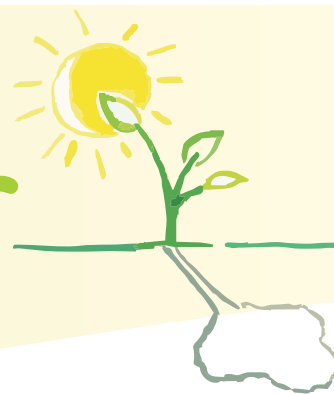


premdan newsletter

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Dear Sponsor, Benefactor, Volunteer,

Warm Greetings from PREMDAN Mumbai!

The world is a wonderful place to live in, so long as there are children to fill it with their smiles and laughter. Children bring life to the world, through the simple awareness of its wonders, as well as through a simple awareness of themselves. So here we are to welcome the new academic year 2019-2020 counting on God's blessings and seeking His holy will.



WEATHER REPORT



This summer was very hot and our street children beat the heat in a fun way on a construction site.

The monsoon this year came with storms washing away so much property and people. Those who live in the slums were affected very badly with the heavy rains in Mumbai.



Highlights of the year 2018-July 2019.

1. Parents Day Celebration
2. Teachers Day Celebration by the Lions Club Bombay Host
3. Christmas Celebration / Carol Singing at K.C. College.
4. Aquinas College Visit to India
5. Visit of Ex-Students/ new sponsors/AFJMS Orchestra, Taj Vivanta,
6. Picnic/sports day/Women's Day
7. Slum survey
8. Final Examination/close of the Academic year 2018-19.

Welcome to 2019-20

New Admissions

Garden School 116
Reay Road 65;
Geeta Nagar 34.

A warm welcome
to **Sr. Asha Ohl**
who joined our
Garden School team.



REMEMBERANCE

We fondly remember Sr Juanita Coelho who passed on to her heavenly abode on April 7th 2019. Also Miss Ivy Furtado who passed away on August 27th 2019. We are ever grateful for their tireless service to Premdan for years.



PARENTS DAY CELEBRATION..



Mother Felicity welcomes Mr. K.K. with a bouquet of flowers.

The Lions Club of Bombay Host gave an appreciation reward for uplifting the underprivileged in four schools in Mumbai. –The Principals were presented with a plant and appreciation reward with a sumptuous dinner at Hotel West End New Marine lines. We thank them for their encouragement and appreciation.

The Parents Day Celebration was organized for the Garden School Parents on July 28th 2018 at CJM Fort Convent Hall. Respected Mr. Krishna Kumar was the Chief Guest and Mr and Mrs. Newton and Veronica D'souza were the guests of honour.

Mr. K.K. promised to provide 400 kgs of rice and 200 kgs of mix pulses every month for the PremDan children. He interacted with the children and was thrilled



to see their bright smiles and happiness on their innocent faces. We are grateful to Mr. K Kumar the Senior trustee of TATA Development and Education Trust as well as Mr. Soonawala for providing funds and helping Prem Dan to run

smoothly for almost 30 years through Taj Palace and Taj Vivanta Hotels. We remain indebted to them.



Christmas Celebration CAROL SINGING

Founded in 2007 by performing artistes, vian Pereira. Crystal-Ann Fernandes, Pearl Pereira and Ursula. Noteward was conceived with a vision to give artistes a public stage in the fields of music and theater.

On Sunday 16th December, 2018, Noteward celebrated it's 11th Christmas concert, Majors and Minors. The programme included an integrated choral performance by students of I.C.S.E and IB school boards in collaboration with students of underprivileged schools. For their performances students from Prem Dan collaborated with the choir of the J. B Petit High School for Girls as well as the Little Harmony Choir.

Our Tuition Children took part in Carol singing at K.C. College in collaboration with other elite Schools around the city. This was organized by Ursula Pereira and Team to uplift the underprivileged children. Our Children were overwhelmed with this opportunity and we see in their testimony.



TESTIMONIES

Dear sr sylvia
Thankyou for giving me a chance
to take part on the stage.
I also thank the did's who
came to teachis singing. I was happy (to
perform the carol. singing along with
my friends and get a certicat. for the
first time.
I will always remember this day and
Pray for you sister Sylvia and dids
Thankyou
Sylvia sr
Fatima Khan

Dear sr Sylvia
Thank you for giving us.
This opportunity of take part in the carol
singing at K.C. college.
I am thankful to the did is who taught
us to sing.
I like to perform on stage.
I am proud of myself.
I can use my talents
I enjoyed in the company of my friends-
I am happy to recieve the certificate
Thank you sister
Sylvia
Ragini Gupta

Mother Felicity's Birthday



Mother surrounded by ex-students to shower all the LOVE on her.



Karin from Germany joined Mother Felicity on her Birthday



Sr. Asha Ohol rjm began the beautician courses for 20 women at Reay Road Prem Dan with a teacher Ms. Senora Pereira from July 2019 from 1pm to 4pm.



A brand new computer was donated by the St. Anne's School Mumbai batch 1969 to Garden School under the leadership of; Mrs. Cheryl Mascarenhas, Mrs. Dr. Yasmin Beramji, Mrs. Patravala and team. We are grateful to their generosity towards our children for the open bus ride.

Sponsors Visit & Charitable Works

Visit of Ex-Students/ new sponsors./ AFJMS Orchestra, Taj Vivanta. We were happy to have Fr. Jijo MSFS our ex-student visit Garden School to recall his childhood memories.



Mr. Ganesh and family from Belgium.



Our Sponsors from UK Mrs Priya Bradshaw, Nina and Eric meet Mother Felicity.



Mrs. Karishma Rane and fly



Mr. Goekul and Betty - South America

Mrs. Karishma Rane and family doing charitable works to PremDan children. They have been regular benefactors and sponsors. Mr. Goekul and Mrs. Betty visited the Garden School from South America, gifted snacks for the children.



