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‘Passengers are to remain seated...’

No matter how eventful the journey, or how jubilant the passengers and crew, even as we look forward to the end of another academic year, and to the possibilities that lie just ahead, the dulcet tones of the pilot comes over the PA system: “Passengers are to remain seated until the seat-belt signs are off.”

Is that it? Is this all that can be said after the journey we have just had? After all that soaring above the clouds, or those flag-waving, brass band playing celebrations as we sailed into port, or the champagne corks popping as we take the chequered flag after another record-breaking lap? Shouldn’t the Captain break into song or come out of his cabin to give an impromptu ‘moon-walk’ and strut his stuff?

I mean, look at where we have come from, where the journey has taken us and what accolades we have piled up on the way, rich memories of which you can find in these pages. Hey! Don’t nod off, I am urging you even as we come into land, to look inside these pages and take stock. These are the milestones, the achievements, the reason we took flight in the first place:

- The MUN Assembly and our commitment to developing a reputation for public speaking on weighty issues of international importance; the partner of the up and coming Gavel Club
- The hosting of 27 universities and colleges for the Career Fair by our new Careers and HE Counsellor
- The delicious warm-up routines for Moms by Mr. Rao as the KG Kids prepare for their Sports Day. What does he eat for breakfast?!
- The competitive zeal of 1st and 2nd Graders in the Athletics Meet
- The challenging marathon that is the Arabic Reading Competition
- The innovation and imagination of the Islamic Poem & Essay Writing Competition

And what about those **field trips**?

- G1 – 2 to Kidzania, G 3 – 5 to the VR Park

And those **Workshops, tournaments and competitions** with other schools?

- Arshia Nair’s U13 Girls Bronze in the Inter-School Badminton at GEMS Millennium, Sharjah.
- The Bilva Football Tournament
- Vaivaswat Ghose voted ‘Man of the Match’ at The Kindergarten Starters Cricket Cup

- JSS Synergy - for Learners of Determination: 3rd place U-14 Football Penalties; 3rd place U-14 Basketball; 3rd place U-14 100 meters
- Techno Talent Fest 2019, where G4 student Pranav won an Outstanding Project award
- Be an Engineer for a Day Workshop, attended by our GII students at Heriot Watt University,
- The Water Rocket Competition, where GII students took on all comers in a race of ballistics at the Emirates Aviation University
- Inter school Science and Engineering Competition at Curtin University, Dubai
- 2nd JSS IS Inter School Islamic Festival 2019
- The STREAM Education & Technology Roadshow, where we were represented by Mr. Felipe and Ms Ghazala. (STREAM = Science, Technology, Research, Engineering, Aesthetics and Maths)

Springdales is participating today in a very wide range of activities across Dubai and being noticed as a keen competitor and an enthusiastic collaborator.

We are still not at disembarkation yet, so please keep seated...

Let us not forget:

- The publication of the Springdales Student Wellbeing Census 2018, showing that our students, like many in Indian curriculum schools are among the happiest in the UAE – but also the most anxious about academic pressure and expectations.
- Dr. Tina Sapra’s talk on Health Education
- The KHDA interim Inspection on the Moral Education and Wellbeing, which acknowledged the steps we have taken to be a front-runner in this new area of assessment
- FERIA, a floodlit evening of student-led enterprise, games, gastronomy, entertainment and fun for all the community.
- The UAE Special Olympics at Amity University, and....
- Best Delegate Honorable Mention for Krish Hingorani, member of our team at the Harvard Innovation Challenge in the week before the end of term, and...
- Ms Deepti Bector’s inspirational leadership means that Springdales is recognised by SchoolsCompared.com as one of the 7 FINALISTS of the Best Art School in the UAE, the only Indian curriculum school in the category.

You may now release your seat belts, stand up and give a rousing round of applause for all those individuals and teams whose efforts have brought prestige to our school - and these are but the tip of the ice berg since there are many who are set to follow their example in the new academic year that beckons.

“Thank you for flying with us. Your next flight is about to depart.”

Julian Williams Principal

Eco Schools Green Flag Award



Eco Schools Green Flag Award - A Proud Moment for Springdales!

"It is our collective and individual responsibility... to preserve and tend to the world in which we all live."

- Dalai Lama

It was a euphoric moment when Springdales School received an invitation to accrue the Eco Schools Green Flag Award that was held on 30th January, 2019 at the Youth Hub, Emirates Tower Boulevard, Dubai. The award was well received by the students of the Secondary School, Anandjith, the Environmental President and Irum Sheikh, the School Head Girl along with Ms. Rupaleem Konwar, the Environmental Coordinator (Secondary School) and Ms. Shallu Chawla- Environmental Coordinator (Primary School).

The Green Flag is an internationally recognized award given to successful Eco-Schools for environmental excellence and learning. Eco-Schools is a programme of FEE (Foundation of Environmental Education) and in the UAE, Emirates Wildlife Society in association with WWF (EWS-WWF) are the national operators of the programme. Twenty two schools received the internationally recognized Green Flag Certification for the Session 2017-2018 in the latest round of UAE's Eco Schools Award Ceremony that was awarded for their inventive ideas to improve their

environmental credentials.

