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# The Springdalian

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## Quintessentially Indian Innovatively International



## We are flying....

Springdales hosted the important CBSE inspection which we passed with flying colours. The approval meant that the new academic year could open confident that could accommodate the new Grade 11 intake. The attrition that is so much a part of school demography in Dubai meant that only 10 students would remain from Grade 10. However, once the community became aware of what Springdales could offer the numbers began to increase exponentially.

It was as if the pilot pulled back on the stick and we soared above the clouds into the clear blue. The first CBSE X cohort had achieved 100% pass rate with Siddhant Sharma achieving straight AIs in all subjects. This helped fuel an upward trajectory with numbers in Grade 11 reaching new heights on a weekly basis and soon we were offering two sections instead of one. We were able to offer a wide programme of subject choices and combinations and new teachers joined the crew to meet demand. What seemed remarkable was how well new entrants to Springdales were quickly accepted by the community and we also took heart from the positive feedback we were getting from these students about the quality of learning and the concern shown to them.

However, flying high reminds me of the story from Ancient Greece of Icarus and Daedalus. Icarus was so caught up with flying high on the

wings made by his father that he flew too close to the sun. The heat melted the wax that glued the wings together and he fell to his death. The moral here is that even if we have our head in the clouds as far as our aspirations are concerned, we need to keep our feet on solid ground able to cope the any eventuality. This academic year opened to news that there was downward pressure on fees, a reduction in corporate sponsorship for education and the prospect of several highly capitalized new schools opening. So, even as we soar, the storm are gathering and we would do well to focus on those areas in which we have a comparative advantage.

These pages demonstrate those highlights of the term that demonstrate our commitment to environmental protection, sustainability, and student leadership. In these areas, our reputation is already well-established and soon to be ahead of the curve. The summer break will provide us some pause for reflection and recharge our batteries for the challenges to come.

Mr. Julian Williams  
Principal



# Bake Sale



**S**pringdales School Dubai participated in the world Baking Day on 7th May 2018.

Springdilians were involved in the school's 'Bake Sale'. Students bought baked food item as per the specifications given. Special care was taken on informing the parents to send items without nuts and icing. Students got eatables such as cupcakes, brownies, muffins, cookies, cake and doughnuts which were collected by the senior students of the school to have a sale. The event was open to all students from Kindergarten to Grade II. Children purchased the items in Dh.2/- . This events helped students build entrepreneurial skills and skills of sharing. It was a pleasure to see the Kindergarten students purchase the baked items of their choice and be responsible to take care of the money sent by their parents. The day was a learning experience for all.









# World Book Day



***"Today a Reader...Tomorrow a Leader..." - Margaret Fuller***

Reading is an important element in the personal and intellectual development of children, in their early years. It is one of the most important skills learnt at school in early childhood that remains with them and takes children long way in life.

To inculcate the value and habit of reading in children and to reinforce the fact that reading is an integral part of their school life, we celebrated and revealed in extended reading sessions with our kindergarteners.

On Monday, the 23rd of April, 2018, on the occasion of THE WORLD BOOK DAY celebration, we exposed our children to the wonder and excitement of reading yet again. One of the best things about reading is the fact that it can be a shared activity. In order to make it an exciting and blissful experience, we requested parents to send an age appropriate book of their child's choice. Children were overwhelmed by the fantasy world came alive through reading. The by-product of the reading activity was bonding among peers.





# Earth Day



**“A true conservationist is a man who knows that the world is not given by his fathers, but borrowed from his children.”  
—John James Audubon**

**E**arth Day began on April 22, 1970 and has been an important day ever since. It’s a day to reflect on our planet, our environment and what we can do to help keep them healthy. Children have the most important stake in keeping our planet healthy. They’ll still be the caretakers long after their parents and grandparents.

The feeling of being responsible individual who need to be sensitive towards mother earth was aroused through various activities, whereas for our young Springdaliens, a feeling of what Earth Day is was brought about by singing songs, coloring pictures and making crafts. Keeping these ideas in mind, at Springdales School Dubai, Songs were played on the 3R’s (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle).





