



# Springdale Primary CONTACT

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## Upper Primary Year Head's Message

We have come to the end of the year. It is now time to celebrate the effort put in by our Springdalites no matter how small it is. I have seen many students who have successfully shown progress not only in their studies but also in character. Kudos to our Springdalites who have made progress in these areas.

Education is a journey and not a destination. I hope that you will continue to find ways to encourage your child to see learning as a joy and a fulfillment. May their potential be realized through your constant encouragement and guidance.

We would also want to encourage our Springdalites to spend their December holidays wisely and meaningfully. This is the time for them to deepen a skill, learn new skill, engage in physical activities, and read widely. Engaging them in meaningful activities that are non-device related will go a long way to developing them more holistically.

To our P6 parents, thank you for partnering us in your child's education journey. We wish them all the best in their future pursuits.

**Mdm Abidah Bibi Marikar**

Every Springdalite a **secure individual**,  
a **leader of self-worth** and a **significant citizen**

# Children's Day

On 5 October, we celebrated Children's Day with a concert. Kudos to all the talented teachers who put up their performances for the Springdalites and it ended with joyful and beautiful memories for all.

Our teacher emcees not only surprised everyone as they came in the school uniforms, but also amazed the audience with their eloquent and humorous conversations.



Performances by our talented teachers

# Deepavali Celebrations

Deepavali celebrations started with recess activities on the first two days of Week 9 in Term 4. Springdalites were very involved with colouring 'Kolams' and making bookmarks out of 'Mandalas'.



Springdalites enjoyed colouring their Kolams

Our senior Springdalites taught the younger ones how to make bookmarks using Mandala drawings

The much-awaited Deepavali celebration took place on 10 November. It started with an exciting 'walk in dance' called 'Poi Kal Kuthirai', followed by a peacock dance and a fusion performance. It was a 'folk dance' themed show.



P6 Student Emcees, Saadhana and Dheepanraj hosted the show



Springdalites took part in a quiz on 'Deepavali' too!

# SEN Awareness Week



Writing own name in Braille

The SEN Awareness campaign is carried out in October this year with the focus on People with Disability. During recess, students visit booths to learn about and experience the challenges people with physical disability, visual disability and hearing impairment may have in their daily life.

Students also get to experience the various tools that people with disability used for communication such as sign language, braille and a wheelchair.



Buttoning up a shirt with only one hand



Search for things without looking



Form alphabets with my finger

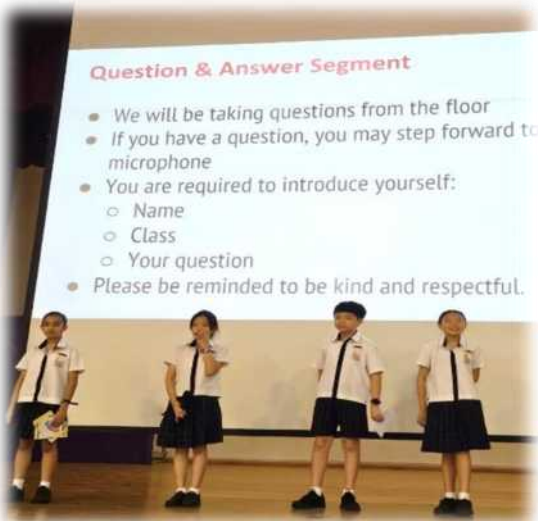


This is what it's like to be on a wheelchair



# Town Hall Meeting

The Town Hall Meeting is a platform for the Student Leader Council (SLC) to engage with the student body. During the session, our council shared ideas and suggestions collected from the school population and listened to the voices of our fellow Springdalites, to seek ways to collaboratively enhance our school environment. The student leaders believe that together, everyone can make the school a better place.



SLC Members from the Development and Outreach Team leading the Town Hall Discussion



SLC Members from the Positive Environment Team leading the Town Hall Discussion



Student Leader Council Members from the Student Well-Being Team leading the Town Hall Discussion



Q&A session

# Springdalites Makers Festival

Springdalites Makers Festival this year focuses on **Innovation**, **Robotics** and **Makers Education** and are infused with creativity and craftsmanship.

Students enjoyed an interesting lineup of Makers activities such as building their own Strawbees structures, designing their holiday planner, using 3D pens, building marble run structures, learning how to code with Makey Makey and VEX Robotics competition.

On top of these activities, students also get to view the prototypes and presentations from Springdalites who took part in local competitions, including a Hackathon. Students also had a go with LEGO spike and coding. These activities had ignited the joy of learning and encouraged students to explore beyond their comfort zones.



Using the steps given to create their own favourite animal



Eager to make their own creation



Using Strawbees to make into a long snake



VEX Robotics Challenge – One Minute to Win It: Springdalites had to grab as many cubes as they can in 1 minute!



