



# Springdale Primary CONTACT

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## Middle Primary Year Head's Message

Dear Parents

Term 4 passes by very quickly. We started the term with the checking in with students and ensuring their wellbeing after the break. Students learned to re-establish good learning habits and continued to take the lead in their class leadership projects.

Through the projects, students learned to show care and concern to their peers and in the process, found their strengths and talents. Many students appreciated the opportunity to participate in the projects and I thank the form teachers for taking time to guide the students.

As the term draws to a close, we would like to encourage the students to look forward to spending their December holidays wisely, such as learning a new skill, finding a hobby, becoming better at something and engaging in physical activities. Please also take time to bond with your child through these activities. Thank you for partnering us in your child's education journey.

**Mdm Ng Yick Kit (Mrs Lee)**

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

# P2 – P6 English Spelling Bee Competition

The English Spelling Bee Competition was conducted for our P2 to P6 students as part of the English Week activities in Semester 2. The English teachers first went through a set of spelling strategies with the students and conducted a pre-selection spelling test.

Due to COVID SMM measures, the students were not able to have an inter-class competition, but they still enjoyed watching the competition in their classes. The selected participants from each class went through 3 rounds of spelling before the top 3 winners emerged. The winners were given a certificate each while the champion from each class was given a storybook.



P3IN Spelling Bee Winners



P5P Spelling Bee Winners



P6D Spelling Bee Winners



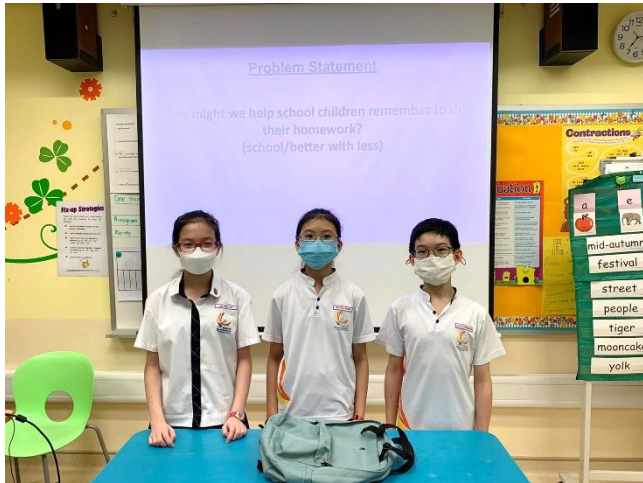
P6P Spelling Bee Winners

# CCA Achievement

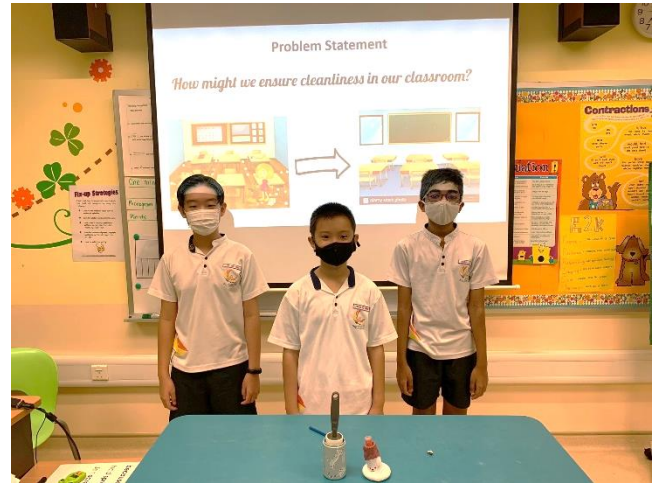
Our P5 Inno-T(h)inkers Club members, together with some selected Primary 5 students, underwent the Innovation Programme (IvP) which provided them an unique opportunity to apply problem-solving and inventive thinking skills.

They have applied the skills learnt in the Innovation Programme to solve problems faced in daily life. From understanding the challenge to generating ideas and finally developing solutions, these budding young innovators have shown creativity and resilience through the course of their projects.

*Project Title: The Smart Backpack*



*Project Title: Handy Cleaner*



*Project Title: Dual Action Sling*



*Project Title: Zero Spill*



Meet our Springdalite-innovators!

# Scouts: Akela Award

We are pleased to announce that 5 of our Cub Scouts have been awarded the Akela Award this year.

The Akela Award is the pinnacle award in the scouting journey of a Cub Scout (aged 9-12 years old). This award is given to Cub Scout who has demonstrated the values of Scouting exceedingly and is a Cub Scout of exemplary character.



