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HOW WORLD RECESSION HURTS EVEN THE POOREST

Destitute children rely on your generosity and support to survive but the current economic climate has robbed many of them of this sole lifeline for survival. If donors do not give us money or withdraw their support then we cannot continue to provide aid to children who so desperately need it.

Last year, annual income donated to Kings World Trust for Children dropped by 25%. This year donations to KWTC have already dropped by 60%. The reasons are simple, incomes have remained static or fallen, costs have risen dramatically and the forecast is for worse to come. This means that child sponsorships have been cancelled and regular donations halted in order to balance the family, Trust or corporate books. Charity begins at home has never been more true.

In India, inflation is spiralling for basic food, fuel and electricity. Millions of workers have lost their jobs and the economy is floundering. This means more families have no work and no income and many more children become destitute and need our help.

We are so grateful to all those supporters and donors who have remained loyal to KWTC during this tumultuous time but we do need more financial support to help those children already in our care and to extend that help to others with no lifeline.



Mary & Charles with their mother

A Sailor's Life...

Charles is waiting to join his first ship as a Merchant Navy Cadet. He has just completed his pre-sea training course at a Maritime College in Mumbai and will shortly go to sea in a sponsored cadetship programme organised by one of our child sponsors, Captain Patrick Joseph, who works for BP shipping in London.

Charles comes from a poor laboring family. His father had a drink problem and did not effectively support his family; he died young from a heart attack. His mother initially worked rolling cigarettes at home to earn a living but she heard about Kings World Trust and was

selected as a Foster Mother bringing Charles and his sister Mary with her. Charles went to a Government school but later joined Kings School when it started in 2005. He went on to be Head Boy and a star at Basketball and Swimming.

Charles's sister, Mary, is now working as a teacher at Kings School after completing a degree in English followed by a B Ed at a local teacher training College. Their mother, Jancirani, is the Senior Housekeeper at Kings School managing a large team of cleaners, nursery nurses and catering staff.

It promises to be a bright future for Charles and Mary, who would have had an uncertain future without the help and support of KWTC.

WE DO NEED YOUR HELP. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY AND SUPPORT OUR WORK WITH VERY POOR CHILDREN IN INDIA.

A Sponsor's Perspective

"I first visited Kings World Trust in Southern India in November 2011 as an Intern. One of my roles was to entertain the disabled children whilst they awaited their turn to receive physiotherapy treatment as part of the Outreach programme on one day a week. I found working with these children particularly moving and inspiring. There was one 9 year old girl called Sumithra who was disabled from the waist down. She could only move around by shuffling on her bottom. Nevertheless Sumithra had a cheerful attitude and always greeted me with a big smile as I arrived. When it was her turn for treatment I accompanied her to the treatment table and, along with her mother, comforted and held her as the physiotherapist worked on her limbs. I learnt that Sumithra had a twin sister who was fully able but that Sumithra had been disabled from birth and was 2 years behind with her schooling. The Physiotherapist told me that Sumithra was an intelligent child and he was hopeful that, as the physical problem was mainly muscular, Sumithra might, with regular treatment, be able to walk in a few years aided by sticks. However Sumithra comes from a poor agricultural family who do not have much money. I returned to England at the end of my visit and gave the matter much thought.

Following discussion with my family I decided over Christmas that I wanted to help this little girl. On my next visit to India I made further enquiries about the sponsorship process and how the money would be spent. The responses were totally to my satisfaction and I knew the money would be spent wisely. The monthly sponsorship which is requested would hardly cover a round of drinks in UK but would make a significant difference to the wellbeing of Sumithra. I was even able to visit Sumithra and her mother in her own home, meet her grandfather and inspect the adapted tricycle which Sumithra cycled, using her hands, 2 kilometres every day to school!

I am delighted to have been given the opportunity to sponsor Sumithra and intend to monitor her progress and development. It gives me a warm feeling that I may be, in some small way, enhancing the quality of life of another human who is less fortunate than I have been."

By Ian McIntosh, Sponsor



Pictured, Ian with his sponsored child Sumithra

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SCHOOL CHILDREN IN UK SHOW THEIR SUPPORT!