The Ceremony began with a brief introduction of the objectives of the Eco Schools Programme by Ms. Fatima Mubarak, Senior Environmental Officer in ECAT (Environmental Centre for Arab Towns). This was followed by awarding of the Green Flag to the selected schools from all over UAE by Mr. Khalid Badri, Directory of the Environmental Centre for Arab Towns (ECAT). Mr. Mohamed Elimam, Sustainable Development and Project Management Consultant, UAE National Blue Flag Operator and Eco-Schools Operator and Mohamed El Mehdi Diouri who has been a guide in achieving the target, also addressed the gathering.

The event proved to serve its purpose fully and with a degree of efficiency that few others can provide. As being the Environmental Coordinator of Springdales School, I am immensely grateful for this opportunity and look forward to future endeavors.



Universities Career Fair comes to Springdales

The career counselling department at Springdales School, Dubai, organized a University fair for grade 9 - 11 students, parents and teachers to meet representatives from leading Universities, Colleges & Educational Consultants. It was an opportunity for them to discuss degree programs, courses & admission requirements, career pathways, scholarships etc.

Total of 25 Institutions participated in the University fair from which 3 were educational consultants who represented universities from overseas such as in US, UK, Canada, European Union and Australia and the rest were universities based in the United Arab Emirates.

Universities and Educational Consultants that attended:

Emirates Aviation University	SP Jain
American University in Dubai	BITS Pilani
American University of Sharjah	British University of Dubai
University of Wollongong	RIT Dubai
Murdoch university	University of Birmingham Dubai
Synergy University	Syracuse University - New York Campus (Overseas)
Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi.	Ajman University
SAE	Inscape Education
Amity University	Dubai Institute of Design and Innovation - DIDI
Curtin University	ESMOD - International Fashion Institute
Heriot-Watt University Dubai Campus	Abu Dhabi University
Intelligent Partners	Gyanberry
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Each of the institution’s representatives had set up various brochures/flyers etc. and students from grade 9 to 10 were given individual slots to visit the fair and get all the required information needed to help them further with their decision making and application process. Parents and teachers attended the fair as well and met different universities to get all the information that they needed. a great experience overall.





Feria 2019



Springdales School strongly believes that education is not confined just to the four walls of the classroom. The school promotes the belief that almost everything that is happening around teaches us some lesson.

To take the school's mission of imparting high quality education by grooming each Springdalian to be humane, rational, creative, adaptive and thinking beings, the school organized 'Feria' 2019.

In this event the children themselves were the organisers, managers, stall designers, stall owners and coupon collectors of the games with supervisory support of their respective teachers.

Within their own boundaries of nascent business sense, latent enterprise and entrepreneurial skills the students shone brightly.

It was a huge success where the teachers and the parents were simply awestruck to see the entrepreneurial skills of their students and respective wards. Their explanations and sales techniques to draw customers were par excellence.

To add to the fun atmosphere in the fair many students showcased their dancing, singing and music prowess keeping the visitors entertained.

This event displayed the 'all-round' talent of a Springdalian!



