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newsletter

Kings World Trust for Children

Another Milestone in the History of **KINGS**

The foundation stone for the new Kings CBSE School was laid by His Excellency Mr Mike Nithavrianakis, British Deputy High Commissioner who is also the patron for Kings World Trust for Children in India.



Colin Wagstaff, Chairman of Kings World Trust for Children and Kings School, welcomed the huge gathering. Trustees including Mr Ravi, Dr. Kumaramurugan, Mrs Alice Leslie, Mr Rajendra Singh and Mrs Ranitha Rajendrasingh and Mrs Jyoti Motha plus Mr Chandra Gopal, UK Trustee, were present to support this new Kings School project.

Mr Navamani explained that Kings CBSE School, with a National curriculum, was being established to meet the academic wishes of the student and parent community. The project is well underway and it is planned that the new school will open in July 2014 ready for the next academic year. Mr Mike Nithavrianakis spoke to the audience expressing his appreciation to Colin for all that had been achieved in Kings School and the Trust and he wished all future pupils at Kings CBSE School every success and the best of luck. He encouraged all students to speak English and improve their English skills as having a good grasp of the English language was their passport to a successful career both in India and in the wider International community.



The speeches were followed by a colourful cultural programme of dancing, singing and instrumentalists from students of Kings School. Mrs Popsy Persis, Kings School Principal, gave special thanks to all guests and visitors who attended the function and she praised all the students of the 'Kings family' for making the programme such a great success. Visitors and guests attended lunch in the Burden Centre.

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The Queen's award

Mr. Colin Wagstaff, the founder of Kings World Trust for Children & Kings School, has been awarded the OBE medal by Her Majesty the Queen. This is one of the most prestigious personal honours that the Queen can make to an individual and is a formal recognition at the highest level of the exceptional work, dedicated service and achievements of Uncle Colin who received the award for his services to Education and Young Communities in Southern India over many years. Everyone at KWTC and Kings School would like to offer their sincere congratulations to Uncle Colin on his well-deserved award.

Colin founded Kings World Trust for Children in 1994 with the aim of providing care, education and training for poor, disadvantaged and marginalized children and young people. The charity operates residential children's homes, an outreach education programme, care for children with disabilities, tsunami relief, reconstruction and a programme for volunteers from outside India. The Charity started with 5 children and now cares for and educates and trains nearly 2000 with a staff of 200.

In 2004, Uncle Colin founded Kings School which is now one of the most successful schools in South India. It has gained a first class reputation for academic achievement and also for sports, music, art and Indian culture. Kings School offers a very large number of free academic and sports scholarships to bright children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Founders' Day

The nineteenth Founders Day of Kings World Trust was celebrated on Saturday, 3rd August 2013. This day is eagerly awaited by all Trust students who celebrate their Founders birthday by performing a varied cultural programme to honour the occasion. The evening was filled with colourful dances performed by both girls and boys of the Trust. The Best Child Award was shared by Gunaseeli and Roselin for the girls and the award was given to Subramanian for the boys. The Best Foster Mother Award was given to Mrs. Valarmathi. The Management also gave special awards to the best academic achievers in the Trust for 10th & 12th Standard. The awards went to Roselin in 10th standard and to Vinoth from 12th. Mrs Alice Leslie, Indian Trustee, Ms Kate Treitman, US Trustee and Ms Vikki Groves, UK Trustee, were also present and much enjoyed the programme. Many KWTC ex-students were present and enjoyed the celebration. Also featured is Anne-Marie Wagstaff co-founder of Kings World Trust for Children.



Our UK Trustees

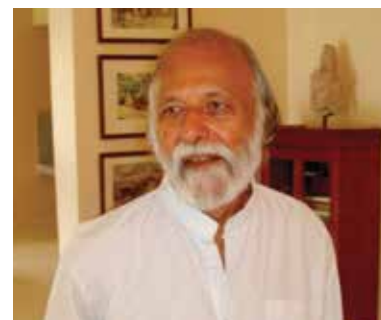
Bob Prophet

Bob Prophet was born in South Wales, UK, and chose a military career. During his career in the Army, he served in Northern Ireland, Germany, Belgium, Hong Kong, Bosnia and UK. He retired in 1999 and now spends his time repairing his old cars and exercising his Labrador dogs. Bob is married with two daughters. He was delighted to spend a week at KWTC in May 2011 and was honoured to be appointed a Trustee of KWTC in early 2013.



