



# The Springdalian

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**SPRINGDALES SCHOOL** Dubai





## Quintessentially Indian Innovatively International



## Upholding the Aims High

As we embark on the start of our IVth academic session coupled with the opening of Phase II and the launch of Pre-Primary, it is time for us to continue to move forward. We were thrilled that last term we secured a 'GOOD' rating from the DISB inspection.

This energized and fueled us to strive for better. Our philosophy for children deserving the very best remains true to our hearts and minds.

The Poem 'Dream' by Anonymous, fits the theme for this publication.

If there ever was a time to dare,  
To make a difference,  
To embark on something worth doing,  
It is now.  
Not for any grand cause necessarily....  
But for something that tugs at your heart,  
Something that's your dream.  
You owe it to yourself to make your days here count.  
Have fun, dig deep, stretch, dream big.  
Know, though, that things worth doing seldom come easy.

There will be good days.  
And there will be bad days.  
There will be times when you want to turn around, pack it up,  
and call it quits.  
Those times tell you that you are pushing yourself that you  
are not afraid to learn by trying.


### **Persist.**

Because with an idea, determination and the right tools, you  
can do great things.  
Let your instincts, your intellect, and your heart, guide you.

### **Trust.**

Believe in the incredible power of the human mind.  
Of doing something that makes a difference.  
Of working hard, of laughing and hoping.  
Of all the things that will cross your path this academic year.  
The start of something new brings the hope of something  
great,

**Anything is possible  
Quite!  
Enjoy the read!**



**Mr. Darren Gale**  
Principal





# Pre - Primary Launched

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**Springdales School has expanded.....the youngest section,' Pre-primary 'being the new addition to the family.**

We are indeed proud that we can now cater to children aged 3-4 years and foster in them a love for school and learning. Our pre-primary section offers the perfect start to every child's educational life. We follow a holistic approach to learning, which fits the whole school's aim of treating each child as an individual who is listened to and supported. This combined with a happy, purposeful atmosphere and a rich, varied curriculum provide the right ingredients for a child's best possible start.

Our highly experienced staff work hard to ensure that every child participates fully in all the key areas of learning through a structured curriculum with a strong emphasis on play and enjoyment. The joy of learning is a solid foundation to lay at this crucial stage. Children are given opportunities to develop their much needed emotional, academic & social skills. Our programme allows children to explore the world within a safe, creative and stimulating environment. The child's natural curiosity and creativity is nurtured through planned purposeful play through a mixture of adult led and child initiated activities to ensure that the development milestones are met.

A well balanced curriculum has been specially designed , keeping in mind the age and learning needs of the children .It aims to enhance and nurture curiosity in the little ones, develop their social, emotional, motor skills, promote communication and language development, boost their pre math and literacy skills and above all make them confident ,independent individuals. At Springdales pre-primary section, we intend to develop these attributes in children to prepare them to face the world of formal learning in the years that follow.

Mrs Arundathi Srinivas  
Head of Kindergarten













**The opening of phase II has presented Dr. Anand and I with many challenges. However, we have remained steadfast, along with the support of our Education team, in delivering our promise.**

We are thrilled to see the opening of Phase II for this academic session.

In my rounds, I am delighted to see the transformation of the new classrooms into exciting learning environments. In talking to the secondary students the lockers are a huge success! Walking through the campus, I am pleased to see children enjoying the outside area, the play equipment, the new benches, grass and shaded areas. Students clearly enjoying going to the new dining Hall which is a real hit with students of all ages.

You will see from the outside of the school campus that work continues in earnest. It will be a matter of days when the Science Labs and Sports Halls will be completed. We eagerly await the high quality facilities.

The Swimming Pool and extensive outdoor Sports facilities are taking shape. We are keen to have these completed before the onset of summer time heat; both are scheduled for the end of May.

In my discussions with students, staff and parents, I am always encouraged to hear the positive response of the facilities. Dr. Anand and I are immensely proud of how the facilities and resources are being used. It is rewarding for us to know that such efforts are making a difference to students, teachers and the leadership team. We remain committed to providing excellence and we are confident that the full use of all the facilities will be up and running by the end of May.

Mrs Jasmine Anand.  
COO

# A new phase @ Springdales School Dubai Phase II









# A STEP FORWARD

## GRADE 9

Springdales School Dubai was inspected by DSIB from 14 to 17 December 2015. The overall quality of education provided by the school was found to be good.' This statement from the KHDA report gave us what we had worked towards the entire year Grade 9.....As a 'Good' would confirm the way forward with Grade 9 being the senior most class for 2016-17. It was indeed a memorable moment .The feeling of jubilation and relief, both amongst the students and Faculty, was palpable. Expansion of the Secondary section to Grade 9 coincided with our shift to Phase II.

