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Quintessentially Indian Innovatively International



‘Cruising at altitude, but keep your seatbelts fastened....’

Leading into the summer break, the Springdales community was flying high. There had been growth and optimism in our new Grades IX – XI and strong international benchmark results had shown that Springdales was achieving better than expected levels of attainment and progress in English, maths and science towards our PISA and TIMSS targets. We were now cruising at altitude.

It is often the case the pilot announces that we should keep our seatbelts fastened in the event of some turbulence. As the autumn term commenced, the annual KHDA inspection was to be the litmus test of how well the recommendations made last year had been implemented and embedded. NGE/TBI, our school improvement partners, had focused throughout the year on improving student attendance to above 96% and how teachers used assessments to track individual student progress. We had invested time and resources in raising the profile of our new, extended SAWA Centre and in providing CPD to teachers to ensure that all students, including our Learners of Determination, i.e. those who require additional support as well as gifted and talented students, were having their needs identified and met. The inspection team scrutinised our progress against the KHDA Framework and rewarded our efforts with a further 15 ‘lifts’ in our ratings, with no ‘Weak’ areas and notable improvements in Arabic and in Kindergarten. We could justifiably set our sights on achieving a ‘Very Good’ rating overall in 2019.

The events of the last term reflect the community’s commitment to our ethos. For ‘Pink Day’ – developing awareness of the importance of screening for the prevention of breast cancer, students and staff volunteered to have their hair cut, packed for The Princess Trust in the UK where it will be used to manufacture wigs for cancer patients who lose their hair during chemotherapy. Little did I realise at the time that The Princess Trust was founded in partnership with Hereford Cathedral School, my old school in the UK. It was a proud moment for me to personally hand-over the packages of ‘Springdalian hair’ to members of the Trust during the Winter Break.

PRISM, our academic ‘Expo’ evening, coupled KG’s ‘Night Under the Stars’, drew a large crowd of parents to witness how students learn and take increasing responsibility for their own learning and assessment. This was very much a ‘Back to School’ night for parents. The refreshment stalls and fun activities made it a popular social occasion enjoyed by the entire community. On the sporting front, our participation in the 30x30 Dubai Fitness Challenge at the JLT activities centre as a guest of the KHDA Director, Dr Abdullah Al Karam, was one of our high points. The KG Swimming Gala and Sports Fun Day and Jamboree for Grades 1 – 2 and 3 – 8 also involved the parent community.

Springdales paid tribute to our host nation, the UAE, on Flag Day, Commemoration Day and National Day with student-led and choreographed Assemblies which were appropriately formal and reverent. This year, we also paid tribute to the UAE’s Founder, the late Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan on the centenary of his birth. We also commemorated those in the Indian Army who gave their lives in the First World War (1914-18) and their part in establishing both the loyalty of India to the allied cause, while giving momentum to its struggle for independence as a nation to which Britain owed a considerable debt both then and in the Second World War. The term ended in vibrant mood as the KG presented their 3rd Making Melodies Festive Concert and as both Primary and Secondary sections put on special multi-faith assemblies that brought together different beliefs from Islamic, Christian, Hindu and other religions to celebrate our common humanity and shared values. Our tolerance for and acceptance of others with differing beliefs and cultures is central to our understanding and celebration of international-mindedness embodied in our strap-line: ‘Quintessentially Indian, innovatively international’. Happy New Year!

Mr. Julian Williams
Principal

Dubai Fitness Challenge 2018



30 minutes X 30 days = 1 successful Dubai

Dubai Fitness Challenge (DFC) returned to transform the city into the most active in the world. From 26 October to 24 November 2018, the city kept moving with a month-long calendar of exciting events. DFC not only motivated and involved Dubai's residents to take on the challenge of 30 minutes of activity a day for 30 days, but it saw a city work as one and commit to living a healthier, active lifestyle.

This year DFC brought more events, more action, more fun, all across the city. With 2 energizing Weekend Carnivals, 5 dedicated Fitness Villages and more than 8,000 free classes, events and community-led activities, getting fit has never been easier – or more fun! People joined from all over the region to take part in other events too, showing their passion for getting active and staying healthy.

Being active is not just about moving; it's about turning the simple into the challenging and dreams into achievements. Dubai Fitness Challenge goes beyond building an ever-evolving city into an inspirationally active one – it is about creating champions out of challengers, and a society of happy, global citizens.

Springdales school participation:

As Secondary school 6-8 all students participated in this event in JLT. There were many workouts, dance, games conducted by the coach. While the students enjoyed the sessions, the Principal and teachers also had a great time doing something different for a change. To encourage participants, a noon.com shopping coupon worth AED 100 was given to everyone.