Chandra Mohan Gopal ATP arch, RIBA, AIIA

Chandra was born in Tanzania where he was educated before studying architecture in Kenya and England. He qualified in London and managed an Architects practice until his retirement in 2007. Since then he has completed the construction of a residence in Kerala. Chandra's main interests are painting, photography and gardening. In addition to English he speaks Punjabi and Hindi and rusty Gujarati and Swahili. Chandra and his wife greatly admire the work undertaken by this charity and wish to give it their full support.



Mike Walton

Mike has been a teacher for 36 years and has worked in a number of secondary schools in England undertaking a diverse number of roles including staff development and training and Head of Pastoral Care. Mike currently works part-time as a Behaviour Consultant in six secondary schools and mentors students helping them to manage their emotions and think positively. Mike has visited Kings World Trust for Children in India on four occasions since 2008 with his partner, Mary Villabona. During these visits they have completed inspections of Kings School across the age range, providing feedback to teachers and recommendations to the School management team. Mike is looking forward to fulfilling his role as a trustee of KWTC and will endeavour to do his best to further the aims of this very special charity.



Theresa Swann

Theresa and her husband, Ian, travelled and worked their way around the world for several years. During those early days of travelling, Theresa had very much enjoyed her time spent in India and always hoped to return one day. When she heard of Kings World Trust for Children, through Rotary International, she jumped at the chance to go and experience life in southern India – while helping with various aspects of the children's development and the running of the charity. Theresa was thrilled when she was invited to become a trustee of KWTC and looks forward to doing her best for the Trust, as well as many more visits to Tamil Nadu.



Mike Dyer

Mike worked as an electrical engineer and has experience of working in many developing countries. After retiring he worked in the UK charity sector and had a close involvement with the evolution of Kings World in India. He has a number of voluntary sector responsibilities, is a school governor in London, a Magistrate, and a Queen's Almsman at Westminster Abbey. Mike lives in London and his leisure interests include boating, engineering work on buildings and reading.



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Vikki Groves

We are excited to announce that Victoria Groves will be joining the UK Board of Trustees this year. Vikki has been involved with the organization since 2005 when she spent four months teaching and working in India as a volunteer. Vikki has continued to visit the Trust annually and she and her family sponsor children. Vikki has a background in anthropology and international development and currently works at an international development consultancy firm as a project manager. She lives in London.



Diana Green

Served as Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive of Hallam University UK until 2007 and responsible for its development and quality enhancement to 30,000 students and 5000 staff. Became a policy advisor to the Government and a consultant to business communities in the Midlands. Experienced Charity Trustee lately with Flying Scholarships for the Disabled. Awarded CBE in 2007 and Deputy Lieutenant of West Midlands Region. Experienced leisure pilot with own light aircraft and married to a retired RAF pilot, now living in Surrey.



Our USA Trustee – Kate Treitman

Kings World USA wants to thank its sponsors and volunteers for their ongoing support and involvement. We continue to seek individuals who are interested in becoming involved with the organization through donations or sponsorship or even volunteering in India. We are also excited to announce that we are currently seeking trustees for the US board. If you or someone you know might be interested in joining us in any of these capacities, please contact Trustee Kate Treitman at katetreitman@gmail.com.



A New Beginning for KWTC Children

We have recently received new rules from the Government for all Children's homes operating in Tamil Nadu State. These new rules now make it virtually impossible for KWTC to continue to run residential children's homes. After consultation with the UK and Indian Trustees, we have decided to close both the Kings Field & Kings Haven Children's Homes by 1st May 2014.

The Tamil Nadu Government's new approach is that children should be cared for in their own homes, if they have them, or in their local communities. KWTC is fully supportive of this policy and will work with the authorities to ensure a smooth transition for all children from residential care to outreach care.

Steps are now underway to resettle the residential children back with their families or guardians. They will now come under the outreach programme but they will be treated as 'super' outreach children with a special support package. We have had collective and individual meetings with all residential children and subsequently with their parents and relatives to explain to them all what is to happen and why. We gave assurances that we will support them in a manner which will be similar to that received in the residential care programme. The transition from residential to outreach will be handled sensitively and will focus on the individual needs of each child. We will monitor and support them on a regular basis. The plan is to close the children's homes entirely by the end of this academic year. Children who attend Kings School will be placed in the School Boarding Houses from June 2014 with the exception of those who are on the Kings School bus routes who will become day scholars. Sponsors will be contacted individually to keep them fully informed.



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Toppers in Public Exams

Madhumitha from Kings School scored the highest mark of 1173/1200 in the 12th standard Public Exams and she also achieved 1st place in our Education District. Subhashini scored 494/500 in her 10th standard exams winning first place in our school and 3rd place in our Education District also achieving 100% in her mathematics and science exams.

