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KINGS WORLD TRUST FOR CHILDREN – INDIA



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## *Hockerill College Visit Kings*

A team of 19 students with two teachers led by Dr. Kevin Purday, from Hockerill College, UK visited the Kings World Trust for children for the sixth consecutive year. As in previous years, the students undertook the concept of dramatizing a book into a play. They directed Year 7 students to enact the Roald Dahl book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.' The students felt that their vocabulary was improved by learning new concepts and text. The Hockerill team also felt overwhelmed with the hospitality shown by staff and students of the Kings family. They felt extremely privileged to have the opportunity to learn more about the culture and traditions in Southern India. The Hockerill team along with the boarders went for a picnic to Kanyakumari & Padmanabapuram Palace.



## *Eleventh Annual Day*

Kings School celebrated its eleventh Annual day on the 8th August. Mrs Vijila Sathyananth, Member of Rajya Sabha, was the Chief Guest while Mrs Bala, Inspector of Matriculation Schools, was the Guest of Honour. Mr Navamani, Correspondent gave the welcome speech and Mrs Popsy and Mrs Anu read out their Annual reports. Mrs Vijila and Mrs Bala in their speech encouraged the students to have high moral values and spirit and urged them to always set themselves the aim of achieving high. They thanked the school team for all their hard work. Uncle Colin along with the Trustees Mrs Jothi Motha, Mr Rajendra Singh and Mr Ravi were present on the stage.

The school attendance awards and the awards for those ranked highest in the state of Tamil Nadu in Years 10 & 12 were awarded with prizes and certificates. Furthermore a wide variety of cultural performances were presented by students of both Matric. and CBSE students. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs Chandra, who thanked each and every one who had worked hard to put on such a splendid show. The show was full of colour, vibrancy and energy and demonstrated dance, song, music and theatre from around the world.



## New Trustee to KWTC

Mr. Shankar, a cosmetic surgeon in UK is a new Trustee of KWTC and he visited Kings World Trust for Children, India, along with his wife and two sons on 17th July. Although his stay in KWTC was very short, he observed all the activities carried out in the Trust and also visited the classes that take place at Kings School. He was briefed about all the different programmes running in the Trust by the Chairman and Correspondent. We welcome him to the Kings family and wish him all the best for his future endeavours.



### Manjula is Back at the Kings Boarding House

Manjula joined the Trust after her father deserted the family. Her mother also then left leaving Manjula with her maternal grandmother who was elderly and extremely unwell. Following the closure of the childrens' homes at the Trust last year, Manjula went to live with her aunt. However, her aunt passed away suddenly and Manjula had nowhere else to go. She has now returned to the Kings School Boarding House and is attending school.



### Boys Visit to Tootukudi Fishing Community

A number of boys from the trust accompanied Uncle Colin to Tootukudi in July where they enjoyed watching the fishing done by the fishermen and also learnt about the different types of fishing boats and nets. They discovered more about the lifestyle enjoyed by the fishermen as well as the various hardships that they currently suffer due to different climatic conditions and inflation. They also had a chance to view the harbour and the various tasks carried out there.

## Kings Outreach Programme Gives Students the Chance of a Career



Vijaya who has graduated under the outreach sponsorship programme has joined Kings School as a 'Swimming Coach'. Vijaya is from a very poor family and is a graduate in Physics. She enrolled herself with the Kings Aquatic Club and is an enthusiastic learner. After her graduation she joined Kings School as a coach.



Pravin and his three brothers have made Kings World Trust their home since their father's death when their relatives threw them out on to the street. Pravin's mother started working as a cleaning lady, while the children went to school. Pravin is now completing an apprenticeship training at the Honda motor company at Vallioor.





Sujitha's Father committed suicide after a quarrel with the family. Her mother is doing casual labour work for minimum daily wages. The work is irregular and she finds it hard to manage the family with three children. Sujitha's sister was born with encephalitis and is completely dependent on her mother. Sujitha is supported through the outreach sponsorship scheme.

