

premdan newsletter

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It is with joy and thankfulness to God that we give you the names of our students who have now finished Secondary School Examination with a large majority of them going on to Junior College:

Ganesh Kamane, Neliza Fernandes, Parveen Shaikh, Rohit Sandiphog, Suman Roy, Tejaswini Kamane, Varsha Gaurav, Vinayak Rathod, Irfan Rainy, Pooja Pujari, Priyanka Chinta, Pramod Yadav, Rahul Dhanu, Ravi Chavan, Rubina Khan, Asfaq Panlekar, Sohail Choudhary, Yasmeen Shaikh, Rozina Khan, Pooja Gupta, Abdul Masjid Shaikh, Ashwari Pawar, Bharatibai Rathod, Gulam Shaikh, Salma Ansari, Shilpa Kanyalal, Simran Sathi, Suraj Bala, Pinky Fernandes, Prashant Prabhakar, Maria Marisusi, Sunny Sonawane, Safrat Ali, Sonia Kabral, Eliza D'Mello, Jenisa D'Silva, Mona Sequiera, Johnson Lobo, Arul Vinnila, Johnny Fernandes, Sakina Mistry, and Sabiha Shaikh.



Our deepest gratitude goes out to you, our dear sponsors, who made these success stories possible. In this edition of our newsletter we have decided to give our students; having just completed high school, a chance to express, in their own words, the way in which Prem Dan has changed their lives as well as their gratitude towards you.



Prem Dan has given me hope, courage and the ambition to aim high. My name is Pankaj Ekka and I have completed my SSC from Holy Name High School with 72.18% Prem Dan has helped me in a lot of ways and I am ever grateful to them. I would like to share how I joined the Prem Dan family.

When I was in Jr. K.G. I had a great interest in books, whenever I saw a book I would start reading it. The financial condition of my parents was very bad. My father was struggling as to how he would pay my school fees. I was little and I would stay alone at home when all had left for work. Sometimes my mother would take me to the kitchen where she worked. As this place was new to me I would play around and enjoy myself. Once I was roaming around and Sr. Felicity who was in charge of Prem Dan saw me, asked me my name and where I came from.

I told her that my mother worked in the kitchen. She took me there and asked my mother about me and how they were handling me. My mother said they were unable to pay my fees. On that day Mother Felicity changed my life. She said she would help me. She contacted Prem Dan who then supported me with my studies.

My father was relieved as Prem Dan supported me by giving me a sponsor from Germany who would pay for my education and my school uniform. I would write a letter to them thrice a year. Ms. Aruna taught me to write letters and I thank her in a special way. I have no words to thank my sponsors but I hope that they may always be safe and enjoy every moment in their life. As someone has said - When the world says, 'Give up' Hope whispers, 'Try it one more time.' Prem Dan is that hope to me and I will never be able to express how very close they are to my heart.

Thank you and may God bless you.

Pankaj Ekka



I am a student of Prem Dan. I want to share with you my success story and how Prem Dan supported me. It was the year 2001. I joined Prem Dan School in Reay Road. I was delighted to be in a new class. As years passed I went to a Cotton Green School named

Shree Sarvajanic, class I and II. In Std. II I lost my father who was seriously ill and my mother found it difficult to make ends meet for both my brother and me. My mother came to Prem Dan and the sisters took me in with open arms and enrolled me in Kharghar boarding where I was taken care of by the sisters of Prem Dan. They saw to all my needs. I was given an education in their own Convent school of Jesus and Mary, Kharghar from class III. I fared well in my studies. The teachers in school and in the boarding were proud of me. It was the last year of my school that I lost my mother. Losing my mother was a big shock but I did not give up hope. I had the support of my teachers and the sisters of Prem Dan.

I passed with a good percentage of 71.36. This was possible only because of my parents, the sisters and you my sponsors for giving me a good education and I am grateful to you all.

I entered Junior College in June 2012, after my graduation I plan to complete the Bachelor of Education degree. I want to be a teacher so I can help the under privileged and do something worthwhile for them and show my gratitude to Prem Dan who has done so much for me.

Thank you.

Suhasini Naikar



"We are fortunate to have Uncle J in our lives. He has given us a chance to be educated. I have passed my SCC with 58% and I am grateful to Prem Dan, Sr Felicity, the sisters, teachers and all those who have come into our lives Thank you.

Isaac Shinde



"I passed my SCC exams from Our Lady of Health School, Sahar, scoring 55%. I appreciate Prem Dan for their good work. I greatly thank all the teachers, sisters of Prem Dan and my sponsors. I pray to God that he may keep them in good health and give them a happy and long life.

Trinetta Machado



I passed with 77.82% from St. Agnes' High School, Byculla. I would like to thank my parents, my sponsors, Prem Dan and all my sisters and teachers. Who I am today is thanks to you. God bless you all.

Vinnila Raj



As I look back, I thank my stars that I have achieved great heights in my studies which will help me to perform better in the future.

With love,
Pooja Pujari.

Sr. Felicity, Miss Aruna and all the teachers have always been encouraging me. I scored 90,38% in my SCC board exam Convent of Jesus and Mary, High School, Fort. From Prem Dan I gathered hope, courage and determination to aim higher in life.

Reema Lobo



I will soon be joining college. Prem Dan means a lot to me. A million thanks to you for your support.

Your loving child,
Iqbal Shaikh



I have now completed my 10th Grade from Holy Name High School. I passed with 71.64% scoring the most in Algebra and Geometry. I want to graduate in a Bachelor of Commerce and work in a bank. I would like to thank my sponsor for giving me the opportunity to educate myself, help myself and my family in life. I really owe a great deal to Prem Dan. Thank you, yours faithfully,

Parvin Shaikh



We are pleased to welcome back a serene and studious atmosphere as this new academic year begins. It is with regrets we learnt about Sr. Juanita's transfer to a new Jesus and Mary community. She has been a very generous Sister of Prem Dan both at the Garden School and at the Kharghar boarding. We wish her all the best for the future.

We are delighted to welcome Sr. Juanita's replacement, Sr. Julianne who is now in charge at the Prem Dan boarding in Kharghar and will be assisted in her work by Sr. Philomena who has returned to Prem Dan.

Sr. Asha will also be sorely missed as she has been transferred to Kendal. Prem Dan children will be reaping the rewards of her hard work for many years to come.

Finally, Sr. Vidya's departure for further formation in Pune will leave everybody missing the calm and patient presence that accompanied her loyal service to the Garden School. It is with warmth we welcome Sr. Louisa, to Prem Dan.

On behalf of all at Prem Dan we say once again a Big THANK YOU and God Bless for just being with and for us.

Srs. Felicity Morris, Zelia Fernandez and Louisa Adhav.