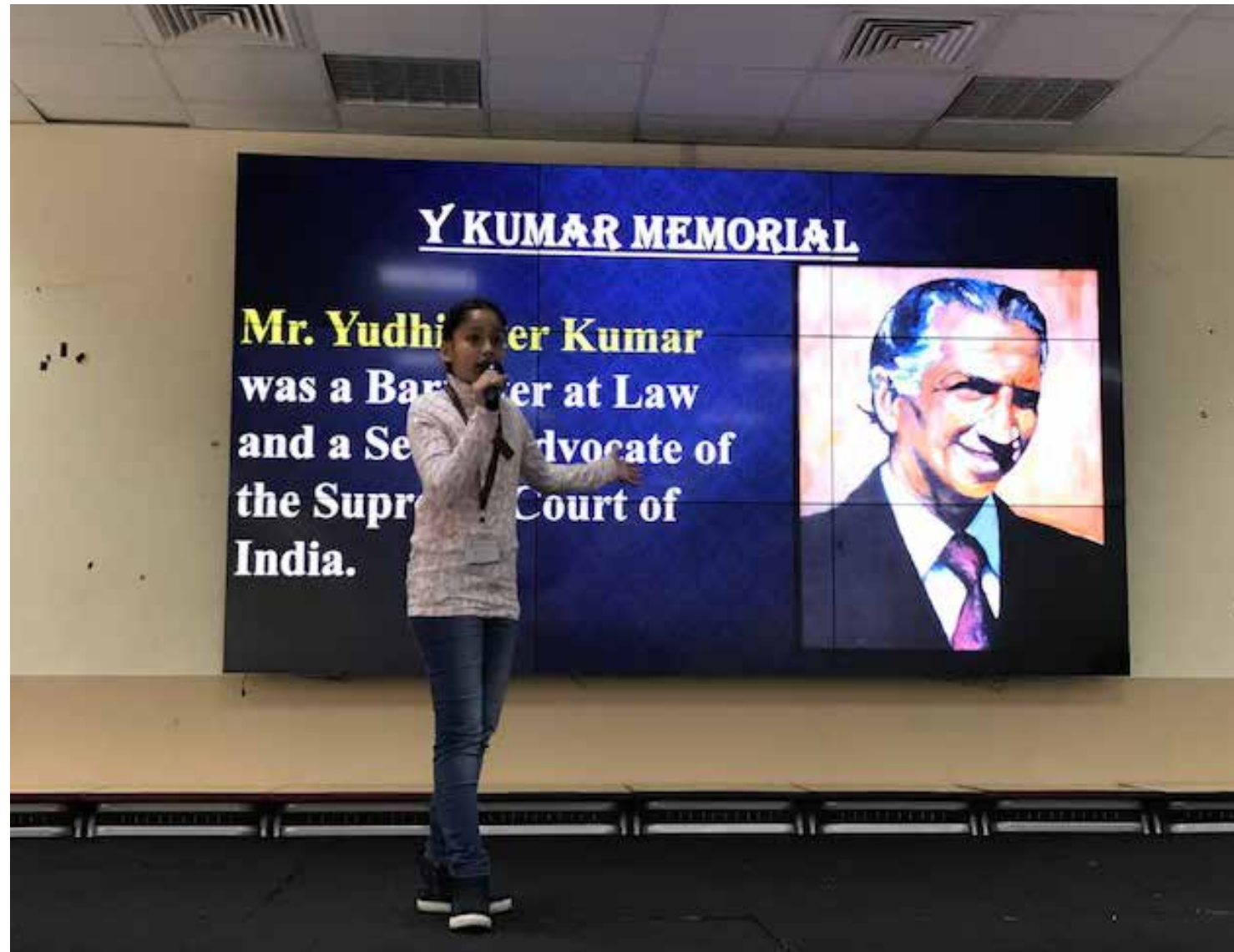






A Tribute to Shri Y. Kumar

Glimpses of the Y. Kumar Memorial Assembly



The students of Grade 5C presented a special assembly dedicated to the memory of late Shri Y. Kumar to all the students of Grade 6 to 8.

The students highlighted the meaning of what it means to be a True Springdalian. They were enlightened as to how Mrs. Kumar started this school which eventually grew this big were sensitized with the values set forward by the founder of our school. Together they sang the school song. Thereafter, they paid their respects to the founder, Shri Y. Kumar. Recalling his vision along with his

wife Dr. Rajni Kumar that Springdales School is a glorious institution today. One student played the role of Dr. Rajni Kumar and conveyed a message about the impact holistic of education. Students spoke of the different virtues and qualities of true Springdalian.

The assembly concluded with a vote of thanks to the late Shri Y. Kumar for sowing the seed of such learning that has taken and continues to take students to great heights.



Springdalian Chefs in Foodshala Kids -Season 2



On 16th Feb, 2019 our students Shreenamay Behl and Aamir Najeeb along with their mentor Ms. Mukti Behl auditioned for the Foodshala Kids Season 2 at Bollywood Parks and Resorts, Dubai.

Foodshala Kids, one of the biggest Asian food reality show produced by K Kompany Productions, is an inter-school competition for students in the age group of 12 – 16 years of age which provides a fantastic platform to school students to showcase their culinary talent on TV.

52 schools from all over UAE competed in the auditions, out of which only 12 schools were to be selected for the next round. The veteran Chef Mariano Andres, TV Producer Mr. Gaurav Tandon and a nutritionist were on the panel of judges.

Our students presented two dishes, one of which was a main course chicken dish and a sweet dish with a fresh green tea. Judges were quiet impressed with their presentation as well as the taste of the dishes. They were very happy with the sweet dish which led them to next round of the contest. We received a Golden Ticket from Red Tag as a token of entry to the next round.

All 12 Golden ticket winning schools were required to attend a special masterclass which was held on 16th

March, 2019. Our students along with their mentor went for the masterclass conducted by veterans from the culinary world as well as the producers of the TV Show.

They also learnt LEGO building techniques as they were required to present the dishes along with the LEGO models depicting the story behind the dishes.

After making a place in top 12 schools for Foodshala, we made it to the next round called the 'League' or knockout round. This round required our students to prepare 4 dishes from international cuisine in 70 minutes and the dishes prepared were Chana Jor Garam from India, Dragon Shrimps from China, Creamy Chicken from Europe and Basbousa sweet dish from UAE.

They also built four LEGO models depicting the popular destinations of all four countries. This league round was judged by Chef Mariano Andres. Our students put in their best effort and were commended for their presentation skills. Though we couldn't make it to the next round we applaud the hard work and dedication of our young chefs. We really look forward to showcase our talent in the next season and win the show.

Kudos to our budding chefs!!!