We are very fortunate to enjoy the support of a number of UK schools who fundraise throughout the school year on our behalf and sponsor several of our children. But it's not just about fundraising. The children in our 'partner' schools in the UK benefit by learning all about India; Indian culture, food, history and climate. They really enjoy receiving letters from the children they sponsor in India and are very curious to learn all about how they live, what they eat, what they like to play and even how they get to school. In return, our Trust children are proud to be supported by people their own age and love hearing from all their friends in the UK.



Children at Grayswood Infant School enjoy their Indian inspired lunch!

This year, pupils at Grayswood Infant School, (aged 4-7 years) celebrated their partnership with KWTC by dedicating a whole day to learning more about India and what it would be like to live there. They practised Indian dancing, made poppadums and chapattis for lunch and used their computers to draw some beautiful pictures of their sponsored child, Jasper.

Amesbury School for children aged 4 to 13 have also had an incredibly busy year fundraising for their 8 sponsored children. In July 2012 they hosted a record breaking Charity Day which began with a video of messages from their sponsored children in India. The day raised an extraordinary (and record breaking) £2,300. Well done Amesbury!

Not to be outdone by their children, the 'Amesbury Dads' also played their part this year by taking part in a charity cricket match. The day was a great success (despite the almost monsoon-like conditions)!



Pictured – the Amesbury Dads cricket squad

Bohunt secondary school for students aged 11 to 16 have also worked incredibly hard this year, raising money to support their 2 sponsored children, Prashanth and Jones Preethi, both of whom are now in Higher Education.

We are so very grateful to all the schools, their teachers, pupils and parents who continue to support our work and our children. Thank you, you are all wonderful!



HOW YOU CAN HELP *Kings World Trust For Children*

We have touched the lives of thousands of children over the years, given them a stable home and education and an opportunity for a better future. It is a tribute to the Trust that many are still in touch with us and still regard KWTC as their home.

To enable the Trust's work to continue, there are many ways in which you can help us to continue with the development of Kings World Trust for Children:

- ✦ **Sponsoring a Child:** we have many children who need sponsoring. Many have tragic backgrounds and we are offering some hope to these kids and can provide them with love, care and education
- ✦ **Volunteering in India:** we welcome about 60 volunteers annually to India who either come for a week or in many cases for a couple of months or longer. We all have skills of some kind, some of us don't know what they are but we are looking for those people who are willing to adapt, have initiative, and plunge in and help where needed – either with assisting with teaching and medical aspects, singing, playing sport, painting etc. To this end you will learn so much more about yourself and others. It can be a very humbling experience. As one child wrote recently 'Live simply and Aim High'.

Volunteering in the UK and worldwide: would you be prepared to help raise funds for this worthy cause?

General Donations: can be given towards the purchase of stable food (rice and vegetables), the building of sick bay and clinic, a hostel for 100 orphaned boys, a new mini bus, purchase of desks, bunks, tables, class rooms, a girls boarding house, clothing etc.

RAISING FUNDS AND HAVING FUN! There are so many ways to raise funds and it can be so simple. By combining everyone's efforts, then a little from everyone, becomes a pot of gold. Some ideas:

Schools could raise funds either via a Christmas or musical concert, a dance/dinner or mufti day.

Churches – if you are a member of a church, then ask if a donation can be made. We would be more than happy to talk and visit.

Companies – do you know of anyone who could support us either in the form of donations whether it be money, advice or gifts for a raffle/auction?

Challenges – would you be prepared to run, walk, swim, set a challenge and raise funds in the process? We work with Bmy charity which has a well developed and simple online registration for people to sponsor you and takes the hassle out of collecting donations.

Fashion Show – do you have connections with fashion retailers? This could be a fun evening/day out involving your friends and guests.

Lunches - Organise a lunch, invite friends around, charge them a fee of £10 and run a simple raffle. In the process, everyone has a great time and funds are raised.

Coffee Morning or Afternoon Tea - arrange with friends and neighbours with everyone contributing a cake, take a collection and sell off any left over cake to increase the donation.

Bring and Buy - everyone's junk becomes something that someone else wants – it can be fun organising a stall and transforming junk into cash.

Representation at Events – Do you know of where we could have a stand, talk to people? Spread the word by simply talking to people. If you want some literature, then we can provide it.

