



# Newsletter

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Incredible as it may seem, three years ago this month we sent out our very first newsletter. As we were collecting the articles for this edition it suddenly struck us that these years have gone by...and incredibly fast.

We can't start this newsletter without thanking all of you for your tremendous and continuous support. Especially in times when everyone is having to draw in financially somewhat.

Together we've managed to expand the breadth of our giving program and you can read more about this further on. In this edition we'll also be 'catching up' with some of our new scholars and will be telling you about how we refreshed our Taekwondo program to spread the support further.



Kiran & Friends. San Francisco 2004



This is all due to you and some 'Special People' who embark on energetic ventures or simply use the collecting cans to raise money. We'll look at few of these inside.

This past Christmas we ventured into selling Christmas cards with a design donated from our own Ele Erskine. We started with a 100 just to see how it would go and ended up selling 300. I think the word stunned rattled around the office this winter. Our former Larbert High School scholar Victoria has also donated a design to us, so be on the lookout in the Autumn for a range of Christmas cards.

This coming year we are going to look at developing our website to make it more interactive and also create a gallery to showcase all of our scholars work.

We'd like to finish by urging you to contact us and tell us your stories, join as a member or just be there for us. Your ongoing support is invaluable to us, and our scholars.

*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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## Special People

In 2011 we purchased a some collecting cans and they have been very successful. Our immense thanks go to The Salon in Bainsford, Falkirk, PARC Hair & Beauty in Stirling and Wm Christie & Sons (Butchers) in Bruntsfield, Edinburgh, (pictured right), for their kind gesture of allowing us to place a can or two in their businesses.



Angus and his 'home made' collecting can station

Last November Kevin Rafferty was all lined up to run from Glasgow's George Square to Edinburgh's Botanic Gardens, a distance of 45 plus miles. He had trained hard, encouraged friends and family to sponsor him but the day before he was to due to start off his Granddad fell ill, passing away soon afterwards. Our thoughts were with Kevin and his family. He has started retraining and is aiming to get his run done in the spring...depending on his offshore rota. Watch for an update in our next newsletter.

## CATCH UP with...Mark Holden

Following on the generous fundraising in Pittenween, Fife, by Duncan Leith's cycle around the Scottish coast, we wanted to give something back to the community.

Working with Elaine Paterson, Headteacher of Pittenweem Primary School, we developed the 'Artist In Residence' program which is designed to bring in art skills to small primary schools where little exists. The artist uses the time in school to work on their own creations but also work with the children to recreate the same work on a larger scale. This allows the children to see how a picture is built up from the blank canvas to the finished article. Kiran's Trust funds the materials that the children require to use in the program.

We approached local Fife artist Mark Holden, a friend of Kiran's and the Trust, to ask if he'd be interested in this unique program...we are glad to say he gave an enthusiastic yes. The program got underway for term 2012/13. Mark goes in one day a month and as we were to find out in December it is all going very well.

Mark said, "Running an art project with 20 pupils from P2/3 is always a challenge. It's always difficult prior to starting the chosen project if a) it can be completed, and b) if it keeps everyone sufficiently focused. Thankfully the first three different projects were achieved, with lots of enthusiasm and creativity."

Mark told us, "Our first project was a multi media collage style painting of poppies on the coast. In the second we created individual cards using pen and 2 different coloured pencils. We practiced on a template then had the challenge of scaling down and drawing a new version for the cards." He went on to say, "Just before Christmas the third project involved cutting different coloured card into prepared shapes for mounting on card using glue. This created a Nativity scene card that was put on sale at the school's Christmas fundraising event."

Mark finished off by saying, "All the children showed a lot of enthusiasm as we created organised chaos in the classroom, as well as our joint effort and individual works of art. All part of being artistic as a group."

Our thanks go to Mark for donating his time and the school staff for the extra help to make it happen.

## Something New...

Last year we decided to expand our giving program to include more subjects of the creative arts and again very much Kiran. We worked with two Falkirk schools to develop this idea. Bonnybridge Primary School (Drama) and Carrongrange School (Dance).