Congratulations to our winners!

# Scouts: North Star Got Talent

Three of our Scouts participated in the inaugural North Star Got Talent competition in the solo category. The judges were impressed with their submission. We hope that they will continue to pursue their talents and become even better! Congratulations to our winners!

Name	Class	Winning Entry
Lin Lize Jaden	P6 Discernment	Piano Recital (Gold Award)
Siti Nur Syakirah Binte Muhammad Zahir	P4 Patience	Cooking Demonstration (Gold Award)
Ong Yu Qiing	P6 Patience	Dance piece (Silver Award)

# Cub Scout Leadership Training Camp

During the September Holidays, 16 of our cub scouts attended an online leadership training camp organised by the Singapore Scout Association. Through the camp and SLS lessons, they acquired skills which would equipped them with the competencies to plan activities during meetings and lead other students during meetings. They also had to undertake a project in order to graduate from the camp.



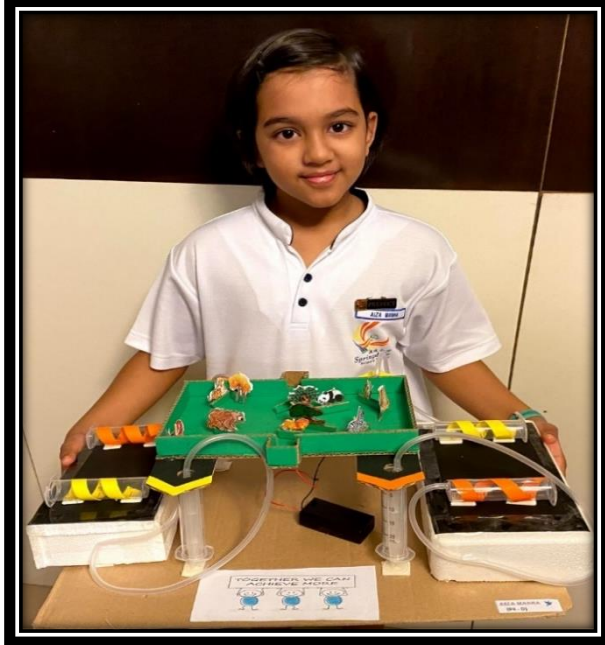
Ready to lead others in future projects!

# Sony Creative Science Award (SCSA)

This is our second year hosting our school-based SCSA (Schools) competition. Springdalites who participated in the competition had the opportunity to engage in exploratory and skilful play with the addition of science learning. We are amazed by all the creative toy entries received!



**Omar from P1**  
**Submarine Racing Game**  
Winner of Junior Whizkid Category



**Aiza from P4**  
**Hedgehog Rescue**  
Winner of Whizkid Category



**Aquafun Shooting Game**



**Raindow The Flying Owl**



**Remote Controlled Vacuum Cleaner**



**Peacock**

# Children's Day Celebrations

This year, we have marked a very different Children's Day Celebrations. The school was on HBL and Form Teachers connected with students virtually to celebrate this occasion on 7 Oct 2021 .

Pre-recorded videos were shared starting with the Children's Day message read by Mdm Neo. This was followed by students' and teachers' performances.



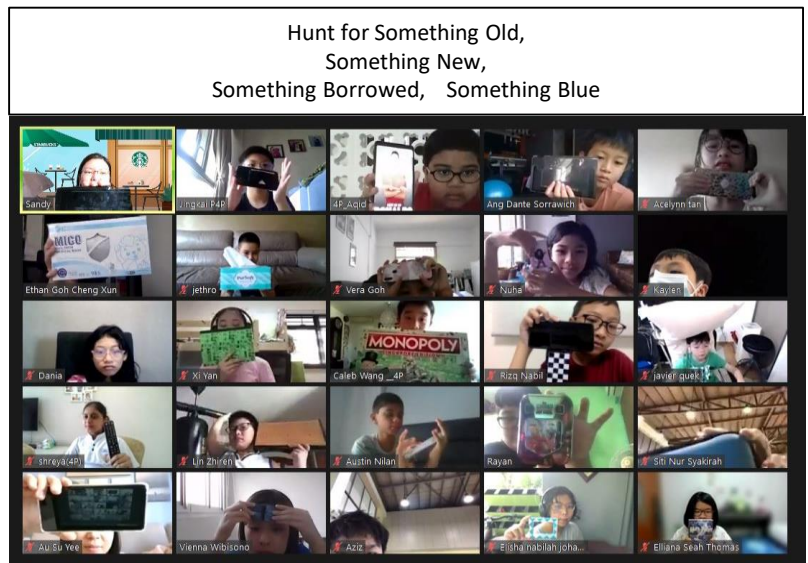
Principal's virtual sharing of the Children's Day Message