Quiz Night with friends and family and charge a small fee for them to come. Get everyone to bring some nibbles so that nobody has all the work. It is a fun way to spend an evening whilst at the same time helping others.

E-BAY Sale - sell any unwanted goods that are cluttering your home. This way, you will be rid of the object and you will never miss the money and can donate.

Race Night for those of you who like a bit of excitement. It doesn't have to cost the earth either. An afternoon racing could be taped on video and used to have great fun with family and friends.

Car Wash Sessions for the energetic youngsters to organise for friends and neighbours. You must, of course, ensure that you have the permission of parents as your safety is the most important thing. Even if you do mum or dad's car for a small charge it all helps KWTC.

Murder Mystery Nights - It is fun for everyone so they won't mind paying a small contribution for an evenings entertainment.

Copper or Silver Mining - encourage friends, family and work colleagues to drop their loose coppers and small silver coins into a collection pot and when there is plenty there simply bank it and send us a cheque. What could be simpler?

Every penny counts, and there is still so much more that we can do. Your donations really do make a difference. Heartfelt thanks.

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HELPING VULNERABLE CHILDREN FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

We are indebted to our sponsors and donors who support our work and make it possible for us to continue to transform the lives of poor, orphaned and disabled children on a daily basis.

Lately, We have been fortunate to receive word from one of our sponsors that they intend to leave KWTC a gift in their will. This act of generosity has prompted us to hope that there maybe other donors and sponsors will be prepared to consider supporting us in this way.

By remembering KWTC in your will, you can help us to be there for generations of children, living in desperate poverty, who will need us in the future. After taking care of family and loved ones, a small gift to KWTC will give disadvantaged children a chance to grow and thrive. Every gift, however small, will be gratefully received and you can be sure it will be used effectively, benefitting the children directly.

Leaving a Legacy - Your questions answered.

Why should I leave a gift in my will to KWTC?

A gift in your will, will cost you nothing during your lifetime and won't affect you now, but will one day make a huge difference to the lives of countless children living in desperate poverty in India.

Can I have a say in how my gift is used?

Of course, you can tell us what area of our work you would like your gift to support (eg: residential, education outreach, medical etc) and we will see that this happens.

The wishes of our supporters are very important to us, so if you would like to have your loved ones involved in deciding how the money should be spent, we would be more than happy to help.

Will it be enough to make a difference?

Every gift we receive, no matter how large or small, is important to us, and contributes towards changing young lives everyday. Even a small percentage of your estate can make a huge difference to KWTC and can mean the difference between a lifetime of struggle and a future full of promise for the children in our care.

What will it cost ?

Writing a will is not as expensive as you might think. Solicitors can provide estimates on request, but the cost will depend on how complex your affairs are.

How much does KWTC spend overall on fundraising and administration costs?

On average, over the last five years, for every 1 pound you gave us, we spent 93p to benefit children and used the remaining 7p to raise the next 1 pound.

What types of gifts in wills are there?

There are three different types of gifts in wills (legacies): residuary, pecuniary, and specific.

A residuary legacy is when a person leaves a percentage of their estate after all the other legacies have been made and debts cleared. One of the advantages of a residuary legacy is that it has the benefit of being inflation-proof and means you're less likely to need to update your will in future.

A pecuniary legacy is a gift of a specific sum of money.

A specific legacy is a gift of a particular item such as books, paintings, antiques, or jewellery.

Your solicitor will advise on the specific wording you need to use for different types of gifts.

What if I want to change my will ?

You need to remember that if your circumstances change, your will may become out of date or invalid. Ensure your will is up to date by either writing a new one or amending and updating your existing one using a codicil. A codicil is a document that amends, rather than replaces, a previously executed will. We recommend that you consult a legal professional to update your will.

Can I add KWTC to my existing will ?

Making changes to an existing will is simple. You will need to ask your solicitor to advise you on the drafting of a codicil, which will then need to be signed by two independent witnesses. Your solicitor will be able to provide you with a codicil document.

Will the gift in my will be confidential?

KWTC will respect your privacy at all times. We will not pass on any details of your will or any other confidential information.

If you would like to share your personal reasons or story, as to why you have chosen to remember KWTC, we would love to hear from you. This can be a great way to encourage others to consider this wonderful way to support our work in the future.

