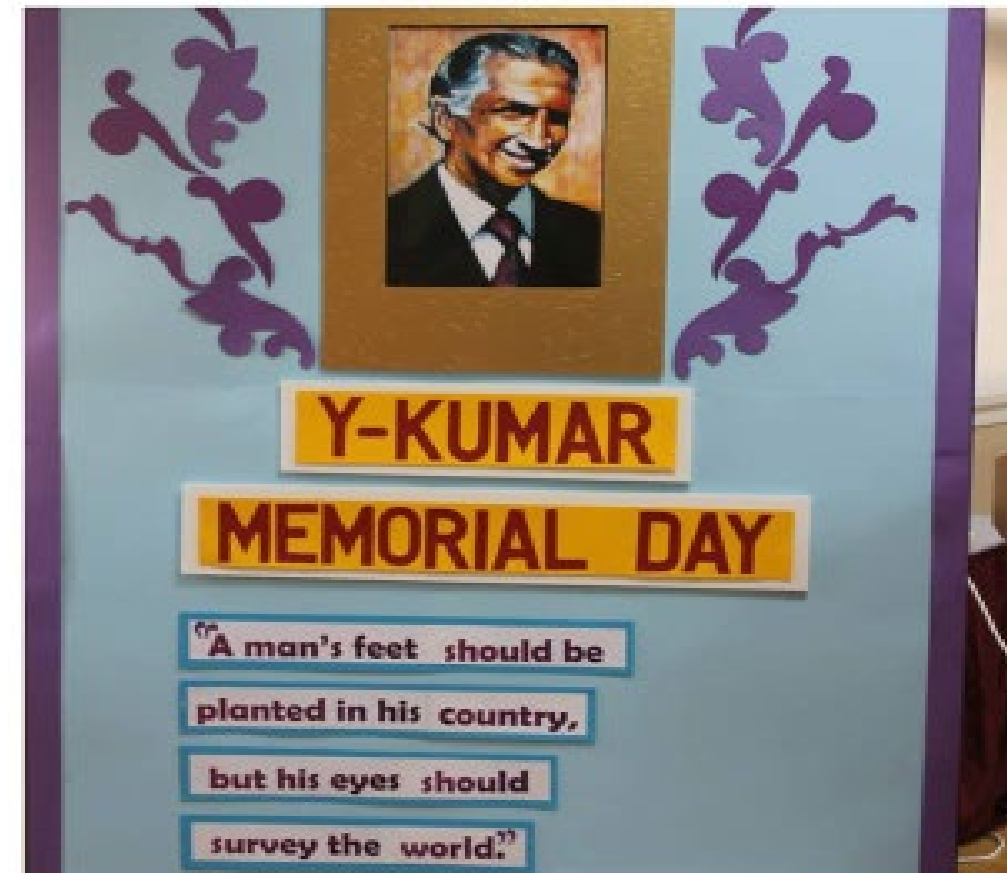
**To pay our respect to Mr. Yudhister Kumar a special assembly was presented by the students of Grade 3C and D on the 9th of February 2016.**

The students of Grade 3 C and D shared with their fellow students their thoughts about Mr. Yudhister Kumar, his efforts and endeavors to make Springdales reach the heights of success. The students were made aware of the active role he played in creating this institution and giving the world his ethos and Philosophy. The same is based on the motto "Vasudhaiv Kutumbkam".

The students were made aware about the great legacy of learning this dynamic personality left behind. Each of us witnessing the assembly were feeling blessed to have been a part of this prestigious institution. They expressed their thoughts about 'Unity in Diversity' through a Hindi song 'Khud Jiyo'. Through this song the students put forward their understanding of unity and what the world needs at this very hour to attain peace and brotherhood. The students towards the end created an acrostic to explain how to be a true 'SPRINGDALIAN'. They emphasized on what it takes to be a number one and how to reach there.

What could be a better end to the assembly than to have the students sing the glorious "School Song". On the whole it was a wonderful experience for both students and teachers to have witnessed this memorable assembly.

