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# The Springdalian

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SPRINGDALES SCHOOL Dubai



Quintessentially Indian  
Innovatively International



## Reaching Out !!

'Reaching Out' could be the alternate motto of the Springdales community. The declaration that 'The World is a Family' and that we are both 'quintessentially Indian and innovatively international' carry with it the implication that our community is not only outward looking, but that we are actively breaking away from convention and seeking to engage with new ideas and embrace new challenges. We are pushing the boundaries and reaching out in the pursuit of excellence

Our growing sporting achievements are being recognised as Springdaliens reach out and achieve cup and medals for inter-school soccer and athletics, raise their game in inter-house basketball, go head to head in inter-school Chess, make good use of our excellent pool facility for swim training and represent the school and the UAE in international Judo. We also have our eyes fixed on developing cricket and tennis.

Increasingly, students are engaging in field trips, taking learning beyond the classroom and reaching out into the real world. We are also reaching out to use international benchmark assessments to drive up the quality of teaching and learning to become more consistent across the school.

Our parent community too is reaching out. Parents have become actively engaged in their own Badminton and Throw Ball matches in our sports hall. The parents' association, FOSS, is developing a higher profile, celebrating its first Anniversary and exploring new and exciting partnerships with the school to help drive school development in innovative ways. Whether we are working on environmental protection, donating funds or material aid to meet local needs or provide disaster relief overseas, Springdales is reaching out to empower our whole community in making a difference to ourselves and to the world.

# A Day out at Kindergarten



Excited voices, twinkling eyes, busy workers and above all- happy, cheerful faces greeted me as I toured the Kindergarten section. But even more welcoming was to be engulfed by tiny arms when I stepped into the vibrant class rooms. It was a delight to engage myself in a conversation with the bubbly Kindergartners and hear them talk endlessly about their learning.

The little ones were proud to flaunt themselves and show off their creativity. I could not stop myself from praising

them and in turn was rewarded with lovely adorable smiles. It was sheer pleasure to read to the children as they not only listened in rapt attention but were eager to respond and ask several questions related to the story read.

As it is rightly said 'All best things come in small packages.' The moments spent with the youngest Springdaliens of the school was thoroughly enjoyable and I eagerly look forward to another memorable 'day out,' at Kindergarten.



**"THE MORE YOU GIVE AWAY THE MORE HAPPY YOU BECOME"**



# #10Mins10Days

## An initiative by KHDA

An initiative by KHDA to involve parents in the habit of reading to their children was intended to be a project set out with a limited time within specific days. The minds behind this initiative knew the infinite impact it would have on the ritual of bonding between the parents and their children. Reading on the onset may seem like a skill that requires plain identification of the vocabulary and understanding of the words put together as sentences.

One may even get distracted with the elements of the story that is imparted in the classrooms during extended writing. The reality is when a child reads the mind opens the door of imagination and with

that the process of creation starts.

When parents read to their children they build a bond, a trust which can be gained only by sharing the narrative and discussing the infinite possibilities the author might have left for them to explore together. This develops critical thinking that the child is able to apply in their daily learning and engage actively within their living environment.

The students of grades 1 and 2 were a part of this initiative at the KHDA event and all the effort of incorporating reading and discussing stories at circle time paid off as our little champions interacted with the guest speakers with all the vibrancy and confidence.





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# Mothers Day



A Mother is a person that no one in this world can live without. With her caring nature and undying love she exudes in many wonderful ways that completes us and makes us truly feel, 'We Belong.'

"Mother's Day." is never a forgotten day and true to this belief, the Kindergarten children of Springdales School, Dubai celebrated this day on the 10th of May'16 to honor all the mothers who serve as positive contributors in the society.

The day started with great excitement as the children waited eagerly for their mothers to arrive. They welcomed them in their individual

classes by singing with immense love and joy. The smiles on the faces of all the mothers lit up when they viewed a video filmed on their little ones lovingly talking about their favorite person-their mom. Many of the mothers were teary eyed too!! Later, both the mums and children played games organized by their teachers. Laughter and cheering echoed loud in the corridors of the Kindergarten department.

