



# Springdale Primary CONTACT

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## Upper Primary Year Head's Message

Dear Parents

Term 3 passes quickly and students have gotten back their momentum after being away for the June holidays. Besides being on track with their studies, our students have also enjoyed celebrating significant events like Racial Harmony Day and National Day this term. These are rich experiences that they gained together with their fellow Springdalites. There are more to expect next term as exciting activities are coming up after the final exams are over.

For the P6 students, Term 3 has been a hectic one as they earnestly prepare for the upcoming PSLE. They are not alone in this journey.. The rest of the school are with them and we want to applaud the initiative taken by the student leaders in getting the P3 to P5 students to write well wishes for their seniors. All the best P6s!

This September holiday is a much deserved break for everyone. I hope you will take this opportunity to bond with your child, give them the support and encouragement that they need. This will definitely boost their confidence as they prepare for the last school term of 2021.

**Mdm Abidah Bibi Marikar**

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

# Racial Harmony Day 2021

The school commemorated Racial Harmony Day (RHD) on 19 July. The theme for RHD this year is '**Common Spaces, Connected Communities**'. It is a reminder of the importance of reflecting on experiences and engaging in thoughtful and respectful conversations, both online and offline.



Assembly programme conducted in class



CCE Reflection Wall

Our Springdalites commemorated RHD with a class-based assembly where they learnt how they can play their part to protect our common spaces and strengthen trust and friendships among the different communities.

CCE lessons gave students a chance to explore the languages, traditional games and cultures of the different communities in Singapore. Students also reflected on how they can be respectful in their communication with others, regardless of their race or language. Not only will this build friendships, it will also allow us to build a more caring, cohesive and resilient nation.



# Cyber Security Assembly: Being Safe & Secure Online

During assembly, our Springdalites learnt about common security threats such as phishing. Phishing is a very common cyber security treat that often results in the user revealing their personal information. Students get to learn tips on how to protect themselves against such threats.



Springdalites learning about cyber security threats



HOW CAN YOU PROTECT AGAINST THE DANGERS  
POSED BY CYBER CONTACTS?

- Ignore friend request from strangers
- Do not share personal information to strangers
- Check information given by cyber contacts
- Do not meet up with anyone you do not know in real life
- Block the cyber contact if the messages makes you uncomfortable.
- Tell a trusted adult.



# Student Leadership Training

In Semester 1, our student leaders underwent several training sessions conducted by the teachers in charge as well as an external vendor. The sessions were carried out to further develop the student leaders' skills in supporting their peers, fostering the school values and leading others.

Our student leaders were engaged in a wide array of activities that honed their leadership skills such as presenting ideas to an audience, role-playing, playing games and discussing case scenarios.



*Discussion on strategies for problem solving & role-playing*

Though the training sessions had been moved online in Semester 2, our student leaders remained committed to attending the sessions and planning projects to foster a more positive culture amongst Springdalites.

# SYF The Youth Station Project

The Youth Station Project, part of the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) 2021 Celebrations, is an annual platform to showcase students' original and creative work in music.

We are delighted to share that nine P6 Springdalite-musicians participated in this project, and 5 of them received Honourable Mention. Their original song, entitled "A New Lease of Life", can be viewed at <https://go.gov.sg/j91k6h>.



Presenting our Springdalite-musicians

These Springdalites were under the mentorship of their Music teachers and professional musicians. During their song writing journey, they picked up music creation and arrangement skills and learnt to express their personal voices. We are proud of their creativity, passion and resilience.

# SYF Art Exhibition 2021

Earlier this year, 21 students participated in the 2021 Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Art Exhibition and submitted 3 pieces of artworks for Category A (Primary 1 & 2), Category B (Primary 3 & 4) and Category C (primary 5 & 6).

Our school is pleased to announce that a **Certificate of Recognition** was awarded to participants of Category B, while both Category A and C were awarded **Certificates of Participation**. Embracing the new normal, the student artists presented their artists' statements through video recording, in contrast to the live presentation held during the physical exhibition in previous years. This year, a virtual art exhibition was set up instead. Nevertheless, the essence of art appreciation is not lost, thanks to immersive virtual reality technology. You may view the virtual exhibition here:

<https://apps.apple.com/sg/app/syf2021-virtual-art-exhibition/id1574442076>



Category B



Category A



Category C

# Travelling Art Outreach Programme

Between 19 and 29 July, a Travelling Art programme was conducted for Springdalites. It is an education outreach programme organised by the National Gallery of Singapore.

A hawker cart that featured a reproduction of the scenes and elements from the original artwork, *Here They Come!*, by Koeh Sia Yong was used to trigger thinking and learning among the Springdalites. Using other resources, the Art teachers engaged the Springdalites with meaningful activities, such as role-playing, imaginative conversations and art responses.



