

premdan newsletter

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In the words of Janet Erskine Stuart, RSCJ:

HEAVENLY FATHER, unseen Companion of our life,

Give us faith and eager expectancy,
as we begin this fresh stage of our journey.
Take from us all fear of the unknown.
and teach us to wrest treasures from the darkness.
As the days come and go,
may we find that each one is laden
with many opportunities and enriching experiences;
And when this year is ended may our best hopes
be more than ever fulfilled.
Amen.



ACTIVITIES

December '17 to June '18

1. Christmas Celebration and distribution of Hampers to the donors.
2. Republic Day Parade
3. Holi Celebration
4. Visits from our sponsors worldwide & Aquinas group from U.K
5. Final Examinations for all our Senior KG Children
6. Farewell
7. Thank you note from the outgoing students of STD X
8. Holiday Home Khandala for single parent girls
9. June 2018; New Admissions/ School begins for New Academic year

Christmas Celebrations

...and Christmas Outreach by CJM Fort



Mother Felicity's 90TH BIRTHDAY

Mother Felicity's
Birthday and
Helpers Day was
celebrated on
28th January 2018.



FAREWELL

To our Sr K.G. Batches



PREMDAN REAY ROAD
Class Teacher **Mrs. Celin Prabhu and Ms. Mumtaz Begum.S.**



PREM DAN GEETA NAGAR
Class Teacher **Mrs. Rajeshwari Rizvi**



PREMDAN GARDEN SCHOOL KG C
Class Teacher **Mrs. Vailankanni Joseph**



PREMDAN GARDEN SCHOOL KG B
Class Teacher **Ms. Aruna Jadhav**



PREMDAN GARDEN SCHOOL KG A
Class Teacher **Mrs. Naseem Shaikh**



"Memories that cannot fade"

I start with my story as a child I was brought to prem Dan by my father Mrs. Mevalal. At the time I was 5 years of age I came to prem Dan in 2006 my first school was in prem Dan I started with Kinder garden Kg. There after my father could not support me and my sisters. My father is a Hawker he makes bhel puri and sells it to get some income it was not sufficient to meet my family needs. My mother is an housewife with the struggle that we had financially she could not keep up to her satisfaction.

I was fortunate to be one of the lucky one as my father approached prem Dan as he could not afford to pay my fees I got admission in little flower of Jesus high school in class I after my admission I went to prem Dan. Prem Dan generously with open arms gave me a sponsor from Germany Shruty Kairin. Shruty Kairin from day one got my bio-data with my details and agreed to sponsor me. I was very happy and overjoyed Shruty Kairin from there on started her sponsorship and also was regular.

for my birthday and all other occasion I used to wait eagerly for her visit to prem Dan and also the lovely gifts and letters she even let me a ear in listening to my family problems and progress. I can't thank Shruty Kairin and prem Dan enough for their love and support given to me each year. I will forever be grateful to them.

I am now in College and will be doing my degree for 3 years and will graduate. I have decided to be a business lady and help my father and my family. My dream is to do well and buy a house of my own for my family.

Thankyou
dejal.



REPUBLIC DAY



Twenty children from Garden School participated in the Republic Day Inter-school Parade at BMC Municipal Grounds Colaba organised by Champion School.

SPONSORS VISIT



Ms. Melissa Lewis
from Qatar

Mr & Mrs. Matharani from NY U.S.A.



Mrs. Karin and Sandra from Germany.



Mr. Tommi from Germany



Ms. Margret and Ann from U.K.

WORKSHOP WITH AQUINAS GROUP

Led by Mrs. Priya Bradshaw, 39 students along with 6 staff of Aquinas College U.K. conducted a workshop for our children from 15th Feb to 21st Feb 2018.

The interaction and various activities were enjoyed by our children. It was a wonderful learning and memorable experience for them.



ACTIVITY SNIPPETS



Regular medical check-up done for our Garden School and Reay Road children by the International Women's Association. Our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Arin Master and Team and our Special Thanks to Dr. Mehta for his tireless service to our children. May God bless him.

A medical check-up was carried out by St. John's Ambulance Fort, for Prem Dan Kharghar Boarders at CST.



Holi Celebration- our sincere thanks to Mrs. Jyoti and team from 'SMILZ'



This academic year (2018-19) our 200 K.G. children received text books donated by Aquinas college Manchester, UK. A big 'Thank you' to them!