The most treasured moment came when the children proudly presented their mothers with cards or crowns made by them for this special occasion. It was a memorable day for all the



**MOTHERHOOD  
IS STRENGTH  
WISDOM  
LOVE**



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ALL LOVE BEGINS  
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# BAKE SALE





# Support for Srilankan Families





**MANKIND  
IS ONE  
NATION**



**WHEN YOU SAY  
YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH  
HUMANITY  
YOU ARE WELL SATISFIED  
WITH YOURSELF**



# 'Zakat' – Charity Drive.



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If you can't  
**FEED**  
A Hundred People  
**FEED JUST ONE**



WE MAKE A  
**LIVING** BY  
**WHAT WE GET**,  
BUT WE MAKE A  
**LIFE** BY  
**WHAT WE GIVE**



# 'Reading Nation'

## in conjunction with Dubai



The Springdale's motto 'the world is a family' resonated with the campaign called Reading Nation, part of Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives, launched by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai, in Ramadan 2016 that aims to distribute 5 million books to children in refugee camps and schools in need around the world.

This campaign is yet another endeavour through which the UAE expresses its passion for serving humanity. It represents the UAE's transition from feeding the hungry and quenching thirst, to nurturing the mind and the soul during the holy month of Ramadan.

The students of Springdales School actively

engaged themselves in the project and collected the storybooks and old textbooks to be used by the children of other nations. With reading as an integral and a driving force in the curriculum of the school, the children could immediately correlate the sentiments and joy that would be experienced through this gesture of sharing and giving.

The children always rise to the occasion and we could see heaps of books of different levels and genre piling up in the collection boxes. The student voice took the initiative of collecting and delivering the books to the venue assigned for collection. We sure do hope that our contribution has a significant impact on the objective of sending 5 million books from the UAE to the world.



You give.  
And in a school somewhere,  
many Children read.



# THE SPIRIT OF EXTERNAL COMPETITION

Children spontaneously seek competition with their peers. They seem to have an innate desire to compare themselves with others in every way, be it a display of their proficiency in painting, dancing, running or even academics. Such healthy competition is obviously beneficial to a child's development and enhances and broadens his learning. At Springdales students are provided ample opportunities to participate in a variety of competitions, both internal and external. The purpose of this article is to provide you with a snapshot of 'External competitions and our Springdalian's'.

Be it Sports or Art or a cultural activity our talented young scholars move forward with a fearless heart to participate. We have made forays into the Sports arena with our students participating in the inter school CBSE cluster Swimming and Chess championships this year. 31st October was a happy day when our football team returned runners up from an interschool Football tournament. Their sense of achievement and happiness is greater than any laurel they could have won. Competitions are so effective when it comes to motivating students and building their confidence. It's when they step out and rub shoulders with the best across the UAE that our students push themselves and rise to the challenge. In February this year one of our talented young artists, won a silver medal in the Toyota Car art competition. A Grade 8 student was bestowed the honor of reading his poem at the Poetic Heart competition after it was selected from a large number of entries across UAE. Not to be left behind our Kindergarteners, in keeping with the Springdalian spirit, displayed their talent and showcased their skills, when they participated and represented our

school at the Emirates Aviation University for the "What works early years exhibition (KHDA)". Reading is the door to unknown horizons...Our students have participated in various competitions and got caught reading contributing wholeheartedly to the UAE Year of Reading initiative.

Competitions are not limited to the sphere of co-curricular activities but extend across Academics too. In September this year students gave a brilliant display of their innovative and creative skills with their scientific creation of a working model on how to develop space tourism and were awarded 2nd place for their efforts in the Inter school competition.

Students from Grades 3 to 9 match their academic prowess with students in the international arena when they appear for International exams such as International Benchmarking test, International Students' assessment (ISA), Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT), Olympiads and the Asset exam. Our Asset Talent scholars and students achieving distinction in IBT did the school proud and are a constant source of inspiration to the other students.

'No matter what the competition is, I try to find a goal that day and better that goal.' These words by Bonnie Blair truly reflect the spirit that drives all our achievers.

No doubt the world is a competitive place and by providing our students with the right exposure to external competitions we are contributing to their holistic development and preparing them for the world outside. What's important is to inculcate a fair spirit of participation and nurture a healthy competitive spirit in our young scholars.



# Inauguration of the Swimming Pool



Principal Mr. Julian Williams of Springdales School Dubai and Co-Chairperson Ma'am Jasmine inaugurated the new indoor 25 Mts. swimming pool on the occasion of celebrating Springdales School's birthday on Thursday, 1st September, 2016.

The school management has constructed a swimming pool for the students to make use of the facilities and hone their skills in sports and games along with education.