Springdalites' art pieces

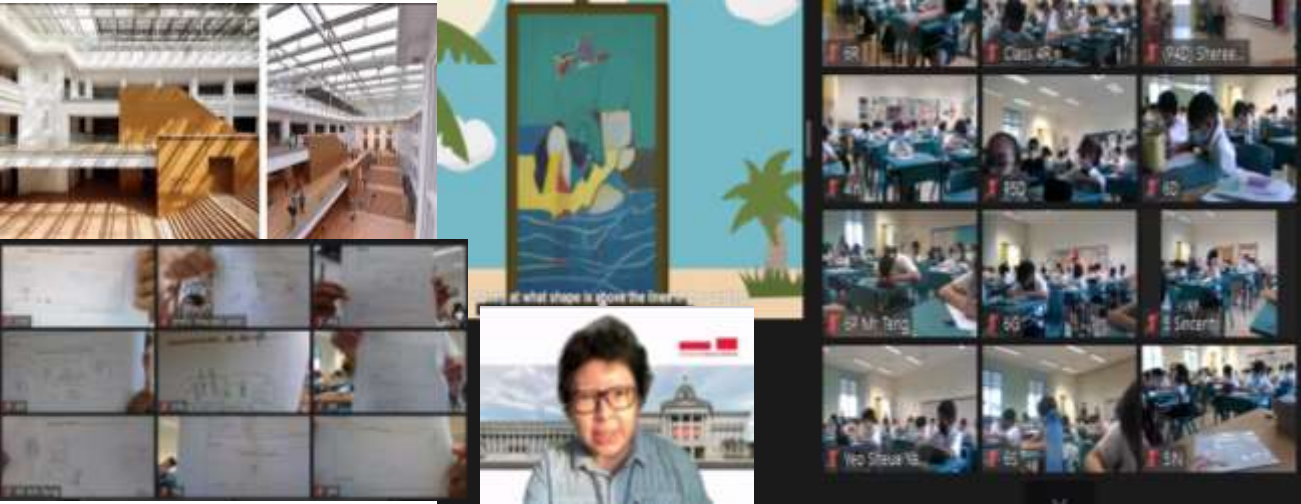


# Art Assembly

On 2 August, a virtual Art assembly was conducted in collaboration with the National Gallery of Singapore. Through this assembly, Springdalites learned about local artists, Ms Georgette Chen and Mr Thomas Yeo, as well as their significant contributions to Singapore’s arts and cultural landscape.

Some of the activities that the Springdalites participated in included responding to the two artists’ artworks, sketching their own ideas and answering questions about the artists and artworks.

Apart from being able to appreciate art and respond to the artworks, Springdalites also understood the importance of staying resilient in the pursuit of their dreams.



Springdalites designing their artwork



# National Day Celebrations

The school commemorated National Day (ND) on 6 August 2021. This year's ND Theme, "***Together, Our Singapore Spirit***", evokes our common Singapore identity and encourages Singaporeans to come together as one united people. It calls on Singaporeans to draw new strength from our 'can-do' spirit, amidst challenging circumstances from COVID-19 and potential disruptions in the new decade.



Observance Ceremony: Virtual march-in

Springdalites carried out the Observance Ceremony virtually. Their Form Teachers then shared the significance of National Day, this year's theme song and our new NDP mascot, *August*. They also took part in the ND Dance workout where they danced to this year's ND theme song in the comfort of their classrooms!



Dancing to the National Day  
Dance Work-out with August

Our Primary 3 to 6 students participated in an inter-class 'Knowing Singapore' quiz. The celebration ended with a craft activity (colouring/mask designing). We hope that all Springdalites had a fun-filled ND celebration together as one Singapore.

# National Day Celebrations



# Lower Primary Games Carnival

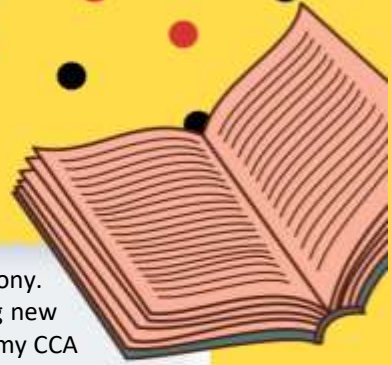
Our Lower Primary Games Carnival this year was conducted during PE lessons. P1-P2 Students practised the various skills required for the race such as throwing, dribbling a ball and skipping.

PE teachers then took the best timing the class clocked for the three games. The classes with the best timings were awarded the top 4 medals. Other students also received “Good Effort” medals. These medals were presented after the National Day celebration on 6 Aug.



