



# The Springdalian

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**SPRINGDALES SCHOOL** Dubai





## Quintessentially Indian Innovatively International



## Sails unfurled, full speed ahead.....

Since my last preface to The Springdalian (Vol 3, edition 1), 'We are sailing...' our ship and its crew have moved into smoother, deeper and warmer waters. The KHDA inspection of October 2017 saw a significant improvement across 20 ratings, reaffirming that we were indeed a very solid 'Good'. After a year of battling against the 'nay-sayers', the hard work and determination was recognised. Spontaneous dancing broke out in Reception and the hallways. Students looked on quizzically as teachers wept tears of joy and relief.

Our compass is set. We have already plotted our course for the restoration of Grade 9, given the favourable winds coming out of the KHDA and we are now moving to add Grades 10 and 11 with a view to completing the school roll out in 2019. CBSE is being invited to approve our curriculum for Grade 11, even as our first Grade 10 cohort prepare for their CBSE X examinations. The part played by our superlative Grade 10 students in ensuring our successful passage through the strong currents of the KHDA inspection cannot be over-estimated some and we are looking for some encouraging outcomes in May 2018.

These pages serve to demonstrate to the community that whatever the setbacks and storms we face, we shall remain true to our mission and the course that has been set. Inspections can be an important stimulus to

improvement, but our progress is built on much more than that. Springdales is a community, not only of learners in the classroom, but of performers, athletes, team-players, risk-takers, communicators and student leaders imbued with a desire to serve their community.

There are so many dimensions to school life that do not feature greatly in any Inspection Framework – and the pages of The Springdalian bear testimony to the true spirit of Springdales and provide valuable evidence that, as a community, students, teachers and parents are committed to the development of the whole person, nurturing talents in sport and the performing arts. Even more importantly, these pages also serve as a window on the values that bind us; the moral compass that keeps us true to the course we have set ourselves and the pace of our progress. The horizon lies before us and while the sea is smooth and winds favourable, we need to consolidate and prepare so that we are in good shape to turn any challenge and adversity to our advantage.

Mr. Julian Williams  
Principal



# WORLD SMILE DAY



*"Smile is the prettiest thing that you can wear."*

**T** rue to this quote the Kindergarteners at Springdales participated in the project "Spread a smile" that was celebrated on the 5th of October. The students designed posters depicting the different ways on how they made the world smile. Our younger Springdaliens enthusiastically shared their experiences with the class and made us realize that indeed "A smile is a curve that sets everything straight".

To enhance the celebrations, we also played the game "guess who's smile" in the class where the students were given a chance to recognize and appreciate the smile of their classmates reminding them to wear their smiles every day.

Smile is a key that fits the lock of everyone's heart was the message spread by our little ones.



# KG 1 & 2 CHORAL RECITATION



**P**oetry is the rhythmical creation of beauty. Poems are the perfect way to teach reading skills. Poetry is vocabulary enriched. It teaches grammar and other linguistic skills. Poems with rhyming words help develop basic component of phonics and pre reading skills too. The Kindergarten department at Springdales organized a Poem Recitation event on the 30th October and 1st November 2017 on different themes.

The children had religiously rehearsed their poems which was evident in their confident performance on the stage. They excitedly recited their poems with expressions and voice modulation. Their confidence and clarity while performing in front of the peers won them accolades from the head of the Kindergarten department and teachers.





# NIGHT UNDER THE STARS



**R**each out for the stars, if you cannot gaze at stars is the second best idea- who knows if you grab a couple of them for yourself.

The story of the stars and planets make our young learners curious and lead them to think and imagine. So to enrich and expand their horizon and make learning even more interesting, the children of KG 2 were let to reach out for the stars. An Event called "Night under the stars" was organized on 9th November 2017 to enhance the learning experience of our little ones.

It was with a lot of buzz and enthusiasm the event started rocking the stage with some space themed warm up dance session.

Various games for children had organized to add on to their joy and learning. Musical planets, launch the rocket, space race etc. were a few games to name. Camping in the space was fun with a selfie corner with rockets and astronauts. The children were overwhelmed with the space themed henna designs.

As the sky turned dark, children started observing the sky, moon, the stars, the twinkle and the glitter. They started making imaginary planets and the constellations. The children were assisted with Astronomical Telescopes which made the experience and amazement even bigger. Smiles, chatter and question started pouring.

