

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS AT S.M.I.L.E

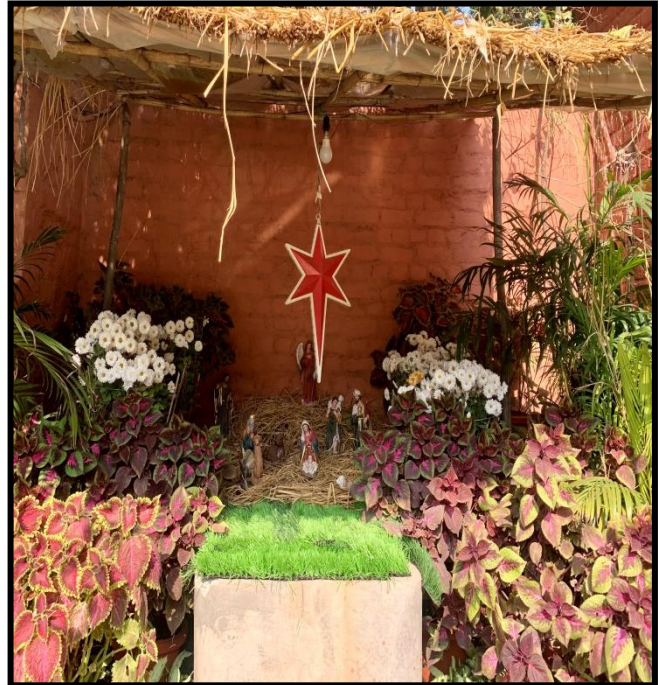
Christmas is a time when one prepares oneself to welcome Baby Jesus, our Savior into our hearts and our lives. It is also a time when we forgive each other. Christmas is celebrated everywhere as a joyous family affair, we too, at Santa Maria celebrated Christmas as a happy time for our children.



The preparation for Christmas started from the month of November with teachers and Christopher Sir listing names of Choir children. On the other hand also teachers spent time discussing the script for the Nativity play.



Meanwhile a beautiful crib was made at the heart of Santa Maria. Interestingly many children used to visit the crib and even pray.



Elizabeth ma'am and I went to each class and sang Carols along with the choir children and gave the message of love, peace. We also made children aware of the significance of Christmas. Children were requested to bring a toy to give to children who are less privileged. It was amazing to see so many gifts pouring in. Children felt happy while sharing the joy of Christmas with others.



It was a time when lot of team work and coordination was needed to get the work done in smooth and effective way for the grand day. Teachers were divided into groups to take care of the decorations, props, costumes for children, carol singing and more. Last but not to leave behind the other important staff members of the school: all didi's who were there taking care of other important things working hard to keep Santa Maria look at it best.



It was very important to give the right message to our children, the true message of Christmas. And this responsibility was rightly carried by all the teachers when they told the story of Christmas followed by cutting of the Christmas cake, which children relished and many of them asked for a second serving. And also children received story books as Christmas gifts. They were thrilled to find their names in the pile of the books that were kept near the Christmas tree.



We had Dr Asha Singh as a chief guest who enjoyed our Christmas celebration to the fullest. The crowd was delighted to hear her sing a Christmas song and enjoyed while dancing with her. She also spoke about different cultures and festivals of India that the people celebrate with pomp and show. And through the Christmas story peppa learnt to be kind, compassionate a being grateful. And he also learns to make choice.



Seasons Greetings!
Christopher Dass