**We hope to carry forward the legacy of learning once started by Mr. Y.Kumar.**







# THE JOURNEY THROUGH THE YEAR

## 2015-2016

If you ask a person what were the most cherished moments in her school life? Participation in annual day would be one of the top three memories in the list.

School life becomes monotonous if there won't be any fun. For this reason, school organizes several functions inside the campus and it gives the opportunity to the student to work in a team. The annual day function has become one of the compulsory functions for almost all the educational organizations. It gives all the students of the school to exhibit talents and in different ways.

January 11, 2016 was selected as the inaugural annual day of Springdales School, Dubai. It coincided well with the Diamond Jubilee celebration of Springdales Delhi.

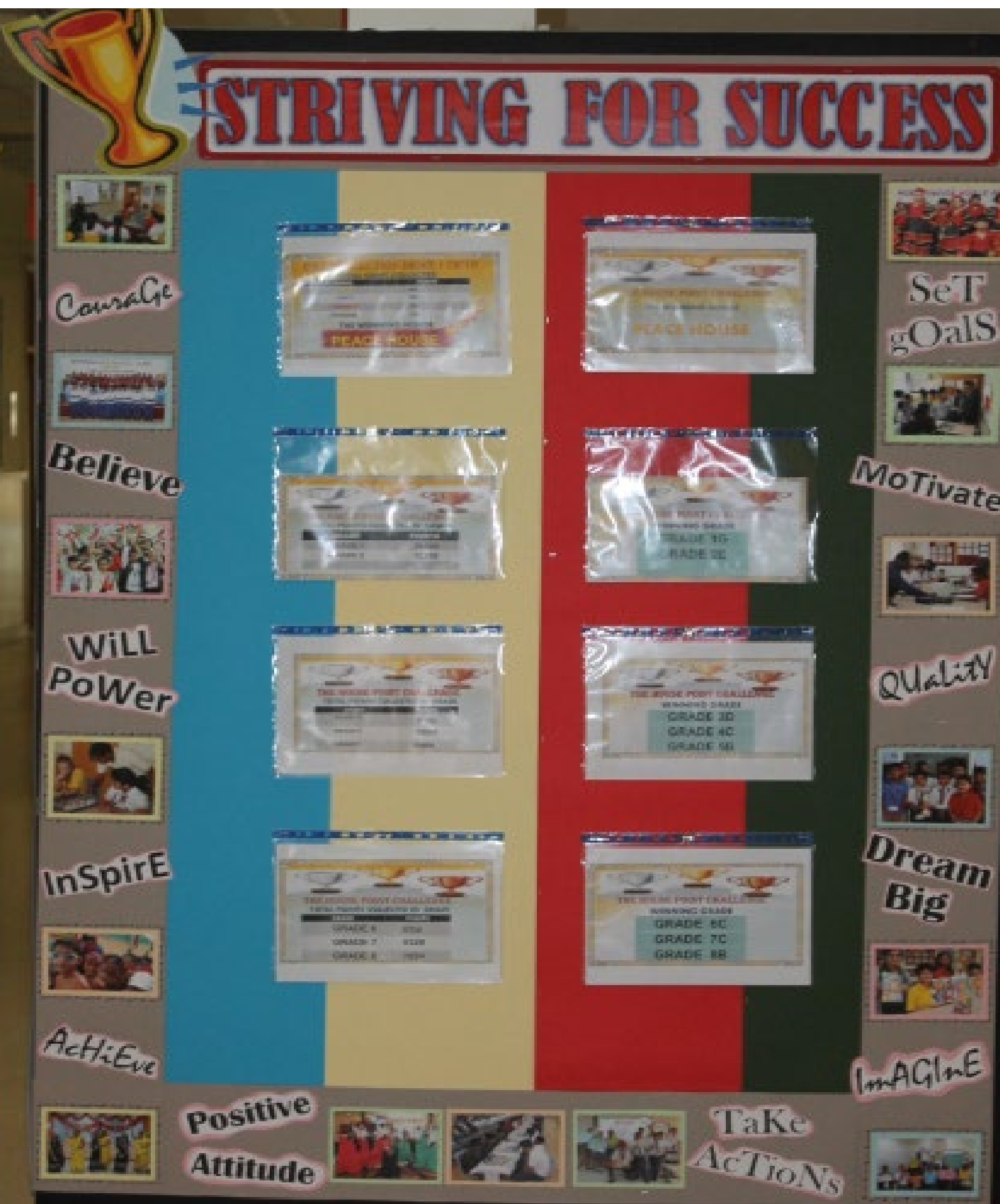
The main focus of this day was to give an insight of the year round activities in Springdales. Be it Welcome Song, Investiture Day Song, Musical Judo, Drumline, western Choir from Pupils Enrichment Programme, Vama Presentation held at the Consulate General of India in Dubai, Dramas from Language & Literature week, Thematic Presentation of Pinocchio Puppet Dance, Tribal Dance and Scene from private peaceful, Chinese Dance from S.ST Event or beautiful song and dance by the Tiny-Tots from Kindergarten.

