

DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS & SUPPORTING CHARITIES...

King's School staff, pupils and their families have always embraced opportunities to contribute to the wider Gloucestershire community and the School has a long history of supporting charitable causes with both practical assistance and financial help, as well as working with other schools and community groups.

These activities are all in addition to the fund-raising and voluntary efforts of our pupils outside school, which are recognised by the Junior and Senior School Citizenship Awards.

Some of the highlights this year include...



Holiday Activities & Food Partnership

The highly successful Holiday Activities and Food partnership with Venture: White City continued during the Christmas and Summer Holidays for families in Gloucestershire. Meals were prepared in our kitchens with help from King's pupils, and the school hosted a Christmas party for 50 children and four weeks of activities in the summer holidays.

90 pupils

from Kingsholm Primary School attended Biology and Physics masterclasses at King's.



£1,485

for Cancer Research.

A 'Super Soaker' event drenched 13 members of staff in water, tipped from a low loader, and raised £1,485 for Cancer Research.

Charity at Christmas

At Christmas, shoeboxes were filled with gifts for Operation Christmas Child; hats, scarves, gloves and toiletries were left under the Giving Tree for the Gloucester City Mission; ten crates of toys were donated for the Cash for Kids Mission Christmas project. We hosted a Christmas party for Re-Engage, a charity supporting the elderly in Gloucestershire.



£11,400

For House Charities

The Senior School House Charities this year were: Young Gloucestershire (Laud), Health Improvement Project Zanzibar (Serlo) and Dementia Action Alliance (Wheeler). The three fund-raising days, carol services and a host of smaller events raised £11,400 for these charities.



£22,000

In total, over £22,000 was raised for charities in the UK and Dornakal, our partner school in India.

£1,270

Over the year, Junior School pupils raised £1,270 for a variety of charities including the Gloucester City Mission, Comic Relief, the Stroke Foundation and Read for Good.

Citizenship Award

This year's Citizenship Award was presented to sisters Daisy (Year 9) and Elodie (Year 7), for the incredible efforts they have made bringing their community together during Covid and beyond.

From writing, printing and delivering newspapers to local residents, organising a pizza van, Christmas light displays, a street art gallery, a dog show, raising money for charity and co-ordinating a Cheltenham Foodbank collection. Daisy was nominated for a BBC Make a Difference Award in the 'Great Neighbour' Category'. Elodie jointly receives the award for supporting her sister.



£1,434

raised from the productions of Antigone and the Gloucester 10K race for the Ukraine Disasters Emergency Committee.



DIGGING DEEP FOR DORNAKAL

Mr Shyam Kiran, the Head Teacher of the DDEM School and Bishop Padma Rao expressed their thanks for the kindness and love shown by the King's Community over the last 12 months.

Following the pandemic, life is starting to improve at the school and there is a sense of optimism. As they start their new school year, the younger ones arrive first, followed by the older children and then finally the hostel pupils. Two new teachers have joined the school which has become a 'Green' school and saplings are being planted – one for each pupil.

The school now has a proper internet connection with WiFi, which will make a huge difference to the teaching and learning.

The first public exams took place in April and the DDEM School had 100% pass rate.

The posters, depicting typical British foods, made by King's art scholars have arrived and look wonderful on the walls.

Junior School raised over £600 with hot chocolate and chocolate milk sales and they also had a joint project with Zoom calls with Dornakal, which was very successful.

The whole school fundraising day in June raised over £4,300 - enough money to construct a bore well at the school, buy some educational games for the younger pupils, and continue our sponsorship of 15 pupils next year. Shortly afterwards our new Heads of School held their first Zoom call with Mr Kiran to tell him about our fundraising day.

Our aim next year is to continue the sponsorship and raise money for more computers in the school.

CROCHET CLUB



This year saw the inauguration of the crochet club. An initiative of Olive Rowe in Fifth Form, the vision was to provide a mindful activity, to give an opportunity to learn new skills and provide a chance to socialise across year groups. Embedded in this was the idea that no new materials should be used – all wool has been donated as 'surplus to projects' from the King's community.

Supported by Ms Woodland, staff, parents, grandparents, girls and boys, were all involved and the end result is a fabulous looking blanket which will be raffled to raise funds for the Dornakal school.