Mrs Natalie from Germany visited Reay Road and Garden School and brought christmas decoration, funds for the education of children and for our feeding program, which was utilized for the Prem Dan children. We are grateful to Mrs. Natalie.

Activity Snippets



Outreach at Cathedral



Campion boys tutoring our Garden School sponsored children; an act of charity and service.



Slum survey – In order to effectively reach out to the poorest of the poor we undertake a survey on the slums



Medical check up for the Kharghar girls by the IWA



Outreach Program for the Tribals at Talaseri. Sr. Asha Ohol RJM visited the Adivasi tribal children's boarding at 'Premanjali' and interacted with the children as well as the person in charge of the boarding. We gifted grains to the children in order to uplift and work in collaboration with the Jesuit Fathers.



We remain indebted to Dr. Mehta and his colleagues for taking care of our children every year.



St. Anne's Mumbai AFJM's interacted with our Children



The Live orchestra led by Ms. Alannah Fernandes and her students budding musicians along with the AFJM's from St. Annes entertained our Children at Garden School.



Activity Snippets

Aquinas College and India Project:- Visit to Reay Road and Garden School



Sr. Sylvia Mascarenhas along with four sponsored children went to wish Mr. Krishna Kumar on his birthday at TATA'S - Bombay house. On July 18th 2019, Mr. Krishna Kumar and his wife Mrs. Ratna Kumar was accompanied by Mr. Newton and Mrs. Veronica D'souza to Garden School to treat the children and shared his joy over a meal and icecream.

We wish him God's blessings of good health, joy, peace and happiness.

We too Thank Mr. KK who is the senior trustee of Tata Educational and Development Trust for helping Premdan run smoothly over the years through Tata Buses, grains, rice and financial aid. Prem Dan remains indebted to the TATA TRUST.



Outreach by the Mindgrove Playgroup.



Welcome Sr. Asha Ohol rjm to Garden School

We commenced the School in June with 120 Children at Garden School and Reay Road 65 and Geeta Nagar 33 children for the academic year 2019.



New books were donated by the various sponsors.



Activity Snippets



INAUGURAL MASS:-Mass of the Holy Spirit to invoke God's Blessings on our new Academic year.

Fr. Richard Crasto celebrated the Eucharistic Celebration at Garden School. We commenced school in June with 120 children at Garden School, 65 at Reay Road and 33 children at Geeta Nagar for the academic year 2019.



Lions Club President Mrs. Ratan Advani and Team Bombay Host distributed raincoats for the children



A Teachers' Training Course was organized by the ABE. Five of our teachers attended and obtained a Certificate at the end of the course. They were happy to upgrade and learned much.

Kharghar Boarders 2018-19



This year seven students cleared their SSC Board and passed in flying colours. We thank Srs. Madeleine Philomina and Carmen for taking care of the boarders for 24x7.



FunDay...

Picnic / Women's Day



Our sponsored children were taught to make paper flowers during the session at Khandala Camp.
Half Day Camp for the sponsored children of St. Stephen's High School Cumbala hill conducted by Garden School.
Baby's day out to a municipal garden at Fort. The children enjoyed thoroughly.



Women's Day Celebration and talk by Dr. Mehta.



Final Examination close of the Academic year 2018-19.



Teacher's Award. The Lions Club of Bombay Host gave an appreciation reward for uplifting the underprivileged in four schools in Mumbai. –The Principals were presented with a plant and appreciation award with a sumptuous dinner at Hotel West End, New Marine lines. We thank them for their encouragement and appreciation.



A big THANK YOU

to all our SPONSORS, DONORS and BENEFACTORS FOR BEING A BURNING FLAME for Premdan. We deeply appreciate the unconditional support and love shown day-in and out through donations, feeding programme, clothes, medical aid, books for our children and for maintenance and repairs of the buildings. We wish to mention a few donors who have become a beacon of hope and joy to our children.

Donations for Repairs and Maintenance

1. Tata Development and Educational Trust – Mr. Krishna Kumar and Trustees
2. Mr. N.A. Soonawala Senior Trustees of Tata Development trust
3. Mr and Mrs. Mathrani; USA
4. Mr and Mrs. Yasmin Masani and family Dubai
5. Aquinas College – Mr. Eddie and Mrs. Priya Bradshaw.

Feeding Programmes

1. International women's Association
(Mrs. Arin Master, Mrs. Pervin Jahangir and Team Mumbai,
2. Taj Place and Taj President Hotels
3. Bombay House
4. Gay Lords for the daily bread
5. ADF Foods
6. Mrs. Leo and Staff
7. Aquinas College

Text Books for children

1. Mrs. Needra Motha/ Sundri Motha and family
2. Divine Grace
3. Meuka Grover
4. Sanjay yelevati

Medical Chekups

1. Dr. Doshi
2. Dr. Mehta,
3. Dr. Jaya and team of IWA
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7. Karin and Luftansa crew team
8. Peter van wijk Belgium
9. Laura, Katherine and team Belgium
10. Katri and Rakesh Patel and family
11. Ewelina and Team Belgium
12. Murgesh USA, Ganesh & family, Belgium
13. Natalie and family Germany
14. Dr. Vincent D'sa and family
15. Fort convent Alumni
16. Lions Club of Bombay host and Smilz Team
17. Mrs. Karishma Rane and Family



**Our sincere thank you to our Teaching, Non Teaching and Clerical Staff of Premdan.
With grateful hearts for all that has been for 43 years we say “HOW GOOD GOD IS!”**

BLESSINGS AND GRATITUDE

Srs. Felicity Morris, Sylvia M and Asha Ohol rjm.