

## PREM DAN

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Dear Friends,

It is time to bid adieu to another academic year which will soon end on April 10, 2003. It has been a fairly good year with new sponsors, occasional visits from benefactors, sponsors and generous donors. Our children have also had a variety of activities and experiences.

**December 10, 2002:** The children of Std. 2 of J B Petit High School visited Garden School to interact with our children and distribute slates, chalks, dusters and snacks. They even sponsored the lunch for the children.

**December 11, 2002:** The Garden school children enjoyed a wonderful outing to Colaba Woods escorted by the Fort Convent Staff and children of Std. I.

**December 19, 2002:** This year we had a common Christmas party for the children of our 3 kindergartens, 240 in all, and the sewing class children (26) at the Garden school. There was great excitement as they played and ate together. Besides home made snacks, they enjoyed fruit cake and chocolates given by a few benefactors and finally received a colourful Tiffin set donated by one of our local sponsors.

**January 26, 2003:** A red-letter day indeed for Prem Dan as we celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Garden School on the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sr. Felicity, the one who initiated this noble and beautiful Project. We had a short get-together for the ex-students which included a Prayer service and a cultural programme. It was heartwarming to have so many of our ex-students present and to see that most of them had turned into successful young men and ladies in Society.

**February 3, 2003:** Inauguration of the Convent of Jesus and Mary school at Kharghar on the feast of our foundress, St. Claudine Thevenet. The children of the Boarding will now be able to go to our own school.

**February 14, 2003:** The Garden school Staff enjoyed a relaxed picnic at Khandala.

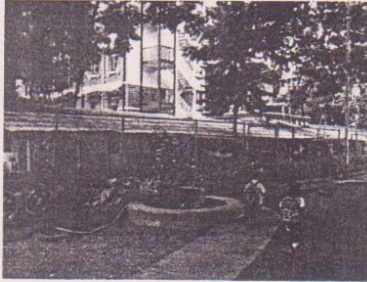
**February 22, 2003:** The Garden school children went for their picnic to Ranibaug zoo.

**March 1, 2003:** The children of Geeta Nagar and Reay Road had their picnic at the same zoo.

**March 16, 2003:** The students of Std. VIII of St. Anne's High School, Fort, organized a joy-fun day for the children of Geeta Nagar in their school auditorium. The children had a lot of fun playing games and also enjoyed the lunch that was provided for them.

**March 19, 2003:** The Sewing class conducted by Sr. Alberta concluded their Course with a beautiful exhibition of their work done during the year. The 22 girls who successfully completed the Course received their Certificates during the short function.

**Special visits to Prem Dan:**



John & Margo Edmundson from France-14<sup>th</sup> Jan'03

Arjun & Anjali Mathrani from USA- 20<sup>th</sup> Jan'03  
and again with Devika in Feb – Mar'03

Murgesh Loynes from Korea – 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan'03

Lufthansa and Alitalia Crew members

Sponsors local and foreign

*In a short time we will celebrate the jubilant event of Easter, but with the war just begun can we really look forward to celebration and rejoicing. Our consolation, however, is that Easter is more than just a feeling; it is a faith moment, inviting us to recognize and reminiscence all the "little Easters" of our life throughout the year. We can count the little blessings that we experience in the midst of pain, conflict, tragedy and despair - hope in time of despair; a smile or good word, in time of loneliness and pain; the love, concern and friendship extended in moments of helplessness, trouble and need. The "little Easters" are those moments when something that died in us is raised to life again.*

*Life is filled with ongoing change and ever deepening growth. We are challenged to live life fully even as we accept the truth of our dying. We need to celebrate life's moments as they come, enjoy with reverence the beauty of each day, live more simply and freely because we know that each moment is part of an eternal process of becoming. Let us continue to pray for peace in the midst of this disastrous war.*

All of us at Prem Dan wish you A Very Happy Easter. May we experience and make manifest the risen Christ alive in us as we extend our hands in love to others.

Yours gratefully in Jesus and Mary,

*Sr. Patricia Santos*

Sister Felicity Morris & Sister Patricia Santos