

# **SPRINGDAYS ANNUAL REPORT**

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**Springdays' Vision** - To be the pinnacle of excellence in school education in India and to nurture every child to achieve excellence in their personal and professional ambits.

**Springdays' Mission** – By 2022, Springdays will ensure all its children develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills with the help of curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

## **OPENING OF THE SCHOOL AND ITS INFRA STRUCTURE**

While the Spring was unfolding its wings, encompassing the bright colours of nature, the Springdays School was launched with a vision to educate and shape the minds of the young generation of Indians, matching to the International standards.

The location of the school, away from the city and industrial areas is the first advantage the school has, of an un-polluted environment.

The school building has been carefully designed, taking care of space, ventilation and natural flow of air & sunlight into the classrooms. Roof gardening has been planned to keep the rooms on the top floor cool and pleasant even in peak summer times. An auditorium to accommodate 400 audience has been constructed.

The school houses well-laid-out play fields for football, cricket, basketball, tennis courts and a 200 mt running track.

Blooming flowers round the year is a haven for the little Vellorians, who otherwise miss such a sight, while growing up. The colourful atmosphere attracts the colourful butterflies into our school.

A fleet of buses takes care of the transport of the children. To my delight and to the delight of students, travelling to and fro to school is a matter of joy and sight seeing every morning and evening. Through Smart Bus Tracker facility the speed of the buses are efficiently controlled for the safe travel of the children.

Healthy, balanced and nutritious snack and meals are made available to the students & staff and other members of Springdays. Filtered drinking water is available to all in the campus.

Springdays school began the journey of education by invoking the blessings of the lord, performing a Homam for the sanctity of the place with near and dear ones as a part of the occasion on **30<sup>th</sup> May**.

**On 31<sup>st</sup> May**, an orientation programme, with Mr. Brian Caso as the resource person was organised for the teachers of the Springdays School and also they got to know each other before the academic year 2017-18 began.

The school opened its first academic session on **June 8<sup>th</sup>** for the first batch of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. After a short interaction with parents and students, the students were lead to their classes and had interaction with teachers and with each other.

On **14<sup>th</sup> of June**, Std. 1 to 5 the Junior School children were welcomed to be a part of bigger Springdays family. Teachers and students assumed their duties respectively with complete focus and dedication.

School started functioning full fledged with full strength of 512 students and with complete determination to achieve its set goals.

Days, weeks and months have passed and we have come to the end of this academic year 2017-18. The year has been eventful with various and varied activities.

## **SOCIAL AWARENESS ACTIVITIES OF THE SCHOOL**

**Ramzan celebration** was the first activity of the academic year in which the students and teachers took equal initiative to make it a befitting event to be called the first celebration of the Springdays school. This was followed by **Investiture ceremony** in a small formal way, giving the students an opportunity to develop team spirit and leadership qualities. The other celebrations of the year were **Diwali, Chirstmas** and Pongal celebrations. Each celebration was well participated and done in a grand way. These activities bring out the hidden talents of the children, as well as an **openness** to know and understand other religions, other than, they come from.

On **Pongal celebration**, children had the pleasure of a skit, dance and songs on Pongal festival. For the first time all the children from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders occupied the gallery section of the school. It was a perfect festive mood Sun God was welcomed and Pongal was prepared on stage. Pongal lunch was served to a few near the stage to mark the occasion.

## **WORK EDUCATION RELATED ACTIVITIES**

On 4<sup>th</sup> of August an **educational programme** on Fire awareness, was conducted by **Tamil Nadu, Fire and Rescue services of Vellore.**

On 16<sup>th</sup> February, Students of Std VIII visited an **archaeological exhibition** in Town Hall Vellore, Organised by Department of Archaeology, Govt of Tamil Nadu. They had an opportunity to see and know the coins, Indian & ancient antique pieces stamps, currency notes of bygone era. The coin collection, on British era displayed, were from personal coin collections of our Correspondent Mr. Rajendran.

