

SUPPORT A BETTER FUTURE FOR INDIAN CHILDREN



India has an overall population of 1.3 billion, with 900 million people living in rural areas of the country. High birth rates, heavy dependence on agriculture and natural disasters have contributed to the continued poverty in rural India that affects around 300 million people.

Farming in India relies heavily on monsoons that bring rainfall and irrigate the land. This means that erratic weather, cyclones, water shortages and droughts all have a huge impact on agriculture and can cause damage to crops.

Environmental factors are not the only causes of poverty in rural India; societal factors play a large role as well. Many people living in rural areas lack the physical ability to work. Individuals may also face problems such as drug addiction or alcoholism. Other factors that increase the poverty rate include a poor educational system, limited access to medical care, poor or non-existent sex education and a lack of available birth control methods.

One main social issue related to poverty in rural India is the custom of child marriage. Solutions to this problem

include stricter law enforcement against child marriage and proper education regarding family planning for those living in poor socio economic conditions in rural India.

Due to the high poverty rate, many rural areas in India now have to depend on loans with relatively high annual interest rates. While this seems like a good solution to the poverty crisis and reduces the immediate pressure of economic needs, in the long run, it will negatively affect these rural areas. Such loans lead to future debts and increase the need for funds to pay back the loans.

Better solutions should be adopted to help relieve financial stresses in rural India, such as a compulsory education allowance and poverty subsidies from the local government.

To sum up, poverty in rural India is caused by many factors. Possible solutions to reduce the poverty rate include stronger surveillance of land, stricter enforcement of the legal marriage age, widespread awareness of birth control, better access to medical resources and increased support for low-income families. The more solutions for poverty, the better the prospects for rural India.

To try to break the cycle of poverty in our part of south Tamil Nadu, Kings World Trust for Children and Kings Schools are empowering children and young people with leadership skills, self-confidence, life skills and an intense community awareness. Over the last 25 years, Kings has already provided life changing opportunities for thousands of young people. With your support, we can give a better tomorrow to many more children by transforming their lives and giving them a sustainable future.

PLEASE SPONSOR A CHILD.

KINGS SCHOOLS' PUPILS HELP WITH KERALA FLOOD RELIEF EFFORT



When the North East Monsoon hit parts of Kerala with a ferocity and intensity not seen in 100 years, the State was soon paralysed by torrential downpours. The Monsoon turned peaceful rivers into raging torrents, sweeping away everything in its path. Thousands of homes disappeared under water, leaving hundreds dead and thousands stranded without water, food or medical supplies. The airport runway at Kochi was likened by one horrified journalist to the Amazon river in full flood.

It was into this picture of massive efforts by multiple official resources that the pupils of the Kings Schools stepped in with their own contribution towards helping the thousands of dispossessed citizens of their neighbour state. With a willingness and application that fully lived up to the Schools' ethos of public service and community spirit the girls and boys at the two Kings Schools gathered together a kaleidoscope of items to ease the suffering of the flood victims. Clothes, toiletries, toys and other items were quickly gathered together and sent to the flood relief coordination authorities for onward passage to those in need. Every pupil at Kings contributed- it was truly an inspiring effort by all.



As news of the catastrophe spread around India and the world, the relief effort began. Troops and Kerala rescue services were mobilised, along with thousands of volunteers in getting supplies to those stranded across vast areas of the State.



AN INCREDIBLE TRANSFORMATION IN TWENTY-TWO YEARS

Jeremy Nelson Smith describes his impressions on returning to the KWTC after 22 years

Cycling 3,700 kilometres through India

I first met Colin Uncle in the early 1990's after reading about the KWTC in the local Haslemere newspaper. I was immediately captivated by the vision and ambitions of the organisation and decided soon after that I would help to raise funds by undertaking a bicycle ride from Kashmir, in the very north of India, to the country's most southern point at Kanyakumari - a distance of 3,700 kilometres.

With my friend Jason Wells, we completed this epic, most memorable journey in 45 days, arriving at Kanyakumari to be greeted by Colin Uncle and Navamani, who had ridden there on a scooter to welcome us. After taking the appropriate photos of ourselves standing on the rocks at the 'end of India' we rode our cycles to Chinnammalpuram, against a very strong head wind-I remember it very well. A strong head wind is not the cyclist's friend!

The welcome we received from everyone at the KWTC village was overwhelming, from both the children and staff and both Jason and I soon realised that our fund raising efforts had been totally worthwhile. We spent some happy days there before returning to the U.K.



Returning to the KWTC after 22 years

After my daughter India spent three weeks as a volunteer at Kings Schools in 2015 I was determined that my son Finn should have the experience to see, as she had, the wonderful work being done by the KWTC in changing the lives of so many boys and girls. He was enthusiastic about doing this, especially as he had never visited India before. Accordingly, I arranged with Colin Uncle for us to visit in August 2018.