New launch: Dubai Fitness App

A new feature added to this years Dubai Fitness Challenge was the Dubai Fitness App - which allowed more accessibility to the Dubai Fitness Challenge.

Its outstanding features enabled one to track their fitness progress over 30 days while enabling them to monitor workouts, sync with other top notch fitness apps, explore classes, fitness sessions, create social fitness groups and join an ever enthusiastic and growing fitness community.





Prism



Prism, the learning expo had an excellent response and was very encouraging for students to showcase their talents. It was amazing for our Springdalian to present their learning to all parents. Enthusiasm was in the air.

The students exhibited their learning across all the grades in all the subjects taught at school.

It was a wonderful experience to see and hear all the corridors resounding with learning and enthusiasm.

Students right from Grade 1 to Grade 5 were at their best to show all the parents how they learn at school. The parents were impressed with their display of talents.

As you first enter the secondary block you would have met the future. Flashing LED lights, Robots and innovative ideas, the robotics room had you in for a real treat.

Following the robotic room we had the English room full of flair and Shakespeare.

The next few rooms were occupied with rockets and

celestial bodies. The science rooms contained innovative ideas on the theme "space".

Great at multiple choice? Love watching KBC? We had just the thing for you. You would have met us at the math room for a KBC math special.

Marhaba the Arabic room bursting with joy and wonderful skits showed you how much students love this subject and the nation.

The French room transformed into a bakery! Crepes, croissants name anything French and they had it.

The Hindi room, displayed a huge array of colorful and fun filled interactive games and street plays.

So there you have it 5 years of a student's life displayed to you in one night!

On the whole it was a successful enriching event.







Visit of World Champion in Public Speaking - Ms. Ramona J Smith



It is rightly said that –

“A good speech should be like a pencil having a sharp point.”

Public speaking (also called oratory or oration) is the process or act of performing a speech to a live audience. This type of speech is deliberately structured with three general purposes: to inform, to persuade and to entertain. Public speaking is commonly understood as formal, face-to-face speaking of a single person to a group of listeners.

Springdales School Dubai was fortunate to grace the presence of World Champion in Public Speaking 2018, Ms. Ramona J Smith. Ms. Smith is an author, a professional speaker, a poet and an educator. She leaves her audience in awe with her speech and her connection with the people remains unmatched. Her presence was honored by all staff, students and dignitaries of Springdales School Dubai. The other honorable guests who graced the occasion along with her was DTM Balaji Bhushan the district Director of IO5 District comprising of four countries that of Oman, UAE, Jordan and Lebanon. Ms. Preeti Bhagwat the District PR Manager, Ms. Jyothika Shetty, The district Admin Manager and a passionate toastmaster Mr. Amjad Ali.

The event was a student led event where all the honorable guests were received by the Head Boy, Head Girl, and President Culture. The event started with Ms. Smith addressing the students of Grade 6 to 11 in a creative way of a repeat song to which the children were absolutely engrossed, she then spoke about what Public Speaking was all about, the strengths, how to overcome the fear of speaking through an interactive session with the lovely Springdales audience. Thereafter a video showing her winning speech was played which imparted a lot of good messages and by the end of the session children were all encouraged and inspired.

An even more personalized interview session was organized in the school library where children of Grade 8, 9 and 11 had a one to one interactive session with Ms. Smith asking her personal and professional questions.





PYM - Protect Your Mom Campaign - A Cancer Awareness Initiative



Cancer, as we all know is one of the diseases that takes a heavy toll of life every year and the sad part lies in the fact that there exists no fixed or standard solution to beat it.

But it is rightly said that "Cancer may have started the fight, but I am going to end it". Keeping this spirit in mind, we Springdaliens on the occasion of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, organized a campaign which aimed to raise awareness, reduce stigma of breast cancer through education on symptoms and treatment and empowered people to fight it.

The idea of this prosperous program was to promote the MOTO "Go against this dreadful disease" which requires lot of will power and human strength to fight the disease.

The Kindergarten students harnessed their creativity by participating in dances, songs, making of posters and various other events to create awareness all at zero cost. The entire community of Springdales came dressed in pink as a mark of breast cancer awareness.

The program was organised by Irum Shaikh of Grade 11 and Simar Singh of Grade 8. The program was commemorated by making A Pink Human Knot by students of grade KG1- Grade 2 (the official color of breast cancer). It was then succeeded by making A Multicolor Human Knot by students of grade3-11. All the colors represented various type cancer which was the highlight of the event..

Simultaneously at the school MPH, the students were donating their hair and shaving their hair showing solidarity towards breast cancer patients. A total of 46 students shaved/donated their hair with 5 staff members of the school.