No celebration is complete without some snacking and indulging into some delicacies especially when it's with kids. Sharing food is not only fun but also inculcating of values. To our surprise the tiffin boxes brought in by children were full of donuts, muffins, sandwiches and cakes in shape and theme of the Sun, Moon and stars. The effort from the parents and their culinary skills were truly commendable.

This evening would have definitely inspired our little ones to grow up into future astronauts and aerospace scientists.







## INTERHOUSE SWIMMING GALA - 2017

On Sunday, 17th September, 2017 the Inter House Swimming Gala for Grade 1 to Grade 10 (Boys & Girls) took place at the indoor swimming pool. There was a huge buzz in the pool air and some strong competition, with fine performances from Muskaan T. (Grade 8), Samah (Grade-3), Anjini J and Shreyah Jain (Grade 6) in the girls' category. The boys' category also saw some excellent swimming from Shivay Behl (Grade 1), Samanyu Verma (Grade 3), Ishan V. Kate (Grade 4), Samarth Verma (Grade 7), Rajveer Choudhary (Grade 7), Aditya Harish Krishnan (Grade 7) and Siddhant Sharma (Grade 10) gliding through the water in lightning speed. Well done to all competitors!!

It was an all-out competition between some of our strongest and most determined athletes. It was also great to see some of the senior students who, although not perhaps the most confident of swimmers, stepped up to the blocks to take on the challenge and the chance to win important points for their houses in this closely fought competition. The events took place Grade wise, i.e. Grade 1, Grade 2&3, Grade 4&5, Grade 6&7 and Grade 8 & 10.





# MAKING MELODIES



The well-known quote by 'Plato' says it all. This was substantiated by the brilliant singers of the Kindergarten section at the sing along event, 'Making melodies', held on 14th December, 2017 in the spacious KG outdoor area. The joyous Christmas season and the enthusiastic crowd of parents impeccably added to the grandeur of a fun-filled singalong.

The programme began with two star rappers welcoming the audience with an adorably, 'cool attitude', that had the entire crowd asking for more. Next the choir, stepped in, to present the welcome song. The foot tapping music and lyrics of the song captivated one and all. This was followed by a series of magical performances where in, the children confidently took their places on the stage and sang a variety of songs that mesmerized the crowd.

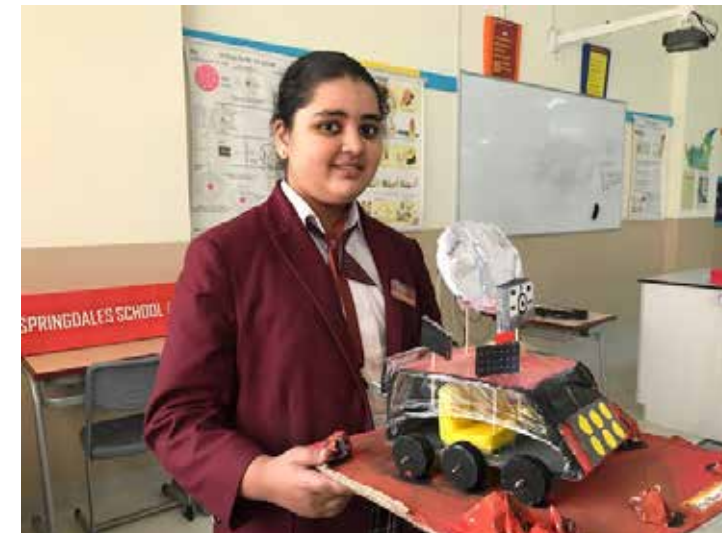
The little singers sang about, ways to maintain good health, save water, ways to travel and about the colour

yellow, to name a few. This was followed by songs in Arabic and Hindi, and the Finale had the Kindergarten team sing together to usher in, the festive season. It was a thoroughly gratifying melodious morning for one and all.





# UAE MARS CONCEPT



Students explored the UAE MARS MISSION. From a choice of activities given to them they made poster boards/3-D models and designed costumes.

They made elaborate 3D models to illustrate the type of agriculture, mode of transport and lifestyle expected in the MAZDAR city. Some students also designed costumes that the MARS inhabitants would need to wear to live in the atmosphere of MAR's. The special highlight were the

drones and rovers created by few students that would be needed on MAR's.