Impressions on returning after 22 years

So, what were my impressions on returning after so many years? Well, I had some idea that the KWTC operation had expanded considerably and my daughter had told me something of the size and scale of the Kings Schools campus, but to be honest until I passed through the gates I really had no idea of how incredible the change from the original children's village in Chinnammalpuram had been. It is quite frankly awe-inspiring to see both schools, filled with bright, happy, smartly turned out children and the dedicated staff who help make so many opportunities possible for the girls and boys. The facilities available to the pupils are quite outstanding, the extra-curricular activities on offer are as numerous as at any other school I can think of and the whole operation is clearly run with a dedication, thoroughness and attention to detail that many schools in other countries could learn from.

I applaud and salute all those involved in the KWTC and its work and fully expect the organisation and its schools to go on from strength to strength in the future.





For the Eighth consecutive year, a team from Hockerill Anglo- European College (UK) visited Kings School during the month of July. Similar to previous years, there were 24 students under the leadership of Mr. Kevin Purday and teachers Clare and Lindsay.

The Hockerill team met the children in two sessions; in the morning they were divided into four groups for the general intern programme - to improve the English language skills of the children. In the afternoon they rehearsed with class VII children for the final day performance of 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin'. Rehearsals took two weeks. It was a great opportunity for the students of year 7 to explore themselves by interacting with native English speakers.

On 20th July, they performed the final version of the 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin'. Set in the German town of Hamelin in 1284, the play tells the story of a terrible rat problem with characters playing the parts of rats, mysterious visitors, hypnotized children and the mayor. Music and dance accompanied the comedy.



KINGS SCHOOL RECEIVES STATE AWARD FOR HYGIENE - SWACHH VIDYALAYA PURASKAR

The Union HRD Ministry recently introduced a scheme of special awards under the 'Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar' programme to schools across the country. Those who demonstrate cleanliness in their school campuses are recognised. The provision of portable drinking water, proper maintenance of toilet blocks and hand washing facilities (with soap) is evaluated.

Schools which maintain clean premises are awarded 'Thummai Palli' (clean schools) on the basis of the performance of the school in fulfilling the mandate of the Swachh Vidyalaya Campaign.

Kings Matric Higher Secondary School, Vallioor has been chosen for this year's State Award. The correspondent Mr.J. Navamani, a student representative Nithish Selvan and the district coordinator Mr. Jebarson - received the award from Mr.K. A. Sengottaiyan, State Minister for school Education, at the 'State Awards Function' held in Chennai. The award carried a cheque of Rs. 30,000 and citation.

VISIT OF VOLUNTEERS

Eliza Mould, visited KWTC on 5th January. She assessed the children in the Kindergarten in reading and learning the alphabet. In the Primary classes, she held reading assessment for all junior school and remedial class for Marwin. While in the Middle School she provided English classes for Thamodira Muthu of Year 6 and also supported the French classes for Year 11 and 12. In the CBSE School she held reading assessments for Years 1-5 and supported a few students with extra tuition. Two days a week were spent in the kitchen learning Indian cooking and helping the kitchen staff. She played basketball with the girls during the evening sports and games and finally, accompanied the junior students on a field trip.

Alice, also arrived along with Eliza. She also worked in the Kindergarten, teaching the children using play. In addition she taught in the Junior School for the students of Year 1-5 and in the evening held remedial classes for a few students of Year 1. She also taught in the CBSE school twice a week and attended the kitchen and art centre as well for assisting the staff in their work.

Both Eliza and Alice attended the Tamil Culture day and enjoyed seeing the traditional ways from the past. They left on 4th February.

Mr. Mike Walton and Ms. Mary

Mr. Mike and Ms. Mary visited KWTC during the last week of January and spent about a week in KWTC observing the work of the school. Their main focus was on inspecting lessons in all blocks - Junior School, Middle School and the CBSE. They spent a day in each block and whilst also focussing on those with special needs. They presented a detailed report and were impressed by the teaching and improvements that have taken place in recent years.

In addition they visited their sponsored children, Siva Balan and Sejutha, and spent some time with them.



Mr. Chandra Gopal and his sponsor children

Both, Mr. Chandra Mohan Gopal and Ms. Nisha Gopal (his daughter) visited KWTC on 6th February for a day. They were impressed with the extension of building works in the Junior School and CBSE. They also visited their sponsored children, Irdhaya Charles, John Stanley and Isravel, giving them gifts and wishing them all the best for their studies.



Col. John Townsend

Mr. John Townsend, a friend of Uncle Colin, visited KWTC on the 3rd of February. He took part in Tamil Culture Day held at Kings School and visited Vattakottai, Padmanabapuram Palace. He was shown around the schools, and remarked on the building improvement works. He visited the Medical Outreach carried out by KWTC. In addition he watched basketball matches and edited the Trust website.



Mr. Malcolm Mclean and his wife Anna

Mr. & Mrs. Anna Malcolm visited KWTC on Wednesday, 21st February. They attended the morning assembly and met their sponsored children Jeyaselvan and Sheetal.



Mr. Jeremy Nelson & Finn

On 23rd August Mr. Jeremy Nelson and his son Finn visited KWTC for three days. Jeremy describes his impressions on returning to the KWTC after 22 years. He had taken videos of all the facilities inside the campus like the swimming pool, art block, transport yard and activity centre. Finn helped with editing the content of the newsletter.



Mr. Carsten & Mrs. Ulla Fischer

Mr & Mrs. Ulla Fischer visited KWTC on 21st October and spent three days on the campus. They met their sponsored child Subbalakshmi at her home and enjoyed interacting her with her mother and sister. The next day they attended the morning assembly at Kings School and visited Subbalakshmi's classroom.



Ms. Victoria Foot, Ms. Alice Elphick and Ms. Antonia Dodson

Ms. Victoria Foot, Ms. Alice and Ms. Antonia visited KWTC during the third week of November, spending four days at the campus. They helped the children of Kings School with their reading programme in the libraries and one-to-one spoken English. They also helped in editing the content of the school newsletters. Ms. Victoria Foot met her sponsored child Kannan at his home and spent some time with his family members.

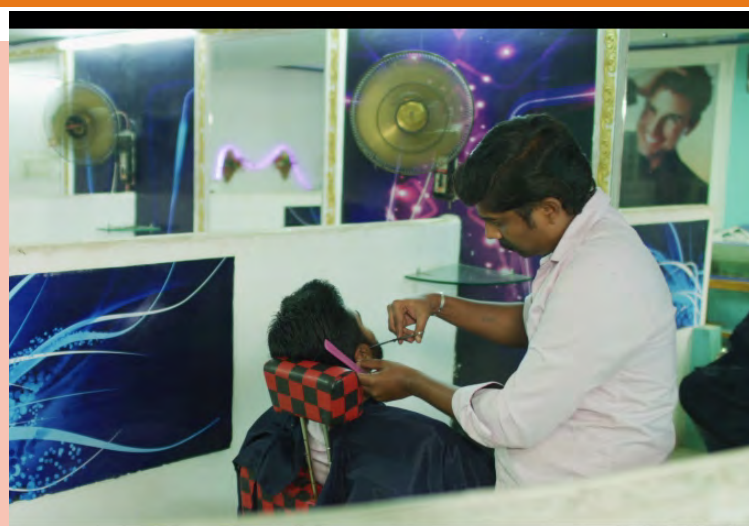
During their visit, Ms. Alice and Ms. Antonia, were highly impressed with our work and both adopted a child from Kings School. They then visited them at their homes and spent some time with their families.

KWTC CHANGES LIVES

SUCCESSFUL STORIES OF EX-TRUST STUDENTS

CHANDRAN and MARIAPPAN

Chandran and Mariappan lost their father when they were ten and eight years old respectively. The family was left with little support leading their mother to seek help from KWTC. Both the children were taken into the Residential care of Kings World Trust for Children and attended Anaikullam School. Chandran completed his Std IX and following this, a one-year beautician course in Chennai. He successfully completed his course and was supported by KWTC to start a beauty parlour and is successfully running the shop which is called Charlie Parlour at Vallioor. Mariappan completed year 8 and works alongside his brother in the shop.



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ANNAPARVATHY AND VIJAYASARATHI

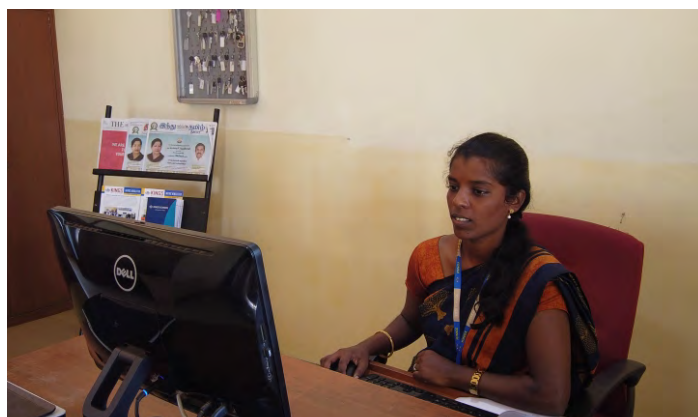
Ms. Sophie Baker visited KWTC during the first week of April and spent three days with us. She visited her sponsored children Annaparvathy and Vijayasarithi at their home and spent some time with them. She spoke of being very proud of the two girls who are now fully qualified midwives. She also sent her best wishes for married life to Annaparvathy on her wedding 25th April, 2018. Annaparvathy graduated through the KWTC and was working as a staff nurse in Ananthi Hospital, Nagercoil. She got married on 25th April, 2018; the wedding was arranged by her parents in her native village. A few of the staff members of Kings School attended the wedding and wished her well for this new start, hoping for joy and happiness in her married life.



JASLIN'S STORY, BECOMING AN OFFICE ASSISTANT AT KINGS CBSE SCHOOL

TAMIL SELVAN

Tamil Selvan came to the trust when he was at 11 years old along with his younger brother and mother. His father had left the family and married another woman. His mother was unable to take care of the children and approached KWTC for help. In 2005 they were taken in to the residential care of KWTC. His mother started work for the Trust. He was educated in a Tamil Medium school along with his brother. Afterwards he completed a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration at a college in Nagercoil and a Master's degree in Business Administration from SRV college, Coimbatore. Then he got selected to work as a Senior Associate Manager in the City Union Bank through a campus interview conducted in the college. Now he has begun working in the bank and is able to take care of his family. He is very thankful for the support he received from the Kings World Trust for Children.



Jaslin came to the Trust when she was in class IV along with her younger brother Immanuel Prabhu. She lost her father, who was sick when she was 2 years old. Her mother earn a small income making idlis but this was insufficient to cover the educational costs of the children. Her mother sought help from KWTC. Both of the children were taken into the residential care of the Kings World Trust for Children. Jaslin completed her Diploma course in Computer Science Engineering. She is now married and with one child. Recently she has started to work as an office assistant in Kings CBSE School. Without Kings World Trust for Children, she and her siblings' future could have turned out very differently.

LOURTHU MARY

Lourthu Mary lost her father in childhood and came to the Trust with her brother and mother when she seven years old. Her mother worked as a foster mother in Kings School. She completed her higher secondary in a Government School and then obtained a Bachelors' Degree in English, a three year course, with the help of KWTC. Afterwards she completed a Master of Arts and a Master of Education in English. She then began work at Kings School as an English teacher for two years until her marriage. She is now happily married to a government teacher from Tirunelveli and has one son. She is very grateful to the Trust for the support she was given to her during the time of school and college education.



CHANDRAN

Chandran came to KWTC at the age of fifteen. His father was a farmer with an alcohol problem. He has two brothers and two sisters. His mother was unable to take care of the five children and so sought help from the KWTC. Chandran was taken into the residential care of KWTC. He completed his higher secondary and then a Bachelor's Degree in Zoology, a 3 year course, with the help of KWTC in John's college. He went on to a Master of Science in Ecology and a Diploma in Pharmacy. He is now running his own pharmacy in Vagaikulam near Tirunelveli along with a medical representative job. He is now married, blessed with two children and is living happily with his family. He is very grateful to the Trust for the wonderful opportunities that it has given him.



KANNAKI

In 1996, due to poverty Kannaki's parents approached KWTC for help and she was taken into residential care. She was supported by the Trust from Class X through to her B.Sc. degree course. Afterwards she completed M.S.c degree course and then worked for five years as a teacher in Kodaikanal School. For the last two years she has worked at the Kovilpatti SFS Matric School and is now in search of another job nearer to Tirunelveli. She is very grateful for the support of KWTC, without this help she would not have been the first in her village to gain a B.Sc. and M.Sc.





EDWIN

Edwin came to the Trust when he was 12 years old. After completing higher secondary School, he did a Bachelor of Physiotherapy at RVS College, Coimbatore. He is now working as a Physiotherapist in charge of a rehabilitation centre, located in Coimbatore. He is very grateful to the support of KWTC, living happily and taking care of his family.



MUTHU SELVI

In 1994, due to poverty Muthu Selvi came to the Trust along with her two brothers and two sisters. After completing her higher secondary in a local government school, she did a Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology (DMLT) and started work as a lab technician in a lab at Tirunelveli. She is married to a painter who works abroad and has two children.

ROSELIN: NOW WORKING AS A GOVERNMENT NURSE

Owing to her father's poor financial situation, Roselin's future was secured when she was taken into the care of KWTC aged 9. Roselin studied at the school from class V to XII. Then she did a Diploma course in Nursing at a college at Thiruvannamalai. She is now working as a nurse in a Government Primary Health Centre in Burkitmanagaram, Tirunelveli. She has two children and her husband works as an accountant in a private company. She is very grateful for the support of KWTC, without which she would not have been able to attain this position.



DIANA

In 1995, Diana came to the KWTC along with her siblings as their family had fallen into poverty. With the help of our Trust she completed higher secondary at a local government school and then did a Bachelor of Commerce degree from a college in Kallikulam. Afterwards, she worked for five years as an accountant in a private company at Vallioor. Now she is married to a Technician from Parapadi and has settled in Chennai. Additionally, she has a certificate in Montessori Training from the Montessori Training Institute in Chennai. She has one girl and is very grateful to the Trust and the support she received between 1995-2008.



SUBBULAKSHMI

Subbulakshmi lost her father when she was 6 years old. Her mother died when she was in Year 8. This left Subbulakshmi and her older sister orphaned and under the care of their elderly grandfather. After completing Year 10, she sought help from KWTC and was admitted under the Outreach Programme who supported her to continue her education. She completed her Year 12 and then joined B.E. (EEE) in Loyola Institute of Technology and Science, Thovazhai for Higher Education which she completed in April 2017. She worked in a private institute for 3 months which due to health issues she left and is now in search of another job.



GOTHAIR

Gothai was four-year old when her father left the family. Her mother started doing small household work to earn her livelihood. When Gothai was six years old, her mother was able to admit her to Kings World Trust for Children, Chinnamalpuram, where she attended the local school in Year 1 and 2. In 2008 she was moved to Kings Field and started going to Anaikullam School and completed her Year 8. She did her Year 9 and 10 in Aloysious School. In 2012, when the homes were closed, she went to stay back with her mother and her education was supported by KWTC. She completed her higher secondary and did her Lab Technician course, a one-year course, with the support of KWTC. She completed her course in April 2017. She was immediately placed in Bala Hospital as a Lab Technician. She is happily working and gets a small salary of Rs. 3,500/- p.m.



SWEETLIN ANGEL

Sweetlin Angel lost her father when she was three years old and her mother when she was nine years old. She was looked after by her paternal uncle and aunty. Due to their low income, the family could not take care of Sweetlin and her two elder sisters. Therefore, they enrolled Sweetlin Angel at the age of 10 in 2009 under the care of the Trust. She was taken into residential care and attended a local government school until Year 5. While at the Trust, she was an obedient and disciplined girl, and excelled academically. She completed her Year 10 public exams scoring 478/500. Then she completed a Diploma in Electrical and Electronics Engineering course in May 2018 and now works in Sharon Solutions Limited, a smart card manufacturing company, at Pondicherry.

PRAKASH

Prakash's mother died when he was four years old, and his father died when he was 6 years old. He was enrolled into KWTC by his grandparents. Prakash initially attended a local government school and then later joined Kings School in Year 4. He completed his Year 12 - A level exams and then did his higher education in B.Sc. Catering and Technology, a four-year course, at Chennai. Now after successfully completing his course, he is working in Zion Elite Residency, a three-star hotel at Kodaikkanal, a tourist spot. He was recently promoted to Manager in the same hotel.



MAHESHWARI

Maheshwari lost her father when she was young. She along with her siblings joined KWTC who provided them with residential care. Maheshwari attended a local government school and completed her schooling. She started a Diploma in General Nursing and Midwifery, a three-and-a-half-year course. Now she has completed the course and is working as a nurse in Annalekshmi Hospital, Vallioor. She was honoured for scoring top marks in all subjects.



UMA MAHESHWARI

Uma Maheshwari lost her father while she was young. Her mother has HIV. Uma Maheshwari has an elder brother and a younger brother. Due to poor financial circumstances, Uma Maheshwari and her elder brother were taken into KWTC's residential care. Both completed their education in a government aided school. Uma Maheshwari did a Diploma in General Nursing and Midwifery course at the Excel School of Nursing a 3 and a half year-long course, where she was honoured for scoring the second rank in all subjects. She now works as a nurse in Venkadeshwara Hospital, Tirunelveli.

BELSIE

Belsie is the elder sister of Prakash and was looked after by the Trust's residential care. Belsie completed her education in a Tamil medium instruction school. She attained a B.Sc. in Nursing during her higher education studies, a four-and-a-half-year long course. She worked in Apollo Hospital in Chennai for about six months. Due to the climate, she came back to her home town and is now working in Nehru Nursing College as a tutor.

CHRISTOPHER

Christopher, who was taken into KWTC under their residential care scheme, attended a local government school. After completing Year 10, he joined a Diploma course in Mechanical Engineering (3 year course). He successfully completed the course scoring good marks. Now he has joined the Mahindra Showroom Company and is in his training period. He is very thankful to KWTC for what he is today.



JEYAKUMAR

He was a Trust boy in the KWTC boys home, then the Chairman's driver at Kings School. He then spent 3 years driving lorries in Tuticorin. Now he is a driver of Rhock Hospital in Tirunelveli. His wife is working as a nurse in Arumugam Clinic at Pettai and his children go to Noble Kids Primary Matric school near Tirunelveli.

TRUST ALUMNI MEET ON MAY



The KWTC Alumni meeting for 2018 was held on 1st May at Kings Town, Chinnammalpuram. The meeting started at 11.30 am with a prayer by Mrs. Prabha Navamony. The Welcome Address was delivered and a cake-cutting undertaken by Mr. Prakash, Ex Manager of KWTC, to share in the happiness of the day. The Alumni, along with their children made the day very colourful. Most alumni members from various batches shared their experiences. They expressed their gratitude to the staff members who were working in the Trust during their time. The Vote of thanks was given by Mr. Immanuel, Alumni of the trust, 2009-2010 batch. Following lunch the alumni went to meet their ex-accountant Mr. Jayaraj who is ill at home. They then playing cricket on the campus, remembering the old days they spent on the same campus. The entire programme came to an end with a photo session around 3pm. Finally they all visited Kings School to inspect the new infrastructure and left the campus with a great joy and sweet memories.

Participants are:

- 1.Kannaki (1996-2001)
- 2.MuthuSelvi (1994)
- 3.Jeyakumar (1995-2001)
- 4.Ponmani (1997-2010)
- 5.Diana (1995-2008)
- 6.Immanuel (1996-2010)
- 7.Lourdu Mary (1998-2011)
- 8.Chandran (1995)
- 9.Anita Jothimani
- 10.Edwin
- 11.Roselin (2000-2008)
- 12.Antony Raj (1995-2000)
- 13.Charley Chandran (1995)
- 14.Mariappan (1995)



STUDENTS UNDER HIGHER EDUCATION

Kings World Trust for children has 26 students in class X & XII. An update on a few students and their higher studies is given below:

CLASS X:

Sandeep scoring 285/500 marks joined a Diploma course in a polytechnic college, Cheranmahadevi. Selvin, who scored 224, is doing her diploma course in Electronics & Communication Engineering in PET Polytechnic College, Madappuram. Godson scored 214 and joined an ITI course in Vallioor. Idhaya Sujith scored 195 marks and joined an ITI course in Macro ITI, Vallioor. All the other 10 students chose their streams in class XI and are going to their classes regularly.

CLASS XII:

Ishwarayamuthu: She has passed plus two scoring 1109/1200 and joined a Bachelors of Commerce degree course in Saradha Arts College, Tirunelveli.

Vasantha Raja: He has passed plus two scoring 1041/1200 and has secured admission for a degree course in Sadak Abbdhulla Arts College near Tirunelveli.

Selvakumari: She has completed her year 12 public exams scoring 791/1200 and has joined an Electronics and Communication Engineering course in Loyola Engineering College, Thovazhai.

Muthukaruppan: He has joined a Bachelor of Science (Electronics) course in St. John's College, Tirunelveli.

Sujitha and Sujika have joined a degree course in Aringar Anna College, Arazhvaimozhi.

Nahum: He has secured admission for a degree course in St. John's College, Tirunelveli.

Mari Selvan: He has joined a BBA course in Rajas College, Vadakkangulam.

Santhosh: He has joined a Bachelor of Science (Chemistry) degree course in Manonmaniam College, Govindaperi.

Jeba Vijaya: She has joined a Diploma in Electronics and Communication Engineering in Hitech Polytechnic College, Samugarangapuram.

MURUGAN



Due to his family's low income, Murugan was admitted into the residential care of KWTC and started attending school at Chinnammalpuram from Year 2 to Year 4. He has a little sister, who is now studying in Year 10 in a government aided school in Concordia, Vallioor. Later Murugan was moved to Anaikulam School to study in Year 5. The very next year, he was moved to Year 6 to learn lessons in English. He was an average student. In 2013, his father left the family and the family was left with no income. Their mother started a labouring job and started earning a small income to feed the family. In Year 10, in the public exams, Murugan scored 377/500. He opted for Commerce Computer Science in Year 11 and in his Year 12 scored 777/1200 in the public exams held in March 2017. Murugan is now doing his 2nd year course in a Bachelor's of Commerce in Marcogisis Arts College, Nazareth.

KEERTHANA

Keerthana lost her father to ill health when she was 10 years old. Her mother suffers from Tuberculosis. Keerthana has six elder siblings. She joined KWTC under their residential care and attended Kings School from Year 5.



She completed Year 12 successfully this year and has started a Bachelor of Arts, doing a major in English, at Panagudi Manonmaniam Sundarnar University.

SUBRAMANIAN

Subramanian lost his father when he was five years old. His mother was left with no earnings and got help from KWTC. Subramanian then joined KWTC for residential care and attended a Tamil medium school from Year 3.



Later, he joined Kings School from Year 5. Initially he found it difficult to learn in English but gradually became more skilful and started communicating in English. He successfully completed Year 12 and joined a three-year Bachelor of Computer Applications in Johns College, Palayamkottai and is doing well in his final year.

VENICE

Venice lost his father in an accident when he was nine years old. His mother used to roll beedis to earn a small income. Venice has an elder and younger sister. Venice joined KWTC when he was twelve years old under the Outreach programme. He continued his studies through the support of KWTC. Now, he is supported under the Higher Education Programme and doing his third year B.E. in a nearby PET Engineering College.



GRACE ARUNA



Grace joined KWTC in 2008 when she was 10 years old and was admitted into Year 5 in Kings School. She was in residential care for four years up to Year 9, and then moved into the Super Outreach, as a day scholar. She scored 494/500 in her Year 10 public exams. She opted for Maths Biology in her A level exam and scored 1159/1200 in her public exams. Grace is now in the Higher Education Programme doing her second year B.E. in a Government Engineering College, in Tirunelveli. She has been attending college since 21st August, 2017.

MUTHUMARI

Muthumari was under the Outreach care of KWTC and joined Kings School from Year 3. With the help of KWTC she has completed her school education. Now, she is doing her 2nd year Bachelor's Degree in English in the TDMNS College, Kallikulam. In her 1st year exams, she scored a 'B' grade in all subjects. Her aim is to become an air hostess and she is working hard to achieve this.



ARUL



Arul joined KWTC when he was 6 years old after losing both parents to HIV. He was under residential care and attended school at Anaikulam. In Year 9, he moved to being a day scholar completed Year 12. After completing his 'A level' exams where he scored 750/1200, he is doing a second year B.E. Mechanical Engineering at Einstein College, Allankullam.

STELLA

Stella lost her mother at very young age and was taken into the care of her paternal grandmother. Due to financial hardship they sought help from KWTC. Stella was then taken into the residential care of KWTC and joined Kings school in 2004. She has been good academically and scored 1108 marks out of 1200 in Year 12. She always wanted to become a nurse so applied for B.Sc. (Nursing) through a Government College. She was successful at interview and secured entry into a B.Sc. Nursing degree course in a government nursing college in Salem. She is very grateful for the support she received from the KWTC over the past 14 years.



ACHIEVEMENTS OF BURSARY CHILDREN IN VARIOUS COMPETITIONS

BURSARY STUDENTS COMPETE IN NATIONAL SWIMMING COMPETITION

The SGFI National Level Swimming Competition was held in Delhi between 24-29th November, conducted by the School Games Federation of India and the Delhi Aquatic Association. Students from all over India participated with more than 1000 competitors. Four students from Kings School participated.

Under 19 Category:

Sharmila - Year 11 - participated in the 50m, 100m and 200m breast stroke in the National Levels School games.

Pavithra Malar - Year 11 - participated in the 100m and 200m back stroke in the National Level School games.

Under 17 Category:

Jerin - Year 9 - participated in the 200m IM in the National Levels School games.

Under 14 Category:

Madhu Shalini - Year 7 - participated in the 200m butterfly and the 200m freestyle in the National Levels School games.

Our four representatives gave tough competition to their opponents.

BURSARY STUDENTS IN SDR TRI DISTRICT SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP -2018:

The SDR Tri District Swimming Championship 2018 was held at SDR School, Tuticorin on 25th August. Around 150 students from all over Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli and Tuticorin districts were participated in various age groups. Kings school won 23 gold medals, 13 silver medals and 11 bronze medals. Five individual championships in different age groups were awarded. The overall championship and the bursary students updates are given below:



R. Pavithra Malar (Year12) is a Kings School bursary student and won five gold medals in 50m freestyle, 50m back stroke, 50m butterfly, 4x50 freestyle relay and 4x50 medley relay and the Individual Championship title in the age group 1.



D.Jerin (Year 10), is a Kings School bursary student and won three gold medals in 50m breast stroke, 4x50 freestyle relay and 4x50 medley relay and two silver medals in 50m freestyle and 50m butterfly.



R.Mathu Shalini (Year 8) is a Kings School bursary student and won three gold medals in 50m butterfly, 4x50 freestyle relay and 4x50 medley relay and a silver medal in 50m backstroke.



A.K.Siranjeeve Athavan (Year 5) is a bursary student and won three gold medals in 50m butterfly, 50m breaststroke and 4x50 freestyle relay and a silver medal in 50m freestyle. He won the Individual Championship title in the age group -4.



K.Sanjeev Athavan (Year 6) is a Kings school bursary student and won five gold medals in 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 50m butterfly, 4x50 freestyle relay and 4x50 medley relay. He won the Individual Championship title in the age group -3.

MDT SCHOOL BASKETBALL TROPHY:



The MDT Basketball Trophy was organized by MDT Hindu College Hr Sec School at Tirunelveli between 22nd and 24th September. Teams from all over Tirunelveli districts came to participate. Two teams from Kings School participated in the under 14 and under 17 categories, winning the under 17 trophy.

Under 17:

Kings vs Jeyandra school - Kings won the match with a score of 39-18

DISTRICT LEVEL ATHLETIC MEET -2018:



On 8th September, District Level Athletic Meet was held at Cheranmahadevi. Around 150 students from all over Tirunelveli district participated. Two students of Kings Matric school participated in 3000m and 5000m athletics winning two gold medals and one silver medal.

Sharmila of year12, a bursary student at Kings school participated in 3000m and 5000m athletics winning a gold medal in each.

Jerin D of year 10 is a Kings school bursary student. She participated in 3000m winning a silver medal.

UNDER 17 & UNDER 19 BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM QUALIFIES TO PLAY IN DIVISIONAL LEVEL MATCH

The Under 17 basketball team played the semi-final match of the District Level Trophy against Lions School, Kalakkad zone winning with a score of 28 - 3. In the finals against Tilak school, Ambasamudram zone Kings won with a score of 31 - 5. The Under 19 team of Kings school played the finals against Tilak school, Ambasamudram zone, winning with a score of 27 - 5. Kings School under 17 and under 19 teams are now qualified to play in the Divisional Level Games.

Senior team of Kings school participated in Einstein Engineering College Basketball Trophy, winning the tournament. They received medals and a cash prize of Rs.5000/-.

The players were: Under 17 -Thamothara Muthu.L, Sugithan.P,Esakimuthu Satheesh, Andrew Paul.E, Sudhansri.D, Dhiyaneshwar.M, Immanuel.K and Madhan Babu.S.

Under 19 -Ananda Kannan, Ananda Kumar, Milan Kumar, Anton Sahaya Snowson, Anton John Ronaldo, Durga Vasanth, Nigazvan, JeyaChandran, Darvin Mathew, Dharnesh, Romelton Vaz, Pranva Kumar and Akash.