The Headteacher at Bonnybridge, Jill Stocks said, "The pupils and staff have put in a lot of effort, meeting every Thursday after school and taking time out of class to rehearse. They have also been practising their lines at home...as well as taking their scripts out at playtime to practise with their friends."

The money we donated was used to buy costumes including hula outfits and sailor costumes.

The show was called the 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' and had a real panto feel...filled with jokes from start to finish.

(pictured right) The kids were very enthusiastic and adapted to their role extremely well!

At Carrongrange, headteacher, Gillian Robertson told us, "We had a dance project going on in school. Our group performed, alongside the other secondary schools at a show in Falkirk Town Hall, and they were fab! In order to let more pupils and parents see the dance performance, we performed during our Christmas Fayre - as this was additional cost to the original project it was fantastic that Kiran's Trust supported us."

Carrongrange School is Falkirk Council's only Secondary School for pupils with moderate, severe and complex additional support needs and Kiran's Trust is very proud to be associated with the school.

## Taekwondo

Our scholar Joe decided last year to focus on his musical career with Double Trouble. We enjoyed having him as a scholar, and we wish him well.

In the response to this, we reviewed the way we support scholars in Taekwondo. We created a two stream giving program: Sustaining and Developing.

For another three years we are supporting Jordyn under the Sustaining program. We split the Developing into two categories (Technical and Performance). With the added criteria that the young people should be below black belt status.



We are delighted to report that Jordyn continues to compete and is winning both national and international medals at Cadet level. We are also delighted to introduce

Natasha (8) and

Ciaron (9) who are with us for next three years. Above they are pictured fresh from winning medals at the GB Nationals in Nottingham.

## Art Scholars

Our giving year starts on 9th October, as it marks Kiran's Birthday. We started 2012/13 with all new art scholars. Meghan at Larbert High School, Grace and Wallis at Delta Studios.

Meghan is currently working on her dress design as part of her curriculum. Her design is based on ancient architecture, mainly Roman and Greek (her work sheet is pictured below). She has sent through many photos of this development and we learn from her monthly updates that she is also very keen on photography.



Over at Delta, Wallis and Grace are developing their art skills under Artist Director Craig McKechnie and Avril Nicol. They have both been in touch and we will follow up with their work in our next newsletter, when we should exciting news about exhibiting their work.

## Membership

Why not become a member of Kiran's Trust?

A donation of just £10 gives you a membership for a year. We will send you a pack of cards featuring Kiran's own artwork as a thank you, along with our occasional newsletter and email. We have a direct link to our JustGiving page from Facebook, and as always you can visit our website to become a member of the Trust, go to the Membership section and following the "Become a Member" link. Visit our website to find out everything about us, from why the charity was created, Kiran's story along with photos and images of her artwork, past and future events, previous newsletters and even company reports. Our accounts for 2011 are now posted and can be viewed online. How to contact us and all our links are below.

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Or, if you are feeling particularly generous, visit our  [JustGiving](http://www.justgiving.com/kiranstrust) page at [www.justgiving.com/kiranstrust](http://www.justgiving.com/kiranstrust). Donating just £10 will make you a member of Kiran's Trust and we'll send you a pack of cards featuring Kiran's artwork as a thank you! Remember to choose Gift Aid if you are a UK tax payer!



## 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 Scotland 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)

## eBay

eBay for Charity is just like everyday eBay, but with one important difference--when you buy an item marked with the eBay for Charity ribbon, some or all of what you pay/make will go to charity.

eBay for Charity items don't just come from charities. Any seller can list eBay for Charity items, whether it's a fashionista clearing space in her wardrobe, a business selling the latest phones, or a charity trying to raise funds by selling donated goods. From the everyday to the extraordinary, the silly to the serious--just shop and support a good cause.

You can also add a small donation all the way to 100% to your the charity when paying for an item through eBay Checkout using PayPal.

We've been having some fun selling some of the items we've gathered. If you wish to sell an item on eBay on our behalf, just select Kiran's Trust from the charity option when you are setting up your sale.

If you require assistance just get in touch and we'll help you.

