



KGF SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

JOURNEY OF THE KGF SCHOOL



TIMELINE OF EVENTS



1899

Established as KGF School.

1970S

The number of students increased and the school got shifted and split into BGML English Higher Primary School (Parkinson Memorial) and BGML High School (J K Lindsay Memorial). Both the schools were brought under the grant-in-aid scheme. The Government provided the salaries and building maintenance was done by BGML

LATE 1990S

Both the schools are back together in one compound

2007 onwards

KGF Schools Foundation supports the school in maintenance and various other activities

2009

The Government had given permission to the Foundation to adopt the school

EARLY 2000

BGML was closed and maintenance became a challenge

2007

Government authorities advised closure of school

LEGACY OF THE SCHOOL

The school was established in 1899 as KGF School. It grew from a humble nursery to a senior Cambridge Matriculation. The school had great teachers who made education a life building and character-building process along with academics. Initially open only to 50-60 European students, the school saw Indian students joining post- independence. It was praised by none other than Sir Mirza Ismail during his visit in 1928. Extract:-

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MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDING TRUSTEE

KGF schools foundation is a registered Trust and not-for-profit organization. We help educate children from the poorest section of the society, with a goal to focus on the holistic development of each child to face the ups and downs in life with confidence and become responsible citizens of this country.



Neil Joseph, Founding Trustee

KGF school was established in the year 1899 and today it stands as a 122-year-old Government school. The infrastructure was managed by Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML) and the salaries were paid by the Government. With the closure of the Gold Mines 18 years ago and with the schools crumbling infrastructure, a group of ex-students decided it's now or never. In 2007, KGF schools foundation was formed and the current strength is 340 students. The foundation has supported the school for over 14 years and currently pays the salaries of 7 Teachers and 5 staff along with the other revenue expenditures.

OUR JOURNEY

In July 2007, the school was served with a closure notice by the authorities for the lack of basic toilet facilities. With the support from Rotary, Neil Joseph led the effort of building the basic needs of the school. Over the last few years our former students Antony Vincent, Amzad Ahmed, Ravi Cavale, Derek David, Anthony Lobo, Ananth, Mahesh, Ramakrishna, Mohan, David Joseph, Grishmendr, Sisir, Rangarajan & Helen came together and have worked tirelessly to get the infrastructure in place.

SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Foundation was able to successfully accomplish several projects:-

- Opening a skill development center to train students to become electricians- 241 students have passed out and are placed in permanent jobs.
- Installed a solar power plant which gives adequate power to the school. We are grateful to ABB for funding both the above projects
Restored 12 classrooms and a hall
- Constructed a new toilet block & restored 2 toilets blocks

GOVERNING COUNCIL



Legend says that there are 2 ways to scale an organisation - focus on multiplication or on magnification. After 14 long years of perseverance, the foundation has now moved to a new beginning " Turning Passion into Prosperity ". The torch bearers Neil, Ranga and Sisir have now chose to magnify the cause by forming a governing council:-

Vincent A (1963 batch) - Post Graduate from Central College. Was the Chief Manager Central Bank Forex Division. Finance Director & Board Member, Baghirathi Travel Solutions.

S J Amalan (1968 batch) - Advisor,Dept of skill development, Govt of Karnataka, Former Regional Director DGET-Ministry of Labour & employment, Chairman ISTD. Popularly known as the Mr Skill of India. Co Designer-fit & forget Rail high speed track.

Dr Harihara Murthy (1977 batch) - A renowned ENT Surgeon and founder - Murthy Health & Research Centre providing subsidized treatment for poor/old patients. Educational support for kids upto graduation, besides mentoring ENT surgeons.

Grishmendr (1980 batch) is the Principal Architect- GRISH Associates, Consultant Architect- AMC group and awarded by Dr Abdul Kalam for exceptional services in the field of Architecture in 2014.

Claudius Pereira (1981 batch) is a serial entrepreneur.Co-founder & Director, STI Infotech PVT Ltd, Director of Mangalore Internet city. Co-founder Dream Quest Consulting pvt. Ltd UK. Author of 2 best sellers "i,CEO' & 'Echoes of Footprints'.

GNV Subba Rao (1983 batch)- Director ABB GISPL & Global Head of Quality/Operation centers, ABB Business area process automation. Actively interested in schooling & health for underprivileged sections besides reading on Science, Technology & History.

Keith Davids (1984 batch) - Into Finance and Administration having worked for leading companies in Saudi Arabia, Australia, UAE & India. Vice President- Finance. All-India Anglo Indian Association, Bangalore Branch.

Sisir Kumar (1985 batch) - Associate Director IBM with 30 years of experience in Manufacturing, service & IT. Passionate about education, sustainable living & photography.

R Rangarajan (1985 batch)- Area Sales Director - Grundfos Pumps. 30 years of experience with stints in Worthington, KSB and Sun Edison. Passionate about energy , water , solar sustainability & rural development related activities.

Narasimha Murthy (1985 batch) - Managing Director - Connectivity IT Solutions Pvt Ltd, an integrator company with 8 offices in India and 2 international locations. Interests include organic farming & horse breeding.

Rajesh Premchandran (1985 batch) - Director - Elgi Equipments Ltd. 30 years of management experience with stints in Tata Timken Ltd & Danfoss Industries Ltd. Passionate about energy efficiency , climate change and sustainability.