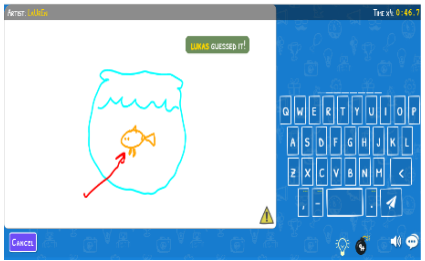
Performances by Teachers and Springdalites

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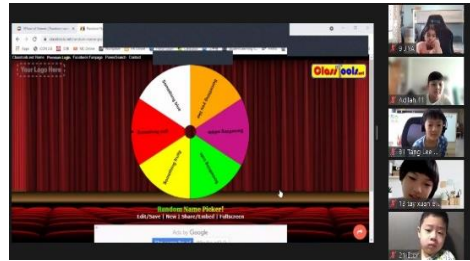
Form teachers also interacted and played some games with their classes during the virtual celebrations. We hope the children had a wonderful virtual celebration together.



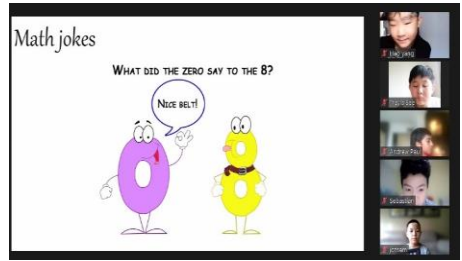
Treasure Hunting



Win, Lose or Drawize!



Other virtual games carried out by our form teachers



Happy Children's Day to all Springdalites!





# P6 Code For Fun (CFF)

The Code For Fun enrichment programme was conducted as a post-PSLE activity for our P6 students. The 10-hour programme exposed our students to computational thinking and coding concepts. Through the mini-challenges, they developed logical thinking and problem-solving skills. Students were excited about learning how to code and also enjoyed the hands-on experience.



Working on the coding to achieve the next level in the programme

# Deepavali Celebrations

The school celebrated Deepavali on 8 Nov 2021 by having an e-assembly programme. The theme for this year was Indian costumes. Besides learning about the different traditional Indian costumes and how they have changed over the years, Springdalites also learnt more about Deepavali and how it is celebrated in Singapore. They were able to understand the significance of lighting up lamps and the common practices that Hindus would observe on that day.



Classroom celebrations

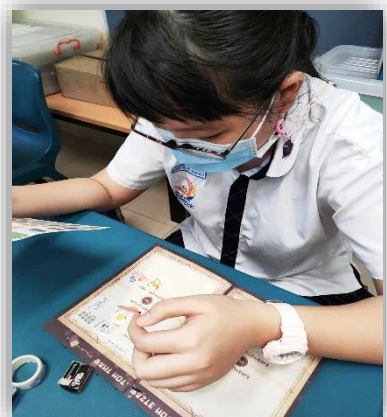


Well-wishes from our staff, non-teaching staff and Springdalites

# P6 Post Exam Activities

## Virtual Learning Journey to Singapore Discovery Centre

Our P6 students were engaged in meaningful activities as they explored ways to save the Earth. With Learning Journey booklet in hand, they applied their knowledge in Science and Social Studies to solve environmental and social issues. They learned what can be done to keep the environment sustainable for now and the future.



Exploring different ways to save the Earth

## P6 Post Exam Activities

### Virtual Immersion Programme to Vietnam

For the first time, our P6 students are given the opportunity to visit Vietnam virtually. Students visited three places namely *Ha Long Bay*, *One Pagoda* and the famous *Cu Chi Tunnel*.

With the aid of the Virtual Reality 360° head set, they travelled to these places at the touch of the clicker. Our students also interacted with Vietnamese students via Zoom, learned the Vietnamese language and enjoyed the hands-on activity of making lotus origami – Vietnam’s national flower.