Students also viewed a video montage of what they have gone through. During the medal presentation, they cheered and congratulated one another for their effort. We hope that they have learnt values such as perseverance, integrity and sportsmanship through this carnival.

# VALUES I HAVE LEARNT IN *CCA*



I have learnt the value of harmony. I saw the importance of making new friends and getting along with my CCA mates during group work.

Emma Amelia (P5)  
Art Club



I have learnt to be caring towards my CCA mates. We may accidentally bump into our friends and when that happens, we should show concern by apologising and asking if they are alright immediately.

Paige (P6)  
International Dance



I have learnt the value of responsibility as I wipe down the gym mats after use.

Ayuni Nashitah (P6)  
Gymnastics



I have learnt the value of being determined. Stretching can be painful sometimes but I persevered because it is important for learning dance steps.

Callie Bay (P6)  
International Dance



I have learnt the value of respect. When the teachers are giving out instructions, it is important to listen to them respectfully.

Li Yucheng (P5)  
Art Club



# Let's Celebrate English

The theme for our annual English Week is “Let’s Celebrate English”. To inject some fun in the learning of the English Language, the students were engaged in various games and activities in class. Some of these activities included 4 Pic 1 Word, Tongue Twisters, Spelling Bee, Our Little Poets and Story-Telling.



P5 Spelling Bee Semi-Finals Winners



P5 Top 3 Spellers



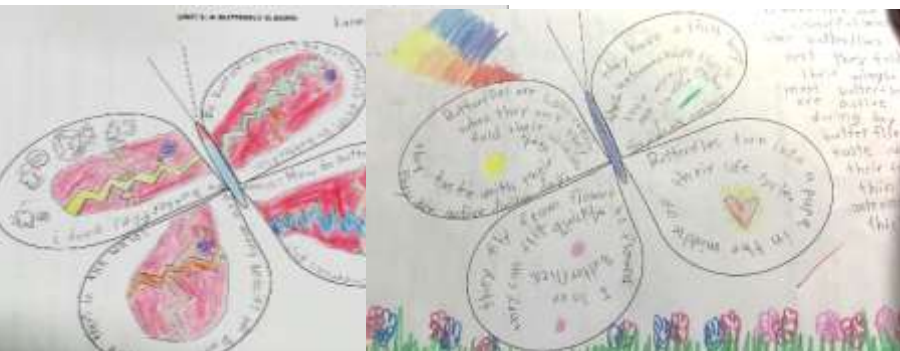
Story-telling by Calista Ling, Safiyya Rizqah, Jarrell Cher, Muhd Arshad, Soon Wei Zi (P2)



P4 and P5 Spelling Bee Winners



Story-telling by How Rui Xuan Janelle (P1)



Our Little Poets – Shape Poems by Primary 2 students



Story-Telling by Anirudh (P3)

## Raffle Science Olympiad

The school participated in the online Raffles Science Olympiad this year. Through this competition, students were given the opportunity to put their critical and creative thinking to the test at the national level. One of our students received the Bronze award.



Congratulations to our Bronze award winner, Zhang Changjun from P5 and our P5-P6 participants!



# P6 Motivation Project

In line with the Kindness Movement, our newly appointed student leaders in the Student Leaders' Council initiated their first student-initiated project to encourage our P6 students. They invited P3-P5 students to write notes of encouragement or fold paper hearts during their recesses for their seniors who are preparing for their PSLE.



Folding hearts and writing thank you notes during recess time

These written notes and paper hearts were then packed and presented to the P6 classes after their Prelims.

Student leaders sorting out the written notes and paper hearts.



Student leaders thanking their seniors for their guidance and support before presenting the classes with the written notes and folded hearts.



# Teachers' Day Celebrations

The school celebrated Teachers' Day on 2 Sep. To show their appreciation for teachers, our student leaders and class monitors penned thank you notes for their teachers and non-teaching staff in the school.



Our two P5 Student Leader emcees

Our Springdalites showcased their talents through a variety of performances, such as playing the piano, drumming, singing and dancing. They have put in a lot of effort to practise and prepare their items to thank their teachers.



Springdalites showcasing their talents and musical skills



# Teachers' Day Celebrations

Our Springdale Parent Volunteer Club chipped in with their own video tribute to the teachers. Together with their children, they shared their appreciation for the teachers. Thank you parent volunteers for your wonderful video.



Thank you PVs for your support !

“You are GREAT!” Awards were also presented to our teachers. These teachers have been nominated by their colleagues for having demonstrated the GREAT expectations of staff.



Congratulations to all teachers!

# The Long Service Awards 2021

19 of our teachers and admin staff received their Long Service Awards this year. Our heartiest congratulations to all award recipients and we thank them for their dedicated years of service.



Congratulations to all teachers and admin staff!