The students presented their creations with exuberance to their peers and parents who came to view and encourage these students on the Science day.



# READATHON



*'A book is a dream that you hold in your hands'*  
-Neil Gaiman

With great pride here at Springdales School Dubai, students across the primary took part in their first ever Interclass Readathon Competition. The competition commenced on the 24th of October and concluded on the 26th of October 2017. The teachers across the grades choose wonderful stories that made this reading experience an unforgettable one. This competition encouraged our children to pick up a book and read with expressions. All those who love reading and those who stay away from reading joined in a synchronized reading to experience the joy of choreographed expressions and modulations. This experience has ignited the passion for reading among our young readers and has embed the practice of sharing stories.





# INTER HOUSE CHOIR COMPETITION



*"Music can change the world as it can change people"*

**T**ruly as it is said music indeed is a real magic that we encounter in our lives. It is pure, it is real, it moves, it heals it communicates and does all incredible things. To experience this wonderful world of magic Springdales School Dubai had organized its first ever Inter House Choir Competition on the 31st of October 2017. The Heads of the School were the judges who gave their valuable judgement for this event. Grade 3 to 5 participated in the Hindi Choir.

The musical journey started with a soulful song by a very talented Springdalian, and thereafter there was no looking back. The journey continued with Peace, Unity, Freedom and Forward Houses coming one after the other performing different Hindi songs of different genre taking all of us back to the olden day melodies.





# ANNUAL ART COMPETITION



Art is a great way to stimulate a child's imagination, allowing children to demonstrate their artistic talents and to raise their own aspirations. Springdales school conducted its "Little Picasso Annual ART COMPETITION" on Sunday 12th November 2017 in their respective classrooms. All children from Grade 1 - 8 participated in the event. Students created wonderful artworks on various themes enhancing creativity, out of box thinking and imagination. Students learnt how to become divergent thinkers.

These were some of the highlights of the event. It was a grand success in which the whole school participated with great enthusiasm.





# ANNUAL DAY



On December 19th, 2017, to depict the joy of life, talented students of grades 3-5 presented their Annual function 'Picture Perfect', an amalgamation of glimpses of celebration from around the world.

The program featured, at its heart, a play with a group of young Springdalian role-playing cultural representatives of countries from around the world. They were hosted by a delegate from Ministry of Happiness, UAE who asked them to bring ideas of what makes people happy around the world. The ideas they brought were presented in the form of song and dance celebration. Hence, the presentation of mantra of happiness had varied performances ranging from Jive and Fans n Frenzy dance to Ballet from Ice and Snow festival and Flamenco from Spain. On one hand performers depicted the excitement of sighting of moon for Eid through a dance and on the other, they showcased how African tribes celebrate when rain comes calling. Patriotism was in full display in Arabian dance and Ghoomar dance from India signified traditional spirit.

Picture Perfect, in essence, was an imaginary and cultural fusion of celebration and students were successful in bringing cheer and a smile on everyone's face through their exceptional performances.













# KINDERGARTEN SWIMMING GALA-2017

**4**<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Swimming Gala in house was conducted on Wednesday, 25th October, 2017 for KG-1 and on Thursday, 26th October, 2017 for KG-2 at the Kindergarten splash swimming pool. Each students of each class participated in the Swimming Gala.

Gold, Silver & Bronze medals were awarded for winner, runner up and 3rd place holder respectively from each class. Note from Ms. Arundathi-She went to the gala, and was impressed with the hard work, commitment and skills shown by all the children who participated in the event. Well done to them all.

Kindergarten students had been trained by the swimming coach, Mr. Gourinath Rao.





# MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY



*To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful or perfect. You just have to care.*

**A**s expressed in our school mission statement: The mission of the school is to impart high-quality education through the **holistic, humanistic** and progressive approach that grooms each Springdalian to be **humane**, rational, creative, adaptive, **caring** and thinking beings.

In order to accomplish our mission, Springdales School Dubai undertakes many projects to nurture the above mentioned and highlighted values in our school students. Make a Difference Day is one such activity where students think out of the box and plan many community service activities.

## 1. Help the helpers

Under this activity student leadership ask their fellow students to collect canned food stuffs, blankets and toiletries for our school's cleaning, support and ancillary staff to show their gratitude towards the people who help them.