Roselin, a KWTC Trust student, came top in her Government school in 10th standard public exams by scoring 443 out of 500. She is now studying maths, science and computers at 12th standard in order to follow Engineering as her chosen career.



Roselin with her shield for coming first out of KWTC children in year 10 Public Exam.



Madhumitha receiving the shield from Mr Michael Rayappan, MLA, Radhapuram Constituency for coming first in the Educational district in her A level Exam.



Subhashini getting the award from Mr C Samayamoorthy, District Collector, Tirunelveli for coming first in the Kings School in year 10 exam.

Young Scientist...

Sweetlin Angel is an ambitious girl who has been very successful in her exams. She loves to study Science to improve her knowledge of the subject. Due to her hard work and commitment she received an 'Inspire Award' from the Science and Technology Department at Tirunelveli District for obtaining 100% in her 8th Standard Science exam. Sweetlin Angel is pictured with her Headmaster Mr. Devadoss and Science teacher Mrs. Rajalakshmi.



Sports stars from KWTC



Volleyball Champion

Grace Aruna, is a Volleyball player who has won the District Level Competitions in the Republic Day Sports in Beach Volleyball match. She also won the District Inter School Athletic Association Volleyball match. Her father was killed in a road accident and her mother approached KWTC to give Grace a high quality education which she could not afford from her low income. Grace is not only good in sports but is a high academic achiever which will ensure she has a promising future.



Hockey Captain

Muthukarrapan is captain of the junior boys hockey team at Kings School and is an outstanding hockey player who has represented the school in Tamil Nadu competitions. His early life was not so happy as he never knew his parents who both died when he was a few months old. His elderly Grandmother raised him and his brother but eventually she sought help from Kings World Trust for children. Muthu is now an energetic and ambitious 12 year old who studies hard and plays hard.



Basketball star

Manuvel Raja is a key player in the Kings School senior basketball team and he has played a major role in ensuring the school won many District and State Level Basketball matches. In May 2013, he represented Tirunelveli District playing in State Level matches at Erode.

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Football Players

Irudhaya Charles and Bhagwathi are keen football players. Irudhaya Charles took part in and won many District level matches. He is also competent at pole vault. Charles studies 9th standard in Kings School while his friend Bhagwathi studies 8th standard in a local government school. Both boys have attended many football matches and both play hard to enter the State Level matches.

Performing Art – Classical Dancer



Sonam Catherine is a multi-talented girl who is a high achiever in academics, sports & cultural activities. She has won many championship competitions performing the Indian Classical Dance – Bhartanatyam.



Upcoming Swimmers

Pictured are Sharmila, Thangapriya, Jerin & Sneha who have been swimming for the past 2 years. Within this short period they have entered many competitions and won many Gold, Silver & Bronze medals in the tri-district competitions. They all look forward to winning the forthcoming State level matches and work hard for it.



Sharmila acting the role of The "Little Mermaid"

A team of 24 students and 4 staff visited Kings from our UK partner school Hockerill College in Bishops Stortford and this is their fourth visit to India. The Hockerill students stayed for two weeks and played a major role in the life of Kings School and the Trust. They spent many hours auditioning, training and rehearsing children for a spectacular performance of the 'Little Mermaid' in which some 200 Kings children took part. Sharmila, a Trust girl who attends Kings School, took a leading role in the production.

The Angel in White

Sister Shantha has been with KWTC for the past 7 years and has a number of key appointments within the organisation. She is the Senior Child Care Manager for the Trust and the School and is the Child Protection Officer. She operates a 12 bed clinic and takes care of the medical needs of children and staff and oversees all health and hygiene matters. She is the supervisor of the Junior Red Cross Unit at Kings and coordinates all activities of Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Bulbuls. She is an integral member of our senior management team and a real asset to Kings.



Higher Education Programme

Belsie, (picture on the right) is delighted to know that her dream of becoming a Nurse will soon become reality when she completes her BSc Nursing course at Nehru College.



Michael Renosa is very proud of gaining admission to an engineering college. She is learning electronics and communication engineering, which is her dream career. This would not have been possible without the support of Kings World Trust.



Kavitha, seen here at her 'Lamp Lighting Ceremony', is taking a diploma course in general nursing in Dindigul. Her mother, who is a widow, is very grateful to KWTC for making this possible.



Outreach Programme

Abitha S is proud to be a pupil at Kings School. Her mother approached the Trust when she fell on hard times and Abitha attends Kings School under the Trust's Bursary programme.