## Vaideki is New Head Girl at Kings School

Vaideki joined the Trust in 2006 and is a boarder at Kings School. Although her parents are illiterate and unemployed, Vaideki is very bright and has a lot of potential. She is a talented classical dancer and has been demonstrating very good leadership skills since she first joined the trust. It is great joy for us that she has been elected as the school Head Girl for the year 2015 -16. She is hoping to set an example and to shine in her studies as well. We wish her all the best in her studies and are confident she will take up her responsibilities with honesty and courage.



## Students Benefit from the Kings Bursary Programme



Due to poverty and family circumstances Chandana's mother ended up leaving school early and working in a mill. She acquired AIDS as a teenager, and Chandana's father married her knowing her condition. Luckily Chandana and her father are HIV negative, however, sadly her mother died last year and her father is earning very little working in a potash factory. Chandana and her father are battling against discrimination about AIDS in the community. Despite their financial difficulties, Chandana is very bright and enjoys attending Kings School under the bursary sponsor scheme and is doing very well. Her father is delighted with her progress.



John Stanley, a six year old boy, lost both his parents in a road accident. He is the youngest of three children who were all orphaned and left homeless. His maternal aunt initially took care of them but she had a big family herself and could not afford to give these three children a good education. She asked for help from KWTC who decided to take John Stanley into Year 2. He is an intelligent and active boy with a thirst for learning and a determination to achieve. He is very happy to come to Kings School and always has a smile on his face from the time he gets on the bus until the end of the day.





Sejutha, a quiet six year old girl, studies in Year 1 at Kings School. Her father used to bully her mother asking her to get money from her relatives. She suffered long term harassment, and finally Sejutha's mother had little choice but to leave the family home and stay with her parents. She has no other source of income and wanted to give her daughter a good education. Sejutha is very talented and an excellent student. She possesses good handwriting and is able to grasp new concepts quickly and more easily than others of her age. She sets high standards for herself in her work and is very active and intelligent.



Athisaya Linsan, a 5 year old boy lives with his grandparents. His mother died while giving birth to him and soon afterwards his father left him and got remarried. Athisaya was then cared for by his maternal grandparents. His grandfather, Mr Chelladurai is a labourer when possible and his grandmother Theresa is retired. Due to their old age, they are not able to support Athisaya's education, and sent him to a local government school. Athisaya is quick to grasp new concepts, and was bought to KWTC to receive a bursary place at Kings School where he can be helped to fulfill his potential. His teachers have found Athisaya mature and quick to follow instructions.

## Students in the Higher Education Programme



Gunaseeli has no home after her parents died of AIDS. One of the foster mothers working with the Kings World Trust referred her and she is now one of the Kings Family. Gunaseeli is a good student and is now doing a diploma course in general nursing and midwifery. She is not only good at her academic studies but is also very talented in extracurricular activities. Her tutors are very pleased with her progress.

### Students in Higher Education during the year 2015

ROSELIN	Bachelor of Civil Engineering
STANLY MATHEWS	Vocational Training, Fitter
PITCHAMMAL	Bachelor of Commerce
MONISHA.M	Bachelor of Arts
MERCY REENA	Diploma in Electronics & Communication Engineering
LENIN RAJA	Diploma in Food Production
JONISHA	Teacher Training
AUGUSTINE R	Bachelor of Commerce
JAISON	Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
ANURADHA	Bachelor of Commerce
SHIVA	Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
ARUN A	Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
GOPALAKRISHNAN	Vocational Training, Fitter



## Career Corner

Kings School provides career guidance to students in Years 9-12, which initially helps them to learn more about a wide variety of different careers and different jobs that are available to them. The Management organises a variety of external speakers to give a talk on their subject, and to brief students about how they can go about entering a particular career. The session is carried out fortnightly. The speakers are chosen according to the interests of the students which have been established through a one-to-one interview conducted by the Career Co-ordinator. During this academic year, the topics covered were about Chartered Accountancy and about available subject options for Year 11. In Career Corner we have more than 25 career oriented books available. We have the Career 360 degree magazine and a weekly employment news publication.