## 2. Help the labourers

We at Springdales believe that "The World is a Family" and to show our love and affection towards the underprivileged section of the society students of our school presented goody bags to the members of laborers' camps near our school. The joy we witnessed on the laborers' faces upon receiving bags from little children is difficult to explain in words.

## 3. Making Friends with other schools

Springdales School has a policy of making friends with neighboring schools. This enables us to initiate many collaborative activities and share the best practices. We prefer collaboration rather than competition amongst different school students.

This year members of Friends of Springdales School (FOSS) had gone to Credence High School, Dubai and Amled School, Dubai to plan saplings of friendship in their school campus. This was a symbolic gesture to reinforce the commitment of joining hands in order to work together and spread happiness. This plantation also brought flavor of "Year of Giving".





# UAE FLAG DAY

The United Arab Emirates Flag Day is a national occasion where people of the UAE remember the efforts of the founders of their State, who sacrificed everything for the sake of their nation.

The UAE flag represents meanings of justice, peace, tolerance, power and moderation, under which all Emiratis live a decent life and enjoy security and stability.

On November 2, 2017 Springdales School, Dubai celebrated this national occasion, by hoisting the UAE flag and singing the national anthem to reaffirm their allegiance to the UAE flag, which is a symbol of the country's unity and greatness and represents their aspirations for a better future.

Our beloved Principal Mr. Julian Williams, shared his thought with the students and explained the value of the occasion to the students through question-answer round.

Mrs. Jasmine Anand, Co-chairperson of Springdales School Dubai motivated students to participate in knowing the culture of the land.

Enthusiastic students of kindergarten mesmerized everyone present with their knowledge about the UAE.



# UAE NATIONAL DAY

UAE National Day is one of the most important events of our school calendar. The whole school community, parents, teachers and students participate in the event with lots of excitement and enthusiasm.

This year our school celebrated this event on 29th of November 2017 in our school campus. It was a field event where our school students presented cultural performances.

His Excellency Suhail Mohd. Al Zarooni, a businessma, an Emirati Collector and Guinness World Record holder graced the occasion as the chief guest of the event.

Event started with customary Qur'an Recitation, Flag Hoisting and National Anthem. Students of different sections of school presented Arabic Dance Drill, Speech and Poem in Arabic and English, Patriotic Songs, Dance and Skit.











## COMMEMORATION DAY



*"You silent tents of green, We deck with fragrant flowers;  
Yours has the suffering been, The memory shall be ours"  
— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.*

In 2015, His Highness Shaikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, decreed that November 30 shall be observed as UAE Commemoration Day and would become an annual public holiday in the UAE.

Commemoration Day is a time to honour and remember those who have sacrificed their lives in the service of their country. UAE Martyr's Day or Commemoration Day recognises the sacrifices and dedication of Emirati martyrs, who have given their lives in the UAE and abroad in the field of civil, military and humanitarian service.

Springdales School, Dubai joined hands in remembering and honouring the great heroes who sacrificed their lives for the country. The Commemoration Day began by lowering the UAE National Flag to half-mast at 8.00 a.m. At 11.30 a.m. precisely, the school stood in attention for one minute's silence in memory of the fallen and also in respect of their families and also those who put the lives of others before themselves, not only in the military, but also in the emergency services and who work for humanitarian relief in conflicts around the world and save lives and protect innocent civilians.

A special assembly was held on the occasion. The young Springdaliens dedicated a skit depicting the journey of life of a true martyr. The echoing silence reverberated the hall with the spirit of patriotism culminating in the singing of UAE National Anthem right from the heart. The Chief Guest of the day, Mr. Ahmad Abbas Mohammad Abdullah Al Blooshi, the school PRO and former UAE military person could only express through the eyes the emotions tried to hold within. Mr. Julian Williams, the principal shared his thoughts on the day and also requested all to hold the spirit of patriotism high in everyone's heart. He explained the significance of the Commemoration Day for the fallen who have given their lives for their faith and their country. It is a time that will remind the families of those who have been martyred that the UAE has not forgotten them or their sacrifice.

The Last Post, the bugle call that signifies the end of the day's activities marked end of the tribute at Springdales reminding all once again that being grateful for our nation is the greatest sensation.

*"All gave some, some gave all..."*



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