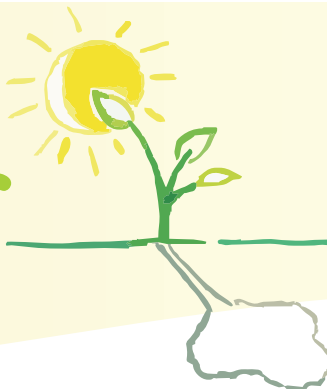


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**"Want to keep Christ in Christmas—
Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, forgive the guilty, welcome the unwanted,
care for the ill, love your enemies, and do unto others as you would have done unto you."
— Steve Maraboli,**

Dear Friends,

As we come to the close of Christmas our hearts are filled with gratitude to God, to our Staff and to each one of you for all that Prem Dan has experienced and blessed during this year 2017. The last three months have been full of activities and the children have had a wonderful time!

Activities From September To November 2017

- CAMPS
- TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION
- OUT REACH FROM OTHER SCHOOL CHILDREN AND NGO'S.
- MEDICAL CAMP
- TALK FOR WOMEN BY MS. KOMAL SHAH
- OPENING OF THE BICENTENARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE CONG OF J&M.
- DIWALI CELEBRATION
- MINOR REPAIRS AT GARDEN SCHOOL
- SPONSORED CHILDREN'S DAY
- CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION
- VISIT OF MOTHER GENERAL AND SISTERS FROM ROME, FRANCE AND SPAIN.

Other News



SLUM SITUATION

Floods and misery in the Slums of Geeta Nagar, Colaba and Reay Road of Mumbai. Which is around our vicinity. These photographs will tell you much. And our children come from these places absolutely no hygiene, utter misery.. so we need to do much for these poorest of the poor.

REPAIRS AT GARDEN SCHOOL

The Steel cupboards were in a very bad shape so they were newly painted. The Garden pathway was worn out and is now done up with cement. Three new taps are put for children to drink water. Our Kharghar - Boarding Terrace has had severe leakage this monsoon due to cracks on the slab and needs a big amount for repair.

Camps



Fresh Air Camps at Khandala for our Sponsored Children from Holy Name, Little Flower, St. Joseph's, Habib, Bai Kabi Bai Schools were conducted on October 16 and 17, 2017.



- Camp for the CJM Kendal Boarders Conducted on September 22nd to 24th 2017.
- For our



Kharghar Boarders Camp was conducted from Aug 27th to 29th 2017.



- Camp for CJM Rahuri girls held on 25th August to 27th 2017.

Bicentenary Celebrations



Our Staff and children greeted our three Sisters, Felicity, Sylvia and Asha on the occasion of completing 200 years of the foundation of the congregation of Jesus and Mary.



The Garden School staff, parents and children participated in the 'WALKATHON' on September 17th 2017 from Marine Drive to Chowpaty.

Diwali Celebrations

Our children, along with their teachers' help prepared diwali lanterns, cards and painted earthen diyas.



Our children too had a Dandiya and Raas dance on the occasion of Navrathri festival with the aid of their teachers.



Sad Demise

Our heartfelt sympathies to Michele Callan who lost her husband Mr. Michael Callan recently (A sponsor from Dublin, Ireland)



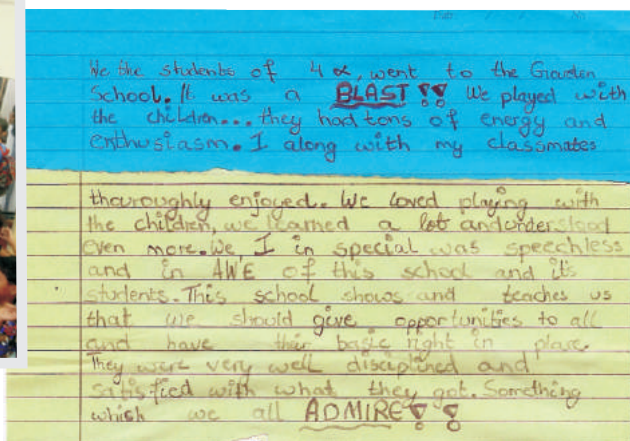
The Prem Dan family has lost our Ex-Helper Mr. Augustine Anthony who was suffering for many years went to his heavenly abode on November 23rd 2017. May he Rest in Peace. The Sisters and Staff attended his funeral at Jeevan Jyoti Asharam Kharghar.



