

## Family Affairs

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Unlike most of us who relax during our holidays, Miss Nali, a Teaching Assistant in the Junior School, who has recently celebrated her 30 years Long Service Award, has used her holiday time to help at orphanages in India. For the last five years Miss Nali's family and friends (who call themselves Family Affairs) have organised a 10-day 'camp' for approximately 100-120 orphans and slum children. Each year they visit a different city in India which so far include Mumbai, Chennai, Bengali and Kerala.

The camp takes place in the middle of May when the children have their summer holidays and are not at school. 'Family Affairs' teach the children a variety of arts and crafts, including painting t-shirts, pots and making bead necklaces. They also watch movies with the children and take them on outings such as to amusement and water parks.



During the rest of the year, Family Affairs raise money to donate to the orphanages. They pay for their own flights and accommodation, so all the money raised is given to the orphanages. Miss Nali would like to thank all her friends and supporters, including many who work at Tanglin, for their donations.

As a thank you to Family Affairs, the children in the orphanage in Chennai presented them with a beautiful 120-page, hand written book. Miss Nali commented about the trips; "When I see the children happy it makes me happy and I get great satisfaction."