

Spreading Smiles

'We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give'

The Joy of Giving or Daan Utsav attempts to do just what this famous saying advocates- enriching our lives by bringing happiness into others' lives, by giving.

In **Oxford International School**, this tradition of giving has deeply ingrained very deeply in our everyday thinking. Not surprising then this spirit of giving is a part of the school fabric whether be it teaching underprivileged children, staging street plays or donating to orphanages.

Taking this further the students and staff of Oxford International School visited the **Sai Care Old Age Home**, to ingrain the ethos and joy of giving. This noble thought of donating was funded by 'One Tonne Challenge' wherein the students had collected money by selling old newspapers. The grocery items were bought by students themselves from this amount. The enthusiasm of the students and their eagerness to shoulder the responsibility of a good deed even rubbed off the staff and it was a brilliant team effort.

A mixed set of emotions was visible on the children's faces on the day. The grocery items were offloaded by the students themselves. And then came the time for interaction for which the students were eagerly waiting. The exuberance of the children brought smiles to the most sombre faces of the elderly. It was heartening to see the camaraderie between the two extremes of the age spectrum. Our students were fortunate to be showered with their blessings for the simple gestures of reading cards or giving flowers to them.

This simple act of benevolence taught our children to strengthen our ties with the community. It was a rewarding, character building experience for them and a definite step to show life beyond classrooms.