Neil Micheal Joseph (1986 batch) is a serial entrepreneur. Founder & Director - Baghirathi group, Director Cecily Holdings & Mobility technology partner. Mentor- Letslocalise, UK based education promotion & Retail Stores - Farm Logistics Entity.

Amzad Ahmed (1986 batch) -Businessman with significant experience in Real Value Appliances Ltd, Braun Germany and launched over 300+ products in the consumer durable market.

TRANSFORMATION OF THE SCHOOL BEFORE AND AFTER THE FOUNDATION WAS SET UP



MAIN BLOCK

BEFORE



AFTER



PRIMARY SCHOOL & TOILETS

BEFORE



AFTER



ADDITIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROVIDED



Solar powered reading lamp to each student



Classrooms re-constructed & 2 Solar powered smart class Installed



Cricket pitch with nets and a coach



Installation of captive solar power plant



Bore well



Teachers for primary & high school

SOCIAL CAUSE

GREENING & COVID RELIEF

KGF is dotted with cyanide dumps - a byproduct of the gold extraction process. Dust emissions from these dumps can potentially cause respiratory illness. As a part of afforestation efforts on the dumps, the Forest department, Rotary Bangalore Orchards, The lawyers association, KGF school foundation and few other organizations planted 75000 samplings. 700 tons of compost manure was also used. The students actively participated in the preparation of the 3 lakh seed balls and planting them. It instilled a sense of "**Giving back to the society and to the children**"



BEFORE



AFTER



In addition the children were also involved in planting trees and provide a green cover to the school.



The foundation supported the students and their families by providing them relief material during Covid.



VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

The School had vocational training as part of the curriculum till the late 60's. With the foundation, we have brought it back in a new form. We recognize that skill development is a necessity to thrive in the outside world. Therefore, the foundation established a world-class skill development center sponsored by ABB to train and equip students with the skill of an assistant electrician.



SUCCESS STORIES IN THEIR OWN WORDS!

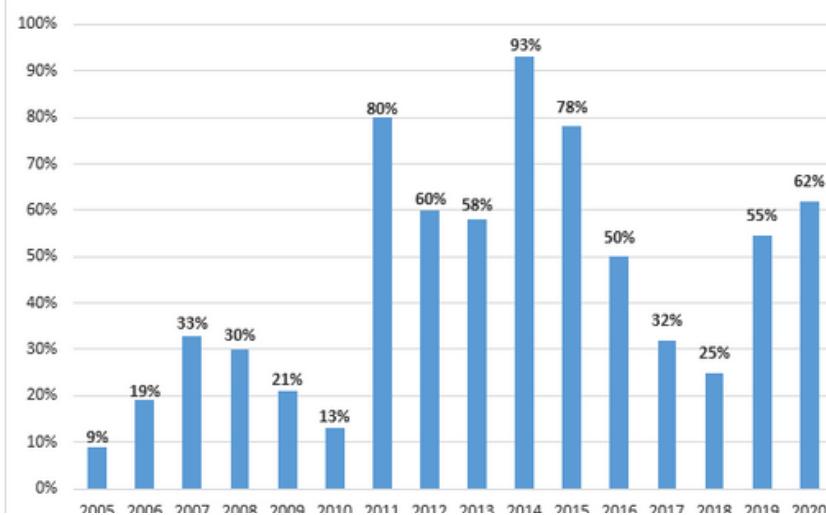
We are proud that all the 241 who have attended the skill development program have been placed in permanent jobs. Here are testimonials from two of our students:

*"I am very happy working at Honda Company as a permanent employee, I got the placement though the skill development program held at KGF school for Electricians. The course was free, earlier I did not have a job and by doing this course it has helped me and my family. I like to thank ABB & KGF school foundation for their help and support. Thank you" - **Santosh .V***

*"I am grateful to ABB who sponsored the skill development program at KGF school, for helping me undergo a 240 hrs electrician course conducted by LabourNet. The teaching staff was very good. It is a good course and I am quite confident of being an electrician today. I also thank them for finding me a permanent job as an Asst. An electrician at Shiv Electricals, KGF. Thank you" - **Allwin. D***

RESULTS

Year Wise Pass %



WORK DONE BY THE FOUNDATION

The following major activities have been carried out since 2007:

- Renovation of the classrooms, compound wall and toilets - Rs 98,97,000
- Salary for the teachers - Rs 45,95,000
- Solar energy panel, Bore well and water systems - Rs 26,60,00
- Stationary, desks, computer systems & sports equipment - Rs 18,23,000
- Covid relief material for students and their families - Rs 6,00,000

The foundation does not collect any fees and is solely funded by large-hearted donors including Baghirathi, Rotary Bangalore Orchards, Bangalore International, Little Flower, Harmony Charity, ABB, Rotary Bangalore West, Menda Foundation, Gowtham-Seems Foundation, Grundfos, Tile Italia, San Engineering and the ever indebted school alumni. We wish to involve like-minded people to be a part of this exciting journey. We have the following options:-

- Sponsor a child's education - Rs 10,000/year.
- Sponsor a classroom - Rs 3,00,000/year.
- Pay any amount and help our cause.

If you wish to contribute and make a difference to a deserving cause you can send your contribution to:-

Beneficiary Name : KGF Schools Foundation
 Current AC No : 01848130000019
 Bank : HDFC Bank, CMH Road,
 Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038
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