

premdan newsletter

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Every life has a different start. Here is something that I want to share about my life at the Prem Dan boarding, Navi Mumbai.

I joined this boarding at the age of seven, where I got the admission in the Convent Of Jesus & Mary High School, for Std. 2. I was very happy to go to school, as the school is run by our own Jesus & Mary sisters, who take care of us at Prem Dan boarding.

Life in the boarding is very interesting and full of fun. We are sixty of us here from Junior K.G to Std. 10. We have our daily time-table. The day begins at 5.15am and ends at 10.00pm We all go to school by a private bus arranged specially for our safety. We are lucky to have such a beautiful school surrounded by hills.

After the school hours we have lunch at our boarding and do our own cleaning and washing. Everyday we have two hours of study, where many volunteers come to help us in our studies. We do have games daily after the study classes.

Every Sunday we are allowed to watch a TV programme of our own choice – of course we wait for Sunday to arrive. Besides the school activities, we have many activities organized in the boarding, like dance classes, value education sessions, health and dental check up camps. We are fortunate to have a team of MGM doctors coming weekly for health check up. Mr. Neelkanthan lately conducted a seminar on Motivation. Yoga classes helps to keep our mind fresh and maintain our health. Our boarding also has started a sewing class for needy girls staying around. We visit Khandala, a hillstation outside Mumbai for a refreshing and educative weekend once or twice a year.

Many people visit our boarding and share their joys by giving gifts, snacks, provisions and stationery. Some spend their time with us. We do learn many things from these interactions. A group of students from the Aquinas College, Manchester, England visit us. They organize different activities like art and craft. They teach us different games, songs. It is lovely to know them. They also give each one of us a lovely gift.

We are eager to meet our parents who visit us once in a month and on the 26th of July a special day is dedicated to them which is celebrated as 'Parents Day'. A lovely concert is put up for them by the boarders, after which a sumptuous meal is served.

All of us boarders have a single parent and are surrounded with family problems. Staying here is really wonderful and keeps us safe and happy to be with each other, I will never forget each and every moment of my life spent here, be it the moments of joy, sorrow, fun or fight, together or alone and the values learned from here.

And I just want to say –

Birth is start of life.
Death is end of life,
Friends and mystery are the part of life.
And Prem Dan is the art of life,
Helping us to be creative, independent,
Preparing us for the future to make a difference in our life.



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