Using 3D pen to design smile keychain



P5 Innovation Programme (IVP) – Organising our homework



P5 Innovation Programme (IVP) – Anti-slip Cover



LEGO spike and coding



P5 Innovation Programme (IVP) – The Genius Glass



Microbit Hackathon



Creating holiday planner

# Science Buskers Final Round

Two teams from our school were shortlisted for the Science Buskers Final Round which took place at Sengkang Grand Mall on 28 and 29 October, competing with 21 other teams from other primary schools. The Singapore Science Buskers competition organised by Science Centre Singapore hopes to develop each individual's communication skills through expressions of science in a creative manner as well as promote the learning of science in a fun and engaging way. Participants will present and do a show-and-tell on any science topic.



Our Science Buskers performed live to the public during the Final Round at Sengkang Grand Mall



Our Springdalites worked hard to prepare for the Final Round and had performed commendably throughout the two days by busking live to both judges and public to garner votes. We would like to thank all of you who came with your family to give your support and votes!



# 11th National Primary Schools Photography Competition

Five of our Springdalites from Media Club CCA participated in the 11<sup>th</sup> National Primary Schools Photography Competition organised by Fuhua Primary School. The theme of the competition is ‘Building a City of Green Possibilities Together’. The objectives of the competition are to raise our students’ awareness to Singapore Green Plan 2030 on sustainable development and to provide a platform for our students to practise eco-stewardship through the medium of photography.

Our Springdalites performed commendably for the competition. The photos from three of them were shortlisted for the People’s Choice Award in the Open Category and one of them, P6 Nuha Maisarah eventually won the People’s Choice Award after getting the greatest number of votes. We would like to thank all parents who had given your support and votes. Rizq Nabil Putera from P6 also won the Merit Award in the Open Category. They received trophies, Popular vouchers and books as part of their prizes. Well done to our Springdalites for their achievements!



The winners receiving their prizes and certificates

# Eye Spy Math Poster Competition 2023

The Eye Spy Math Poster Competition was held for the first time in our school this year. It was organized to create awareness in our students to look out for familiar things and to see that Mathematics is around them. Students learn to make connections across 'big ideas' that they learn during their lessons and develop a profound understanding of Mathematics.

The competition was open to all levels and many of our Springdalites participated in it. The Top 3 poster designs from each level were presented to the school on 18 August 2023. Congratulations to our winners!

Eye Spy Maths Poster Competition Winners

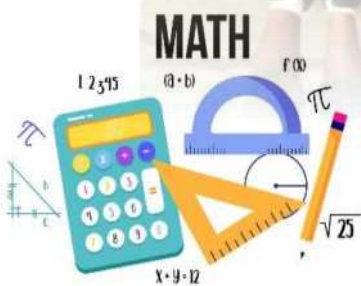


# 16th Annual Mathlympics 2023

22 Springdalites took part in the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Mathlympics. The competition aims to arouse students' interest in mathematical problem solving and includes topics such as Arithmetic, Geometry and Algebra. During the competition, students had to complete multiple open-ended questions within a 2-hour time frame.

We achieved 1 Silver Medal and 4 Bronze Medals. Congratulations to all our winners and participants who put in tremendous effort to prepare for this competition.

Mathlympics 2023 Medallists



## NSG Floorball Competition

In a thrilling journey spanning from 11 July to 24 August, our school floorball team participated in the National School Games (NSG) Junior Boys floorball competition. Securing second place in the Classification Round, they earned a spot in Tier 1 of the Tiered Round, the highest level of competition.



The Junior Boys team with parent supporters at the National School Games

Throughout the tournament, our boys demonstrated dedication, resilience and teamwork. Their performance in the Tiered Round showcased their ability to rise to the occasion and compete against formidable opponents, making their journey not just about victories but also about personal growth and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to our talented athletes for making our school proud!

# NSG Badminton

Springdale Primary School took part in this year National School Games (NSG) and our Junior Team managed to clinch some medals for the various Tier Groups.

<b>Tier 1 Doubles Boys</b>	<b>Champion – Alex Loh, P5 Ratan Raj, P4</b>
<b>Tier 1 Singles Boys</b>	<b>Achievement Badge – Lin Zhongtan, P4</b>
<b>Tier 1 Doubles Girls</b>	<b>Achievement – Vivian Lai, P5 Badge Felice Tay, P4 (in replacement of Clarissa See, P4)</b>
<b>Tier 2 Singles Girls</b>	<b>Champion – Ng Qi Ting, P5 Champion – Oh Jing Yu Kylin, P5</b>
<b>Tier 2 Doubles Girls</b>	<b>Achievement – Pulavarthi Shreya, P5 Badge Lashimitha, P5</b>
<b>Tier 4 Doubles Boys</b>	<b>Champion – Justin Lim, P5 Jayden Chu, P5</b>



Springdalites in action during the National School Games - Badminton!

# Springdale Parent Volunteer Club

We are pleased to share with you some of the bonding activities organised by our parent volunteers in Semester 2. We would like to thank our Springdale Parent Volunteer Club (SPVC) for their continued support and partnership in this journey.