**Springdays Summer Bustle** was the other exciting activity organized for the students after the Annual exam. Whole number of new experiences was arranged for their children which gives them exposure to **different types of career opportunities** waiting for them. The experiences ranged from -Journalism, Zumba, Fashion designing, writing,, Gardening Computer Science, hands on snack making are few to name. To beat the heat, the School was the right place to be in and enjoy the scenic school atmosphere and get an experience of various activities. Journalism was the hot spot where the children, interacted and interviewed the professionals, called in, to give special coaching in various activities.

Our Students attended two **Luminary Lecture Series**, organized by Christian Medical College, Vellore, on the occasion of their Centenary Medical Education. The first luminary lecture was held on 28<sup>th</sup> February at the Scudder Auditorium. The invited guest was Shri Bezwada and convener, Safai Karam Chari Andolan. The second Luminary Lecture was on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April and the invited guests were Padma Shre M. Romulus Whitakar popularly known as Snake Man of India, who is also the Founder of Madras Snake Park and Ms. Janaki Lenin, writer and wild life film maker and conservator. Both lectures were attended by our students, who took part eagerly in the question hour of the lectures. The questions were thought provoking and well appreciated by the speakers and the audience for having raised by them. The students were happy for the exposure they received.

These being the highlight of activities in Work Education, regular activities such as cooking without fire, cooking with fire, jewelry making, painting etc was also conducted on Saturdays.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS**

**Roof Gardening** is an integral part of the schooling with children harvesting and selling the produce to teaching and non-teaching staff. It made students understand gardening, understand the effort that goes into growing fruits & vegetables and also the business aspect of selling. This helps children in internalizing the importance and hard work of farmers and help them respect our agricultural resources.

**Nutrition Education** at Springdays is also an integral part of the curriculum with students being taught on a daily basis the essential nutrients on their plate, dining etiquette, reduction of food wastage etc. Ms. Leepica Kapoor heads this program in the school. The main aim of this program is to help reduce food wastage and to make sure every child is eating a balanced meal each by choice.

## **CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE PRACTICES**

As we know, the technological advances in the world are changing every industry. The challenges and jobs for our children in future are going to be drastically different from the challenges and jobs that we have today. Understanding this and to prepare children for the future, we constantly look at implementing new ideas that can enhance the child's learning to prepare them for the future. In that endeavour, we have introduced 2 new co curricular activities this year, which is going on successfully. They are the Lego & Robotics Lab and the Virtual Reality Immersive Program.

**Our Lego and Robotics Innovation Lab** is one of the first in a school to have a complete range of Lego products not only for robotics but also for basics of building critical thinking. Lego and robotics LAB is a group based and group paced learning program that helps children to learn science in a hands on way and also helps to develop problem solving and creativism that are the corner stones for any career of the future. Children thoroughly enjoy the Lego and robotics LAB!

**Virtual Reality** is one of the latest technological advances that we are using in Springdays. We are in fact one of the few schools in India using Virtual Reality for educating children. It gives a child a very immersive experience that a smart class room or videos cannot give. It kindles the curiosity in the child opening then for more learning. This program also has very good response from the children.

The most wanted and most competitive activity of the school are our **club activities**. A platform to showcase the inherited talent and the talent acquired. Be it Junior or Senior school, each week's event is carefully planned and executed by Teachers, House Mothers and students alike, the only choice left is to participate and win. Winning and losing, teaches one to accept defeat and victory with the same grace and fervor. Development of this character is very essential to match the needs of the life. Most importantly, it builds a healthy self-esteem in children by giving them a platform to showcase their skills. Each child gets a chance to go up on stage and perform.

The most exciting and colourful event of the year was **Jamboree 2018** held on 2<sup>nd</sup> of February. The bashful presentation by junior and senior children was mind boggling. Jamboree builds in children team-workmanship, the habit of practice till perfection, hardwork, communication skills and confidence.

