

# Springdale Primary

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# Assistant Year Head's Message

Time truly does fly and our Lower Primary Springdalites are just a few months away from moving on to the next level of their educational journey. One of the most beautiful aspects of this journey has been watching our students develop resilience and empathy. As they navigate through challenges and new experiences, they have shown incredible strength in the face of adversity. Furthermore, their capacity to care for one another and work together as a supportive community is a testament to the values we hold dear at our school.

Let's look forward to celebrating the growth and achievements of our wonderful Springdalites in the coming months.

Mrs Kym Yap

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

#### **Student Leaders Investiture 2023**

On 30 June, the Student Leaders marched down the hall and onto the stage to stand proudly to pledge their commitment as student leaders of Springdale Primary School during the 2023 Student Leaders Investiture.



Student Leaders marching down the hall

newly appointed student leaders on stage



Head Prefect, Lim En Kai, leading the students in reciting the Student Leaders' pledge

The new Head Prefect of 2023, Lim En Kai, together with his team of Student Leaders Council (SLC), were officially appointed as our P6 SLCs stepped down to focus on their PSLE preparation. We thank the P6 Student Leaders for their hard work and contribution in 2022 and 2023!

2023/2024 Student Leader Council Members

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#### Racial Harmony Day

Springdalites commemorated Racial Harmony Day on 21 July. During assembly, Springdalites watched a performance entitled 'Party at the Night Safari'. The interactive play taught children about diversity in the community and the importance of respecting the different races and cultures.



Springdalites participating actively during Quiz time

During recess. our lower primary Springdalites designed postcards shared about a custom or tradition that they have learnt from a friend of a different race. Springdalites from the middle and upper primary read scenarios and news articles and shared their thoughts on them via Padlet.

We were heartened to have the support of parents who volunteered their time interacting with our Springdalites and joining them as they completed the various activities.



Racial Harmony recess activities

# **National Day Commemoration 2023**

Our Springdalites gathered to celebrate Singapore's 58<sup>th</sup> birthday on 8 August. The observance ceremony was led by our Head Prefect, Lim En Kai, followed by the recitation of recollection by students from P2G and a National Day video message by Minister of Education, Mr Chan Chun Sing.



Springdalites celebrating National Day

There were also performances from our school's aesthetic CCAs, community singing, a game segment and a video segment of Springdalites' wishes for Singapore!

The celebration continued in the classrooms where students showed their love for Singapore through various activities. They also danced to this year's National Day song as a class! It was indeed a joyous occasion for everyone!

# P1 to P6 Parent-Teacher Conference

The school organised the P1 to P6 Parent-Teacher Conference on 30 August. Form teachers and parents discussed about students' strengths and areas for improvement.

Thank you to all parents who made the effort to attend the meeting to support your child's progress and learning. We will continue to tap on this home-school partnership to support your children in their education journeys.



Thank you parents for your partnership

# **Teachers' Day Celebrations**

The school celebrated Teachers' Day on 31 August. To show their appreciation for teachers, our student leaders and class monitors penned thank you notes for the teachers and non-teaching staff in the school.



Our P5 Student Leader emcees

Our Springdalites showcased their talents through a variety of performances during the Teachers' Day concert, such as playing the piano, drum, Gu Zheng, singing and dancing.



Springdalites showcasing their talents and musical skills

## **Teachers' Day Celebrations**

The Springdale Parent Volunteer Club chipped in with their games item celebration. during the Springdalites and teachers had a great fun together. Thank you parent volunteers for the wonderful session.



Thank you PVs for your support!



The "GREAT" Awards were also presented to our teachers. These teachers have been nominated by their colleagues for demonstrating the "GREAT" expectations of staff.



Congratulations to all the teachers!

#### The Aesthetics Moments @ Recess

On 28 July, we had our *Aesthetics Moments @ Recess* which aimed to promote the creative expression of Springdalites. Springdalites could showcase their musical talent and also try the hands-on activities at the Art Booth.



Springdalites exploring various Art Printmaking activities with the help of Art teachers and Parent Volunteers

Our little drummer, Xie Hanyi, performed exceptionally well, and he received a lot of applause from his peers and teachers.

It was indeed a day for the Springdalites to discover their



interests and develop their strengths in their learning journey.

# Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) 2023 Art Exhibition

We are proud to present our submissions to the SYF 2023 Art Exhibition. This is an annual event organised by the MOE to celebrate the vitality and talents of our youth in the arts.

Kudos to all three teams for completing their projects and making this learning experience a meaningful and successful one.







Special congratulations to our Category A students on receiving a

Certificate of Recognition for their entry.



Category A - Rhythmic Splatters



Category B – Hawker House



Category C- Walk In My Shoes

# National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA)

The school recently conducted the National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA) for P4 and P6 Springdalites over four Fridays in July.



The school ground buzzed with energy and enthusiasm as students demonstrated their fitness levels across five different static stations, including sit-ups, standing broad jump, sit and reach, inclined pull-ups and shuttle run.

The NAPFA left an indelible mark on the students' minds about the importance of physical fitness, encouraging students to lead healthier and more active lifestyles.

# **English Week: Embracing Words and Imagination**

English Week had an exciting lineup of activities that ignited the passion for reading, writing and creative expression among our Springdalites.

We started by welcoming 2 celebrated authors, Ms Vivian Teo and Mr A.J. Low, of the much loved "Sherlock Sam" series. Both authors shared their writing experiences, inspirations, and the secrets behind crafting intriguing stories that have captured the hearts of readers of all ages.