Careers Guidance Programme



On 8th July a careers talk was given by Lt. Col. Banshtu, recently in charge of the Southern Regiment of the National Cadet Corps. He presented various power point slides to explain how the Indian Army works. He spoke to the students from IX and above and explained to them the features and the benefits of being an Army officer and how to join the Army as an officer.



Kings School Kindergarten Visit- A Vegetable Market in Valliyoor

ACADEMIC SUCCESS



When we started Kings School in 2005 we achieved remarkable success at Sport. Competing schools started rumours that Kings was only a 'play school' and had no record of academic achievement or academic scholarship. Well, we proved them all wrong when our students started sitting public exams and achieving outstanding academic results. Now Kings is a school for academic achievement and sporting prowess and 2012 has seen our students obtaining excellent results in both 10th standard and Plus 2 examinations.

62 students sat 10th standard exams and of those 46 obtained an overall mark of over 80%. The remainder all scored over 60%. One student, Maxine Michelle, scored 493/500 with 100% in maths and social studies; she was ranked 1st in our Educational District and 4th in Tamil Nadu State which has a population of nearly double that of Great Britain. Well done to all.

KWTC Trust children, who attend Government Secondary schools, also achieved distinction in their Plus 2 exams with, for the first time, boys outscoring the girls.

Congratulations to all students who have brought credit to themselves, KWTC and to Kings School.



BURDEN CENTRE

We were delighted when our local Member of Parliament, Mr Ramasubbu, officially opened the "Burden Centre" on our Founder's Day on 4th August. The Centre now provides excellent facilities for many projects operated by KWTC and will be a useful resource for our outreach and residential programmes.

The Outreach office is located in the Centre where the staff manage the children and their parents on our Educational and Medical Outreach programmes. It will be the focus for all outreach functions including a day care centre and therapy centre for children with disabilities and provision of seminars, summer camps and educational courses for educational outreach children. Residential children will use the Burden Centre for evening classes, computer training and cookery classes.

The Centre has a big hall which is split into different activity areas of computers, physiotherapy & fitness, cookery, computers and sewing. There are offices, a kitchen, bathrooms and toilets.

The Burden Centre is a wonderful multi-purpose facility and we are very grateful to the UK Grant making Trusts whose generosity made it a reality.

KINGS TOWN

Many of you will recall that Kings World Trust for Children started in 1995, in a rural village called Chinnammalpuram, where we had a children's village for boys and girls. Everything changed two years later when we built a new home for the Boys on our Pudhur (school) campus and all our projects were focussed on this site. We tried to sell the Chinnammalpuram site without success so we have now turned it into an income generating centre or mini commercial site.

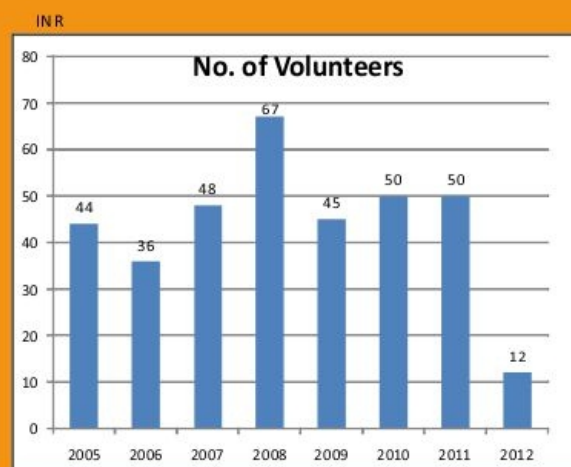
We have rented some cottages to local families; provided accommodation and dining facilities for an Engineering College which they use as a Hostel for 50 male students; run computer courses for budding computer students; provide Bed & Breakfast in Haslemere House (the old volunteers accommodation) for passing trade, and lastly we employ local ladies to do 'outsourcing' work rolling the cardboard tubing and paper for different varieties of fireworks for a major fireworks company in Sivakasi.

As a result, we have retained an increasing capital investment whilst producing a useful income which maintains the site, pays the staff and will hopefully make a profit which will be channeled back into KWTC projects.