# Investiture Ceremony



**"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then you are a leader."  
– John Quincy Adams.**

**O**n the fine morning of May 15th, 2018, deserving young talents of the Springdales School Dubai were bestowed with the responsibility of leading their School from the front with their commitment, confidence and competence. The school held the Investiture Ceremony with great enthusiasm. The Investiture Ceremony marked a significant beginning of the new academic year. It was a solemn occasion where the young students were all prepared to don the mantle of leadership and discharge the responsibilities entrusted upon them by the school. To inculcate the leadership qualities in students and to give them a feel of leaders and a sense of responsibility the new "Prefectural Body" is formed every year.

The event began at 10:00 am. Mr. Williams, Head Secondary, Head Primary were escorted to the stage by the Prefectural Body. After national anthem the school choir presented the school song. To capture the heart of the audience a fusion dance was presented which mesmerized the audience. The function was presided over by the Principal Mr. Jullian Willaims. In his speech

he encouraged the students to be committed to important issues and to always remember that leadership comes with integrity.

Head Secondary, Deputy Head Secondary, Head Primary, Staff and students attended the ceremony. Bushra Maam along with the principal sir pinned the badge to the Head Boy/Head girl and members of the prefectural board and the respective house flags (Peace, Unity, Forward, Freedom) were handed to them. Oath was pledge by the respected Principal to the prefectural board committee.

In his address, Principal Mr. Williams appreciated the efforts by the school for providing opportunities to the students. He also congratulated the newly appointed Prefects. He said "Pray not for a lighter load but strong shoulders".

The speech by Elect Head Boy and Head Girl enthralled the audience and the multipurpose hall was filled with accolades and applause.

Krrish Hingorani proposed the Vote of thanks. He thanked the Chief Guest for her encouraging words and the thanked teachers and admin staff for their efforts. The ceremony concluded with a round of applause.









# Prize Day- Primary & Secondary



**"The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence."**  
-Confucius

On the pleasant daybreak of 19th April 2018, the Springdalian family felicitated the academic heroes of Springdales School, Dubai. "Prize Day" for the Springdaliens marked a day of appreciation and celebration. Parents felt heartwarming pride as students confidently strode on their runway of achievement, flashing radiant smiles as they were awarded certificates and accolades for their achievements.

Every Prize winner was met with an uproar of applause and the sense of success in the air was palpable. The prestigious Principal's Award was bestowed upon Muskaan of Grade 9 in commemoration of her superior

skill in academics as well as her multifarious talent in co-curricular activities.

The principal, Mr. Julian Williams addressed the gathering reiterating the oneness and unity among the Springdaliens where we support each other in our journey towards success. An event just for show-casing awards is definitely a good one, but a reprieve from the same is always appreciated. The audience was enthralled by the musical interludes and the students also put forth a scintillating dance performance which captivated the audience leaving all in a trance of inspiration.

The entire affair concluded with a bang when all the prize winners gathered together for the group picture. The momentous occasion was a great and resounding success due to the efforts of all the people involved.