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**Field trips** for all the classes were organised in the month of July and August. A time for fun, and to learn, while out of regular classroom environment. Classes 1 to 3 visited the Virinchipuram temple while classes 4 to 8 made a trip to Green thunder.

**Springdays Spree** initially planned to be organized on Children's Day had to be postponed to 17<sup>th</sup> of February due to space constraints. But it was worth the wait, for the children enjoyed themselves eating, dancing and being among their friends, moving up and down around the school with ease. The day had come to a close with lucky draw, which the children were looking forward to. Lots of prizes were given away, with junior school student, Vihan Prajeet M Reddy, winning the 1<sup>st</sup> prize – The Refrigerator.

### **ACADEMIC - COMPETITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS - OUT SIDE SCHOOL**

In the very first year of inception, Springdays students had the opportunity to participate in a number of events conducted by other institutes. Our students participated in Maths Bee, Spell Bee and Painting bee of the VIT Cultural Festival held on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February.

Riya V of 5B secured the first position in **paint bee** while Jayshree.J of 5A secured the third place.

Shrishti Venkataraman of 5B stood first in **Spell Bee** competition.

Kowshik of V-A got second prize in the district level painting Competition **Varnajalam** held by suryan FM 93.9., in which around 700 students participated.

To assess the higher order-thinking and problem-solving skills of our students we conducted ICAS an **International Olympiad by Macmillan** in English, Maths, Science and Digital technology. We are proud to announce that Vishal of Std II got a **high distinction** in English & Pranuj Bhavtik , Manisha, Jennica Felicia Antola, Hana Maryam, Divya Shri, Aarushi, Reshika & Sanjay Krishna of Std II got **distinctions** in English. Aadhavan kannadasan of Std III got distinction in Science & digital technology & Divya Sharad Balaji got distinction in English & digital technology.

In the **International Spell bee** competition 5 students are the medal winners in the State level competition. They are Siddharth V. Kumawat of Std III, Shrishti Venkatraman of Std V, Aditi. S of Std VII, Nitya Anu Shree & Sai Sanjana of Std VIII. Together with these children 31, children have been selected to the International level competition.

Nalin. K of class 5B passed the **Keyboard** initial exam held by Trinity College of London on 5<sup>th</sup> December, with distinction.

Masterjee conducted a **district level talent search exam** in which around 1000 students participated from each standard from different schools of Vellore District in which Shrishti Venkatram of Std V, Elam Barathi of Std VI & Heshma of Std VIII got within the first 5 Ranks.

## **SPORTS ACTIVITIES**

The month of November was very eventful for we had Children's day as well as **Sports day celebrations**. Sports day was held on 03.11.17. The Chief guest of the day was Dr.Vinayak Shukla, Professor and Head UNIT II, of Cardio Thoracic Surgery, CMC, Vellore. It was in no way as if the school was performing for the first time. All the demonstrations and the athletic meet was an extravagance show of talent and spirit, performed with great gusto. The efforts by the teachers, students and the management is praise worthy.

## **SPORTS ACHIVEMENTS AND COMPETITIONS - OUT SIDE SCHOOL**

Students participated in various sports events organized by D.P Sports Academy, and won a number of prizes.

Students of class 7 & 8 participated in Basket ball championship for U12 and scored third position.

In Table Tennis – under-12 V.Manan of class 6 B was the runner up.

In under 8 category - Kadam of class II B was the winner in Kumfu championship.

In the game of chess V.Manan of 6 B and G.Kadam of 2 B secured 8<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place respectively.

In Badminton, under – 13 category – Jonathan.G of class 8 A was the winner in singles championship.

## **TEACHER'S PROGRAMME**

Continuous effort is made by the management to help the teachers broaden their sphere by organising orientation programmes. So far the school has organised 5 orientation programmes within school and teachers attended 4 orientation programmes conducted by other schools.