Students of Secondary Section had organized a solemn assembly. The school choir sang a melodious song to lighten up the atmosphere followed by a thunderous dance performance which left all of us in tears. This awareness campaign was guided ahead by motivational words from our Chief Guest Ms. Premi Mathew, who herself has fought a battle against breast cancer and has successfully overcome it. This was followed by a moving speech given by the Co - Founder of the School, Mrs. Anand.

The hair donation campaign carried on even after the program and students who donated their hair were encouraged and applauded for their courage and bravery. The members of the prefectural board were on duty, managing the discipline of the school while Gulf News Reporters tirelessly covered the event.

The small initiative started by Irum and Simar turned out to be a grand success which had a huge effect on the students studying in Springdales School Dubai.

We Springdaliens are proud of what we were able to do to make this day special.





Parents Badminton Evening



A Badminton Tournament for the parents of Springdales School students was organized on the 6th of December, 2019 from 8 pm onwards by the PE department.

It was envisioned to bring together parents, students and teachers for an evening of enjoyment and fun. It was indeed a good feeling to see that parents responded and participated in the tournament. they brought along their families to cheer them which displayed teamwork and sportsmanship.

The feedback we received from parents was remarkable and they expressed their interest in such an event to be organized again.

The evening ended with an award ceremony and an address to the parents by the Principal, Mr. Julian Williams.





Night Under The Stars



Exploring the sky at night is a fun activity for kids. The story of the stars, planets and constellations makes kids curious and questions arise in their tender minds about the sky above them. The stars, moon, other planets and the vastness adds to their curiosity. The theme for KG 2 for the month of November was "SPACE". So to enrich and expand their horizon and make learning even more interesting the idea rolled to let the children of KG 2 inspire to reach out for the stars. And in conjunction with the current topic- SPACE it was decided to organize an event "Night under the stars" on 22nd November. All the required was discussed to make sure that this event becomes a good learning experience for our little ones.

The venue for Night Under The Stars was the KG outdoor play area and our little kindergartners were asked to come in their cute pajamas, comfortable footwear to add to the fun and feel of the event and a handmade telescope to gaze at the stars and sky above them.

Children arrived at the venue with a lot of buzz and enthusiasm. The weather was perfect for the event. Lined up in rows and resting on their backs, children started observing the sky, moon and the stars, the twinkle and the glitter. They started making imaginary planets and the

constellations.

To add to their experience Teachers had organized various games for children, different stations were set up to add to their joy and learning. Children were assisted with Astronomical Telescopes which made the experience and amazement even bigger. Smiles, chatter and questions started raining. Teachers attended them with the answers and new things to observe.

The effort from every parent added to the experience. Kids made a big circle and started opening their tiffin boxes. To our surprise the boxes were full of donuts, muffins, sandwiches and cakes. Every food item was of the shape of suns, moons and stars.

After the snack break children gathered again and were directed to their respective classrooms. Parents visited their wards class rooms where children played theme based quiz contest with the parents. Parents thoroughly enjoyed the show and were surprised to see our little astronauts organizing the game by themselves. Sharp at 8o'clock kids were handed over to their respective parents.





Dubai Police Wellbeing Session on Road Safety



“Safety Does Not Happen by Accident”

The national program for “Happiness and Well Being” endeavors to motivate schools to embrace wellbeing and to promote happiness in the U.A.E. To further this aspiration, Springdales School arranged for an enlightening session on ‘Road Safety’ by the officials from the Dubai Police department.

Safety and Well Being is a growing concern and Springdales School prides itself on providing safety to children as a fundamental duty.

As such, there is a vast array of health and safety procedures in the school. The school gives the safeguarding of its students the highest priority. All safeguarding policies are in place, all staff are licensed and trained appropriately. To take road safety forward and sensitize students on this, the officials from Dubai Police, RTA on the 7th of October 2018 held a very instructive session.

The students of Grades 3 to 5 attended this talk. Through this session the students were alerted about the importance of being vigilant on the road.

The Traffic police officials spoke of the various road safety rules which they as students need to keep in mind. They were encouraged to share their learning at home with their parents. It was an interactive session, where the students were given an opportunity to ask questions in case of doubt. Many were given a chance to express their doubts and learning. On the whole it was a very informative, instructive and educative session.

Springdales School’s vision of setting high standards for Safety and Well Being in the school, is an ongoing process. The bus service exemplifies the high standards of health and safety at the school. Students’ movements throughout the campus are tracked consistently. The newly enhanced security controls in the buses are contributing in an exceptionally effective manner to students’ safety.

Such sessions are held to enhance student learning of such issues with direct connection to real life.





Teacher's Day



A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning- Brad Henry

Teachers' Day was celebrated on, Wednesday- 5th September 2018 in Springdales School, Dubai with great fervor. The day buzzed with excitement and smiles all around and by bringing everyone's attention to the immense importance of teachers and the role they play in children's lives.

The children arrived with lot of zeal in their hearts and love in their eyes for their teachers and wished them lovingly on their special day. The Kindergarten students and teachers assembled in the KG Fitness Gym to proceed with the day's activities.

We gratefully remembered the great Indian philosopher and statesman and the first Vice President of India Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, whose dream was that "Teachers should be the best minds in the country." This was shared with our little kindergarteners through a presentation in a very child friendly way.

All the teachers were called up on the stage while the children cheered for them and participated in a quiz about their teachers. The children danced for their teachers

and the teachers tapped their feet and danced with the students. They were touched by the warm gesture made by all the students of the school as they made each teacher feel special on this day.

Each child had put his or her feelings in a handmade card lovingly made for teachers and by the end of the day the teachers possessed a precious treasure of pure love and affection poured by the little angels.

After the children dispersed, the teachers were surprised by the senior leaders and management of the school. Besides the e-greetings and wishes through digital media, a sumptuous lunch treat was like an icing on the cake and the cherry on the top was the flower presented to each teacher for their conscientious and diligent effort to make Springdales a "Happy School".

Lastly and most importantly, Ms. Mona Khanna, HeadKindergarten, shared a few words of encouragement for the teachers and acknowledged their hard work and efforts towards the wellbeing and holistic academic progress of our students. It was truly a proud day for the teachers to bask in the love and attention they received from their students and from senior leaders and Management as well.





Children's Day



Children's Day is celebrated on the 14th of November in India as a tribute to Jawaharlal Nehru, who was born on November 14, 1889. Jawaharlal Nehru, who was fondly called Chacha Nehru or simply Chachaji, was known for his love for children.

He once remarked, "The children of today will make the India of tomorrow. The way we bring them up will determine the future of the country."

Bearing these thoughts in mind - Children's Day activities were organised in the different sections.

KINDERGARTEN

The day began with Children's day assembly where in the teachers' presented a variety of shows to make this day special for the little ones. Children were amazed and awed to see their teachers enact in a puppet show. This was followed by a short presentation on Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and why we celebrate children's day. Their joy knew no bounds when they saw their teachers dancing on various songs. They were happily cheering and clapping for their teachers.

An entertaining program comprising of a series of games like passing the parcel, musical chair and dances was organized for the day. They painted and colored beautiful prince and princess crowns for themselves and were glad to wear it and take it home.

The children were very thrilled and excited to share their snacks with their friends. They were then treated to yummy candies. On the whole it was a day of fun and frolic for our little ones.

PRIMARY

Celebrations in Primary began with a discussion on the significance of Children's Day. the children were shown a video on the biography of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru followed by a discussion on the same.

Mr. Julian Williams also addressed the students and spoke about Pt. Nehru's life history and drew parallels of his philosophies with that of Mrs. and Mr. Kumar, the founders of Springdales group of schools. The Primary teachers danced and sang a medley of songs followed by a colorful Disney parade. Another informative video on child Rights and the need for the right provisions to enable children to grow into responsible, skilled and wholesome adults was also shown to the students.

Through this celebration, children were shown the love and compassion as emulated by Pt. Nehru, and that childhood and children should be celebrated; children too have rights and their voices should be heard.

SECONDARY

"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children."

— Nelson Mandela, Former President of South Africa

Lovingly called 'Chacha Nehru' which means Uncle Nehru by the kids, Jawaharlal Nehru gave emphasis to the significance of giving love and affection to children, who are the bright future of India. The main purpose of this day is to encourage the welfare of children all over the country.

The first ever Children's day was celebrated in 1954. The idea of a universal Children's Day was suggested by Mr. V.K. Krishna Menon and it adopted by the United Nations General Assembly. At first it was celebrated universally in the month of October. After 1959, November 20th was chosen as Children's day as it marked the anniversary day when the Declaration of the Child Rights was adopted by the U.N. General Assembly. In 1989 the Convention on the Rights of the Child was also signed on the same date. However, in India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's birthday was declared as Children's Day and is celebrated annually to cherish his love and attachment for children.

Keeping in mind the same celebration, various activities were organized on Children's Day at Springdales, in which teachers participated enthusiastically.





Making Melodies - The Singing Superstars of the Kindergarten



It is always said that music speaks what cannot be expressed. This was made true by our singing superstars of the Kindergarten at the sing along event, "Making Melodies", held on 13th December, 2018 at the KG outdoor area. The joyous Christmas season and the enthusiastic crowd of parents impeccably added to the grandeur of a fun-filled sing along.