Harvard Innovation Challenge 2019



Introduction:

The 2019 Harvard Innovation Challenge in Dubai brought together over 100 delegates from 16 schools across UAE and multiple speakers for a 3-day conference in Dubai, UAE under the affiliation of Harvard College as part of their Harvard Club of UAE. It aimed at finding effective solutions to some of the most pressing issues that the Dubai metropolitan area faces in the realms of Sustainability, Education and Public Health. From our school, 9 delegates participated as 3 in Public Health track, 2 in Sustainability Track and 4 in Education track. The 3-day conference was organized in The Dubai Ismaili Centre from March 14 to 16, 2019. With the guiding principle of “Think Big. Dream Big.” The objective was to inspire students free themselves from limitations of circumstance, grow rapidly as leaders, and create change on a global scale and to guide delegates through the different aspects of international development concerns and to help them understand their role as citizens of the world.

Pre-conference assignment:

Students were required to submit a research proposal on their chosen track and prepare an opening statement on the same, to be presented on the first day of the conference. HIC team shared a delegate handbook having all the details of the conference and as a guide to their respective tracks with relevant links for their reference. During this phase, students were allotted their respective teams also.

The different tracks:

Sustainability: For this track the teams were required to focus on innovative solutions to problems within the vein of sustainability and infrastructure by researching issues that they think are important to address.

Our team research proposal: Harnessing energy from dates (ethanol) to meet human needs in a sustainable way.

Presenters: Krish - Grade 8A and Siddhant - Grade 11B

Public Health: For this track, students were asked to formulate strategies to help ameliorate specific challenges to public health in Dubai.

Our team research proposal: Adoption of best of the technologies to utilize Health record data & virtual doctor.

Presenters: Simar - Grade 8A, Muskaan & Jitakshra - Grade 9B

Education: For this track, students were asked to formulate strategies to tackle issues in education, and/or devise potential strategies of improving educational distribution, either within the Dubai or more generally the MENA region. Our team research proposal: Implementation of digital learning, integration of soft skills in the curriculum, Grading not to be the only criteria for assessing learning.

Presenters: Parth & Ananadjith - Grade 11A, Koyna & Amritansh - Grade 11B

Day 1: March 14, 2019

Opening speeches were delivered by conference organizers, sponsors, and a keynote speaker. Students then presented their concise and comprehensive opening statements to discuss the issue written in their research proposal, supported by relevant data. Teams got unstructured time to reflect on all the ideas given during the opening statements, and then narrow down their ideas into a single problem statement and solution that they wish to work on for the remainder of the conference. By the end of this session, teams submitted a 200 word abstract on an initial idea of their problem statement and solution idea to their track Chairs.

Day 2: March 15, 2019

A guest speaker, leading expert in the track topic, presented more about the issue at hand about the track to provide students with more background information and provide them navigation about the complexities of strategy and implementation for their solution. Teams presented their “Elevator Pitch” to the guest speaker to convince them that the problem and solution (on the grass roots level) being chose are legitimate and addressable. After various rounds of debates and feedback, delegates worked in their teams to design an impactful “Solution Canvas” to tackle real-world problems and stimulate ideas for future collaborative projects. These proposals were comprehensive in nature and incorporated various media forms, policies, and entrepreneurial ideas. Students were then challenged in open debate sessions about their ideas before presenting a final round proposal on the last day of the conference. Finally, students got the chance to meet in more informal settings during events like dinners and the day was concluded with a session on Harvard admission panels led by Harvard College students addressing the doubts of delegates from each track regarding admissions to Harvard College as well as other competitive US colleges like MIT, Stanford etc.

Day 3: March 16, 2019

Teams got the unstructured time to incorporate feedback into their solution and weave together any missing pieces required for their final presentation. Teams finally presented their research proposal to a panel of guest judges. The event was concluded by a gala dinner and award ceremony.

Winners:

We are immensely proud to share that Krish won the prestigious Honorable Mention Award and Muskaan and her team won the Best Research Proposal (To cure Vitamin D deficiency in people among UAE) award for Public Health track. The Guest Judge for Muskaan even asked her to share the research proposal for the government hospital in UAE as a team of doctors are working on the same lines as her proposal was.

Rewarding Journey:

Throughout the three-day event, students had an enriching experience exploring a diverse set of topics within the greater field of social entrepreneurship through valuable workshops and teamwork. They were able to explore different topics to both increase their knowledge of regional issues and to create tangible solutions to pressing problems. Their dedication, eagerness, and enthusiasm to learn and discover more through HIC Dubai was commendable. Throughout the event, participants got the opportunity to form meaningful relationships with other conference attendees from all over the region. They also got the opportunities to be engaged in track-specific activities and seminar sessions featuring influential key speakers from academia, business, and government.

It was certainly an inspiring and rewarding journey that taught our students not only about entrepreneurship, social innovation, public speaking, collaboration, soft skills and regional issues, but also about themselves and their unexplored potential.

As shared by Jitakshara, “It had taught me how the value of ‘teamwork’ is essential for the journey of life. It showed me the significance of ‘true friendship’ and how it could help somebody to go through the toughest of storms. I noticed many qualities and caliber of myself and have already started to improve on my weakness. This competition has showed me how a small idea can take up a bigger platform and can have the potential to become reality. It has also given me confidence to try out new things and broaden my horizons. I’m truly grateful!”



Educational Field Trip to KidZania



"We didn't realise we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun....."

