

PREM DAN

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Dear Friends,

We are almost at the end of another academic year. The children are busy preparing for their final examinations which will commence after Easter.

As we approach the jubilant feast of Easter, we can rejoice and celebrate the fullness of joy, peace, love and truth that we experience in the Lord's Resurrection. Easter heralds springtime that brings new life. It is a time of hope pointing to a recreated, renewed world. As long as the sun arises over the hills to scatter the darkness and fill the world with light; as long as the fields are green again and the trees fill up with leaves, there is hope for us and our world. Hope does not give us the assurance that everything will turn out for our good. But it helps us believe that there can be something good in everything we experience and we can extract at least a drop of joy from all that happens to us. We can learn from children to see what is beautiful and wonderful around us, to appreciate the goodness of people and to delight in little things.

Listen to some of the children's sharing on Sponsor Remembrance Day 13th February 2005 and take pride in having touched their lives through your love and generosity. You have made a difference to our children and we thank God for you.



I was a Boarder in Prem Dan, Kharghar where I completed my graduation. I am grateful to all those who have helped me to complete my education and grow up into a nice young lady. At present I am working and staying with my family.

Esperance Manek

I thank God in a very special way for all the help that I got from Prem Dan and also for the sponsors who have taken keen interest to educate me.

Mercy Joseph
St. Joseph's High School



Prem Dan is like a family and we are all members of this family. I have been in Prem Dan since my childhood. At present I am in Std 9. I would like to say that Prem Dan has gifted me with new life and I thank God in a special way for the gift of Prem Dan and all the sponsors who have helped us in our education.



Shabnam Ansari
Sir J. J. Girls High School



Pramila Swamy
Holy Name High School

Without Prem Dan I would not have reached the 9th Standard successfully. I thank God for the gift of Prem Dan who has always been my moral support and I also thank Mother Felicity for the constant support and encouragement she has given us. I am very grateful to all our Sponsors and Benefactors who have supported us and helped us to reach this stage.



Poonam Ghadge
Little Flower of Jesus High School

I have been in Prem Dan for 10 years. Today I am a discipline leader in the school because of Prem Dan from where I have received a lot of love. Lord please bless our sponsors, teachers, Sisters and my dear friends.

Students sing a bhajan at the Sponsors Remembrance Day Programme



We appreciate all your visits to Garden school, to the slum schools, to the Boarding at Kharghar and all the activities organized for the children

6th January: Reunion of one of our boys -Katraja now Zachary Oliver (who was adopted into an American family) with his mother after 19 years.

18th Jan: Philippe Baudin from France met the children of the French sponsors.



Jan 31st: Std 9 girls of St. Anne's Fort interacted with the children of the Garden school.

**SATYAVATY GOPALAN HOSTEL
AND
VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE**



1st Feb: Arjun & Anjali Mathrani with Devika and Ian from USA at the Vocational Training Centre at Kharghar.



4th Feb: 6 Staff with 22 students of Aquinas College Manchester, spent a day at the Garden school teaching the children Craft and games. They distributed books, pencils, t-shirts and caps to all the children. The group visited the Reay Road slum and the boarding at Kharghar on 8th Feb and taught the children a variety of dances.

7th Feb: - Dawn Dyer from Sydney visited the Garden School and brought useful books for the children.
- 4 ladies from the Mumbai Connexions visited the Vocational Training Centre at Kharghar and donated towards the Course.
-A group from Belgium visited Garden school and distributed pens and sweets.

Other visitors include Meena & Gunthard from Germany, sponsors and benefactors from Al-Italia & Lufthansa from various countries.



*We wish each of you A very Happy Easter.
May the Peace, Love & Joy of the Risen Lord
be yours now and each day of the coming year.*



*Yours gratefully,
Sr. Felicity Morris, Sr. Patricia Santos and all at Prem Dan*