

## JOSF School Newsletter-2025 Highlights

*As we come to the end of a vibrant and activity-filled year, we take a moment to celebrate the milestones, growth, and memorable moments that shaped our school community. From academic achievements to acts of service and compassion. 2025 has truly been a year of impact and we can attest to that looking at what we will cover in this Newsletter.*

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### Teachers' Day Celebration

*This year The Other Side Foundation School Teachers participated in the World Teachers Day. For the Values Based Teachers it was an opportunity to celebrate the heart and soul of education and also the dedication, patience and passion which continues to shape the future of every learner who walks through our school gate.*

*A special word of gratitude goes to our School Directors and the members of Staff for their teamwork, support and commitment in ensuring that learning thrives every single day. Together, you make education not just possible but inspiring.*



### World Values Day

*The Other Side Foundation School learners joyfully celebrated world Values Day under the inspiring theme, "values for the future". They shared personal experiences, reflections and stories that highlighted the importance of living by values such as respect, compassion, honesty and teamwork. At TOSF we believe that nurturing these values today helps shape responsible, caring and visionary leaders for tomorrow.*



### Reopening Day & TOSF School Open Day

*The third term began with great excitement as learners returned on September 13th when school reopened. Students were eager to embark on a new academic journey. Later, in the same week the school held an Open Day which welcomed parents and guardians to tour classrooms, meet teachers and engage in discussions about learner-progress. The overwhelming support strengthened our home-school partnership.*



### Donation of School Shoes

*64 pairs of school shoes were donated by a group of well-wishers from Singapore to the poorest of the poor students at our school. The funds for this donation was collected from various donors and it was organised by Mr Gopi Nair. Your compassion has not only covered their feet but also warmed their hearts and given the students dignity to possess a pair of shoes. Thank you for being a part of our mission to uplift and bring hope to the vulnerable children.*



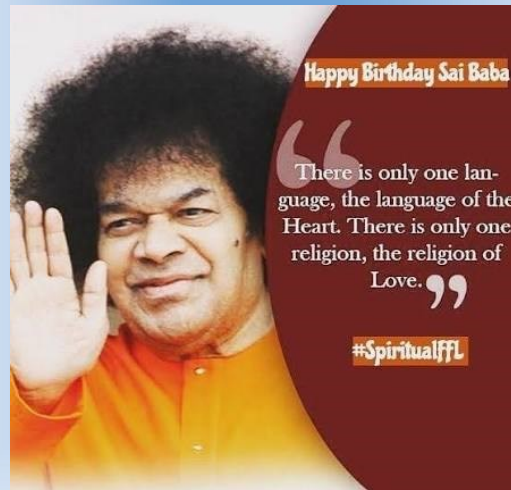
### Independence Day Celebration

*On 24<sup>th</sup> October, the school proudly celebrated Zambia's Independence Day with cultural performances, poems, patriotic songs, and traditional attire. Learners showcased their love for the nation while appreciating the sacrifices of our freedom fighters.*



## Sathya Sai Baba's Birthday

Sathya Sai Baba the author of *Education in Human Values*. This year marked the centenary birthday celebration worldwide of his holiness Sathya Sai Baba. Our school remembered this occasion by discussing famous quotes from Sathya Sai Baba.



## Making of 18 Desks

18 desks were made to order by a carpenter. These new desks were replacing old broken desks to provide comfort and stability for students.



## Distribution of Food Hampers

The Other Side Foundation School Director and founder, together with Swami Ji from the Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre, stepped into the heart of George Compound reaching out to the most vulnerable families, not for comfort but to serve. With open hearts they distributed maize flour and cooking oil to struggling families and extended this generosity to over 50 families. The food hampers were donated by Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre, Lusaka.

This remarkable act is more than charity but love in motion. Leaving behind the comfort of Singapore, our Founder chose to walk among the underprivileged transforming lives through free education, nutrition and health care to over 530 vulnerable pupils.