A special song was written and composed in honour of Mrs. Rajani Kumar, Founder Springdales Schools.

The event was well received by the parents and the student community and it emphasized to the journey through the year of a progressive school.







# HOUSE POINTS

It has been a constant endeavor at Springdales School, Dubai to reward their students for their achievements. The house point system is one such initiative started by the school to encourage students to improve their performance in all aspects of their school life. Students are awarded house points for their good behavior, their attitude in class, academic achievements and their involvement in different school activities. Students are thus eager to improve their performance in every sphere.

The maximum house points given by a teacher for learning is 5. A record of the house points collected by the students is maintained by their class teachers in a central database. The database automatically calculates the following details:

1. The total number of house points collected by a student.
2. The total house points collected by every section.
3. The total house points collected by a Grade.
4. The total points collected by a House.

The above details are shared with the students on a fortnightly basis by their class teachers and in the assemblies. The students who have reached strategic points in the house point scale are awarded the respective certificates. The house point scales are as follows:

- a. Bronze Certificate – 50 points
- b. Silver Certificate – 100 points
- c. Gold Certificate – 250 points
- d. Platinum Certificate – 450 points

The students who have reached the above mentioned points have been given the certificates. The details of the house points till the 11th of February for the Secondary section is as follows:

GRADE 1	18,654
GRADE 2	8098
GRADE 3	10,292
GRADE 4	11,161
GRADE 5	10,263
GRADE 6	5706
GRADE 7	7321
GRADE 8	6102

The winning house for the fortnight is  
**PEACE HOUSE**

**Congratulations to all the winners !!**





# ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS



# SPORTS

We encourage all children to accept responsibility for their learning and behavior, and to become confident, independent, creative thinkers through sports.

Participation in sports is extremely important, and should be encouraged much more. Children and young people in particular need to do sport so that they develop good habits that they can continue into adulthood. The main benefits of sport are improved health and fitness, and the development of social and communication skills. Sports also allow people to develop personally.

We are very proud of our students' excellent sporting achievements at all levels in the various sports.

**Athletic:** It was a proud moment for us and Springdales School as Jardel Pereira from Grade 7 got bronze medal in 800 meter and Subitcha Raja from Grade- 3 got gold medal in long jump Inter School Competition. She has broken the record of last year performance in her age category. All athlete showed wonderful performance and got experiences in the athletic field.

**Swimming:** This is the first year where students participated in CBSE UAE Cluster Championship with their full strength & showcased excellent performance in the competition.

**Table Tennis:** Well done Manav Krishnan of Grade 4, who got silver medal in Inter School Table tennis competition.

**Soccer:** This year we participated under 8 Boys & Girls, under 10 Boys and under 14 Boys in Inter school football competition. All budding players got good experiences in the competition which may help them to develop performance in the future competitions. Under 8 Boys' team got fair play award. Well done Surbhi Nahata of Grade 3, who got best player award in the competition.