The programme started with the recitation from the Holy Quran followed by a foot tapping welcome song by the Kindergarten choir. Then came the two star rappers welcoming the audience with a charmingly, 'cool' attitude had the entire crowd asking for more. They were confident, stylish and extremely adorable.

The children confidently took their places on the stage and sang a variety of songs that mesmerized the crowd and had them smiling with pride and happiness on witnessing the young stars perform.

Through their singing, the children conveyed the message that, 'love is a source of song and song is an expression of love.' The little singers sang songs which said a lot about ways of maintaining good health, the 3 R's, minibeasts and about the colour yellow to name a few. They surprised all by singing in Hindi. The clarity displayed by the little ones amazed and astounded the audience.

The programme ended with everyone in the department assembling to present the Grand Finale. It was an unforgettable moment to witness the entire team of staff and students sing together to usher the festive season. The happy smiles on the faces of all clearly conveyed that it had been a thoroughly enjoyable melodious morning both for the participants as well as the audience.





Diwali Mela

It is rightly said that “Diwali is a festival full of sweet memories”.

The Kindergarten department had organized its first Diwali Mela on the 4th and 5th of November, 2018 to celebrate the festival of lights by spreading joy and happiness through our little kindergartners.

It is an endeavor on our part to ensure that all our children know more about the festival while preparing for it and feel confident to sell their products to their parents.

The children made rangoli mats, paper lanterns, paper bags with recycle materials, painted diyas and many other decorative artefacts to sell at a minimum cost. They also prepared coconut laddoos and rose sharbat by themselves and spoke about the items in front of their parents.

Besides these each class had prepared a dance or a skit which was related to the festival and its celebrations. The parents were warmly welcomed to view their child’s entrepreneurship skills and many more surprises.

It was a fulfilled mela where our learners had all the excitement and joyous experience and the parents carried home a heart full of enjoyment and sweet memories.

“Dancing is an art. The floor is my canvas and I am the brush.
And whatever I create comes from the heart.”

EVENT: Navrang Utsav 2018

DATE: 19.10.2018

VENUE: Consulate General of India, Dubai.

It is rightly said that dance is the hidden language of the soul. It is a universal language that speaks of our traditions and cultures vividly and in Springdales School Dubai, we not only believe in imparting high quality education but also groom each Springdalian to be creative, adaptive, caring and thinking beings, to have a clear knowledge about our traditions and cultural heritage.

The students of Springdales School Dubai performed a spectacular authentic Manipuri Dance at the Consulate General of India on the occasion of Navrang Utsav on the 19th of October 2018.

Manipuri dance is one of the major Indian Classical Dance Forms named after the region of its origin – Manipur, a state in North Eastern India bordering with Myanmar, Assam, Nagaland and Mizoram. It is particularly known for its exquisite performances of love inspired dance drama called Rasleela. The performance was very well appreciated by the audience.

DATE: 26TH OCTOBER 2018

VENUE: ETISALAT ACADEMY, DUBAI

Springdalian of Grade 7 had exhibited a traditional Manipuri dance called “RASLEELA” on the Grand Diwali Utsav organized by FOI Events, Dubai on the 26th day of October 2018 in Etisalat Academy ground, Dubai.

Manipuri dance is one of the major classical dance forms of India especially noted for dance dramas based on different moods popularly known as Navrasa. The age-old dance tradition of this place is manifested from great Indian epics. The people of Manipur perform this art form that aims at expressing spiritual values during festivals and occasions.

The costumes of Manipuri dancers, particularly for women are unique. It resembles that of a Manipuri bride referred to as Poloi costumes. These costumes were for dancers characterising Gopis in Rasleela. The entire getup of dancers performing gracefully with devotional music gives the feel of watching floating apsaras.

It’s a proud moment for Springdalian as Springdales School, Dubai was the only school performing on the stage of Grand Diwali Utsav 2018 amid other professional dance troupes depicting various states folklore. Children were awarded certificates from FOI signed by Consulate General of India, Dubai. The video streaming of the whole event was done by ZEE Television.





KG Swimming Gala



'SWIMMING IS ALWAYS FUN'

This was proved right by the little Kindergarteners who came all equipped with their swimming kits on November 25th and 26th, 2018, ready to take part in the second Annual Swimming Gala of the Kindergarten section. The joy and excitement written large on their faces was enough to prove that they were all set to participate irrespective of winning or not.