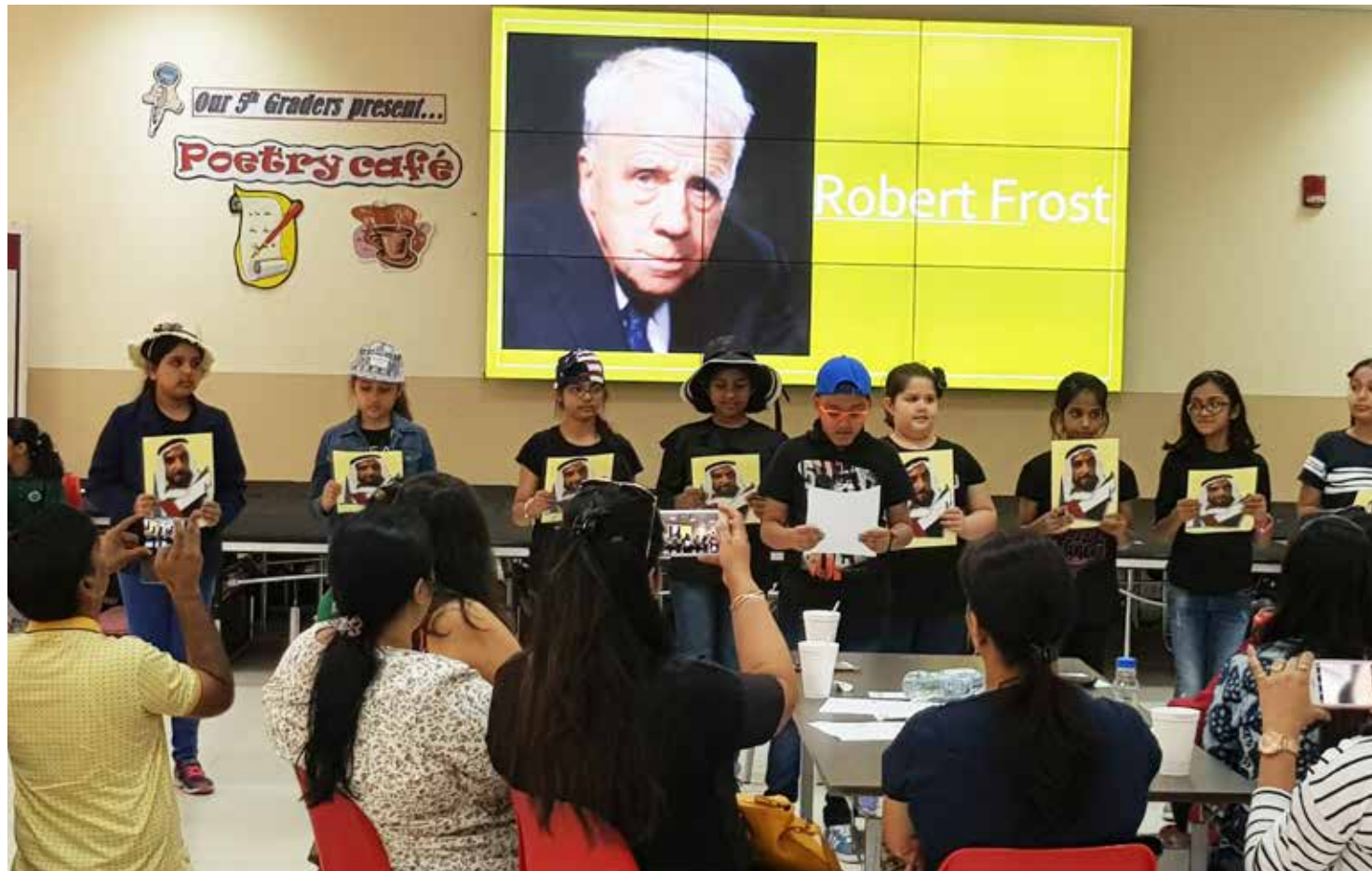








# Poetry Cafe



The second edition of Poetry Café was organized on 13th May, 2018. Poetry Café is an event where students of Grade-5 present their original poems in a casual setting.

The event began with Quran Recitation and the rendering of the National Anthem. Then the budding poets presented their creation in front of their proud parents. The students captured the attention of the audience by the rhythm and intonation of their recitation. Recitation of Arabic poems was a highlight of the event this year.

The Deputy Head of Primary, Ms. Sheerin Ahmed, addressed the audience. The parent representative who spoke at the conclusion of the event showered praise on the young poets and expressed much contentment and delight at the event being able to harness the creativity of the students.





