



**Santa' is an initiative that seeks to sensitize our students to the needs of the marginalized, less privileged and the differently abled. The all round Education of our school endeavors to make every student thoughtful, compassionate and full of love so that they can reach out to make someone's life better and happier.**

**The arrival of the buses and children's voices heralded the start of Santa 2017. Streamers and balloons gave a colourful welcome to the invitees who had joy and expectancy on the face. Teachers and students greeted their guests for the day with a drink and snack.**

**After refreshments the children got into groups where games were conducted. The squeals of delight manifested their joy and sense of freedom as they enjoyed the open space and pretty campus.**

**The cheerful MC welcomed the gathering and managed to keep everyone engaged with her humour and information regarding the various items on the programme.**

A Prayer Service made us aware of our Creator. An Invocation Dance appealed to God for His blessings and the Prayers for a variety of intentions followed. Hymns and Carols filled the air with melody and a live Crib sent out a powerful message.

Much awaited entertainment was next. Talented 'Special Children' and Students took turns to enthrall the audience.

It was fascinating to see the different expressions flit across the children's faces. It did not matter whether they were bereft of sight or hearing, It dint matter if they couldn't communicate or coordinate their movements they were absorbed in the programme and most appreciative, applauding with glee.

This programme of social inclusion was a great success. It brightened lives, supplanted empty hearts and lives with generous gifts of love and time which created the magic of Christmas.

The children were given a sumptuous lunch which they enjoyed as our students tenderly watched over them.

All too soon it was time to bid the children goodbye. They departed with a gift and many happy memories to cherish.

In retrospect, Santa 2017 was a heart warming experience and an eye opener. For us who lead comfortable lives without problems. We may fail to count our blessings. It's time to learn from these children to be ever cheerful in all circumstances, to believe in God and trust our lives to His unconditional love and kindness.

Let us remember that  
For others to know  
'God with us'  
They have to see  
God in us  
and

Peace on Earth will come to stay when we live Christmas everyday.