Interns

*Economic Recession
and Changes to
University funding
in UK have seen a
sharp drop in Interns
coming to India*



Note : From year 2010 a team of 25 members from the Hockerill College have been visiting KWTCI

What Interns have to say.....



Rosie Keogh

I have had an amazing 9 weeks at the Kings World Trust for Children, and feel as though it has been an invaluable experience. I loved how the children were always smiling, and admired their positive attitude towards education.

During my time at the Trust, I taught English to Year 2 & 3, and helped 3 girls from the Trust for two nights a week each with their homework. I particularly enjoyed these evening study sessions, as I really got to know the girls and felt like I had a good impact on them regarding their learning. I enjoyed watching them progress and grow during the 2 months.

Overall, I have enjoyed my experience at Kings immensely, and have loved learning all about Indian culture first-hand. I hope to visit the Trust once again in the future.



Hannah Osborne

Overall, I am really pleased with my experience here at Kings World Trust for Children. I was given the opportunity to work with some great children and really get stuck into helping with the work that was to be done. The Outreach programme is which I feel strongly about. I was truly inspired by some of the stories I heard, the people I met and the work that Kings does for these families and individuals. I would love to hear as to how this is going to be developing over the next few months & years. I feel very privileged to have had the opportunity to have worked at Kings School, the school is amazing and I have had a great time here. I particularly enjoyed the fact that I was able to join in with another two interns here to run with the children in the mornings, which despite the 5.30 wake up, was so fun and it was a great chance to spend time with the children.



Jesie Shaw

During my three month stay at Kings, I enjoyed a variety of different experiences, including travelling around south India, teaching a wide range of ages and abilities, and getting to know all the children.

During my stay I spent a lot of time tutoring Jerin, a trust girl in year 3 who had just made the transition from Anaikullamschool. It was great to see her spoken and written English improve over the weeks, along with her confidence.

Setting up sustainable evening classes for the trust children gave a daily evening focus, and the classes were always fun and enjoyed by the children. These classes were so successful and improvements in vocabulary and confidence were seen after only a few weeks, and I recommend them to be continued by future interns.

The time I have spent here is something I will cherish, and I take many life lessons, fond memories and photos away with me. I would like to thank all the staff and children.



Julia Fishman

My experience at KWTC and Kings School was meaningful. I particularly enjoyed spending time with the Trust children. I helped organize evening English classes for the Trust children and worked to find way to be an effective teacher at Annaikulam. I also spend a lot of time in the evening helping the Turst children with their math and English homework during evening study. I found that working individually and in small groups with children was particularly effective and helped me establish meaningful relationships. It was a lot of fun to play indoor and outdoor games with the Trust children. I also got very involved in cooking.

Kings is such a wonderful place and I will always remember the friends I made and the work I did. I cannot wait to come back again and see how everything and everyone has changed and grown!



Bryna Rose Harris

This is the first time that I have been away from home for any length of time, so was fairly anxious before I came but as soon as I arrived here I was made so comfortable I don't want to return home. Everyone was extremely welcoming and I felt, despite the difference in cultures, I was able to fit into life here fairly easily. I was lucky enough to be able to go on an outreach visit within my first week, and I found this one of the greatest highlights of my visit as it really allowed me to see what life is really like for many in India. That visit is one of the greatest contributors to me wanting to sponsor a child here.



Louise Mayhew

Teaching at Kings has been fun as the children are all very enthusiastic and I was able to get to know one class particularly well which I enjoyed very much. The events that Kings have had such as the basketball tournament, KG Sports Day and Founders Day were all terrific and Founders Day was a great opportunity to meet some of the outreach children that I would not have been able to do otherwise.

Anaikulumschool was a different experience and one that I very much enjoyed as I felt like I was making a difference and the children there were so happy, energetic and eager to welcome me.

The outreach visits and physiotherapy sessions showed me just how effective KWTC is in helping the community and inspired me to be more proactive and grateful for what I have at home.

The experience of being at KWTC has been invaluable and I have enjoyed it very much. I would recommend anyone to come and be a part of it.