**Basketball:** Under 10 Boys & Girls participated with their explosive strength & talents and performed good in Inter school competition. Well done Swastik of Grade 4, who got best player award in the competition. Under 10 Girls' team got fair play award.

**Cricket:** Under 14 Cricket team participated in Max Talent UAE competition. Entire team member performed well. Well done Param Jani of Grade 6, who got best player award in the competition.

**Chess:** Springdales School hosted the CBSE Chess UAE Cluster 2015 Championship in their magnificent premises.

286 players made up 72 teams representing 25 schools in UAE. Over 860 games were played across the six rounds. Along with some very strong teams there were many others of a range of strengths seeking to do their best.









# International Day

Springdales Dubai was transformed into a vibrant kaleidoscope of colors, music, and dance as Springdalian across all Grades truly demonstrated the School's motto of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. Parents feasted their eyes as children representing the continents of Europe, Australasia, USA, The Americas, Asia and Africa took part in the International day Parade on the 13th of March, proudly carrying the flag of the country they depicted.

The stage was set as Mother Nature smiled down at the students ....some dressed as Spanish footballers, others as the Buckingham palace guards, the native tribes of Africa, the Mexicans in their cute ponchos, the Japanese contingent in a swirl of red...to name a few. Innovation and creativity knew no bounds as parents and teachers worked hand in hand to make this day different in every way.

Classrooms were transformed to give a flavour of the country they depicted. Right from a Sushi corner in Japan to a Henna corner in Gambia, to the Big Ben in London and the Great Wall of China. We had it all. Parents were treated to a variety of dances and cuisines from all parts of the world as they enjoyed this very special morning with their children.









Our student- Kris George, Age 10 Grade - 5C (Category 2 Age 10 – 12) did us proud by winning in the SMCCU Art competition 2015-16. He is among the 24 winners out of 525 entries all over UAE.

24 winners were selected out of 525 entries by The Emirates Fine Arts Society and winners had their artwork printed in a special edition 'Treasures of the UAE Calendar' 2016 and they were invited to the

Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding for an honorary celebration on 2nd December 2015.

All winners had their artwork displayed in a 'Treasures of the UAE Exhibition' at our traditional heritage house in the Historic Al Fahidi District of Dubai from 2nd December 2015 to 2nd January 2016.

Kris George took home a fantastic prize worth up to AED1,000.

He also received a voucher from the SMCCU for a complimentary Cultural Lunch for two.

# ART



The Arts department was delighted to present our 1st Annual Art Exhibition on 11th January-2015. Students of grade 1 to 8 displayed creative and wonderful pieces of art exposed through the year, done during the art classes covering various themes like Zentangle art- artworks emulating patterns and designs, Oil pastel faces – inspired by Pablo Picasso, Landscapes in impressionist style of Vincent Vangogh, Indian art in modern form inspired by M. F Husain, Postage stamp designing of U.A.E, Memory and imaginative sceneries . It showcased a lot of creativity, out of box thinking and imagination.

Parents observed the students artworks, commented on the great variety of the diverse media, methods and techniques used by our budding artists. Parents were impressed by their technical skills, depth of concepts being communicated by each work and their willingness to open their hearts and minds through art. "The care with which the work was presented showed great mentorship offered to the students by their teachers, and their respect and celebration of students' creative achievement"





#### The buzz @ FOSS

How would it be if the school library could be made the favourite place of the students.....a place where books are not only stocked, but also read out, discussed and imbibed. It could also be the place where planned and impromptu readathons happen. Or a place where the Springdales community of parents, teachers and wards read one book side-by-side or in a chain-reading event. The purpose ?

To make the books, reading, learning and consequentially introspection an integral part of our kids' lives. This is the focus of foss in this year of reading. The sale of old, donated books on the last PTM day and the ongoing book collection drive is all geared up to make the community read.

