

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

Christmas is a time for sharing your joy and happiness with everyone. It's a time to come together with family and friends and spread love. It was surely a Christmas to remember at Santa Maria, the entire school was brightly decorated with colourful Christmas decorations especially made by the children. The joyous and melodious carol singing by our choir children could be heard in the school.

A beautiful crib was made at the heart of Santa Maria, where interestingly many children came to pray.

The enjoyment lingered on in the classrooms where the children prepared their own little crib more unique and special.



“What is Christmas and why is it celebrated?” was the focus during theme discussions.

To showcase the spirit of sharing every Santa Marian brought toys and gifts, to be given to children who are not so privileged. These gifts were collected during carol singing by our Prep choir children. The carol singers went to each class and shared Christmas greetings with everyone and collected gifts.



On the day of the Christmas get together children came in casual clothes for the day. All classes got their own cakes to celebrate the birthday of baby Jesus and a beautiful Christmas card depicting the 'Nativity' to remember the significance of Christmas.



Children expressed their Christmas wishes with their beautiful thoughts and feelings that emerged through their drawings.







Our Honorable Chief Guest Ms. Sadhana Bhalla, appreciated the efforts of the little ones. Ms. Bhalla also expressed her delight seeing such enthusiasm displayed by the children who brought the spirit of Christmas to life.



The school support staff was acknowledged for their help as Santa distributed gifts to them. The school also acknowledged and appreciated all the parent volunteers for their continued support and encouragement. Parents also took the opportunity to thank and congratulate the teachers and other members of Santa Maria.



To conclude, Christmas is a festival of sharing not only gifts but happiness and cheer as well as traditions such as carol singing and Nativity play. This year was no different as the children through their dedication and thoughtful gestures brought that feeling alive reminding all of us that anyone can make a difference regardless of how small (or young) they are.

As we rejoice and celebrate this wonderful season of Christmas, let us not forget to thank baby Jesus for coming into our lives. Let us together prepare ourselves to welcome him into the homes of our hearts. I wish everyone with compliments of the season.

With Warm Regards,  
From Sangita Tamang and Santa Maria Family