Barrai Hennebry

This is my third visit to Kings World Trust for Children and although there are changes every year the one thing that remains constant is the friendly greeting from all the children and staff. It had been almost two years since my last visit and it has been amazing to see how the children have grown up. It was even more amazing to see that the children remembered me which shows that despite the large number of volunteers that visit the trust it is still possible to build a special bond with the children that will last for years. When I look back on this trip I think some of my fondest memories will be jogging with the children in the morning and watching the occasional Tamil movie with them on Saturday evenings.

NEW ROLE FOR SISTER SHANTHA

Sister Shantha has been given the new role of Head of Child Care and Child Protection Manager. These new roles will give her overall responsibility for the management, administration & welfare of the KWTC Residential Homes and she will work alongside the Principal and House Masters of Kings School to ensure quality Child care and Child protection procedures are in place in the Boarding Houses.

Sister Shantha already has a busy role providing 24 hour medical support for the Trust and School Children, ensuring health and hygiene is up to standard as well as being leader of the Junior Red Cross Company at Kings School.

Her additional role will give her direct access to Mrs. Jyoti Motha who is the KWTC Indian Trustee responsible for Child Care and Child protection.





Production of The “THE LION KING” by Kings School Students

A group of 25 students from Hockerill College UK, a top government school in UK specialising in drama, visited Kings School in July 2012 and trained a number of children from Years 4 to 7 to perform “The Lion King”. The pupils narrated the story of two competing lions, one of which was the undisputed King of the Jungle and the other was his brother who was jealous and plotted to kill him. Ultimately good prevailed over evil and the original Kings son regained the throne. The students performed the Musical in front of all the pupils of the school together with Management and staff. Everyone who took part thoroughly enjoyed the theatrical experience and a number of talented actors were discovered!

All the students from Hockerill had great fun working with the School children to produce the Musical and at the same time they learnt a lot about Indian culture. Mr Kevin and Shamili, his wife, led the Hockerill team and expertly coordinated the programme.

The students from Hockerill also visited the local government school at Aanaikullam and worked on various activities there including painting the school and clearing the playground.

Mrs Pupsy, Principal, gave a vote of thanks in which she expressed the Schools gratitude for the hard work and efforts made by the Hockerill students making the visit a great success.

THE LION KING
Kings School, Tamilnadu, India
July 2012



TAMIL TIGERS

The Government of India has recently issued instructions banning the general public from entering any area in India designated as a 'Tiger Reserve'. This measure is intended to protect the tiger population in India which has fallen to an all time low and there is genuine concern that without protecting the habitat of the tigers, the species will become extinct over a number of years.

The new directive has caused genuine concern and disappointment to many people in India because many temples, historic buildings, beauty spots and picnic areas are located within the banned areas.

It has been the custom of Kings World Trust to arrange Sunday picnics for Trust children to the hills and waterfalls in a number of locations within the now restricted areas. We will now have to think again about our picnic spots and it is a great sadness that the wild beauty, flora, fauna, birds and wildlife of the hills and forests will no longer be accessible to Trust children.

Recent picnics to the Tiger Reserves have not disappointed the Trust children and this tiger was happy to pose with them for a photo opportunity.

Music Maestro



Not many school children can take off their school uniform on one day and return to the same school as a key member of staff on the next. Simon Peter has done just that; he completed his plus 2 exams and has now returned to Kings School as Music Teacher.

Simon joined Kings School in year 6 when it started in 2005 and has always had a keen interest in music. He has passed his piano grade exams, Trinity exams and obtained distinction in ABRSM (Associated Board of Royal School of Music). In Kings School he was a leading instrumentalist and a founding member of the choir. From an early age, he also played Keyboard in the Church where his father is the Pastor.

Simon Peter has two brothers studying at Kings School and he is working hard to obtain a BA in English through 'Distance Learning'. We wish him

JOKE



No wonder the Americans have financial problems; guess they thought they would never run out of money!

When NASA first planned to send up astronauts, they quickly discovered that ballpoint pens would not work in zero gravity.

To combat the problem, NASA scientists spent a decade and \$1.2 billion to develop a pen that writes in zero gravity, upside down, underwater, on almost any surface including glass, and at temperatures ranging from below freezing to +300 C.

Confronted with the same problem, the Canadians used a pencil.

HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS

This year KWTC is supporting 23 students who began their higher education in June 2012. The students have chosen various different and interesting courses that will provide them with the necessary skills they require to become independent adults. The trust will help these students during their respective degrees, diplomas or job training programmes.