Sports Day was conducted on February 2nd, 2018. Fr. John Lopes the Principal of Holy Name High School was the Chief Guest. The Sisters of St. Anne's community and parents were present in large number to encourage our budding athletes.



Soft Toys from Margaret and Ann

To study the case of poverty, slum visits are conducted at Geeta Nagar and Reay road. Sr. Asha visits and surveys needy families before deciding to enroll children into the sponsorship program.



OTHER NEWS



During the summer vacations in May, a few boarders were housed at our holiday home in Khandala. These were children without a proper home to go back to. They had an enjoyable stay. Days were spent praying, performing daily chores like cooking, cleaning, gardening, looking after the dog, watching movies. Unforgettable evening walks added to the fun.



NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Dear Prem Dan family
I Alyssa Chettia studied in Convent of Jesus and Mary high School & Junior College. I finished my 12th Std with 80% in Commerce Stream.

When I was in 8th my Mom died due to Heart Attack. And about my Dad he left me and my Mom long back when I was 2 yrs old. I am an orphaned. Right now I stay with my Aunt who's a Peon in St John the Evangelist high School Maul. She's too in a bad condition but still she handle's me and my two cousins.

My Dream is to become the great person that is Bank Manager. For that I am continuing my studies. As I finished my 12th I am going to do BFM [Bachelors in Financial Market] for 3yrs.

Today with a heartfelt gratitude goes to my relatives, Sisters of Prem Dan and Teachers and Sponsors who took care of me for 12 years without counting the cost.

May God bless each of you.

Thank you.

Alyssa Chettia
- Boarder at Khandala.

As soon as we began our new academic year we were dampened by the heavy rains in Mumbai. School was closed for three days and the daily activities were hampered.





Our Mother Foundress St. Claudine Thevenet began the Congregation of Jesus and Mary with One Child, One loom, One Companion and changed the world by making it known and loved through education.

Inspired by our Mother Foundress, Sr. Felicity Morris RJM too began the project of uplifting the underprivileged which is called 'Prem Dan' – 'GIFT OF LOVE' with one Child, one Book, one Pencil, One Teacher under one tree which enriched many homes and the society at large.

We appreciate and offer our heartfelt Gratitude to God for leading us on for 42 years through all the generous and selfless people like you dear SPONSORS, DONORS AND

We would like to name a few who have helped us for years through their great LOVE for the children and the poor to build a just and dignified Society.

1. Mr and Mrs. A Mathrani.
2. Tommi and Team Germany
3. Mr. Eddie, Priya and Team Aquinas College Manchester U.K.
4. Margaret Fievez of Australia
5. Mrs. Stella Mengels Germany
6. Peter Van Wijk Belgium,
7. Annie Garambios of France
8. Linda Manni of Italy.
9. Mrs. Arlene Gomes and Joshua Gomes–USA
10. Mr. Barry and June U.K.
11. Mrs. Margaret, Annie and Billy–U.K.
12. Mrs. Karin and Sandra from Germany, and all those who have visited us from different countries.



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR LOCAL SPONSORS, FRIENDS, WELL WISHERS...

1. Trustees of A.H. Wadia Trust
2. Mr. K. Kumar – Senior Trustee TATA
3. Mr. N.A. Soonawala. – Senior Trustee TATA
4. Trustees of TATA Educational and Development Trust.
5. President, HR. Manager and Team of TAJ Palace Hotel and TAJ Vivanta Hotel.
6. Mrs. Leo and Staff.
7. Manager and Staff – Gaylords.
8. IWA – International Women's Association and St. John's Ambulance Association.
9. Dr. Mehta and Dr. Doshi.
10. ADF foods and team,
11. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Newton and Mrs. Veronica D'souza for raising funds.
12. Team of 'SMILZ' and LIONS CLUB Mumbai.
13. Dr. Vincent D'sa and Team.
14. Fort Convent Alumni.
15. Mrs. Rosetta Martins for editing and designing the newsletter for years.
16. Mrs. Yasmin Masani, Mrs. Sundri Motha and all those who are associated with us during the past year.

WE WISH YOU GOD'S BLESSINGS, PEACE AND JOY FOR SUPPORTING US AND KEEPING OUR PROJECT CLOSE TO YOUR HEART.

With much love,

Srs. Felicity Morris, Sylvia rjm., Asha rjm and all at Prem Dan.

