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# Newsletter

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Once upon a time there were 7 dwarfs, and Snow Black Kiran with her friends at play in school.

Welcome to our Summer newsletter. As we started to compile this edition we were experiencing one of the hottest summers we've had for a few years, however now at final editing and publishing, it all seems to have melted into monsoon and thunderstorms! Nevertheless we won't let this dilute the incredible year we've had so far.

As we look at producing these occasional newsletters we always try to look for a good picture of Kiran. We feel that we should always include her in some way because without her, and the memory of her, we wouldn't exist. In looking through the piles of photos we become very distracted by the images and memories of a magical girl.

In this edition you'll read about the exciting giving program we have developed and how your kind and generous donations support this. We'll also check in with our fundraisers and their activities along with an update on our scholars. Enjoy!

## Giving Program

Karen McCabe, one of Kiran's friends, has just graduated as a teacher this summer. Karen has taken on the role of coordinating financial awards to our expanding group of Primary Schools (PS). As you read in our last newsletter, Bonnybridge PS bought costumes for their drama club. Nethermain PS is now part of our group and have also bought costumes for their drama club. Carronshore PS is looking at doing something in the expressive arts and we will get that going when the new term starts.

Pittenweem PS are hoping to start an after school art club in the Autumn term. At their prize giving in June, we presented the Kiran Martin Creative Pupil Award to Ashley (P7). Ashley was deemed the most creative pupil during the Spring-Summer term for her Poetry. Not only did she get the award to keep for the

year, she received a lovely pen and journal to collect her poetry.

We were invited to Carrongrange School for a Spring Assembly, and found ourselves up on stage making hand movements to the song 'He's Got the Whole World in His Hands' which was sung by some talented pupils on stage and the assembled school. It was a lovely morning and we look forward to working closer with the school in the future.

At Larbert High School's Prize Giving we were honoured to share the stage with Chris Paterson MBE, former Scottish rugby captain. We presented our Creative Awards for Art & Design, Writing and Music to some very talented pupils. We also supported the Battle of the Bands event that takes place on the last day of school. This year's winning band, 'Fighting Descent' made up of Arran, Chris and Jack, won 10 hours of studio time, CD production and a sound cloud account. Our art scholar Meghan moves into her final year with Kiran's Trust next term, and has her sights

*Our aims are simply stated: Kiran's Trust supports the activities and recognises the achievements of others in areas aligned to Kiran's interests. Without your generous support we wouldn't be able to do this. Thank You!*

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firmly set on a place at Glasgow School of Art. (More on Meghan inside).

This year also saw us join up with Forth Valley Sensory Centre. We have sponsored two Children's Summer Workshops: Music Fun and Tactile Art Fun. (Pictured opposite: Johnny presenting a cheque to Christine Moroney, Service User and Linda McMaster, Development Worker).

Forth Valley Sensory Centre provides a range of services for anyone with sensory impairment, their carers and families.



After two terrific years, our support for Ele comes to an end as she completes her placement at Leith Art School. We are currently looking for a giving outlet in the Edinburgh area, so if you know of anyone or an institution please get in touch with us at

## Special People

Of course all of what you read about in the newsletter would not be possible without our patrons...you! Since the last newsletter some of our friends have gone to extraordinary lengths to raise money for Kiran's Trust.

Early on in the year Kevin Rafferty, along with his friend Jamie, ran from Glasgow's George Square to Edinburgh's Botanical Gardens, a total of 45 miles! He has raised over £1300, which will be matched by his employer BP plc.

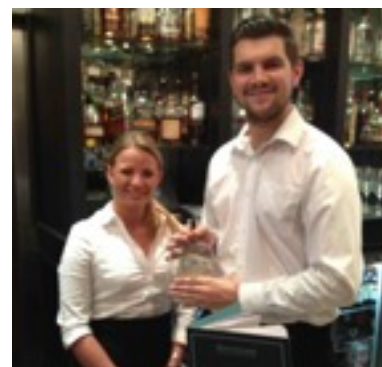
Our good friend and my old colleague, Phil Milford, ran the Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon in Phoenix, Arizona raising over £500. Well done Phil!

Another good friend, Scott Farquhar (pictured below with a robotic friend!) travelled across the pond to Canada. Ottawa to be precise, where he took part in the 2013 Ottawa Half Marathon and raised over £250 for the Trust.



Every year Central Taekwondo Academy organises a Demonstration Evening in memory of Kiran and to raise funds for the Trust. This is something we look forward to being invited to every year. This year's show, developed by the students, was spectacular and showed the full range of skills they have learned. The evening raised the fantastic sum of over £300.

In January, Adam Pender of Montpeliers Bar & Brasserie came up with the idea to save 5 pence coins in a bottle. The view was that over the year it might raise £50 or so. By June, the collection had raised £95 so far. Thanks to all of the staff and customers for this unique contribution to our funds.



Lauren with Adam

Kiran's friend at HEROTSC, Jason Shevlock, put Kiran's Trust forward as a nominated charity for a book festival that was run through his work. This resulted in a cheque for £28.90 for which we are very grateful. Thanks again Jason.

Syngenta Grangemouth Charities Fund awarded us a £200 donation. Thanks to employee Willie Duff for putting us forward and to the charity committee for the award.

Our collecting cans at Wm. Christies and Cork and Cask in Edinburgh, The Salon in Bainsford and Parc Hair & Beauty, Stirling continue to do well. HMRC now allow gift aid on collecting cans, so that means a 25% uplift on what is received. If you would like a can to look after then let us know.