Name of Student	Course Undertaken
Prashanth	Indian Army
Arulpandi	B.Sc. Catering Technology
Ajay	BBA
Tamilselvan	BBA
Esakkimaharaja	B.Com
Jegan	B.Com
Abisha	B.A. English Literature
Belsie	B.Sc Nursing
Ebenezer	B.A. English
Monica	B.E. Electronics and communication
Kavitha	Diploma in Nursing
Indhupriya	Diploma in Teacher Training
Mariammal	B.Com
Lincy	B.Com
Sudali	B.Sc Computer Science
Michael Renosa	BE
Binky	BE
Maharajan	ITI - Fitter
Mariammal	Diploma in Civil Engineering
Prakash	Diploma in Electrician Training
Sonia	Diploma in Nursing



Kings School hosted the State level Basketball Tournament

Kings School hosted the State Level Basketball Tournament in co-operation with the Tirunelveli District Basketball Association on the 20th, 21st and 22nd July. Mr. Raja Mani, President of District Basketball Association, and Mr. Mohan, Secretary of the District Basketball Association, were the guests of honour. Mr. Michael Rayappan, MLA of Radhapuram Constituency, inaugurated the function and gave an encouraging speech to all participants.

Twenty schools from all over the state participated. There were thirty teams both in the Junior and Senior category. In the Junior category four teams entered into the league – Kings Matriculation Hr. Sec. School, Vallioor; Vellammal Hr. Sec. School, Chennai; Syed Residential School, Coutrallam & Lasall Hr. Sec. School, Tuticorin. Among these, Vellammal school emerged as the winners and Kings school as the Runners up. Tamil Vannan of Vellammal school was given the 'Best Player of the Tournament' award.

In the Senior category, Kings School, Lassal, DBTR Hr. Sec School, Myladdudurai & St. Brittos from Madurai entered into the league. Each team put up a tough competition but Kings Matric. Hr. Sec. School from Vallioor emerged as the winners and Lassal received the runners up award. Hari Baskar of Kings School was awarded the 'Best Player of the Tournament' award.

Mrs. Popsy Persis (Principal) and Mr. Joshua (Head of Sports Department) along with his team, organised the whole programme. Uncle Colin, Founder and Chairman of Kings School, distributed the trophies and congratulated the winners. Mr J Navamani gave a vote of thanks and congratulated the winning team.

happy dussehra

let's celebrate the triumph of good over evil

In the months of Ashwin and karthik, Hindus observe a 10 day ceremony, of fasting, rituals, celebrations, and feasting, honouring the mother Goddess and triumph of Lord Rama over Demon Ravana. Dussehra also symbolizes the triumph of warrior Goddess Durga over the buffalo demon, Mahishasura. Primarily, dussehra is a celebration of good over evil.

Celebrate the triumph of good over evil by having a party!
Make it fancy dress and see how many turn to the dark side...

Ask your guests to do an incredibly GOOD thing and make a stand against the EVIL of child poverty in India by suggesting they donate £5 to Kings World Trust for Children.

For ideas and advice, please call Julie on 01428 729293 or email julie@kingschildren.org

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Thank you!

Founder's Day

Our 18th Founder's day was celebrated on 4th August and our VIP Guest was the local MP, Mr Ramasubbu. First, he opened the Burden Centre and was then escorted to the Abdul Kalam Hall for the entertainment. Our Trustees, Mr Ravi, Dr Kumaramurgan and Mrs Jyoti Motha were also present. Mr Ramasubbu made a moving speech highlighting the outstanding work carried out by Kings World Trust for Children both in the wider local community, in our residential homes and also by the provision of so many free places for poor and disadvantaged children at Kings School. He went on to present awards to Trust children Pushpalatha, Siva Sankar and Boopathyraja, who won the 'Best Child' awards. Mrs Ponmani won the award for 'Best Foster Mother' for her excellent work in

caring for Trust residential children.

Uncle Colin made a special presentation to Mrs Kanniammal on her retirement and he thanked her for her dedicated and hard work as a Foster Mother at KWTC for the last 15 years.