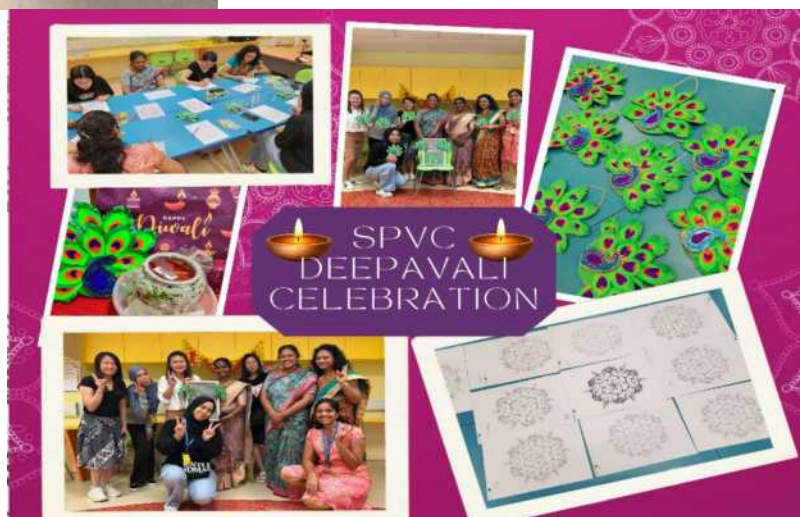
With the new SPVC EXCO Team and more PVs coming onboard, there will be more opportunities to support the school through recess activities/events and chaperones for learning journeys. If you would like to join the SPVC, please go to :

<https://form.gov.sg/64088533d87c3d00114b1a2e>



SPVC celebrated National Day by making paper windmill and played games together. They had lots of fun chatting and doing crafts together.

Some SPVC members celebrated Deepavali through participating in the peacock craft and drawing of rangoli session. Our PVs enjoyed the bonding time which allowed them to know more about Indian culture.



# Springdale Parent Volunteer Club

## Teachers' Day Celebrations & SPVC's 1st Telematch



### SPVC's 1st Telematch



SPVC had our first ever telematch during the June holidays. Our main aim is not only to bond with the parents but also to have fun together.

### SPVC's 1st Telematch



Kids were having fun playing the games that we set for them. We ended the session with McD lunch where we had our chit chats together.

# Springdale Parent Volunteer Club

SPVC organised a game carnival for students during Children's Day celebration. The kids had fun playing the games and collecting points to exchange for gifts during their recess time.

## Children's Day Games Carnival



Parent Volunteers all set to have fun with the Springdalites. Prizes waiting to be redeemed



## Children's Day Games Carnival



Games Booth





# Springdale Parent Volunteer Club

SPVC organised a session to teach the P6 students some basic life skills. The children learnt some tips on folding, sewing and ironing their own clothes in their daily life.



FOLDING CLOTHES



FOLDING CLOTHES



SEWING BUTTON



SEWING BUTTON



IRONING CLOTHES



IRONING CLOTHES

## POST-PSLE LIFESKILL WORKSHOP

# Things to do during School Holidays



**Pick up a new hobby**



**Family Gathering**



**Exercise**



**Read a new book**



**Take part in charity events**



**Travel Overseas**

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# Benefits

## TRAVEL HELPS YOUR BRAIN FUNCTION BETTER AND BOOSTS CREATIVITY

"Foreign experiences increase cognitive flexibility and depth and integrativeness of thought," says Adam Galinsky, a professor and author of numerous studies on the connection between creativity and international travel.



## PICKING UP A NEW HOBBY, EXERCISING AND READING A BOOK



These activities can be really beneficial for our mental health and have shown to give us lower stress, better physical health, more sleep, more social connections, improved work performance, and increased happiness.

## FAMILY GATHERING

Being with family and doing activities together also provides an outlet for pent-up emotions that could otherwise lead to unhealthy decisions. Family is so important when it comes to a child (or teenager) bringing problems to you, because your advice can allow them to become better equipped to cope with problems and make positive choices.



## DOING CHARITY

Giving can stimulate your brain's mesolimbic pathway, or reward center, while releasing endorphins. That can lead to a "helper's high" that boosts self-esteem, elevates happiness and combats feelings of depression.



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# P5 Camp @ Jalan Bahtera



Our P5 students had their cohort camp at Jalan Bahtera Outdoor Adventure Center from 24 to 26 Aug. The students participated in many activities such as scaling the rock wall, traversing the Challenge Ropes Course and cooking outdoor. During the camp, they also get to learn about the variety of flora and fauna during their hike at Sungei Buloh.



Our Springdalites participated in various activities during the P5 Camp at Jalan Bahtera

Throughout the 3 days, students were also given the opportunities to demonstrate and live out our school values of respect, resilience, responsibility, integrity, care and harmony.

# Upper Primary Interclass Games



Springdalites listening to the briefing before the games

The Upper Primary Interclass Games was organised for the P4 to P6 students as a post-exam activity. There were three games organised: 4v4 catchball, captain's ball and floorball.

During the event, students put into practice the game concepts and fundamental motor skills acquired in Physical Education. The games provided our Springdalites with opportunities to appreciate and respect each other's strengths and weaknesses. Fostering greater camaraderie, Springdalites set aside individual differences to collaboratively pursue a common goal. Well done, Springdalites!



Our Springdalites giving their best in various games