The well-lit classrooms and the well-equipped Labs, Sports and recreational facilities provide the apt environment and climate for learning ensuring that our Grade 9 students utilize their potential to the full and emerge as winners. Just a month into the New Year and students have adapted admirably to the new surroundings and new ways.

Moving forward the Grade 9 Academic year and Curriculum has been modified and enhanced keeping in mind the requirements of CBSE and the CCE pattern. The emphasis in Grade 9 is on conceptual clarification through experiential learning in the classroom with greater focus on learning rather than teaching to the test.

The emphasis on Co Scholastic development along with Scholastic experiences will help the learners to develop holistically in terms of personality by also focusing on the co-scholastic aspects. Moreover the Grade 9 curriculum will equip students with Life Skills especially Creative and Critical thinking skills, social skills and coping skills which will keep them in good stead when they enter the highly competitive Global environment at a later stage.

Another development for the school this year has been the inception of 3 clubs for the Grade 9 students. Our Science club, 'The SmArTiEs' provides those with an interest in Science to hone their scientific creativity. For our computer buffs is the ICT club and for those with a flair for the spoken word 'Speak Out' will help them develop their oratorical skills. Students have already had two very enjoyable and informative sessions already.

The entire team moves forward, steadfast and with a common goal, to consolidate and move the Grade 9 cohort through a successful year. With the skill students have acquired over the years and the support of experienced and committed academicians, Springdales is more than ready for the challenge.

'If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.' Henry Ford

Mrs Meenakshi Mehta  
Academic Head - Secondary







# Scholarship

## GRADE 9

**“ High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectations” Charles Kettering.**

At Springdales, we constantly work our minds and bring out new endeavours and ways to bring about changes, new initiatives and approaches to benefit our young learners. This Academic Year has begun with many such pioneering steps. Among the many, the most notable one being the Student Scholarships awarded to our Grade 9 students.

The much deserving students should be constantly motivated and encouraged so as to keep their morale always high to bring in their best. Thus six students have been awarded the scholarships for the academic year 2016-17, on the basis of their academic performances and excellence in sports and other cultural sphere.

This initiative would benefit not only to the awardees but also to the many aspiring students who would now be further motivated to perform in their optimum best.

It is hence a very humbling feel for our students who would now lead their peers to achieve similar heights and write their own success stories for the posterity. School scholarship is the first of the many in a student's journey to make his/her own identity and a name to be revered for.

On behalf of Springdales School,Dubai I congratulate all our awardees and wish them the very best in their academic journey with our school and thereafter-

**Proud recipients of the Scholarships are**

**ACADEMICS - Siddhant Sharma, Shivani Kumar, Katelyn Lobo.**

**SPORTS- Nikita Binaca, Siha Ahsan.**

**CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS – Jalaja Ahuja**





# SPORTS DAY

**The Sports Day at Springdales School was held on 22nd March, 2016 at the Dubai Police Stadium in a joyous environment. Students participated whole heartedly for the event. The heats were conducted on 21st March, 2016 to finalize the finalists for all categories. The venue was chosen for students to experience international athletic track & field.**

The Sports Day commenced with the recital of verses from the Holy Quran followed by its translation.

Sports President, Ashwina Mehra administered the solemn oath to the participants and the sports torch was carried by the Sports President, Ashwina Mehra & Nikita Bianca and school Head Boy, Rehan Zahid & Head Girl, Vaibhavi R. Our Principal, Mr Darren Gale, delivered an inspiring speech and officially declared the sports meet open, and released the colorful balloons, which adorned the sky symbolizing the vibrant hopes of the sporting students.

There were more than 300 students who cheered for their team mates and houses. The various events were Long Jump, Shot-put, Relays etc.

The best Athletes' Award went to Rajveer Choudhary, Subitcha Raja (under 10), Fahim Faizal, Johana Biju (Under 12) and Mrudhul Sreekumar, Nikita Bianca (Under 14).

The Overall championship trophy was won by the Peace House. It was a wonderful morning spent with staff, students and parents.

The highlight of the day was to see our Principal, Mr. Darren Gale, Head of School Ms. Farah Soonawalla, Head of Kindergarten Ms. Arundathi, teachers, parents & support staff participating in the 100 mts. race.

The entire Springdales School family enjoyed the day and the event came to an end successfully with the prize distribution ceremony.