The authors of the "Sherlock Sam" series

Imagination then took center stage on Book Character Day. Springdalites and teachers dressed up as their favorite characters from various books, bringing literature to life. Students were encouraged to delve deeper into the stories and themes they represented.



English Week: Embracing Words and

**Imagination** 

Students put their spelling skills to the test in a friendly Spelling Bee Competition which aimed to enhance vocabulary and language proficiency and instill a sense of confidence in students' language abilities.



Our P1 Spelling Bee Competition Winners

Fusing storytelling and origami, the Storigami Workshop invited students to explore the art of storytelling through the creation of paper masterpieces. Our enthusiastic parent volunteers guided participants in crafting origami characters and settings inspired by popular books. This hands-on workshop aimed to stimulate creativity, storytelling prowess, and an appreciation for the visual arts.



### Singapore Science Buskers

7 teams participated in the Singapore Science Buskers competition organised by the Singapore Science Centre. The competition 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.

Our Springdalites worked hard to prepare for the competition with a few rounds of rehearsal and performed commendably during the audition round at Science Centre on 4 July.



Our Science Buskers during the audition round at Science Centre

Two of our teams managed to be shortlisted for the final round which will take place at Sengkang Grand Mall on 28 & 29 October! Our finalists will be busking live to both judges and public throughout the weekend to garner votes. We hope that all of you will come to give your support and votes!

# Fly High Aviation Carnival

6 of our Springdalites participated in this aviation carnival jointly organized by Changkat Changi Secondary School and Victoria School on 31 May.

During the carnival, our Springdalites had the opportunity to learn about various aspects of aviation through engaging workshops, including the various aspects of aircraft design, flight simulation and the future application of drones. They also participated in various hands-on activities, such as building and flying their own model aircraft and flying drones through obstacles.



Participants of the Fly High Aviation Carnival at Changkat Changi Secondary School

Overall, it was a fun learning experience and a great opportunity for our Springdalites to ignite their passion for aviation and explore their interest in this field.

## Science X-perience Week

The Science X-perience Week was organised from 7 to 11 August to ignite the love of Science in our Springdalites. Prior to this, Springdalites were encouraged to submit videos for the Show & Tell video competition.

More than 60 videos were submitted! These videos were shown during recess and in class during the week. The top 15 videos were awarded prizes. You can click this <u>link</u> to watch a compilation of the videos submitted.



During assembly, our Springdalites who have participated in the Singapore Amazing Flying Machine Competition (SAFMC) and Fly High Aviation Carnival on flight theory shared their learning experiences.

Our Springdalites were wowed by the 'paper plane throw' demonstration by our participants! You can click the highlights of Science X-perience Week at this <u>link</u>.



Sharing by participants of SAFMC and Fly High Aviation Carnival during assembly

## Science X-perience Week

During recess, our Springdalites were able to observe Science experiments and learn various Science concepts through the live demonstration put up by students who have participated in the Singapore Science Buskers competition.

There was also a Paper Plane booth by our participants from SAFMC who shared their experiences in folding paper planes.



Science Buskers live demonstration during recess

We hope it had been an enriching week of Science learning for the students! Let's keep the spirit of Science inquiry burning in all our Springdalites!

# Singapore and Asian Schools Math Olympiad 2023

This year, 20 students from P5 and 20 students from P6 participated in the Singapore and Asian Schools Math Olympiad (SASMO) competition. This is a competition that aims to arouse students' interest in mathematical problem solving and to develop mathematical intuition, reasoning, logical, creative and



Congratulations to all the participants and winners!

Our Springdalites put in their hard work and persevered through the competition.

#### Pei Hwa Hackathon 2023



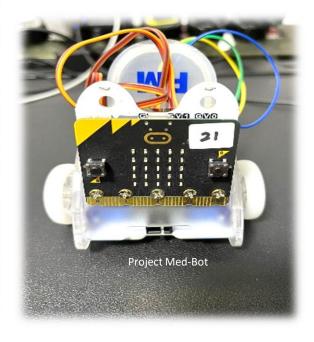
Selected P4 and P6 Inno-T(h)inkers Club members represented Springdale Primary School at the Pei Hwa Hackathon 2023.



The theme for the Pei Hwa Hackathon is Innovative Solutions to Tomorrow's The Problems. team's project, titled Med-Bot, aims to remind the elderly to take their medicine on time.







## MODI Workshop

During the June holidays, selected P4 and P5 Springdalites attended the MODI Workshop. Through this workshop, they experienced aspects of design thinking such as problem-solving and prototype creation using the MODI Expert kit.



Working in teams to create their prototype using LEGO and MODI Expert Kit

Parents were invited to join in the workshop, and it was a fun and meaningful experience for all!

# **VEX IQ Robotics Challenge 2023**

Two teams consisting of P4 and P5 Springdalites participated in the VEX IQ Robotics Challenge on 25 July held at the Suntec City Convention Centre. The teams had to use the robot they built to grab cubes and fill up the containers in the given time with different obstacles.



Congratulations to our P4 and P5 Prize Winners!

Despite having only one month of training, the P5 team clinched the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up and the P4 team emerged in 5<sup>th</sup> place. They also received the Sportsmanship Award. Congratulations!

Adapted from the Design Thinking Framework, our Young T(h)inkers Programme aims to develop students' problemsolving skills and enhance their level of confidence, empathy and resilience.

Our P2 Springdalites learnt to identify problems, generate ideas and apply their tinkering skills to create prototypes through their toy-making processes.

Here are some of their creative handiwork:

