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BREXIT MEANS BREXIT

There are great challenges in the UK with implementing Brexit over the coming years. Stock markets have risen but the pound has fallen against all the world currencies including a massive 20% fall against the Indian rupee. The immediate consequence for Kings World Trust for Children in India is that the fixed sum transferred monthly from UK in pounds sterling now is worth only 80% of its pre-referendum value in India. This has a huge impact on the ability of our Indian charity to fulfill its commitments to the poor and disadvantaged children and young people who are in the care of the Trust.

We do need help in plugging this big financial hole to continue our current projects in India and your support would be wonderful. Please consider increasing your monthly standing order or make a 'Brexit' donation to Kings World Trust for Children.



THIS IS WHERE OUR CHILDREN ARE COMING FROM...



SPONSOR A POOR CHILD IN INDIA

Kings World Trust for Children operates a Child Sponsor scheme which enables individuals or families in the UK, USA, Ireland and other parts of the world to be personally involved in the life and education of a poor or disadvantaged child in southern India. Sponsors can opt to support a designated child or just contribute to our sponsorship fund. They can also choose to sponsor a poor child to attend Kings School or give their support to a poor child living in the local community. Sponsorship details are available on our website www.kingschildren.org where potential sponsors can complete a sponsor form and donate online.



How KWTC Changed their lives...

STELLA



Stella, aged 16, has a calm and silent nature and is known as a very hardworking student in Kings School. Stella lost her mother when she was three years old. Along with her sister, she was cared for by her grandmother. A year later, in 2004, her Grandmother came to KWTC in need of support, and Stella was accepted into the Trust Residential Care whilst initially attending Anaikullam Elementary School.

When Kings School was started in 2005, she joined Upper Kindergarten. She enjoyed life with Kings World Trust for Children under the Residential Programme and comments that the days lived with her Foster mother and the care and hospitality given by KWTC has a place deep in her heart that will never be forgotten. Stella told us that she enjoyed every moment with her friends, staying under one roof, sharing everything regardless of colour, cast and creed. While in the Residential care, she learnt Classical dance for eight years and participated in Sports such as swimming, Volleyball and Kho-Kho; even swimming competitively at a District level.

Stella is very friendly, polite and kind to everyone. When the Trust Residential Care was closed due to Government Policies in 2012, she returned home to stay with her grandmother. Stella is very academically able and learns concepts quickly. Skating, Art, and Western Dance have been her activities of choice at Kings. In her std 10 public exams, she scored 480/500 and continued to study Maths-Biology as her major in std 11.

She comments, 'I miss my house in the Residential Care. I miss the love, affection and care given to me by the Foster mothers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all and the Management who have changed my life and allowed me to reach my potential and live life to the fullest.

PRAKASH



Prakash is a native of Siriyanthur, a village near Tirunelveli. At the age of 4, his mother died of Cancer and his father died when he was 6. His aunt came to seek help from Kings World Trust for Children. Prakash was brought to Chinammalpuram where he lived under the care of Foster Mother Latha for four years and studied in Government School in same village.

In std 4 he joined Kings School. He found that he was motivated by his teachers, particularly Uncle Colin, who gave him lessons in English Communication and taught him about practical life. When he entered std 6, he moved into Kings School Boarding, where he felt like he was entering a "totally new world". Prakash told us that Kings School taught him about life, sports, behaviour in society and so much more.

In his std 10 public exams during March 2012, he achieved 416/500. Following this, he chose Maths-Computer as his major group, and scored 849/1200 in his April 2014 std 12 public exams. He decided to pursue Hotel Management, was given admission to Chennai's Amritha and is now in his final year of a three year Hotel Management course. Today, Prakash expresses that without Kings World Trust, his life would have been well below the poverty line. He is proud to be an ex-student and member of Kings. Along with his studies, he is working in a part-time job as a Store In-charge, which gives him practical knowledge.

BELSIE



Belsie, aged 22, is now working in Apollo Hospital in Chennai as a Nurse after successfully completing her B.Sc in Nursing at Nehru Nursing College (a four year Degree Course).

Belsie was 7 years old when she lost her mother, and 9 years when she lost her father. After her mother passed away, Belsie came under the shelter of KWTC. She was sent to TDTA Primary School at Chinnammalpuram before moving to Anaikulam School and then again to Aloysious School for Higher Secondary Education. She wished to pursue Nursing and with a little help from KWTC was able to successfully gain admission and complete the course.

"I would have not had this lifestyle if I was not a member of KWTC which provided me with love, affection, education and the presence of Volunteers at home who taught me and my friends how to communicate in English. Every moment in KWTC was beautiful and will be forever remembered in my lifetime. The picnics; the celebrations; the fights among friends, nothing was less than time spent by any other child in their home. I miss everything so much, and now even though I have formed a career, still long to stay at KWTC."

UMA MAHESWARI



Uma Maheswari lost her father to AIDS when she was six years old. Her mother is still suffering from AIDS and is undergoing treatment. Uma has an older brother, Arun Kumar, and a younger brother, Manoj. At first they were taken care of by their grandparents, who later sought help from KWTC. Uma and Arun came under the Residential Care for three years, after which they wished to stay with their mother and went back home. Uma and Arun thereafter completed their education under the Outreach Programme. Uma completed std 12 scoring 903/1200 and is now studying for her Diploma in General Nursing Midwifery, which she will have completed by next year, while her brother studied Mechanical Engineering after std 12. Now, Arun is working as a Mechanical Engineer in a windmill.

Both have found their family situation and life styles improved due to the education they received, and they are happy to feel the improvements within their standard of life.

GRACE ARUNA



Grace Aruna studied in a Tamil medium school up until std 5. Due to poverty, her father turned to KWTC for help, and in June 2008 Grace joined std 5 in Kings School. In December 2009, her father died in an accident and left the family with no income left to lead their livelihood. Soon, Grace came under the Residential care and continued her studies at Kings. Grace states that her life in KWTC was unforgettable as she got opportunities to experience many new things like playing Volleyball, learning Classical dance, special coaching in Communicative English through Native speakers and beyond this the love and affection she received from her foster mother. She spent four years in the Residential care until std 9 when children were moved from the Residential care to Super Outreach, she went back home and continued her studies as a day scholar. She told us that she enjoyed all her time at KWTC, especially the food, and today she misses it all.

Grace learns new concepts very easily and quickly and attains 'A' grades in all her subjects. In her std 10 Public exams, Grace scored 492/500 and has taken Maths – Biology as her major. She is working hard for her up-coming std 12 Public exams in March 2017.

Grace was rewarded for her efforts when she was selected to be the Head Girl of the 2016-2017 academic year by the student and staff body with 509 votes.

She is thankful to KWTC and her sponsors who made this day possible in her life.

HENNIE YOUNG

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time here and found the experience very rewarding. I stayed at Kings from 11th January – 26th February. I thought that everyone at the school was incredibly welcoming and helpful and I enjoyed teaching the children in various subjects including music, art, sport, English, Science and Social.

The level of care and support I received as a volunteer was excellent and I think the school is doing a fantastic job in raising bright, kind, ambitious pupils."



CLARA SIBAUD

"I really enjoyed my time at Kings, in particular being with 3rd and 4th standard and the children who attend study prep, as well as helping out in the kitchen and swimming with the older girls. I found the school environment really nice to be in as it is relaxed yet hard-working and all the children clearly enjoy going to school. The children and staff are all incredibly friendly and made us feel like a part of the school, even though I was not here for very long. I would definitely recommend it."



SALLY SCHOFIELD

On June 22nd 2016, we received a visit from Sally Schofield. Sally is the daughter of Arthur Burden, who was the Chairman of Burdens Charitable Foundation which contributed towards the building of our Burden Centre. Sally has been a trustee of the charity for 20 years and visited us to experience the work we do here at Kings. In England, Sally works as an Occupational Therapist, therefore she met and assessed one of our pupils to see if any improvements to their treatment or mobility could be possible.



VISIT BY MCLEANS

On June 28th 2016, Malcolm and Anna Mclean paid us a flying visit alongside attending business meetings outside of Kings. In 2014, the Mclean family, including their three sons Oscar, Archie and Fergus, spent 3 months working and studying with us, so it was lovely to have Anna and Malcolm back on campus with us. They met and spent time with their sponsor children and Anna kindly donated some phonics books to kindergarten.



KARL LEATHEN'S IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Mr Karl Leathem from Impact Measurement Lead of Chartered Accountants, London, visited KWTC on 3rd August. He spent a week here, during which he met with the Senior Management team and key people within the Institute. He personally met the Bursary students, Trust students, Students under the Outreach Programme, Ex-Trust students and the parents of Bursary students to understand the changes in their life after coming to Kings School. He also heard about the overall impact, besides academics, that Kings had on their lives.



VISIT OF MR SHANKAR, UK TRUSTEE

Mr Shankar, one of our UK Trustees visited KWTC & Kings Schools on 2nd August 2016. He met the Chairman and Correspondent and paid a visit to the assembly at Kings CBSE School to hand out prizes to students who had won internal competitions.



MARRIAGE OF SOBHI

Sobhi, one of our Ex-Trust students got married on 22nd August 2016. Sobhi studied under the Trust Outreach Program and completed her education with a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Tamil and then completed her Bachelor of Education. She began her career in Kings School as a Tamil teacher for Primary classes, and successfully completed five years.

She is very thankful to the Chairman, Uncle Colin; Director, Mr. Navamani and her Sponsors Sara, Jane and Jeremy and says that today she is “respected in Society and feels secure due to the support, care and guidance given by KWTC. Wherever I am, I will miss KWTC.”

We wish her a happy married life and all the very best for her future.



MARRIAGE OF RATHI

Rathi's father, Mr. Velu was working in KWTC as a Driver. When he suddenly died of heart attack, his wife, Mrs. Thangamuthu along with her four children Subha, Vijay, Rathi and Ajay were left alone with no livelihood. She joined KWTC as a Foster mother, which paved the way for her and her children to work, live and be educated. All 4 children were sent to school.

Rathi worked hard and studied well. She was obedient and disciplined and after completion of std 12, She studied EEE (Electrical and Electronics Engineering) and started working for a company.

Rathi and her family now lead a good standard of life, with all of them working in Chennai. Rathi is working for a company in Chennai with a good salary. She is now happily married.





BURSARY STUDENTS PERFORMANCE IN KINGS ANNUAL DAY WAS APPLAUDED

Kings Schools celebrated its 12th Annual day on 19th August, 2016. 300 Kings Students participated. Mr. Navamani, the Kings Director gave the welcome speech. Mr. John De Britto, the Registrar of Manonmanian Sundarnar University was the chief guest and gave a speech persuading students to use their brains to think critically and told them that they should be proud to have a holistic education at Kings. He gave away prizes to the toppers and Achievers. The Best Teacher Awards were given to Mrs Chandra and Mrs. Thaya for all their hardwork and effort put into making it another successful year.

Kings annual report was read by Mr Frederick, the Principal of Matric Schools and Mrs. Anu, the Principal of CBSE Schools. The cultural programmes were based on the theme of 'Humanity', and the characters Mother Theresa, Abdul Kalam and Vivekananda's work were highlighted. The message given throughout was very clear: that everyone should be good to one another and

those in need. The cultural programmes were a great hit and were appreciated by every parent.

45% of our Bursary students participated and their performances were energetic, expressive and all students' performances were highly applauded by the spectators.

The vote of thanks was given by Mrs Chandra and the programme came to an end with the singing of the National Anthem.





KINGS SCHOOL ACHIEVES STATE RANK

In 2015's Std 10 exams, we are pleased to announce that we were ranked as 3rd in the State, 2nd in the Revenue District and achieved 1st place in the Education District with the outstanding results from our own Shanusa Bight R. Her exceptionally hard work was rewarded with an amazing 497/500 marks, scoring 100% in Maths, Science and Social Science. She was followed closely by Elango Dinesh P, with a result of 495 and Keshiga Kevin J with 494 out of 500.

Standard 12's Plus Two exam also made us proud with yet another 1st place in the Cheranmahadevi Education District. Topping these results, Rekshiny.T achieved an astonishing 1181/1200 with 2nd and 3rd place being awarded to Jeshma with 1177 and Anlin Tom Subaitha who attained 1176/1200.

The Kings Management and staff would like to congratulate them and all other students who sat exams for their hard work.

CONGRATULATIONS

Three of our Bursary students who sat their std 12 Public exams in March 2015 have secured Medical College Placements following their hard work.

Jeshma J, who achieved 1177/1200, has received a placement at Kilpauk Medical College in Chennai based on her outstanding marks.

Sarah Sundar S has been rewarded a place at Triunelveli Medical College as a result of achieving 1173/ 1200 in her 2015 +2 examinations.

Mari Muthu N, who achieved 1169/1200, has received a placement at Kanyakumari Medical College, Asaripalm in Nagercoil.



Kings congratulates all 3 students for the effort, motivation and perseverance that enabled them to reach their goals. We extend to them all our best wishes for the future.

SHINING STARS IN SPORTS

Gowsik Raj S, Ananda Kumar E, Anandha Kannan B, Vetriselvan A and Dhanuj S all come from backgrounds where their parents were unable to afford to pay for their education. They all loved playing Basketball, but they had no training facilities and began to fall behind.



They joined Kings School to Std 7 & 8 in 2013. We encouraged their academic abilities and provided them with a high standard of basketball training and daily access to the facilities for practice. They have all since excelled in their basketball abilities and competed in many district and state level matches.

Anandha Kannan represented the Tamil Nadu Basketball Association team and played the 2015 mini Nationals held at Pondichery. He also played in the SGFI mini Nationals held in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

Dhanuj S represented the Tamil Nadu Basketball Association team and played the 2014 mini Nationals held at Nasik, Maharashtra.

Vetriselvan has been selected to represent the SGFI Games to be held in 2017 under the age group of 17.

Ananda Kumar & Gowshik Raj competed in the Tirunelveli District level match for the age group of under 13's held in Tuticorin during 2015.



Rekshiny, a KWTC Bursary student proves her talent and achieves first in the Education District.

Rekshiny made Kings School proud by scoring 1181/1200 in her std 12 Public exams in March 2016 - the highest mark in the Cheranmahadevi Education District! She comes from a low income family background. Her father is an Auto Driver and mother works for daily wages.

Rekshiny was a very calm and sincere girl. She proved to be hard working and committed to her work. Her success was due to the determination, willpower and concentration driving her towards achieving her goals. She thanks the Management for providing her with education and supporting her with boarding accommodation, good food and encouragement. She is now studying in her first year of B.Com in Holy Cross College, Nagercoil and is still working hard with the aim of supporting her family in the future.



BURSARY STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS IN SWIMMING

SANJEEV ATHAVAN K

Sanjeev Athavan of std 4 has studied in Kings School since 2011 when he started in LKG. He began learning to swim in Kindergarten. Within the first year, he had participated in the 2011 Kings Aquatic Trophy in the 4 x 25m medley relay and won third place at the age of 4.



He is devoted and committed and attends his swimming classes with great interest, never missing any classes. In 2012, he attended the State Level Swimming Competition held in Madurai and won two golds and one silver medal. In the same year, he competed in the District Swimming championship held in Tirunelveli, and participated in the 25m Fly and 4 x 25m free style relay, winning the silver and bronze medals in his age group. He also attended the Tri-District Swimming championship held in Tuticorin, where he won three gold medals. He swam in the Michael Memorial Cup Swimming Competition and won one gold and two bronze medals.

Also in 2012, he participated in the SDAT Competition held at Chennai and achieved 3rd place in the 25 m Breast stroke. In the 2013 District Championship, Sanjeev won four gold medals and also won the title of "Individual Championship".