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of the Programme / Venue</b>	<b>Resource Persons</b>	<b>Teachers attended</b>
1.	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct 17	One day Capacity Building programme on the topic Life Skills / Shrishti Vidhasharam	Dr. Shanmuganathen Principal, Kamalavan Sr. Sec. School Tuticorin. Mrs. Sajeetha Bhanu Principal, Titan School, Hosur.	Mrs. Mary Sarojini Mrs. Farhath Mrs. Priya Mrs. Heena Mrs. Daisy

2.	20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct17	Two days capacity Building Programme on the topic "Classroom Management" / Balsam Academy	Mr. G.S. Ganesan Principal, Maharishi Vidhyamandir, Chennai. Mr. N.S. Dinesh Sr. Principal, Tharuvin Vidya Mandir, Dharmapuri.	Mrs. Deepa Mrs. Dorothy Mrs. Archana
3.	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 17	Remodeled Structure of Assessment / Achariya Siksha Mandir Puduchery	Mrs. Aruna Appaswamy Principal  Mr. M. Rajeswari Principal Hoyagreeen school Sriperumbathur	Mrs. Ananthi. R Principal Mrs. Kalaivani. D Mrs. Kavitha. R
4.	19 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 18	Leadership Skills for 21 <sup>st</sup> Century by Madhuban Publication / GRT - Vellore	Mr. G. Balasubramaniam Ex. Chairman CBSE	Mrs. Ananthi. R Principal Mrs. Kalaivani Mrs. Veena Mrs. Vijayalakshmi
5.	31 <sup>st</sup> May,17	"Empowering the teachers is the key enhance education" - Springdays Scool	Mr. Brian Casio	All teachers

6.	19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug,17	Leadership Development - Springdays School	Ms. Kanishka & Ms. Anasuya Menon. Stillwater Consulting	All teachers
7.	12 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 17	Story Telling Book Lovers Programme - Lab Springdays School	Ms. Bhageerathi Theatre Artist, Chennai.	Mrs. Mary Cyril Mrs. Farhath Mrs. Nalini. R Mrs. Priya Thomas Mrs. Archana
8.	September 2017	Math Lab Activities - Lab Springdays School	Mr. Suresh from MathsBuddy	Mrs. Chitra Mrs. Resmi Ravi Mrs. Kavitha Kesavan Mrs. Kalaivani Mrs. Priya. A Mrs. Shruthi Mrs. Daisy Mrs. Vijayalakshmi
9.	September (3 days) in 2017	Teacher with Lego Educational Products –Lego Lab Springdays School	Mohammed Jalaludheen (Stem Engineer) EdutechIndia Pvt. Ltd. Proprietor : concern Person Mrs. Sivakumar (Business Manager)	Mrs. Vijayalakshmi. V Mrs. Priya. T Mrs. Shruthi Mrs. Sivaranjani Mrs. Annapurna Mrs. Daisy Mrs. Heena Mrs. Lakshmi Srisha Mrs. Veena Mrs.Samira. M Ms. Pavithra Mrs. Anjali Mrs. Angel Mrs. Sangeetha Mrs. Ruby Mrs. Deepa. T. N

**24<sup>th</sup> August** was celebrated as **Teacher's Day**. It was a grand success for the show put up by the middle school children was an astounding one. Later teachers were given a Royal treat at Rangalaya Royal absolutely managed and organised by co-curriculum director- Mrs. Ramya. Ramya made sure every teacher felt special. She had flowers and a photo shoot for all.

## **ACADEMICS**

The academic performance of the school is well established by the achievements of the students in their respective classes. They shall receive their proficiency certificates and honoured for their outstanding performance today.

## **PARENT TEACHERS MEETING**

Parent and Teachers meeting was held twice in the academic year when the students performance was discussed and two-way feedback was shared between the student and parent. The school management committee also met during this time, to discuss on any improvement or process changes needed in the school.

Thank you.