The Taj Vivanta Hotel, Manager interacting with our kids. The President told the children a story on 'honesty' and chocolates were distributed.



Students of Hill spring International School visited Garden School Children. They were touched by their interaction with the children. We thank them for gifts and toys.



Mother General Visits

Visit of Mother General Sr. Monica Joseph and councilors to Garden School on October 23rd, 2017. Our Children and Staff welcomed them with a fresh rose, greeting card and a welcome Song. Our Sisters interacting with the Garden School Children...



Snippets

Lions Club distributing umbrella's to our children.



Talk for Women by Ms. Komal Shah on 'Parenting and Hygiene'.

Staff Tour to Agra/ Delhi ;November 18-22, 2017. They visited the first Founding house of the Congregation 'St. Patrick's' Agra which is known as the 'cradle' of the Congregation.



Teacher's Day



We celebrated Teachers' Day on September 1st 2017 with a prayer service, followed by program by the kids, ex- Students and helpers. Gifts, games and lunch was organized by the Sisters to appreciate them. Our Teacher's had a lovely day.



Students from different Schools attending Remedial Classes at Garden School .



Student volunteers from Elphinstone's College, Fort.

Sponsored Children's Day



Association of Family of Jesus and Mary (AFJM's) Volunteers along with Sr. Sylvia Mascarenhas RJM planning for Sponsored Children's Day which is held on November 4th 2017. We began with a prayer with 60 Sponsored children along with Prem Dan staff, 4 AFJM Members and Sisters from CJM Clare Road Byculla and St. Anne's Mumbai.

The children remembered and prayed for each one of you and your families. We had activities, dance, songs and sports carnival in groups which was divided according to their age. Prizes were awarded to the winners and consolation prizes for all the children. We were happy to discover their talents and ability to work in a group. It was a delight to witness the sporting spirit of our children. Lunch was served for all the children and the volunteers.



Children's Day



In celebration of Children's day on November 14th, our teachers made caps for the children, and organised a picnic to Ghoda Garden.

Taj Palace Hotel HR Manager and team also came to celebrate Children's day with our children. They conducted a few games, cake was served and stationery items were donated to Prem Dan.

Christmas is a time of joy, a time to reach out, a time of warmth, a time to strengthen our bonds, a time to share care and love, a time to celebrate each others presence and be thankful. Therefore Our Big Thank you goes to...

Our TRUSTEES, SISTERS OF THE CONG OF JESUS AND MARY, Staff and Volunteers. Our Sponsors and Benefactors without whom we would not have been able to accomplish much especially the people who co-ordinate and support the work in different countries i.e. Margaret Fievez of Australila, Peter Van Wijk of Belgium, Eddie Moore and Priya Bradshaw of Aquinas College, Manchester and Linda Manni of Italy, Annie Garambios of France, Thomas Feix and Wolfgang Spitschan of Germany, Stella Mengels and Anjali Mathrani. We thank God for being a part of this noble work. We are also grateful to Aquinas Group for all the art and other material donated to the School. Thank you for strengthening the bonds of the Aquinas-India partnership.

We have had a number of Friends, Sponsors, Benefactors, Well-Wishers and Ex-Students who visit Prem Dan Garden School from time to time donating old clothes, toys and other useful items. Your visits give us a lot of joy and enrichment and we are very grateful for the donations and gifts received.

For the Students and Staff of St. Anne's High School, Cjm Fort Convent, Hill Springs International School, Elphinstone College, St. Xavier's College and Nirmala Niketan College.

To our Ex- Students of Fort Convent (Alumni), To the Team of SMILZ and ADF Foods, A.H. Wadia Trust, INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CST, Dr. MEHTA, DR. DOSHI, Mrs. Mehta, PRESIDENT AND TEAM OF TAJ PALACE, TAJ VIVANTA and MRS. LEO for daily ration and medical service rendered.

Members of LIONS CLUB MUMBAI.

MRS. ROSETTA MARTINS for editing and designing the Prem Dan News Letter.



*May all the joy of that glorious night, when the King of Kings was born,
be a blessing to you all year long.*

With much love, Gratitude and Christmas Blessings: *Srs. Felicity Morris, Sylvia rjm., Asha rjm and all at Prem Dan.*