Children look forward to a little bit of fun outside their classrooms and daily routines, and field trips are just what they look forward to. The Primary section took the students of Grades 1 to 5 on two field trips, the details of which are below.

KidZania

The main objective of the trip was to have a fun filled educational trip, an off-campus learning activity that would bring excitement and adventure to learning.

"Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment"

During our recent KHDA Inspection the focus was on awareness of learning outside the box with self -interpretation and experimentation.

To take this thought further a field trip was planned for all the students of Grade 1 & 2 to KidZania Dubai Mall.

The KidZania philosophy is to 'Get Ready for a Better World' that captures the commitment to providing a fun and learning experience which would prepare children to make a positive impact on society. The children had an experience that was hands-on, engaging, didactic, and most importantly, fun.

Through this visit the kids learnt the value of independence, empowerment, and leadership and became aware of the benefits of involvement in their communities.

By offering a powerful developmental experience in which reality and entertainment intersect, KidZania empowered the budding Springdalian with the life skills that would help them understand and manage the world they are growing into.

It was a fun filled yet thoughtful and involving trip for both teachers and students.



Educational Field Trip to VR Park, Dubai



With the same thoughts in mind, a field trip was planned for all the students of Grade 3, 4 and 5 to the Virtual Reality Park in Dubai Mall.

A first-of-its-kind attraction for the Middle East, VR Park is centered on 'shared escapism', with an unprecedented breadth of games to suit all ages. VR Park is designed to 'Challenge Reality', blurring the lines between perception and reality through unforgettable and mind-blowing experiences, spanning wholly immersive rides and interactive games.

Of the various technologies that have been embraced by the global education sector in recent memory, few hold as

much opportunity or are as highly sought than virtual reality (VR). Whether bringing the past to life through historic simulations, transporting students instantaneously to other parts of the world, or delving deep into the anatomy of the human body, VR along with other similar reality technologies, are helping to enhance the overall teaching and learning experience.

Through this visit our students had the opportunity to enhance their imaginative skills and think out of the box in terms of practical life beyond the confines of their classroom. It was an overwhelming experience for both students and teachers.



Health Education Talk by Dr. Tina Sapra



**"It is health that is real wealth, not pieces of gold or silver."
Mahatma Gandhi**

With an objective to spread the awareness of obesity among young children and the choice of healthy food over junk food which would help them have a healthy future, a health education talk was organised for students.

It is indeed truly said that "Health is Wealth", and serves to justify that health is the capital asset we have and it is our responsibility to take care of it.

In the fast life that we lead today we are prone to things that are instant and quick and we often opt the same for the food as well forgetting the consequences it might have on our body.

Today the roaring danger among children is Obesity. Children become obese due to variety of factors and food habits is one of the major reasons behind it.

Dr. Tina Sapra who owns her own clinic "Dr. Diet Clinic" in India had graciously agreed to have an interactive and awareness session with our young Springdaliens about the same.

She pointed out that the choice of wrong food habits can lead us to an unhealthy life. In today's time with so many tempting options of food around us we forget to think of the health hazards these foods bring along; how a balanced and healthy diet can change our living and give us a healthy future and lifestyle; but at the end of the day the choice is ours.

She also stated that child's total diet and activity level play an important role in determining a child's weight. Today, many children spend a lot of time being inactive. For example, the average child spends approximately four hours each day watching television and as computers and video games become increasingly popular, the number of hours of inactivity has increased.

With the causes of obesity she also enlightened our students with how we can balance our diet with healthy food which is also tasty, with exercises that can be fun and refreshing.

Our students enjoyed the interactive session where they were also given the opportunity to clear their own health queries.



Kindergarten Sports Day



A day in Springdales loaded with energy – Sports day held on 21st and 22nd of January, was an event filled with fun, frolic and learning.

Complete teamwork of the efficient P.E. team in partnership with competent teachers and nannies, incredible enthusiasm of the little athletes and immense support from the parents made it a great experience.

The warm up session gave the right start to the young athletes to face the events ahead. It was a treat for their doting parents to join them, cheer and click lots and lots of pictures. There were 9 different stations set up with age appropriate and challenging equipment and the lively music station had the little ones raring to have a go in each one of them. They were totally energized and what added to their happiness was their parents participating in the same activities with equal enthusiasm and energy. The unique feature of the day was that along with learning there was wholesome participation. As one of the parents rightly said it was, “ a show for everyone and everyone’s show,” wherein each member of the Springdales family present in the field was a part of the programme throughout.

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







Kindergarten Graduation Day



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Eleanor Roosevelt

"Today we stand proud of a new beginning, as our little ones move forward from Kindergarten to Grade one. These little ones that are receiving their first diplomas will be our future high school graduates, moving forward to yet another new beginning in their life chapters"- were the initial lines that echoed in the Multi-Purpose Hall on the occasion of the Kindergarten Graduation Day held on the 12th and 13th of March, 2019.

The event was celebrated in two modules, with great pomp and show. The occasion was graced by the Co-chairperson of Springdales School, Mrs. Jasmine Anand, Principal, Mr. Julian Williams and HeadKindergarten, Mrs. Rashmi Virmani. The excited and proud parents were present to witness this memorable day.