# Under the Sea



15 Springdalian from grades 4 and 5 really enjoyed creating best out of waste "Under the sea" sculpture with Plastic bottles, milk bottles, old cardboard, old shells, waste materials, stones, newspaper and magazines thus showing their innovative, creative skills by recycling, reusing and reducing waste and creating a masterpiece out of waste materials. Students experienced how wonderfully used things could be moulded and used for creating beautiful pieces of art. Students became aware of environment conservation

through art, how to recycle, reuse and reduce waste materials innovatively. Students learnt and grew with art, enhancing creativity, out of box thinking and imagination. They understood how to become divergent thinkers by creating things out of waste. They learnt how to cut back on the amount of trash we make, reusing trash thus finding a new way to use it and how to create new art pieces out of it.





# Canteen Visits - Kindergarten

**S**chool canteens are an integral part of the school environment in providing the school community nutritious and affordable food. Keeping this in mind the children of kindergarten got an opportunity to visit the school canteen to learn more about its functions and the food available in the canteen.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the walk to the canteen and learnt about the healthy eating habits along with the nutritious food available. They were able to take a bite of the yummy food that is prepared in the school canteen and were encouraged to buy the same at a nominal price.

The children enjoyed their visit to the canteen. It was an experience they will remember forever.





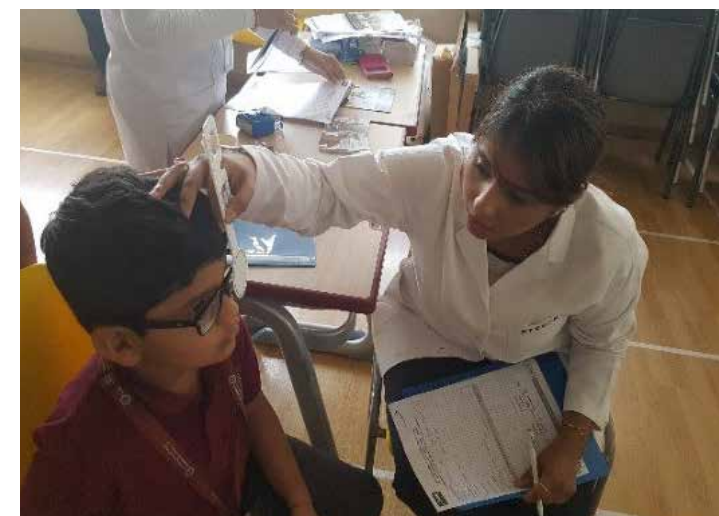
# Eye Screening Campaign



- A vision screening camp was arranged in Springdales School Dubai from 15th-17th April 2018.
- This camp was arranged in association with ICARE Clinics.
- The eye campaign was conducted by ICARE Clinic (of Emirates Hospital Group) and the students were seen by a consultant ophthalmologist.
- The clinic had special approval from Dubai Health Authority to conduct a screening campaign.
- The campaign was for screening purpose to evaluate the prevalence of eye related issues in school going children.
- All the students from kindergarten to grade 9 were assessed.
- Their findings were recorded in vision screening forms designed by DHA.
- The forms were sent to parents for their review and students were asked to submit it back the next day. They are maintained in the student's medical file.
- The students found to be having any vision problems were referred for further review to the ICARE clinic with special discount vouchers.

Sight is our most important sense. They allow us to connect with our surroundings, keeps us safe, and helps maintain the sharpness of our minds. Springdales has always believed in good health and well-being of the children. Keeping this in mind, the school organized a free eye screening camp for its little kindergarteners with I Care clinic.

The Importance of eye sight and eye care was explained to the young kindergarteners. The vision of the little ones was screened using the latest technologies. Some of the children were hesitant, but the doctors were very friendly and the tiny tots were at ease. Once the eye screening was completed, each child's report was handed over for parent's perusal. To add to this, I care clinic handed vouchers too.





# Ist Interschool Conference on Climate Change



Springdales School received an invitation and participated in climate conference on June 5, 2018 at Amled School Dubai, UAE.A power point presentation was given by students representing climate change in Singapore and how our planet’s climate is changing and the role they can have in addressing the issue as active global citizens. Students received the certificate and token of appreciation from Amled School.