The highlight of the evening was a 'this is your life' presentation of the work of the Trust and the Founder Uncle Colin, over the last 18 years. It featured films and photos intermingled by a colourful, creative and talented display of dancing, drama and singing from boys and girls from the trust and from Kings School.

1000 residential and outreach children and outreach parents attended the event which concluded with a biryani supper and a stunning firework display courtesy of Standard Fireworks Ltd.



Christmas Celebration



The Trust Christmas party was held on Saturday, 17th December in the AK hall. There were around 900 guests present for this occasion including the residential Trust children, the outreach children with their parents, 26 ex Trust students, all the Trust staff and a few key staff members from Kings School. The hall was brightly decorated with rows of lights, stars and other Christmas decorations.

Uncle Colin welcomed the gathering and the Managing Trustee Mr Ravi, together with Trustees Dr Kumara Murugan and Mrs. Jyoti Motha. A cultural programme was performed by the Trust's boys and girls with music, dancing and various well-known Christmas carols. After the show food and drinks were provided for all. Mr. Navamani gave a speech of thanks to all the organisers and participants of this happy occasion.

Pongal Celebration



Pongal, a festival of the harvest season, is of great importance to farmers and all associated with the land. Prior to the festival, which lasts for 3 days, families spring clean their homes and during the festival itself, thanks are given to the Sun God for the harvest and to the oxen for helping to plough.

On Sunday, 15th January, the first day of the Pongal festival, all children and staff celebrated Pongal at Kings Haven. The feast of Pongal, sweet rice pudding was distributed amongst all the children.

Field Trip



On the 23rd August a field trip was arranged for students of std VII – IX & XI to see the Science Express at Kanyakumari - the fourth trip the science express was completing. It had twelve compartments – with different topics covered in each compartment. Topics included details about bio-diversity and bio-geography, Himalayas, gangetic plains, North East India, Western Ghats, the Indian desert, the semi arid Zone, Deccan peninsula, the coasts and Islands, climatic changes, bio-diversity and water, petroleum sources of India, previous faces of science and many more. The students found it very informative and enjoyed the day. They also enjoyed a short trip to Vattakottai.

WANTED

A MUSIC TEACHER AND AN ART TEACHER

Anyone who wishes and is qualified to teach MUSIC or ART to children at Kings School may contact the following address with their full CV and Experience:

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Story of a Student in KWTC's Residential Care

Pushpalatha, who is now in STD XII came to KWTC in 2004. She has two brothers, Srikanth and Anbarasan. Unfortunately, both her mother and father died separately within a year of each other when the 3 children were very young. They were initially cared for by their maternal uncle, but he found it difficult and could not afford to pay the cost of bringing up all three children on a long term basis.

Her Uncle learnt about the Kings World Trust for Children through a foster mother working here and asked for help. KWTC accepted Pushpalatha and her brother Anbarasan into the Trust Residential Care Programme when Pushpalatha was in Year 4. The following year, Kings School was opened and Pushpalatha joined in Year 5. Pushpalatha recalls, "I found it difficult to converse in English at first and was very shy, but my determination to learn English and the advantage of spending time with Volunteers, whose mother tongue was English, gave me confidence and spirit within me."

Pushpalatha's brother, Srikanth, has been in the KWTC Outreach Programme since A Level and has recently completed his Engineering course and is currently awaiting the result. His brother Anbarasan, has completed a Polytechnic course and is now working as a Clutch operator in Hossur.

Pushpalatha gradually improved her English speaking skills and did well academically. In Year X, she secured 393/500 and opted for Pure Science at A Level. She is doing well in her course and will take her Public Exam this academic year.

Since her childhood, Pushpalatha demonstrated strong leadership qualities. She always wanted to lead the class and has been a class leader twice during her primary and secondary schooling. She put her name forward for the Head Girl elections and feels very happy and proud with the affection and trust her fellow students have shown by electing her as the Head Girl of the School for the academic year 2012-13!

Pushpalatha told us: 'My ambition is to become an IAS officer and I will strive to achieve that role and would impart my duties impartially to serve the Community. I am grateful for all the support that I have received from KWTC management and staff during my childhood. Whatever I have or may achieve is thanks to the support and encouragement that KWTC has given me in preparing me to face the future.'



Pushy - the Head Girl of Kings School



Pushy aged 4

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