## Successful Stories of Ex-Students



Sam Antony and Jebashrill were together at the Kings World Trust and continued onto the same college doing a diploma in mechanical engineering. Both have been successful and are now in responsible positions at oil rigs. They enjoy travelling and their jobs.



Isaac Kirubakaran was with the Trust since he was six and is now an engineering graduate. He is currently working in a reputed college in Tirunelveli and looking after his mother. He is very grateful to the Trust. As a token of his respect and gratitude, he presented Uncle Colin and Mr. Navamani with a gift.



Mrs Thangamuthu and her four children were left homeless when her husband died. She joined the Trust as a foster mother with her children, while her children attended school. All her children have graduated now and are all at work.

Vijaykumar, her eldest son works as web designer, Rathi graduated in electronics engineering, Ajay has just graduated in business administration and has joined his brother Vijay in Chennai. The family is happy that they have been able to improve their living standards and are grateful to the Kings School.

Jaison was just six when he joined the Trust. Having lost both his parents and his sister his situation was desperate but he is now confident and enjoys life. Jaison left the Trust with a degree in Hotel Management and Catering. He initially worked in a five star hotel in Mumbai and has also spent time working in Gulf. He has now secured employment in USA and enjoys his new job. He is extremely thankful to the Kings World Trust and its supporters.







Gunaseelan joined the Trust after his father deserted the family. His mother was unwell and his mentally challenged uncle could not be any support to the family but a drain on their resources. He graduated in mechanical engineering and is now in charge of a wind farm. Gunaseelan is a very confident young man now and is shouldering the responsibility for his family.



Jeyakumar has returned from Chennai and is with his family in South Vagaikulam. He and his brother Ramarajan are running a travel business together. His sister Muthuselvi is working as a lab technician and her husband is working abroad. It was good to see them all together helping each other grow and supporting families and the community. They fondly remember their life at the Kings World Trust where they grew up, studied and are grateful for all the support they received.



Mrs. Ponmani with her two children Birla and Baskar joined the Trust having no means to survive after her husband's death. She worked as foster mother while her children attended school. Birla graduated as a lab technician, works and is married with a daughter. Baskar graduated in commerce and went to work in the Gulf. They have now built their own house and are a happy family.



Muthuselvi graduated through the Trust's Outreach Programme and is working as a teacher at Kings School. She is married to a chef and is expecting a baby. The family is very happy and is grateful to the Trust for its support without which she would have had a very low quality of life in her village. She remembers the Kings Family with fond memories and is thankful that her quality of life has improved.



Chellapandi and his sister Gracemani grew up in the Trust and graduated. Gracemani got married and Chellapandi went to work in Chennai. He is now the Marketing Manager at the Reliance company and is married to a nurse.



Ponrani joined the Trust after her mother's death and her father married again and deserted her. Ponrani qualified as a Montessori teacher and was working in Kings School. She is now happily married to a successful businessman.



# Sports News

Sharmila has been studying at Kings School since 2005. She has no father and was taken in by Kings World Trust for Children ten years ago. She started developing her potential in swimming at the age of six. Now fifteen, she studies at level 9 and is performing well at district and state level swimming competitions. She set the record in the 50M breast stroke at district level. She has been selected to participate at state level in the open age Chief Minister Trophy Swimming Meet for the 50M Breast Stroke event. She hopes to become a national swimmer in the future.



Arun who joined Kings School in June 2014, is originally from Namakkal. He is from a very low income family but received a Basketball Scholarship at Kings School. He showed his talent in basketball last year representing Tamil Nadu in the Under 14 Basketball Team as Vice-Captain. Later he was selected for the Indian National Under 14 Basketball Team and attended the National camp in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Arun is keen to become a Naval Officer in the future.