Adam (above) also gifted some items for us to sell through our Kiran's Trust account on eBay. We've used eBay successfully in the past to sell a few items, so we feel confident this would be a good way to for people to help raise funds for the Trust. Along with Kiran's Trust on eBay, we have set up Paypal and Missionfish accounts to assist us with this venture.

For those that do sell on eBay, you can select Kiran's Trust on the item selling set up box and allocate up to 100% of the sale price as your donation. If anyone would like to know how to do this please just ask and we'd be more than happy to help you.

## Taekwondo

In the world of Taekwondo, we find our three scholars Jordyn, Natasha and Ciaran achieving beyond their years with terrific prospects for their futures. We'll update you on the year had by Natasha and Ciaran in our next newsletter.

We are very excited to be able to sponsor Asia Bailey (pictured), one of Britain's outstanding prospects for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. We have signed a letter of intent with Asia--unfortunately in the same week she suffered an anterior ligament tear at the Belgian Open ruling her out of action until early next year. Rehab is going really well and her determination will help her get through this.

Asia is 15 years old and is World Junior Championship bronze medallist. She had been scheduled to contest the European Under-21 Championships in Moldova and the World Championships in Mexico this summer, the first major senior championship for which she had been selected.

Asia enjoyed success earlier this year with victories in A Class events in the youth category of the German Open in Hamburg at under 44kg and the senior category of the Trelleborg Open in Norway and the Dutch Open at under 46kg.

Gary Hall, the Great Britain performance director, confirmed that she is expected to be out of action until 2014. "It's a sad day because Asia is certainly one to watch," he said. "She is performing way above her age bracket. It is a setback but she will be back. Despite what has happened she has had a phenomenal year. Asia has made a massive impact in the past three or four months."



We are in close contact with Asia and will let you know how she progresses on the Road to Rio.

## Jordyn

Since our last newsletter this young girl's list of achievements continues to grow....

She has achieved Champion status in her weight group at the Belgium Open in April, Spanish Open in May and Austrian Open in June. These performances led to her being selected for the GB Cadet Team at under 29kg. This means she will go to Romania for the European Championships this month. Jordyn is travelling to Manchester to train with the rest of the squad. (This is what Jordyn calls summer holidays...she's doing what she loves!) She starts secondary school at the end of August, hopefully as the European Champion for her age/weight.

## Catch up with...Ele Erskine



As mentioned earlier, Ele has completed her two years at Leith Art School. We caught up with Ele recently and asked how her finals went and what plans she has for the future.

She told us, "The last several months have been a bit crazy, with finishing the course and preparing for the end of year show, but it all went really well and I sold a painting! So very happy about that!"

And what about the future? Ele said, "Well I have some good news, a lovely lady called Bella who runs the Arusha Gallery has taken me on as one of her artists in her exhibition! You can see my art work there, at 23 Stafford Street, Edinburgh, and there's also a website [www.arushagallery.com](http://www.arushagallery.com)."

She went on to say, "I am delighted that you will continue using my Christmas card. I have just moved into a studio at the art complex building at Meadowbank so maybe now I can have more time to create a new one at some point".

So where now Ele? "I don't have a website yet, keep meaning to make a blog or something like that, I'd love to do commissions, as I'm trying to go professional, now that would be brilliant!"

Ele, we wish only great things for your future!



## Also Catching up with...Meghan Grieve

Meghan starts 6th Year in the Autumn, and this will be her final year as a Kiran's Trust scholar. In conversation we asked what all this meant for her.

"I can't believe I'm going into 6th year!" said Meghan. "I have chosen Advanced Higher Art, Higher Media Studies, Higher Product Design and Higher Biology." This sounds like a lot to take on we said, she replied "It won't be such a busy year as I will need space to work on my portfolio and I also want to make my last year at school a fun one!"

So you'll be looking forward to getting going at the end of August then we asked. Meghan replied, "Well actually we started our 6th year after the exams finished and I am enjoying my new timetable, especially my free periods (which I have everyday!). I'm looking forward to spending my free periods in the art department working on my portfolio. I am LOVING Advanced Art!!! It's so much better than Higher, I feel like I have more freedom and I'll enjoy all the little creative mini projects we are doing."

Meghan summed up, "This will be my last year at school but I am going to make the most of it, and do the best I can to repay the support I've been given. Then I'm off to Glasgow School of Art in year's time I hope."

We're sure you will Meghan!



## Friends of Kiran's Trust

When we started Kiran's Trust we agreed with OSCR (the charity regulator) that we would put in place a membership scheme. This membership would run from October to October, and members would donate a minimum of £10 on an annual basis. As we review the function of the Trust we now see you as Friends rather than just members and therefore from our anniversary date of 9th October 2013 we will refer to you as Friends of Kiran's Trust. Nothing will change for those that already donate.

If you wish to become a Friend and make a donation then there are a few ways to do this--bank transfer, standing order, cheque or through our Just Giving site. All of the details are below in the Contact Us panel.

## Want to help Kiran's Trust?

If you fancy doing something exciting and challenging for Kiran's Trust, please do so! There are a lot of events that take place throughout the country, and around the world that you can get involved in and raise money for a really worthwhile cause.

Lots of people are already cycling, walking, running and a variety of other activities to raise money for us. Or why not try something completely different?

Whatever you want to do, you can get in touch and chat to us about raising money at: [hello@kiranstrust.org](mailto:hello@kiranstrust.org)



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