Antonyraj was not sent to school until the age of 9 because he is a paraplegic and could not get to the school. The Trust has provided Antonyraj with a tricycle and now he is happily attending his local school.



Augustine is seen in this picture in his classroom with his school friends. His mother was helpless and found it hard to manage a family with four children after Augustine's father died. Augustine is supported by the Outreach programme of the Trust.



Karthick is studying in 10th standard. Widowed and destitute with two sons, Karthick's mother approached the Trust and is now working for Kings School as a cleaner. Karthick and his brother, Selvin, are supported through the outreach programme. Selvin is bright and is studying in Anaikulam Middle School and Karthick is studying in a Tamil medium Government Secondary School and looks forward to completing his GCSE's this year before going on to skills training.



Santhi & Selvan in their new house...

Santhi and Selvan have moved into their new house arranged for them by KWTC. The children had to leave residential care due to the new rules & regulations laid down by the government. They are now under the Trust's Super Outreach Programme and both study 8th standard in Aanaikullam School. Their mother has been employed as a cleaner at Kings School.

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What Ex-KWTC Students are doing?

Charlie's Saloon/ Men's Parlour

"Charlie and his brother Mariappan (both ex-KWTC students) run two thriving Hairdressing businesses in Vallioor. Despite this success, Charlie still has difficulty spelling the word 'Beard' on his tariff list which results in an unusual mix of customers!

Bear Trimming



A Life on the Ocean Wave...

Charles who is an ex Trust and Kings School student joined his first ship, a large oil tanker called MT Isis, as a Deck Cadet. So far he has sailed to Singapore, Dubai, Philippines and Vietnam and is now en route for Australia. He is seen plotting his ships position in the chart room.



Sam Nesaraj has been supported by the Trust for a number of years but has since qualified as a mechanical engineer. He is working as an apprentice trainee in the Nagercoil transport department and is enthusiastic about his future.



Martin has been helped by the Trust since he was a small child. He is now working as a sales representative for a car show room in Vallioor and is very confident about his future. He is proud to be supporting and taking care of his elderly grandparents.

Volunteers at KWTC

KWTC operates a Volunteers/Interns Programme which enables a large number of skilled and unskilled Volunteers of all ages visit the Trust and School in India. They contribute according to their respective skills supporting and working alongside the Indian staff who teach the Trust and Kings School children. They also coach sports & games, reading, choir practice, art work, cooking and many other activities. Volunteers come to KWTC either individually or in school groups. The volunteer/Interns programme is very effective in providing 'native' English teaching to Kings Students and by providing an International dimension to students and staff in rural India.



A happy Meeting!

Mr David & Mrs Sarah Smith visited KWTC on 15th July 2013 to meet their sponsored child, Sofia. They have supported Sofia's education from childhood until she completed her graduation. They were very happy and proud to meet Sofia who is working as a Tamil Teacher at Kings School. They also acknowledged all her hard work in achieving her current success and wished her all the best for her future. Sofia was very excited to meet her sponsors and was very grateful to them for helping her to become what she is today.

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Kings School Annual Day

Kings School celebrated its Ninth Annual day on 17th August. The event was held on the school playing field and over 3000 guests, parents, staff and children were present. The Chief Guest was Mr. C. Samayamoorthy, IAS, District Collector for Tirunelveli District. Mr Kumara Murugan, Mrs Alice Leslie, Mr Ravi and Mrs Jyoti Motha from our Indian Trustee Board were all present.

Mr Colin Wagstaff, Chairman, gave a hearty welcome to everyone and said it was an honour and privilege to receive the Collector at Kings School. Mr J Navamani, Correspondent, introduced the Collector and his personal achievements to the audience. The Annual Report for the School was presented by the Principal, Mrs Pupsy. The Collector then made a speech in which he encouraged parents to give their children the best education possible and added that this needed to be at a school with good facilities and top quality coaching in both academics and sports, such as Kings School. He emphasised that parents should not instruct their children what career to follow but should give them the freedom to choose their own careers and professions. He encouraged students to make maximum use of the school facilities. Prizes and proficiency awards for all classes were distributed and the Collector presented awards for the top achievers in 10th and 12th Standards.

Students from all standards in Kings School performed a varied selection of choral music, instrumentalists, Classical and western dances including folk dances from other States in India. The Kings School choir sang many songs and the traditional Indian instrument ' Veena' was played by some Indian music students.

The Annual Day and the cultural programme was a grand success and Mrs Chandra, the Middle School Head, thanked everyone for coming and congratulated all the participants for their wonderful performances.



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