The function began on a solemn note, with a recitation from the Holy Quran followed by a speech by one of the children to welcome each one present there.

Our little graduates looked impressive in their gowns and caps while receiving their scrolls from Mrs. Jasmine Anand,

Mr. Julian Williams and posing for a Kodak moment.

The KG2 children then shared their 'Joyous Journey' & expressed their feelings on what and why they liked in the Kindergarten.

The cultural programme was mesmerizing with the young graduates entertaining and enthraling the audience with their lively foot tapping dance performances representing the various regions of India.

This was then followed by the Graduation song rendered by all the children of Kindergarten 2 with a message that Graduation is not the end, it's just the beginning.

Later, parents were introduced to Head Primary, Ms. Sheerin and her team of dedicated Grade 1 teachers for smooth transition.

The Grand show concluded with the vote of thanks by one of our little graduates followed by a speech by Ms. Lata, our Deputy HeadKindergarten. She expressed her appreciation and thanked the parents for attending the show; the entire team for their hard work and last but not the least she wished the proud graduates as they move ahead in their academic career.









Highlights From The PE Department

SYNERGY - “A Heart for the Students of Determination”



JSS Private School had invited our determined learners to participate in the Synergy event on 14th Feb, 2019 at their school campus. There was a day-long series of events (sport & art) lined up for the various participating Schools and Centres.

Through this event they tried to promote the value of inclusion by building and encouraging children to participate and compete with students of determination from other educational institutions and provide opportunities for our determined students to achieve their personal best and experience the joy that comes from physical activity and creative arts.

While sport aims to improve students' physical fitness, enhance social and emotional skills and improve self-esteem, it also brings positive changes in attitude and behaviors and a deeper connection to their school as children represent their school through their participation. It provides opportunities for students to build friendships on and off the playing field, teaches acceptance, inclusion, and camaraderie - lessons that translate to all aspects of

life and are a catalyst for social inclusion. Ms. May and Mr. Kiran Yadav assisted the students on the field. Our students took part in Football, Basketball, 50 m and 100 m races, long jump, tug-of-war. They won the 1st runner-up and 2nd runner-up positions in Football and Basketball respectively and made us extremely proud.

The on-the-spot art competition as a team, aimed at promoting creativity, confidence, problem solving skills, develop patience, determination and dedication while helping children focus on team work and accountability and the ability to give and receive positive feedback. 3 of our students Nimalan, Devesh and Bhuvaneshwari worked as a team to create a visual delight and were assisted by their LSAs and Ms. Shobha.

In keeping with the Year of Tolerance, theme of the Art Competition was “TOLERANCE”.

It was a very beautiful experience for our determined learners.



Cricketers of Springdales participate in the KGS CRICKET CUP SEASON - 5

Springdalian U-10 Boys cricketers participated in the KGS CRICKET CUP SEASON 5 organized by KGS Dubai for U-10 Boys cricketers all over UAE. 18 schools participated in the tournament played on knockout basis.

Springdales School played the 1st match against Indian International School DSO and won the match by 8 wickets in hand. Vaivaswat Ghose our student of Grade 3, was awarded the Man of the Match for his best performance in bowling and batting.



Participation in the UAE Special Olympics Warm-Up Session at Amity University



6 staff members of Springdales School Dubai's Physical Education Department along with 14 students from Grade 12 volunteered to welcome all athletes from three nations - Korea, India & Uzbekistan in the warm up session of the UAE Special Olympics 2019-20 held at Amity University on 10th March 2019.

Mr. Gourinath Rao from Springdales School engaged the audience in a fun aerobics warm-up session for special Olympic Athletes. The event commenced with a welcome speech by the Head of Special Olympics followed by a mesmerizing Zumba performance and other attractions like TAI-CHI and Arabic dances. Representatives from the three different nations along with KHDA visited the site and the event concluded with the dispersal of the athletes and certificate distribution to the volunteers.



Springdalian's participate in an Inter-school Badminton Tournament



Under the tutelage of the PE department, our Springdalian's participated in the GEMS inter-school badminton tournament organised by GEMS Millennium School, Sharjah from 7th to 10th Jan. The tournament witnessed the participation of 30 schools in different age group from 9 to 19 years.

The badminton matches were played in singles and doubles, all the semi and quarterfinals were played for 21 points for knockout and finals were played for best of three sets for 21 points.

Springdalian's had taken part in both singles and doubles from the age group of U-11 to U-17 Boys/Girls. All the boys made it to the semis of 3 rounds.

In the U-13 girls group, Ms. Arshia Nair was in quarterfinals and won the Bronze medal and set the record for Springdales School Dubai.

Participation in this event enabled our students to have the exposure and chance to use their talent.



STREAM CORNER

With paramount importance being given to STEAM nowadays, Springdales has taken every initiative to help our students engage in workshops, competitions etc. that support the cause. A glance through at such workshops and competitions our students have participated in.

Be an Engineer for a Day & Psychology in Action Workshop

Choosing the right career for students can be a daunting task. The fastest growing industries today require students to have STEAM skills (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math). Being proficient in these subjects gives students a higher chance of success, no matter what career path they may choose.