Mr. Julian Williams said that education of the whole person, body, mind and spirit was important and that sports facilities were as critical

as classrooms in developing young leaders.

12 students (Niyati Sawant, Ashwina Mehra, Navyaa N., Mehek Sony, Sanjana B., Kavya Nair, Rajveer Choudhary, Samarth Verma, Arnav Ghose, Jardel P., Salah Asif, and Kris Jorge) from Grades 5 to Grades 9, demonstrated free style, back stroke, breast stroke and butterfly swimming in the presence of secondary students and teachers.

The students enjoyed & got inspiration to learn swimming. Congratulation to all our young participants.





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# Springdales Parent Community Badminton Competition.

Springdales Parents Community was invited to participate in badminton competition (men & women) on Friday, 9th September, 2016.

We got a tremendous response of 111 parents who participated on knock out basis in this competition.

The event was not only held for the love of the game but also to form stronger bond with parents. It is indeed that parent all got happiness experiences and became role model for their ward/wards, especially children were very excited to see their parents in performing talent. The participants showed relentless effort in the competition.

The management of Springdales School Dubai provided us a wonderful international sports infrastructure.

Dr. Anand Sir and Jasmin Ma'am adding a valuable support by giving away medals and trophies to the Badminton players.

It is indeed that parents enjoyed the day by playing badminton and spend fruitful healthy time with their family & other members.

It is a great achievement for our parents and school to grow up as 111 parents turned up to showcase their performance. Overall it was a cheerful and exciting event

## Comments From Parents

### Mr. Vinit and Ms. Rashmi Jain

Dear Mr. Ashok

Let is congratulate on the big success of the great event held in Springdales School. It was a wonderful experience with you all on parent's badminton competition day. It was your and your colleagues (e.g. Ms. Rowena and others) who took personal interest to make that event successful in 1st attempt itself.

Our family had a great time. We also appreciate school management for supporting this event. These activities goes long way in building parents, kids and management relations all the more strong.

Thanks again and All the best  
Best,  
Vinit and Rashmi Jain  
Parents - Shreyah Jain - 5 B

### Mr. Abdul Hassan

Thank you everyone for making the day so vibrant and sporty!!

Thank you Mr. Ashok and your team. It takes a great deal of effort and commitment to organize such an event and that too on a weekend. This shows your passion for sports! The Springdales parent community is really grateful to you.

Have a restive Eid break.

Abdul Hanan

**Ms. Sushmita**

**Dear Mr. Ashok**

Thanks for giving us an opportunity to play the rackets after 15 years. I was once a great player of college level. But unfortunately due to lack of practice I couldn't even qualify the first round. Also my partner was Ms. Smita Bhandari who seemed to be the athlete teacher and the greatest performer. Wish her many Congratulations.

Thanks once again as we had a great day. And looking for more.

Regards  
Sushmita

**Ms. Jasmine Anand**

**Dear Mr. Ashok**

Today's event was indeed a very grand Effort and very well organized. We all had been waiting eagerly for this facility to open up And finally we are almost there Now the responsibility and the initiatives-lies upon you to take our school to a next level and I sincerely trust your abilities. Looking forward to have more upcoming events. Would like to be involved in the future events at their conception level. Thanks a lot to you and your team

Regards  
Jasmine Anand

**Congratulations to all the winners and participants!!!!**

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1	Men Single	1st Place- Mr. Ravi Shankar 2nd Place- Mr. Ramesh C. 3rd place- Mr. Saurabh Sharma
2	Women Single	1st Place- Ms. Meeta Bhandari 2nd Place- Ms. Gagan Arora 3rd Place- Ms. Arulmozhi
3	Men Doubles	1st place- Mr. Vinit Jain & Mr. Ramesh. C 2nd place- Mr. Ravi Shankar & Mr. Nageshwar Rao 3rd Place_ Mr. Jaydeep K. & Mr. Gopal
4	Women Doubles	1st Place- Ms. Meeta Bhandari & Ms. Bindu Nair 2nd Place- Ms. Suniya & Ms. Sunitha Verma 3rd Place- Ms. Nayana Sharma & Ms. Susah
5	Mixed Doubles	1st Place- Mr. Thiyaguani & Ms. Arulmoli 2nd Place- Mr. Mr. Vibin & Ms. Suniya 3rd Place- Mr. Gopal Kumar & Ms. Meeta Bhandari 3.05 METERS



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