The Under 17 & Under 19 girls' basketball team played against Tilak School, Ambasamudram zone where we were runners-up.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF BURSARY STUDENTS IN BASKETBALL MATCHES

Thamothara Muthu. L of Year 8 is a team player in the Kings Junior level (Under -14) basketball team. He participated in the SGFI divisional level basketball tournament and is now qualified to play the state level basketball tournament, in Theni.

Anton Sahaya Snowson. W of Year 11 is a team player in the senior level (Under -17) basketball team. He participated in the under 16 category for the district of Tuticorin and secured 'runner'.

Daarwin Mathew. V of Year 11 is a team player in the senior level (under -17) basketball team. He participated in the under 16 category for the district of Tuticorin and secured 'runner'.

Durga Vasanth S of Year 11 is a team player in the senior level basketball team. He participated the under 16 category for the district of Coimbatore and secured third place.

Nigazhvan G of Year 11 is a team player in the senior level basketball team. He participated the under 16 category for the district of Pudukkottai and secured eighth place. He also participated in zonal athletics in 1500m and secured a bronze medal.

JeyaChandran of Year 9 is a team player in the senior level basketball team. He participated in the under 16 category for the district of Tirunelveli and secured 5th position.

BURSARY STUDENTS IN CULTURAL EVENT

During the year 2018-19, a number of bursary students attended various external competitions. They participated in various events, includes Elocution, Word Power, Spelling Bee, Drawing, Singing, Paper Story, Fancy Dress, Classical Dance and Western Dance. In the Pegasus '18 cultural event, Kings School won the Overall Championship and the shield. Kings received the overall junior category II prize and overall senior category III Prize as well. At the Rotary festival in which Kings participated, many individual and a few group prizes were won.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING COMPETITION:



Music binds our soul, hearts and emotions. Music is the best method of relaxation. In fact, through singing children learn to express their feelings and ideas.

Our school children participated in the group singing competitions organised by YMCA (Nagercoil), Nijam TV (Vallioor), and Mary's boy child (P.R Mahal). Many of the schools from Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli and Tuticorin districts participated.

We took a large group of 43 students including two bursary children to compete. Students from Year 4 to 12 participated. The theme of the competition was Christmas songs. Both Matric and CBSE prepared Tamil and English Christmas songs under the guidance of Mr. Isaac and with the support of Mr. Wilfred (Matric) and Mr. James (CBSE). The children sang with passion, confidence and Christmas spirit. The songs pulled at the heartstrings of the audience and there was not a dry eye in the room. All the children sang at their level best, with enthusiasm, in the competitions. Unsurprisingly, Kings were awarded 1st and 3rd Prizes.

The prize details are below.

- a) Nijam TV - Matric, 1st place & CBSE 3rd place
- b) Mary's boy child - Matric, 1st place
- c) YMCA, Nagercoil - Participation certificates

31ST SOUTH ZONE STATE AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIP



31st South Zone State Aquatic Championship was held from 27th - 29th December at Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. Around 800 swimmers came from all over the Southern states of Tamilnadu, Kerala, Karnataka,



Andhra Pradesh, Telungana and Pandichery. Two swimmers from Kings School participated. The winners were appreciated by the Chairman, Correspondent and the Principals. The achievements of the bursary children are given below:

Shaun Rohith of Year 5, won two silver medals in the 4x50m freestyle relay and 4x50m medley relay.

Sanjeev Adhavan of Year 6, won a gold medal in the 4x50m freestyle relay and a silver medal in 50m butterfly.

SGFI NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP



On 13th December, School Games National Swimming Championship was organised by the School Games Federation of India, at Dr. S. P. Mukherjee Swimming Complex New Delhi. Around 1500 swimmers came from all over India and 5 swimmers from Kings Matric Higher Secondary School participated and the details of the bursary children are given below:

T. Sharmila -Year 12, participated in 50m, 100m and 200m breaststroke under 19 categories.

R. Pavithra Malar -Year 12, participated in 50m, 200m back stroke & 100m freestyle under 19 categories.

M.Marimuthu Year 11, participated in 200m back stroke under 19 categories.

D.Jerin - Year 10, participated in 400m IM & 200m butterfly under 19 categories.

Mathushalini - Year 8, participated in 200m butterfly under 14 categories.

RDS / BDS STATE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP



RDS / BDS STATE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP 2018-19 was held at Nagapattinam, SDAT swimming pool between 4th and 6th January 2019. Around 600 swimmers came from all over Taminadu state. Seven swimmers from Kings Matric Higher Secondary school participated. The achievements of the bursary children are given below:

T. Sharmila year 12, won three gold medals in 50m, 100m & 200m breaststroke. She was awarded a cash prize of Rs.3600/-

R. Pavithra Malar year 12, won a gold medal in 200m back stroke and two silver medals in 50m & 100m backstroke. She was awarded a cash prize of Rs.2800/-

V. Sneha year 11, won three bronze medals in 800m, 400m freestyle and 400m breaststroke. She was awarded a cash prize of 1200/-

R. Madhushalini year 8, won two bronze medals in 200m IM and 100m butterfly. She was awarded a cash prize of Rs.800/-

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