Making an Origami Lotus Flower

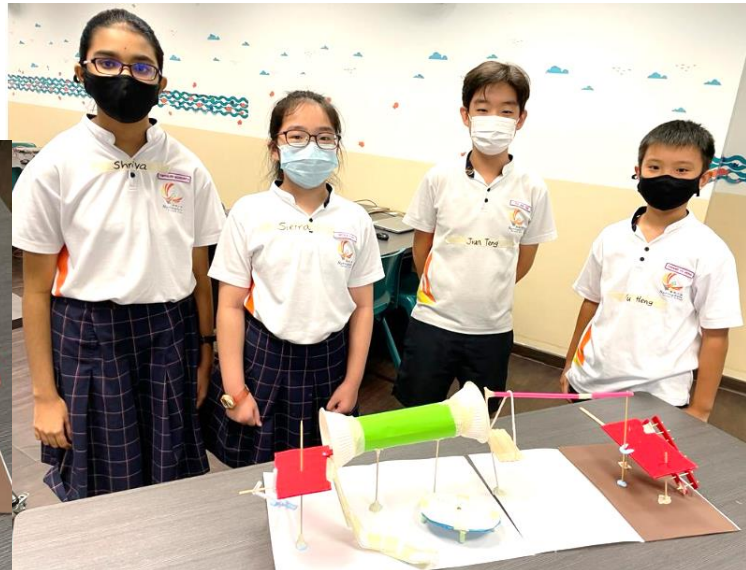
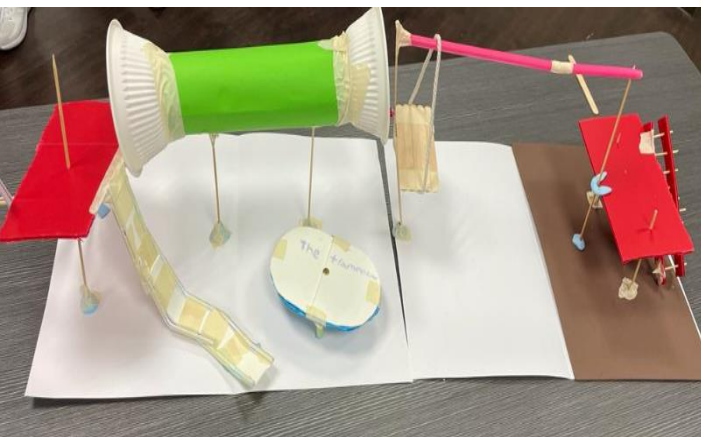
Exploring the different places in Vietnam



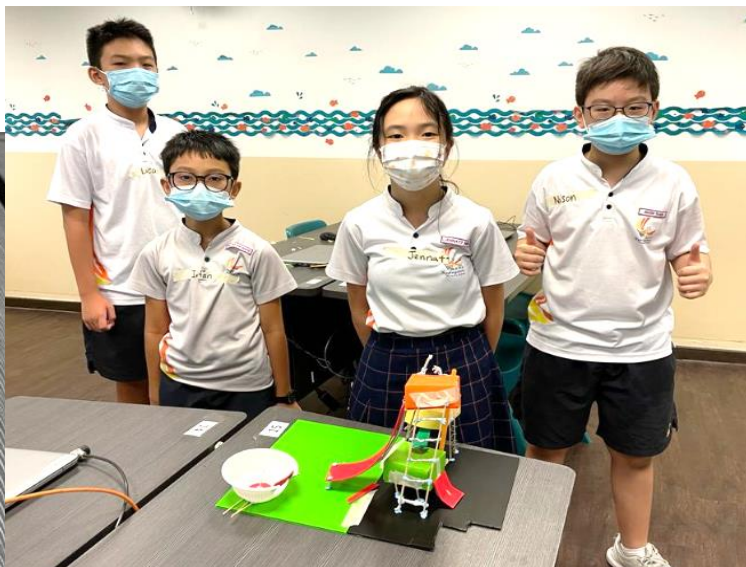
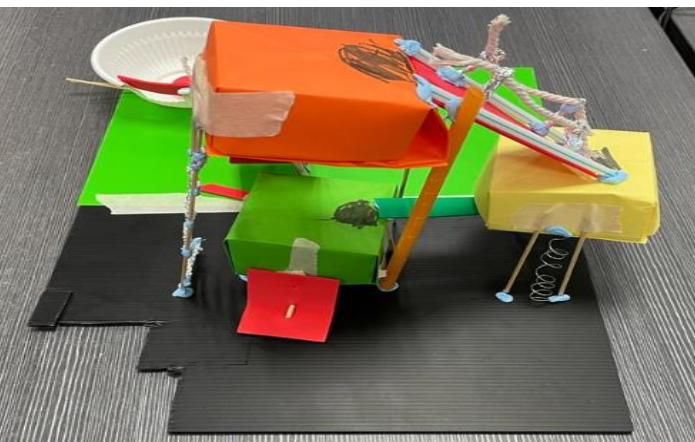
# Eastzone STEM Design Challenge

Eight P5 students from Inno-T(h)inkers Club were selected to participate in this year's Eastzone STEM Design Challenge. Working in teams, students brainstormed, designed, created and presented their playground prototypes designed for safe play and with eco-friendly features. It was an enriching experience for our students.