The events were conducted very efficiently by the able staff members of the PE department who were equally enthusiastic as the children were to be part of the show. They motivated and encouraged the little ones to display their swimming skills. It was amazing to see the young swimmers display confidence and a sense of pride each time they would get ready to plunge into the pool eager to do their best.

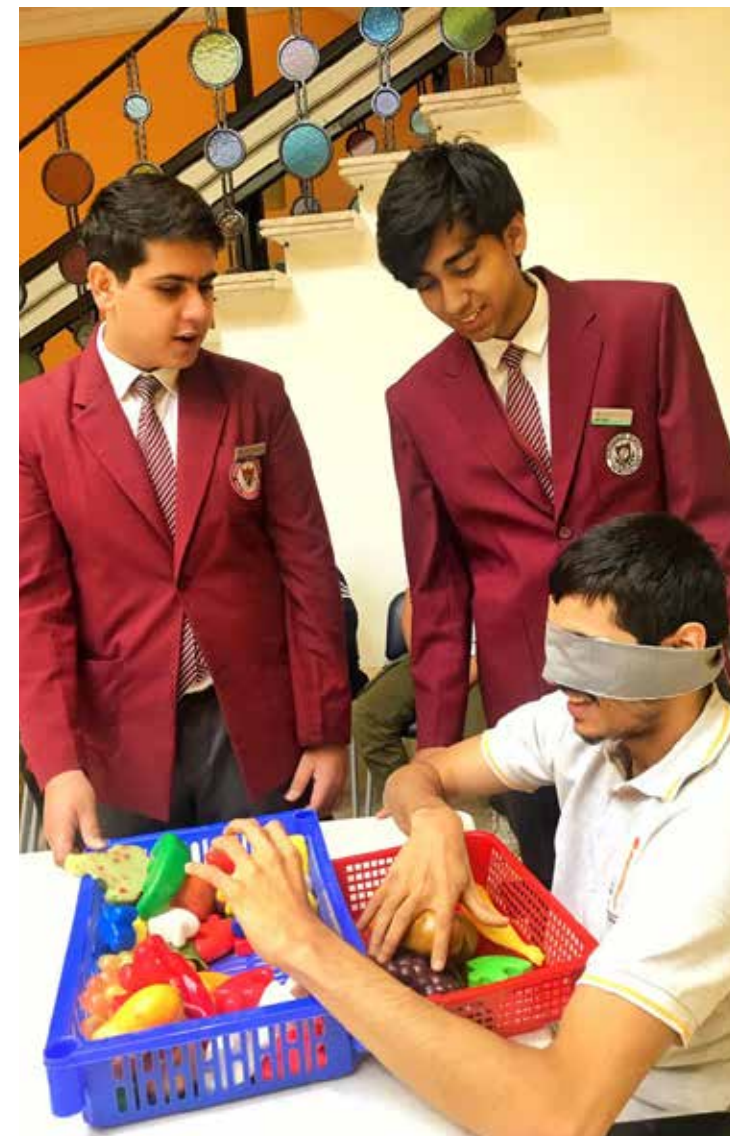
This event aroused the love for swimming even more in the little ones and was a step to cultivate in them the valuable lesson that participation matters and not winning.





Visit to SNF -SYNERGY

Students of Springdales School got an opportunity to volunteer at the Special Needs Future (SNF) center with the kids with determination under the drive “Each One Teach One” campaign. Through this program, students developed a sense of compassion, responsibility and respect for the determined learners by participating in various skills, such as Art & Craft, Daily Living Skills, Functional Skills etc. Most important being, able to learn the meaning of Happiness.



Annual Sports Day Grade 1 & 2



The Annual Sports Day for Grades 1 & 2 was held on the 10th of December, 2018. The atmosphere around felt competitive and looked festive. Parents and students were excited and participated enthusiastically.

Before starting the events children were lined up according to their classes for the opening ceremony at 8 am with the Quran recitation, followed by of UAE & Indian National Anthem. Principal's address's the students followed by a mesmerizing aerobic display by Mr. Rao. The events were divided into eleven stations (Basketball Race, Baton Relay Race, Gymnastic Race, Crawling Race, Hurdle Race, Stilt Walk Race, Bounce Ball Race, Sack Race, Bean Balancing Race, Fruit Race, Kangaroo Race) each class perform all the stations. In between 11 stations there were 30 mins break. Along with the children the parents also took part in the events with full on energy. All the parents were pleased by their children performance.

At the end there was closing ceremony with the parent's Tug Of war event followed by principal's speech on encouraging the children to take part in games and sports.





Annual Sports Day Grade 3-8



The event started at 8:30 with Quran recitation followed by the U.A.E and Indian National Anthem. The students of Grades 3 to 7 participated and displayed beautiful and colorful drills such as Umbrella Drill, Saree Drill and Hula hoop Drill. Principal addressed the parents and encouraged the athletes to do their best.