To help students decide, they should try and identify what they are passionate about. On January 19, 2019 students of grade 11 from Springdales School were given an opportunity to join a workshop at Heriot Watt University, Dubai where the faculty and students had organized exciting design tasks, live demonstrations, a tour of their labs and a short lectures on engineering and psychology principles.

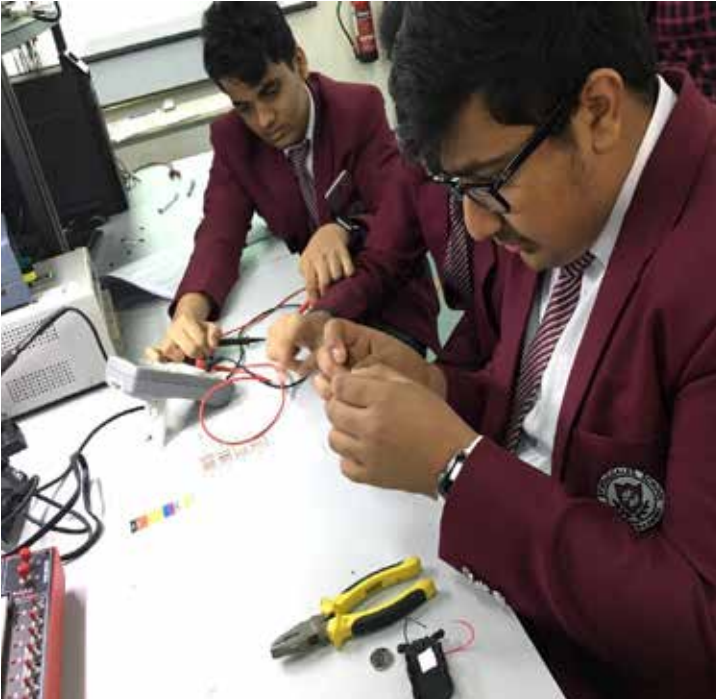
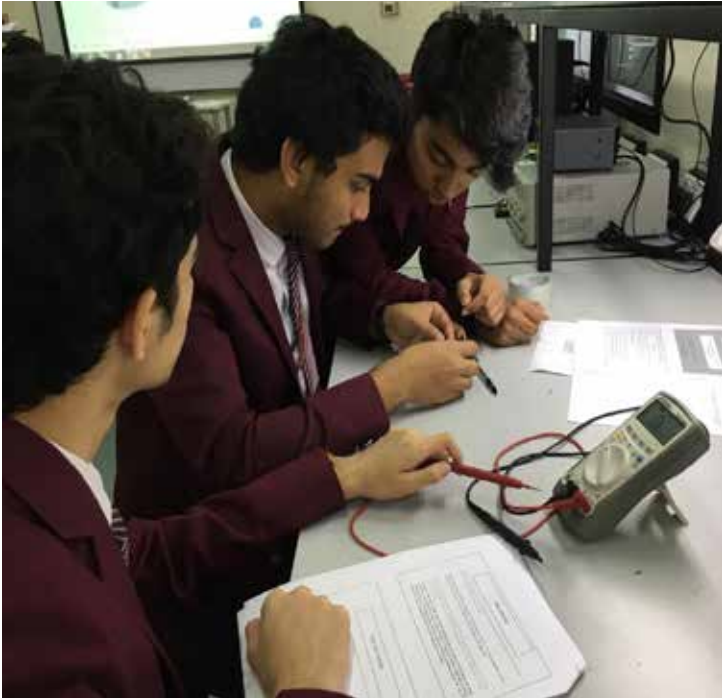
Students were given the opportunity to experience what it would be like to study engineering in University. Following is the program detail for engineering students:

Time	Activity	Responsible	Venue
9:00 am	Welcome to Heriot-Watt University <i>Introduction to the School of Engineering & Physical Sciences (EPS)</i>	Dr Tadhg S. O'Donovan <i>Associate Head of School - EPS</i>	Workshop
9:30 am	Mechanical Engineering <i>Design Task</i>	Mr Mohamed Al-Musleh <i>Assistant Professor</i>	Electronics Lab
10:15 am	Chemical Engineering <i>Coffee Lab</i>	Dr Nasir Al Lagtah <i>Assistant Professor</i>	Chem Eng Lab
11:00 am	Coffee Break <i>also time for Q&A</i>	EPS Staff & Students	Workshop
11:30 am	Automotive Engineering <i>Aerodynamics Lab</i>	Dr Mehdi Nazarinia <i>Associate Director of Learning & Teaching</i>	Mechanics Lab
12:15 pm	Lunch Break		
1:00 pm	Electrical & Electronic Engineering <i>Design a Robot</i>	Dr Senthil Muthukumaraswamy <i>Deputy Head of Electrical Engineering</i>	Electronics Lab
1:45 pm	Sample Lecture	Dr Tadhg S. O'Donovan <i>Associate Head of School - EPS</i>	Workshop
2:30 pm	Q & A	EPS Staff & Students	Workshop

Whereas participants of psychology were engaged in a mix of talks and interactive sessions showcasing research and case study examples, the program details is as under:

Time	Activity
9:00 to 9:30	Student Registration
	<i>Refreshments served</i>
9:45 to 10:30	Psychology: A Path to Success (Dr. Annie Crookes)
10:30 to 10:45	Participants will proceed to breakout rooms
10:45 to 11:30	Activity 1 (Group 1)
	(Group 2)
11:30 to 12:15	Activity 2 (Group 1)
	(Group 2)
12:15 to 13:30	Lunch & Campus Tour
13:30 to 14:00	Psychology and The Missing Middle (Greg Fantham)
14:00 to 14:30	Personality at Work: where mind and body connect (Dr. Annie Crookes)
14:30 to 15:00	General Q&A and awarding of Certificate of Participation





Inter-school Science and Engineering Competition at Curtin University, Dubai



Learning enhances creativity, creativity leads to thinking and thinking provides knowledge. Quiz competitions are always interesting and informative, which provide excitement among the students and also make them aware of current affairs. Students of Springdales School got an opportunity to participate in the Inter-school Science and Engineering Competition at Curtin University on 31st January, 2019. Rules and regulations of the quiz were explained at the beginning. It was an interesting two-round competition, including objective questions with options round, buzzer round and audio-visual round, which engaged the students while our students showcased their brilliance by answering the questions.

Though some of the questions were very tricky, the teams tried to answer them with confidence. The questions put

forth to the teams were intriguing, exciting and made the audience go 'Aah!' Although the teams participated enthusiastically, the team did not win the competition.

It was a very informative and knowledge enriching competition for the participants along with the audience. Springdales School encourages such positive competitions and hopes to bring out the best in all its students through such competitive events, while ensuring that the children learn through all possible ways- not just through books and classroom teaching.



Techno Talent Fest UAE 2019



Springdale's ICT team attended the annual event hosted by Techno School with the collaboration of Leaders Private School, Sharjah. The Techno Talent Fest UAE was held in Emirates Institute for Banking and Financial Studies (EIBFS), Dubai on January 30, 2019 with the guiding principle "Ignite your Tech minds". Directed to bring out the critical thinking and reasoning skills of aspiring students, the objective of the fest was to serve as a platform to exhibit the innovation and logical dexterity of budding minds of the future.

Benefits to Springdales ICT Team

Techno Talent Fest UAE provided a platform to exhibit the innovation and logical dexterity of budding minds of the future. Techno Talent Fest UAE motivated students to perform and excel and offer a lot more reward than just the winning a prize. There was a chance for participants to gain substantial experience, showcase skills, analyze and evaluate outcomes and uncover personal aptitude and also encouraged students to adopt innovative techniques and develop their ideas and skills.



Water Rocket Launch Project



The Emirates Aviation University's "water rocket competition" was a great opportunity for the "Scientists of Springdales" to understand the aerodynamic structure and principles of rocket launch.

The team consisted of four students - Anandajith Jinesh, Parth Rathore, Ameen Salim and Ryan Fernandes. Initially, a prototype was created in school under the guidance of Ms. Ghazala Farhan and Ms. Ritu Gupta.

EAU provided the materials and students were given 2 hours to build the model. With collaboration and hard work the team build the rocket. The ultimate goal was to make a presentable rocket which should cover farthest distance. Our rocket successfully launched and reached at a distance of 83.9m at first attempt



From the Heart of the Art Department... Innovation and Creativity at its best...

Art Activities are great way to stimulate a child's imagination, allowing children to demonstrate their artistic talents and to raise their own aspirations. The Art Department at Springdales School encourages students creativity and lets them push their limits to try something new and bring out the best in them. As students joined school in the new year, a variety of different activities, keeping in mind recycling, reusing, reducing waste were organised. A glimpse of a few activities.

CITYSCAPES IN ACRYLICS ON CARD BOARD

Springdalian Students created rustic and contemporary cityscapes showing different landscapes like hills, lakes, and deserts with acrylics on cardboard. Each student was asked to design a city on a panel of cardboard and the results were truly astonishing as they each designed a city beautifully on it, coloured with acrylics giving hues, shades, contrast, light and dark to the picture.

NEWSPAPER ART IN WATER COLOURS

Grade 7 students painted pictures on different themes over old newspaper pages. The newspaper page was adhered

on a hard colored paper and painted over. These paintings show creativity, play of background and foreground and bring awareness of protecting our environment by recycling, reusing and reducing waste.

PAPER COLLAGES ON THE THEME NATURE

In order to understand the aspects of designing and recognizing collage work as creative art form, Springdalians of grade 6 learnt how to cut and paste paper to create innovative designs in artworks with varied colours and add details in background keeping elements and characters of nature in mind. Students created innovative and imaginative nature based collages with varied textures and layers.

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS THROUGH ART

Springdales School conducted an Art activity to celebrate International Day of Happiness on 14th March 2019. All students from Grade 1 - 5 participated in the event. Students were given different themes to conveying happiness through Art.

Cityscapes in acrylic on card board



Newspaper art in water colors



Paper collages on the theme nature



Celebrating International Day of Happiness through art



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