Dr. Ashok Kumar Choudhary  
Subject Leader Physical Education Department





**BEST PERFORMANCE GIRLS UNDER 10, 12 AND 14 AGE CATEGORY**

UNDER 10 GIRLS			
EVENT	NAME OF STUDENT	TIMING/ METER	CLASS
100 METER	SUBITCHA RAJA	0:16:77	4C
200 METER	NANDITA SREEKUMAR	0:41:75	4B
400 METER	GAYATHRI VERMA	1:38:38	4A
SHOT PUT	ANAYA S	3.97 METERS	3A
LONG JUMP	SUBITCHA RAJA	3.05 METERS	4C

UNDER 12 GIRLS			
100 METER	JOHANA A BIJU	0:14:91	6A
200 METER	JOHANA A BIJU	0:32:67	6A
400 METER	JOHANA A BIJU	01:22:92	6A
SHOT PUT	SIMAR SINGH	5.23 METER	5B
LONG JUMP	JOHANA A BIJU	3.38 METER	6A

UNDER 14 GIRLS			
100 METER	NIKITA BIANCA	0:13:67	8A
200 METER	NIKITA BIANCA	0:30:60	8A
400 METER	NIKITA BIANCA	1:20:58	8A
SHOT PUT	OLEKSANDRA L	5:10 METER	6B
LONG JUMP	NEHA ROSS	3:80 METER	7C

1500 METER OPEN			
1500 METER	OLEKSANDRA L	10:32:15	6B

**BEST PERFORMANCE BOYS UNDER 10, 12 AND 14 AGE CATEGORY**

UNDER 10 BOYS			
100 METER	AYAN NAJEEB HASHIM	0:16:54	5A
200 METER	RAJVEER CHOUDHARY	0:35:44	5A
400 METER	RAJVEER CHOUDHARY	01:24:34	5A;
SHOT PUT	RISHON SENON	5.85 METER	4A
LONG JUMP	RAJVEER CHOUDHARY	2.98 METER	5A

UNDER 12 BOYS			
100 METER	DEEPANSHU SINGH	0:16:29	6B
200 METER	DEEPANSHU SINGH	0:34:63	6B
400 METER	FAHIM FAISAL	1:25:97	6A
800 METER	FAHIM FAISAL	03:32:82	6A
SHOT PUT	DEEPANSHU SINGH	6:10 METER	6B
LONG JUMP	VINAY	2:69 METER	

UNDER 14 BOYS			
100 METER	MRUDHUL SREEKUMAR	0:13:12	8A
200 METER	MRUDHUL SREEKUMAR	0:28:32	8A
400 METER	REHAN ZAHID	1:14:23	8A
800 METER	JARDEL P	3:28:46	7A
SHOT PUT	AFTAAB M	8:65 METER	8A
LONG JUMP	MOHAMMED FOUZAN H	3.90 METER	

1500 OPEN			
1500	ARYAN GULATI	06:48:13	8A



















































Entering the world  
OF  
Springdales

Welcome  
To  
our new staff





# Being A Springdalian

"Springdales Dubai" is a spectacular institution which I have come across in my 14 years of experience as a Dance Teacher. I knew the institution through internet and wished to be part of this family. I firmly believe "Springdales" would be the right platform to exhibit my experience to my children in a learning atmosphere that keeps students up in high spirit with its modern teaching techniques. I am so delighted about the importance the school has laid in nurturing "Performing Arts" as a subject. I am proud to be a Springdalian."

Moumita Das  
Dance Teacher

Springdales being a state-of-the-art school deploying new ideas and development measures, seemed a perfect platform giving opportunities to showcase a talent and knowledge. This, I found to be a right gateway to give back to the society by nurturing the learners in most advanced and progressive ways. A keen desire for a modern day learning experience in an ideal environment of personal and professional growth made Springdales the first choice to begin my career in teaching.

Niyatee D Shah  
Pre Primary

I love Springdales because of its excellent administration, quality, relationship with the parents, students and staff. The approach of this institution to its faculties and creates a superior working atmosphere. I feel extremely happy to work in this prestigious institution.

Dyna Alan  
French Teacher

When I visited the school for the interview, I had a tour of the Art room and it gave me a very pleasing satisfaction due to the display. Springdales seems to be different. The institution knows how important student's training really is. Springdales School is having international approach, though its curriculum is CBSE. I know that an excellent education means more than just great exam results. It means building pupils' resilience and character, helping them to be ready for the world, which I hope to make it here.

Oiendrilla Moitra (Art Teacher)

My first visit to Springdales was a couple of years ago, whilst I was looking out for good school for my child, the interaction was good and left with a positive experience. Thereafter on multiple occasions the name 'Springdales' kept resonating every now and then, either through friends who sent their kids to this school and teachers. Over a period of time, it had become synonymous for quality education and sound management. This goes a long way to show how quick and effective the brand positioning is. So the moment I decided come to out of my short holiday, Springdales was right at the top of my list of preferred employers. It was like 'I had found my purpose and the means just followed!'