**The ADVENTURE Playground** by Team 1 has a zipline for exceptional fun. It is also made from sustainable materials.



**The Colourful Netground** by Team 2 has a rubberised ground which makes it safe for young children.



## Testimonials from Parent Volunteers

We are pleased to share with you some of the testimonials from our parent volunteers. We would like to thank our Springdale Parent Volunteer Club (SPVC) for their support and partnership. If you would like to join the SPVC, please go to <https://springdalepri.moe.edu.sg/parents-infoweb/springdale-parent-volunteer-club>

I have been in SPVC since 2013 when my older child entered Springdale Primary School (graduated and is currently in Sec 3), now my youngest is in P4.

I enjoyed supporting the school for the activities the school organises, be it regular or ad hoc duties. I feel that being a volunteer in my child's school is a great way to show my children that I care about their well-being through active participation in school activities, together with them.

My children always look forward to be able to see me in school. When at home, they are more open up to share with me on anything that happen in school (if any). It somehow boosts their self-esteem and confidence. Apart from that, I met a lot of like-minded parents. We shared our experiences being a parent from different backgrounds and we have since become closer through the years.

Last but not least, I am glad that I made the right choice to contribute to the school by joining SPVC.

**Mdm Rasidah**  
SPVC Chairperson



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I proudly reflect back on my journey at Springdale throughout these years wearing multiple hats as a Parent volunteer, Parent support group member and eventually as a EXCO Vice-Chairperson. It gives me immense pride and honor to take part in various activities organized by the school.

Being a part of EXCO team, nurtured a great sense of belonging and joy of giving to those who need our support. Personally, it has helped me to overcome the stage fear when it comes to participating in the school events while at the same time strengthening the bond between co-parents, children and the management during my various interactions.

I am truly grateful to what the school has offered me in honing my personal and professional growth.



**Mdm Sangeetha**  
**SPVC Vice-Chairperson**

## Testimonials from Parent Volunteers

I started as a PV in 2017, when my younger child entered Springdale Primary school (my older child has since graduated and is in Secondary 1 now). I have done regular weekly duties and ad hoc ones with the school. I have been on learning journeys with my children's classes and other levels' too. Through these volunteer works, I have seen some of the challenges faced by the teachers and/or staff and I am grateful to be able to give back to the school by supporting them in these little ways.

Pre-covid, the PVs would also gather for celebrations like CNY, Hari Raya, Deepavali, etc. I always enjoy these sessions when we would learn more about one another's cultures, have snacks together and simply just chit chat with one another. Being a PV has created more common topics for my children and me — school.

My children would share with me on the happenings in school and I would share with them about mine if there is any. My children thrive on routines. After school, they would shower, have their lunch and then do their homework before going on to do any leisure activities. They go to bed early as having sufficient sleep allows them to stay fresh and enjoy their day more.

My children are independent. But we always assure them that we are always available should they need our help in school work or any other matters. I believe that parents' support is essential for children to do well in school or any areas they are interested in.

All in all, I have gained much volunteering with the school and hope to continue until my younger one graduates.



**Mdm Dephanie Wee**  
EXCO Member



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I joined the SDPS PVC since 2019. I like and enjoy joining the PVC as we can get to know how our kids spend their days at school, get to know other parents and befriend with them. We help our children grow by assisting some school events like CNY, Hari Raya Puasa, National Day, Deepavali Celebration etc.

We introduce the students to the diversity of cultures, religion, and races living in Singapore through many activities and games in events such as Racial Harmony Day, to help the students get the better view even though we come from different family background and cultures, we can make the best of friends and respect each other.



**Mdm Tan Kwee Tjen**  
EXCO Member

I have been a member of the parent volunteer since my son entered primary 1 in 2015.

One of the reasons for me to join PV was actually to get a first-hand view of happenings in the school. In that way, I get to interact with my son in school and hence, see how he interact with her peers.

I signed up as a recess duty and traffic safety duty, coming to school twice a week. I must say that it has been very fulfilling and I look forward to each session, every week. It also gives parents and find out more about each other. We made new friends and have become closer through the years. Thanks to PV.



**Mdm Sharon Sim**  
EXCO Member