Ashok and Manuel Raj are trust boys studying in Year 12 in Kings School. They have been playing Basketball for the last seven years. They started their basketball career at the age of ten at the small court in LC. The two boys are responsible for many Kings School victories at district and state levels. Manuel Raj is also playing a role as captain for the Kings School Basketball Team. In the future Ashok aims to become a basketball coach and Manuel is hoping to become a Navy officer.



## Director's Visit to UK

On the 19th September, Mr Navamani, Director of the Trust, went on a two week trip to the UK. He attended a fundraising music concert organised by Zara Lee in Wiltshire. He attended an official meeting with Mrs Theresa Swann, Mr Mike Dyer, Diana Green, UK Trustees. He visited Hockerill College to see next year's students, the careers department and school & staff development planners. He also did other official visits and returned to India on the 4th October.

*He is pictured here with Colin Uncle on the deck of an old British Naval warship, HMS Warrior. One of Uncle Colin's ancestor's was an officer on this ship in 1860.*



## Tragic Accident

Arvind (Harvi) joined KWTC in 2005 under our Residential Care Programme. After finishing School he studied for a degree in Catering and Hotel Management, and was working in Hotels in Chennai and Sivakasi. Harvi was tragically killed in a motor cycle accident on 5th January 2015. He will be sadly missed by all at KWTC and by his many friends and colleagues.

# Interns' Visit

Ginny Troughton

Ginny arrived to KWTC in March 2015, and spent about five weeks at the school. She says, "My time at Kings has gone a lot quicker than I thought it would. I've had the chance to get to know so many of the students, through the short drama production, playing sport, study time and just talking to people around the school. It is a very impressive school, but for me what make it special are the students themselves. Teenagers in England and India like to talk about the same things, be it music or sport and they just want to chat and have fun. I was immediately put at ease. The teaching style is very different to the one I am used to but the students really seem to engage and enjoy their studies. I have the upmost respect for any teacher anywhere in the world; it's not a job I envy."



## Barrai Hennebry

Barrai has visited KWTC and Kings School for the fifth time and spent about eight weeks in India. He believes each visit has strengthened his relationship with the organisation and the children. He commented, "The recent addition of the CBSE curriculum has been a massive achievement. I have also had the great privilege of witnessing the children grow up. Despite the growth of the school the community atmosphere still exists, and this small community is very willing to welcome new members from all over the world. The staff members are always willing to help, the teachers appreciate input from the volunteers and the students always enjoy chatting with new visitors. All it takes is a little effort and a friendly attitude."



## Zara Lee

Zara visited KWTC during July 2015 and had a six week stay. She said about her concert, "On the 20th September 2014 I organised a concert for the Kings World Trust for Children. The Concert was held in St Michael's Church in Mere, there were a variety of performers from guitarists to singers, even having an organist who was an audience favourite; consisting of my friends and fellows from Milton Abbey School. There were 230 audience members which led to high pressure yet a lot of excitement among the performers. The performers chose their own songs which ranged in genres, from pop to rock. I myself took part in the concert and sang a number of pop songs." She was able to raise funds for the KWTC through such activities and also had a raffle.



## New Building for KINGS CBSE SCHOOL Opens the door for 300 new bursary students



Kings CBSE School was opened in June 2014 and for the first year it was operating from an existing Trust building on the Kings School Campus. Now a brand new complex has been built and all the CBSE students moved into this new School building in June 2015. This new 'state of the art' School building has sixteen Classrooms, Office, Library, Computer lab, Maths lab, Toilet blocks and Play area. The whole building, including classrooms, is under CCTV surveillance. This facility will enable Kings School to take 300 new Bursary Children from very low income and disadvantaged backgrounds. KWTC is very grateful to all the generous donors who have made this possible.

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