Nishij  
Secondary Teacher

After viewing the school's Web site, I was impressed by the schools motto, "VASUDEV KUTUMBUKUM" with the shared vision of students, parents, and teachers working together. I found Springdales to be one of the best growing school in Dubai. I'm a huge proponent of activity-based learning. I joined their school to enhance my skills with the teaching faculty and its Leaders.

Anju Pandey  
Hindi Teacher

The school genuinely cares about the students, teachers and parents. The school epitomizes vibrancy and freshness and it provides a very positive and healthy work environment. One of the most important reason that I joined this school is our Principal, Mr. Gale, whose organizational skills, professionalism and kindness creates an environment that is enjoyable to work in. I appreciate the opportunity to work under his guidance.

JasKiran Kaur  
Primary Teacher



# ACHIEVERS

# THE PRIZE DAY



## CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS THE PRIZE DAY

Celebrating achievements, big or small is one of the greatest motivations for people of all ages. As educators, it is of prime importance for us to keep our young learners always in a very buoyant mood and maneuver them towards healthy competition.

As part of Springdale's culture, Prize Day is an important event that aims to leave behind wonderful memories of recognition of hard work and fruitful efforts at the end of each academic session.

In our practicing philosophy of holistic development, we applaud the efforts and achievements of our students in all field: academics, sports, art, dance, music and hundred percent attendance record.

**The Prize Day commemorating the achievers for the last academic session was held from 18th to 20th April for Grades 1 to 8. Approximately 1000 students received awards in various categories. It was a proud moment for all at Springdales.**

For every grade, an All-Rounder student was felicitated, while the most prestigious award of the ceremony was the Principal's Award for overall achievement in every sphere of one's schooling experience.

We continue with our journey of educating and nurturing the torch bearers of tomorrow's world. We aim to make excellence not only a goal to reach or achieve but incorporate it as a way of life for every Springdalian.

Wishing one and all an excellent journey with us and congratulating all our stars and achievers and their proud parents.

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARD 2015-16



- Gr 1 and 2 – Angad Devigada
- Gr 3 and 5 – Pratyush Jha
- Gr 6 – 9 – Rehan Zahid Kaliyadan

### All Rounder students of 2015-16.

- Gr 1 – Meenakshi Nisha
- Gr 1 – Shubh Khanna
- Gr 2 – Tanay Nair
- Gr 2 – Mukta Jaydeep
- Gr 3 – Kartik Kapoor
- Gr 3 – Anjini Jagwani
- Gr 4 – Anushka Bhattacharya
- Gr 4 – Swastik
- Gr 5- Armaan Jhanji
- Gr 5 – Sanjana Seigall
- Gr 6 – Ayush Chatterjee
- Gr 6 – Jitakshara Nain
- Gr 7 – Sreekar Gudipati v
- Gr 7 – Tanushree Verma
- Gr 8 – Siddhant Sharma
- Gr 8 – Vaibhavi Revankar





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PRIZE  
2015-16 DAY









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PRIZE  
2015-16















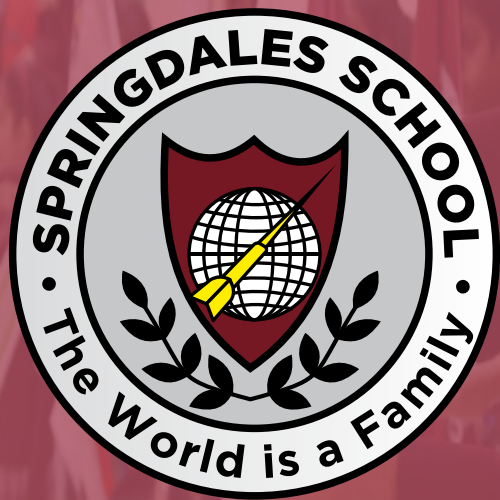












# INVESTITURE CEREMONY

‘If your actions inspire others to dream more , learn more , do more and become more , you are a Leader ’

Some leaders are born to lead and some are bred to lead. At Springdales, leadership is considered an important life skill that is just not to be learnt in classrooms but to be lived and practiced at all times.

Keeping this tenet in mind, the 28th April saw the appointment of the newly elected Prefectural Board for the academic year 2016 -17. Forty two young appointees have taken up their roles and responsibilities with utmost sincerity and diligence.

The post holders for the year are Head Boy and Head Girl, House Captains, President Sports, President Environment, President Editorial , President Cultural and House Prefects.

We wish our young team of leaders all the very best in all their endeavours and may they work in complete unison in taking the school to its height of glory.

Congratulations to the Prefectural Board of 2016-17.

Mrs Farah Soonawalla  
Head of School



















# ES SCHOOL DUBAI



# DALES SCHOOL DUBAI



# INGDALES SCHOOL DUBAI



# DALES SCHOOL DUBAI











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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