

premdan newsletter

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We are here to communicate with you again this Easter Season.

- 26th January 2011 was the 63rd Anniversary of the Republic of our country India. The day called for a double celebration as it was also the 83rd. Birthday of Sr. Felicity Morris. What touched her very much was to meet a number of ex – Prem Danites who came to greet her with their husbands and children, most of them doing well in life.



- On February 2nd.2011, the feast of Our Foundress St. Claudine Thevenet, we celebrated Sisters and Helpers Day. We had a Prayer Service which was followed by games, and gifts for the Helpers and Sisters and a tasty meal cooked by the Teaching and Non teaching Staff of Prem Dan. The children enjoyed a holiday.

- Seeing the benefit of taking children for week-end camps at our Children's Home in Khandala, we decided to open it up to deserving children of Reay Road, Holy Name High School and schools around, Convent of Jesus and Mary, Kharghar, and St. Stephen's School.



- The girls of Std.IV of Convent of Jesus and Mary, popularly known as Fort Convent extended an invitation to the little children of Prem Dan to their "Canteen Day". The girls befriended the children of Prem Dan, paid for the treat they enjoyed at the canteen.

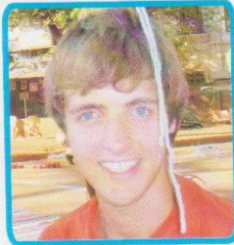
- The Primary Section of Fort Convent invited the children of our Nursery classes to an outing at the "Hanging Gardens". This gave the little girls of Fort Convent an opportunity to reach out to the less fortunate children of Prem Dan by mixing with them and sharing their snacks.



- Another Jesus and Mary School, St. Annes' by name is in the vicinity. The children of the Primary Section took it in turns to come across to the Garden School twice a week for six weeks and interacted with the Prem Dan children. Both the groups have much to learn from each other.

- Twenty-five students of the Lymm School, Manchester, spent an enjoyable day with us at the Garden School and Reay Road. In the afternoon the students interacted with the children from the different schools that come for extra classes, working and helping them with their studies.

- For the past few years, the Vice Principal of Aquinas College Manchester U.K. has been bringing a batch of College students to work with our Prem Dan children, the sponsored and coaching class children. In February 2011, 59 students and 8 staff came (for many it was their first trip to India) to work with our children. The children were taught painting, craft games etc. During those days spent together the joy of GIVING was tangibly seen on both sides. The students shed many a tear to part with these children



- An eighteen year old ex-student of Aquinas College Nick Short, dared to come out on his own to visit India. His first stop was in Mumbai Prem Dan. The work and the children won his heart. He spent two months with us and participated in all our activities, even in the Camps at Khandala.



- We decide to treat ourselves to a picnic!! The entire staff went to a Beach side in Gorai North Mumbai. The photo speaks for itself! We enjoyed the break.

- From time to time we organize input sessions for our teachers. Sr. Gerard Paul r.j.m. who was on holiday from her apostolate in Australia gave a day's Session on Personality Development which was well appreciated by all.



- On the 17th March we received the sad news of the death of Mrs. Nuwart Mehta who passed away at the age of 102. She was a benefactor of Prem Dan from its early days. Mrs. Mehta fondly called, "Ice Cream Aunt" by the children, she was responsible for organizing the Fresh Camps which many an ex-Prem-Danite remembers with much fondness even to-day.

- Our Students at present are busy preparing for their Final exams. Forty-three of our sponsored students have just completed their S.S.C.(Secondary School Certificate), and look forward to a summer break before pursuing further studies.

We Srs. Felicity, Zelia, Vidya and the Staff of Prem Dan send our warmest greetings to each of you...

*May the joy of the Risen Lord
be yours on this Easter Day.
May Christ's Peace and Love
stay with you always.
This is our wish for you this Easter!*