EVENT	1ST INTERSCHOOL CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE – AMLED SCHOOL DUBAI
Date	June 5, 2018
Participants	Teacher Incharge-Ms. Sridevi
Focus	Teacher - Ms. Shilpa Chhugani
Role	Students: Amogh Saluja- Class-7 A, Nandini Khaneja-Class-7 B
Focus	Sustainable Development
Role	A presentation on climate change representing Singapore was given by Springdales students





# Zakat Collection Drive



**Z**akat drive is one of the important activities of our school. Every year all students are collecting food, cloths, grains, oil, and other food staff in the month of Ramadan from their homes, organizing it very well with help of other students and teachers, then Collected food staff is being packed and then taking it to the labor camp and distributing among the poor and needy people. From this activity, all students learn sympathy, kindness, helping others, togetherness, and developing their organizational and collaborative skills.

This year in Ramadan also our students have celebrated this campaign with joy and happiness. They collected many food staff cloths and packed them into small and big packets and last week of Ramadan many students travelled to the labour camp and distributed the food items among them and showed their kindness to poor people, similarly, students feel very happy to do some helping and charity act.





# Visit to Sustainable City



On 18th April there were a group of students from Springdales School that were given a chance of visiting the Sustainable city. The Sustainable City is situated at the Al Qudra road. It is the first zero energy company because it runs on solar panels. It was absolutely eye dropping to see how all the houses run on solar energy and to see that this work has already started. The whole city was beautiful, it includes things like ponds where we saw ducks swimming. All facilities that a human need to survive thrive in this beautiful city. When we entered we sat through a workshop that depicted how the structure of the Sustainable City was formed.

In this room, they explained the outline of the Sustainable City. This city involves things like schools, shops, parks etc. We saw that there were buggies around the city which was very accessible to the resident and children above the age of fourteen could ride this after they got their permit. We were very fortunate to enter into one out of the eleven biodomes. Over here, we got to see and taste the produce. We got to take home a sunflower seed and plant it in our school or our home. We got to see an aquarium. We saw the different ways plants were sown and grown. We got to taste locally grown cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, and basil. In the biodomes, we saw that plants were being grown in

plastic bottles and it showed me how we can use plastic bottles and that we can grow plants without buying any pots. After this, we were taken for a tour of the city. We saw that there were solar panels on top of every houses, we came across several ponds, all in all it beautified the whole city. While we were in the workshop they also informed on the three pillars of sustainability and they were

- Economically sustainable
- Socially sustainable
- Environmentally sustainable

We noticed that all these pillars were implemented throughout this tour. After this we were treated to a workshop where an Artist used recyclable materials at home to make a dress. The way the dress was designed was truly innovative. It was a great trip to see innovation blend with awareness of the environment. We enjoyed it thoroughly along with learning to develop sustainability in our daily lives.

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# Waste Management - EEG Art from Waste Exhibition



The Emirates Environmental Group celebrated the World Environment Day in its own special way by hosting the prestigious "Waste Management Awarding Ceremony" on 5th June, 2018, the Dubai Knowledge Park, Conference Centre, Dubai. Four students from the school were selected to attend the ceremony and participate in the exhibition for their creativity skills in crafting beautiful decorative items made from recycled materials.

One of the major part of this grand event was the Art from Waste Exhibition. This occasion provided ample scope and opportunity for the participating students, converging from different schools in Dubai to realize the importance of environmental protection and at the same time to follow the concept of the 3Rs.

## EXHIBITS FROM OTHER PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

It provided them with the visibility platform regarding the importance of generating an ecofriendly environment while simultaneously, it helped to generate awareness among the attendees about the wonderful things that can be done if the people see a change in using recycled products. The event threw light upon the fact that certain waste products can be recycled & reused in a multitude of variations, which would in the long run will help in the environmental sustenance. This Event has given a moral boost to our dear students for further involvement in various environmental activities in future.





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