## Educational Tour

Our annual Education Tour which took place on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at Munda wanga Environmental Park. They explored the Botanic Garden, discovered amazing wild animals and wrapped up the adventure with plenty of fun and laughter by the pool. The fact to this matter is, the event did not only provide our learners with hands-on exposure to real-world knowledge but the excursion had broadened their understanding of various subjects, encouraged curiosity, and created lasting memories.



## The Directors' Visit

The school was honoured to host The School Directors, who interacted with staff and learners, inspected facilities, and encouraged everyone to continue striving for excellence. Their visit was coupled with a lot of developmental projects ranging from maintenance to up-scaling the academic journey of our student. Below are some of projects our Directors embarked on during their visit.



## Grade One Enrollment

Every year the school recruits the new grade ones which is usually based on certain criteria that other schools do not consider as they are fee paying schools versus our free of cost school. This involves home visits which assess living conditions and poverty level of our future intake of grade one students for 2026. Merit is given to orphans and vulnerable children whose family income is way below poverty level.



## Donation of Second-Hand Shoes

Vulnerable pupils benefited from 20 pairs of second-hand shoes, enabling them to attend school with dignity. We are so much grateful for this impactful donation. We also hope other well-wishers will come through and uplift the lives of our orphans and vulnerable children the school serves.



## Donation of Laptops

Laptops were donated to tertiary level bursars benefiting from TOSF's Bursary Schemes and a teacher by Engineering Good Singapore, helping improve access to digital learning, preparation of lessons and record keeping. The recipients were not only thrilled but also indebted for this kind gesture.



## Double Celebration

The school was filled with joy as it celebrated a pre-Christmas annual gathering as well as the birthday of little Kornelia whose loving family made this beautiful day possible. In honour of her special day, her parents Mr Sorensen and Mrs Tran Sorensen sponsored the celebration so that our underprivileged students could share in this happy moment. The most touching part of the whole celebration was seeing some students pack meals to take home to share with their siblings. Thank you Kornelia and her family for lighting up the hearts of our children



## Parent Teacher Association Meeting

The PTA meeting strengthened collaboration between parents and teachers. This is a platform where issues concerning the academic performance and behaviour of students are discussed and what roles the parents play in students' education progress.



## End-of-Year Assessment

Summative assessments are crucial evaluations at the close of a school term to measure overall learning and to determine if objectives were met. We are exhilarated to mention that our learners completed their assessments successfully, demonstrating dedication and growth in their academic endeavours.



## Collection of Report cards

Parents collected report cards and received learner progress updates. Open discussion was facilitated concerning the behaviour of the learners and also those advancing in the next grade and the ones to be retained in the same grade for 2026.



## Staff Lunch Out

It has always been the culture of TOSF to dine out to close the year with a staff lunch or dinner. This year all staff had a lunch out together as a means of reuniting colleagues, sharing a meal out of the school context in a relaxed atmosphere just before the year end festivities. We are grateful to our Directors who sponsor these meals year after year.



## Donation of 36 Sports Jerseys

TOSF School proudly received a generous donation of 36 sports jerseys of which 30 were for the pupils while 6 for the teachers to wear during sports events. This gesture will greatly enhance the school's sporting activities. The donation aims to motivate students to participate actively in sports, promote team spirit and improve the overall image of the school during competitions. Both teachers and learners expressed their gratitude for this support noting that the jerseys will boost the confidence and encourage greater participation in physical education and extracurricular sports. The school extends heartfelt appreciation to Mr Suvir Chanrai for his commitment to uplifting the welfare of the students.



## Lusaka Indian Ladies Association Donation

We thank the Lusaka Indian Ladies Association for their generous donation. This is the third annual donation we have received so far in the last 3 years. Once again thank you so much for reaching out to the most vulnerable children of the society. Be rest assured that your donation will surely go a long way in the smooth running of the school.



## Closing Day

Closing Day marked the end of a successful academic year and announced the date of opening school next year as 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2026



## Year Ahead

We are grateful to all our partners- Upakaar Initiative and Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre, donors and well-wishers. TOSF is looking forward towards another fruitful year enabling us to reach Aout and share even more with the less privileged, through the benevolent and compassionate support of our benefactors. And we wish each and every one a coming year filled with peace and joy.

