



PREMDAN NEWSLETTER

Easter 2009

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Dear Friends,

If Lent was a time to give things up, Easter ought to be a time to take things up.

If Calvary means putting to death things in our life that need to be rooted out, then Easter means planting, watering, and nurturing Christ's values in our life that ought to blossom and in due course bear fruit.

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus we are reminded yet again that Hope and New beginnings are just around the corner.

We are amidst troubled times, the world at large is in turmoil, facing grave issues of war, terrorism, communalism and violence against women and children.

The current global recession too has affected us adding to our personal struggles in everyday life. These times give us a wonderful opportunity to reach out to those in need and help in any little way we can, those who are less fortunate, giving us peace and fulfillment in our lives despite our own troubles.

Easter fills us with hope of a new and better tomorrow as we do our level best today.

Premdan gives an opportunity to alleviate the pain, and bring hope in the lives of needy. We thank you for your support and for making a difference in the lives of our children.

*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.*



**May God Bless You,
Your Families & Friends.**

DECEMBER 2008

16th Dec 2008 - Std II of Fort Convent School has arranged a get together with our Garden School children. Where they interacted with our children through games and dance and ended by lovely gifts and snacks.

17th Dec 2008 - Geeta Nagar children had a lovely party from Mr. Gokul.

18th Dec 2008 - Fort Convent School had also invited our Reay Road children.

19th Dec 2008 - The Beautiful feast of Christmas always brings with it seasonal charm and joy with an added flavour of friendship and sharing. For Our Prem Dan children this celebration was tinted with excitement and expectant joy. To satisfy these heightened feelings we organized a Christmas Tree Party, 350 children joined in the festivity.

Live Tableau of the Nativity Scene was enacted by the six kindergarten classes of Prem Dan. This opened to them their love for Jesus as a helpless Babe and echoed in their hearts the message through carols, games, snacks and soft drinks which were thoroughly enjoyed. The take away gifts brought delight to their eyes. Our sisters with our hardworking staff took charge of the event spreading Christmas joy to the poor of Yahweh.

The children received gifts, snacks (thanks to Mrs. Jackie Desa, Binaifer Darukhanawala and friends) and a soft toy each. (thanks to Karin Brudny-Pfister from Germany, and Mr. Hancock from Ireland and many other sponsors and benefactors)

Taakt Group of Germany sponsored t-shirts, shoes and gifts to their 30 sponsored children of Reay Road School.



JANUARY 2009

5th Jan 2009

Taj President Hotel staff visited Garden School and personally served our children a delicious lunch of vegetable biryani, chole and pav along with cake.

We also appreciate and thank them for offering some food to our children on a daily basis.



23rd Jan 2009

Maharashtra State Women's Council jointly with The Rotary Club of Queens Necklace had organised and interactive workshop 'RAINBOW' to teach Art of Paper Sculpting to create three dimensional artwork. This programme brought children close to nature, strenghtening the concepts of recycling materials, sharing with each other, working in a cohesive group and developing their leadership qualities.

Fifteen of our students from Stds V to VII participated and received certificates of participation.



24 - 25, Jan 2009

22 of our sponsored boys enjoyed their camp in Khandala.



26th Jan 09

Mother Felicity's birthday and Republic Day was celebrated with a small programme.



FEBRUARY 2009

12th - 17th Feb 2009 -

Five staff and 30 students of Aquinas College, Manchester England, visited us and conducted six workshops for Garden School, Geeta Nagar, Reay Road, Kharghar boarding and tuition class children. The workshops included painting, craft, games, storytelling etc.



22nd Feb 2009 - We celebrated Sponsors day in Holy Name School Hall. Around 450 of our sponsored children participated. They performed prayer song, dance, poetry and many games were conducted with exciting prizes. The programme ended with lovely gifts and snacks.

Students of Aquinas College share their experience

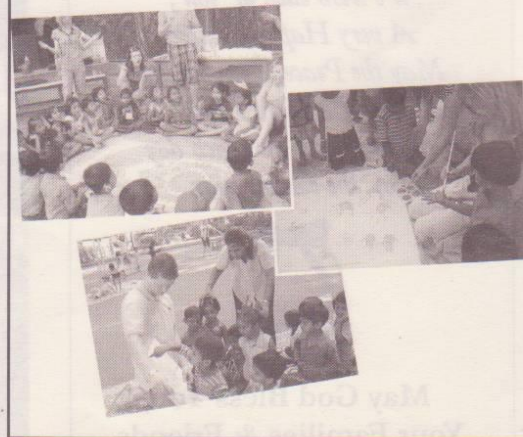
Working with the children at the Garden School in Colaba was one of the most amazing experiences of our lives. It was truly rewarding and enabled us all to get a better insight into the cultures and lifestyles in India.

The children were wonderful to work with, had excellent English skills and were just really fantastic children.

We were extremely proud and privileged to have had the opportunity to meet and spend time with these lovely children. Prem Dan is a brilliant charity organisation and makes such a big difference to these children's lives. Everyone works extremely hard in creating opportunities for a better start in life for each child. Well done Prem Dan!

Amy & Francesca

Aquinas College - Manchester, England



Thank You
Our Sincere Gratitude to...



- Our staff and volunteers
- All those who have visited Prem Dan and spent time with the Children.
- The staff and children of St. Anne's and Fort Convent for their social involvement with our children.
- All who have donated towards the feeding programme.
- Our benefactors and sponsors for the toys and other useful items.

Yours gratefully, Sr. Felicity Morris, Sr. Juanita Coelho,
Sr. Asha Ohol & all at Prem Dan.