In 2014, Sanjeev again competed in the District Swimming Championship held in Tirunelveli, winning 2 gold and 1 Silver medals. In the Tri – District Swimming competition for Schools held in Tuticorin, Sanjeev won 3 Gold medals and again won the title of "Individual Championship" in the age group of Under 7.

In 2015, in the TamilNadu State level Swimming Championship, held in

Madurai, he entered the 25m breast stroke and backstroke and won Gold medals in both. In the 25m Butterfly and Freestyle, he won Silver medals. In the State Level swimming competition held in Virudhunagar, Sanjeev won three gold medals and for the third time won the title of "Individual Championship". In the Tri-District Swimming Competition held in Tuticorin, he won five gold medals and was again crowned the title winner.

In the State Level Swimming Competition held at Virudhunagar in 2016, Sanjeev won the Silver medal in 50m backstroke. In the 8th State Level Swimming Competition held at Madurai in August 2016, he swam in the 50m backstroke and freestyle and won Silver medals in both. In the District Swimming meet, Tirunelveli, he swam the 200 IM, 50m Butterfly, and 4 x 50m Relay, winning Silver medals in all three events.

SUDHEESH

Sudheesh comes from a financially poor family from the state of Kerala. He lost his father at a very young age, and his mother earned a very small livelihood to feed them. It was under these circumstances that Sudheesh's Mother asked for help from KWTC. Sudheesh joined std 2 at Kings School and became a Boarder. He is active and alert all the time and consistently maintains his punctuality.



At the time Sudheesh was not familiar with either Tamil or English but has since learned both. He started Swimming and was trained for Competitions. After intense training and coaching, Sudheesh participated in the 2016 District Swimming Championships and won the gold medal in the 4 x 25m free style relay and bronze medals in 100 IM and 25m Breast stroke. In the 8th State level Swimming Championship, Madurai, Sudheesh attained the gold medal in the 50m freestyle.

JEYASELVAN, BURSARY STUDENT SELECTED TO PLAY INDIAN BASKETBALL TEAM

Jeyaselvan, std 8 is selected for the under 23 Wheelchair Basketball Indian team. Jeyaselvan who has been studying in Kings School since his std 1 is attacked by polio in his three months age. He is playing Basketball since into Kings School for the past 4 years. Jeyaselvan participated in the Tamilnadu Wheelchair Basketball championship 2016 held at Erode during September 22nd - 26. After competing in this State meet, he is now eligible to play the Tamilnadu State team.

Jeyaselvan is performing well and with his determination, he is selected to play the Indian Wheelchair Basketball team, in the Asia Pacific World Championship qualifying round which will be held at Bangkok on 21st January 2017. Jeyaselvan, along with his coach Mr Velmurugan is congratulated by the Chairman - Founder of Kings Schools, Mr. Colin Wagstaff and Correspondent - Co-founder, Mr. Navamni.



PERFORMING 'PETER PAN' WITH THE HOCKERILL TEAM

The Hockerill team from Hockerill Anglo- European College visited Kings Schools in July 2016 for the seventh consecutive year. 22 college students participated under the guidance of Mr Kevin, Mrs Shamiela, and Mrs Anne Rajkumar. The team taught drama, music and dance to the students of std 7 for their performance of 'Peter Pan' on 15th July. Peter Pan was about the importance of dreams and putting those dreams into practice. The performance was an outstanding success and was appreciated by the whole audience. Each and every character participated with great enthusiasm. The drama helped the students in sharpening their phonics, pronunciation, fluency in English and acting skills. Every year the students of std 7 get this blessed and privileged opportunity to be a part of an original native speaking English drama team at Kings School.

Thank you to the Hockerill team and to Mr. Kevin, who is the man behind making this happen every year.



KINGS TOWN TURNED INTO STAFF QUARTERS

The Kings Town in Chinammalpuram, has now been turned into Staff Quarters. Teachers coming from far off places, have been given quarters in Chinammalpuram with all the required facilities.

The other office at Chinammalpuram is also now being converted into quarters, as the first building is occupied by Kings Staff.



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