The foss is also buzzing up with plans to energise the school community through various cultural, creative and sports meets. The foss committees are regularly floating, thrashing and implementing the ideas on anvil. Its heartening to see many more of you joining us! When big tasks are to be achieved, even small contributions matter a lot.

And no thing bigger for us as parents than enriching the lives of our precious ones. I , end on the same note, as last time....Come, be a part of this initiative... play a part in your kids educational journey .

On behalf of the foss team,

Dr. Bharti Gautam,  
Chairperson, FOSS

# WE THE FOSS

## Friends of Springdales School

Partners involved in the educational journey together

PARENTS CHILDREN SCHOOL





# STUDENT VOICE

History has demonstrated that the most notable winners usually encountered heartbreaking obstacles before they triumphed. They won because they refused to become discouraged by their defeats. The same has equally happened to me, so try your best in everything you do use you know you are the best.

**Chinmay 8 B**

My achievement in this school is my sports. I have many medals for athletics. I also have a strong passion for this sport. This shows that you can do a lot with a little bit of motivation and practice.

**Nikita 8 A**

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams”- Eleanor Roosevelt

Success doesn't happen overnight – it takes a lot of hard work and determination. But first of all, you need to try, pick yourself up- no matter how many times you fall. Brush yourself off and deal with it. Because if you don't try, you will never know what you can achieve.

**Devika 7 A**

I joined the school at the start of academic year 2015-16. It's just one year but I feel that I have always belonged to Springdales. I got an opportunity to improve my leadership skills by being part of Student Voice.

**Aaryan 6 B**

The starting point of all achievements is desire. Sometimes one small achievement can change our personality totally. Same thing happened with me when i became a student voice in my class. I was a very shy and quiet boy but I always wanted to do something so that i could become famous .I lacked the confidence to do it .When my class teacher told me about student voice competition I was not sure that i could compete for it. But my friends ,teachers, and my parents encouraged me to take part in the competition. I won the competition because of this confidence and became the student voice of my class. This small achievement gave me a big boost to my confidence and made me a confident boy.

**Akshar Rana 4 C**

## PATH TO SUCCESS

The path to success  
Is never that easy  
There are stops along the way,  
Where you 'll almost go crazy.  
But when you are with God,  
There 's nothing you can 't carry ;  
Then just walk along,  
Till you see the end clearly.  
The path to success is never ever that ugly.  
All you just need to do is to appreciate its beauty.  
Even the problems , when we 're  
Through will make us mighty.  
Until suddenly we 're strong and solid and sturdy.

**Vedhika Santhosh 4C**

## SUCCESS

The road to success is not straight.  
There is a curve called failure ,  
A loop called confusion,  
Speed bumps called friends,  
Red lights called enemies,  
Caution light called family.  
You will have flat tires called jobs,  
But if you have a spare called determination,  
an engine called perseverance,  
A driver called will power ,  
You will make it to a place called success.

**Shaun Sunil 4A**





Some schools fear inspection, some schools embrace it.

At Springdales Dubai, we certainly embraced our first Inspection. A huge amount of hard work, training, preparation, blood, sweat and indeed tears went into ensuring that our flourishing school was seen in the most positive of lights. With the added pressure of securing the educational future of our Grade 9s, we were driven to demonstrate that our school is a 'Good' school.

We wanted our children to feel that they belonged to a quality institution, to reassure parents that the school was steering along on the right track; to acknowledge that our teachers are some of the best in the CBSE system in Dubai.

It was this drive and determined focus along with Vasudhaiv Kutumbhakum guiding our work, staff, students and parents gave their all to secure the final judgement.

It was a demanding and challenging week and quite rightly so. The evaluation of Schools should be thorough. It should be rigorous. We should be accountable.

I am pleased that we have secured the judgement of Good with very good and outstanding features.

This is not to say we rest on our laurels. There still remains much to be done. However, I know that when the inspectors call once again in 3 school months, we will work together, hand-in-hand striving for the excellence our children deserve.

Mr. Darren Gale  
Principal





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