"Winning is not everything but the participation and will to win is everything"- with this punch line Principal Mr. Julian Williams declared the sports day open.

The students participated in the events like. 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, shot put, long jump and 4x100m relay. Prize distribution was done simultaneously for the same. The ground was beautifully decorated and parents who were present were seen motivating and encouraging their wards. Students were eagerly waiting to know their positions on the House Point Chart. After these results were declared Mr. Julian Williams addressed the gathering followed by the dispersal of students back home.





LITTLE PICASSO ANNUAL ART COMPETITION



Art Competition 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 25th and 27th Sept 2018 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the respective classrooms. All children from Grade 1 - 11 participated in the event.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COMPETITION:

- Students created wonderful artworks on the respective themes.
- Students learnt and grew with art, enhancing creativity, out of box thinking and imagination.
- Explored different aspects, mediums, styles of paintings.
- Students learnt how to become divergent thinkers, become open minded.
- Students witnessed the exhibits of their fellow students and got diverse ideas and methods to create artworks.

VALUES / POSITIVES LEARNT BY STUDENTS:

- Enhanced knowledge about art competitions done with different mediums on varied themes
- Opportunities for exploration and discovery.





Eco Schools Workshop



On 5th November, 2018 the two Environmental Presidents- Eshita Jaswal of Grade 8A and Anandjith of Grade 11 along with Ms. Rupaleem Konwar attended the UAE Eco School Workshop which was held in ECAT headquarters, Dubai, UAE. The workshop began with an introduction of the UAE National Eco-Schools Operator of the Eco Schools program. Then it moved to the introduction and discussion of the objectives of the Eco schools Program. Finally, before concluding the meeting the motives, action plan, and other methods of having a successful school eco-committee was discussed.

Eco-Schools, which is recognized by the United Nations Environment Programme as a model initiative on education for sustainable development encourages teachers, parents and members of the local community to unite with students to lead the change towards a more sustainable world.

As a registered school for the Eco School Program, Springdales School have received the Prestigious Green Flag Award for the Session 2017-2018. The award ceremony will happen soon in the coming months. Indeed, it's a giant step for our children and the future generations to come and we all are grateful that such an excellent platform has been provided for the young Springdaliens to imbibe something invaluable and utterly beneficial for the future.



Hydroponics installation in school



Hydroponics is a subset of hydroculture, which is a method of growing plants without soil by using mineral nutrient solutions in a water solvent. Terrestrial plants may be grown with only their roots exposed to the mineral solution, or the roots may be supported by an inert medium, such as perlite or gravel.

At Springdales, we have installed two hydroponics units -1 indoor unit for indoor plants and 1 outdoor unit for vegetables like tomato and brinjal. The hydroponics units have been donated to the school by the FOSS (Friends Of Springdales School) group. The platform that holds the plants is made of Styrofoam and floats directly on the nutrient solution. The roots of the plants are supported with coconut pit. An air pump supplies air to the air stone that bubbles the nutrient solution and supplies oxygen to the roots of the plants.

The installation was done by the Greenoponics Agriculture Services, a company that helps in the installation of hydroponics in homes and organizations. The personnel who came for installation, had a short interactive session with the students from Grade 3 to 11 where they explained how hydroponics works, benefits of the technique and method of maintenance. They elaborated that the system has to be checked regularly for pH level, electrical conductivity and nutrients need to be added on a weekly basis.

The students even got the opportunity to put the plants in the hydroponics unit after the installation. Since then our plants have been growing. This does not consume much time as there is no need to water anything manually. Hydroponics also achieves the Sustainable Development Goal Number 15 Life on Land because this takes care of humans by providing plants and saving water.

The nutrient in the Hydroponic unit is added on a weekly basis by the Anandjith, Environment President from Grade 11 and few other Grade 11 students who do it on a rota basis. In terms of curriculum and programming, we at Springdales are planning to use the technology of hydroponics effectively to integrate the strands of STEM, which is a major goal in Science. Students can engage in engineering design and problem solving through building the systems; learn chemistry and biology content to maintain the nutrient and pH levels that sustain plant growth; and use math skills and scientific practices to design, conduct, analyze, and share experiments involving their plants. The relative ease of controlling and manipulating multiple variables that impact plant growth (e.g., lights, nutrients, pH, water flow) can make hydroponics an excellent context for learning about and conducting experiments. Thus, by engaging youth in hydroponic crop production, students can use scientific practices to learn science through an interdisciplinary approach.





Educational Trip-Sharjah Science Museum

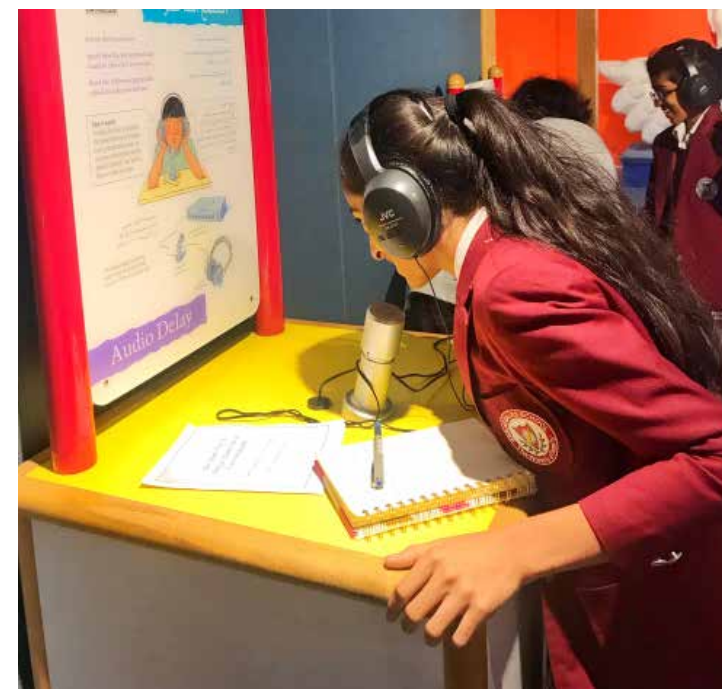


On 14th November 2018, 42 students of grades 7 A&B of Springdales School, Dubai went on a field trip to Sharjah Science Museum along with 3 teachers, Ms. Sridevi, Ms. Nazia and Mr. Aymen.

Our students attended a workshop about renewable energies and its usages and benefits followed by a robotics competition in which students had to make a sun power cars and conduct a race using these cars. During the trip, students had a lot of fun accompanied with learning and scientific information. The Exhibition Hall includes state-of-the-art elements, which have been designed to get children interested in science. The students got an opportunity to test their grip strength and balance, made a cartoon, used a music synthesizer, build a puzzle and play many other scientific games and

activities. The museum is a fun place to visit. Sharjah Science Museum has on display interactive and engaging exhibits. The museum teaches visitors through exhibits, gives presentations about thermal physics, space, laws of nature, physiology, electricity, aerodynamics and a lot more to see in this state of the art museum.

Before finishing our visit, students and teachers attended a presentation about renewable and green energies and its importance in UAE sustainability by Doctor Abdul Hai Alami, Sustainable and Renewable Energy Engineering Department, University of Sharjah, followed by an interactive session with the presenter in which our students showcased their talent and brilliance through the critical questions they had asked and their remarks.





Sharjah Museum of Islamic Civilization



A field trip to the Sharjah Museum of Islamic Civilization was planned for the students of Grade 6 on the 12th of November, 2018. A total of 49 students along with 5 teachers visited the museum.

The museum is situated in Al Majjarrah area in Sharjah near Rolla. This museum is divided into three galleries: Abu Bakr Gallery of Islamic Faith, Ibn Al Haitham Gallery of Science and Technology, Islamic Art Galleries.

Students were divided into two groups and two teachers and one guide was allotted for each group.

At the Abu Bakr gallery, students saw many cultural demonstrations, videos, artistic symbols, Old Quran, Mosques and Kaaba related Islamic faith and civilizations. One of the guides explained every part of the gallery and answered all questions of the students. Students were

very curious to know more and more. Each student had been given a comprehensive worksheet to write his /her observations.

The Science and Technology gallery was closed due to some renovations in the gallery.

The Islamic Arts gallery was full of Islamic arts old and new. This showed the Islamic culture and civilizations over the years. The Sharjah Museum of Islamic civilization is a good place for students and people to understand very well the culture and history of Islam. This trip indeed helped students to understand history and cultures.



An Awareness on the Importance of Drinking Clean Water

On 15th November water purifier company Milano's team had come on short visit to Springdale's school. Their aim was to make our young learners aware of excessive use of plastic bottles, the increasing impurities in drinking water and also to promote their water purifier machine which would be sold on discount for school students.

The Milano team had a 15 minutes presentation for all grade 1 classes in which they demonstrated how the machine purifies the drinking water after which they explained the discount benefits for the students. Our grade 1 students showed enthusiasm during the presentation by responding to their questions. At the end of presentation discount pamphlets and goodie bags were given by the Milano team





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