



# UPDATE

## SUMMER 2023

### Editor's Note:

This annual summer newsletter comes as one school year ends, summer holidays are enjoyed, exam results pour in and plans are made and courses and schools are chosen for the coming academic year. Our Hope family have had yet another great year in all these areas. An incredible calendar of events was put together for the children – many of these being “home-grown”, such as inter-house sports, art competitions, cycling, gardening and food production as well as trips, annual swimming courses and sports. Our grateful thanks to all the staff at Hope and to annual volunteer **Shirley Vincent** for putting together such a meaningful and interesting programme for the children.

Exam results were once again excellent at all levels, due to the hard work of the children and the support and inspiration of staff in accepting only the best in terms of effort and aspiration.

Calm has now descended as all have settled back to school and college and another cycle begins. Again, our grateful thanks to all concerned.

### Great North Run

We wish our 3 Great North Runners, Cheryle Berry and Tom and Claire Adams, all the very best as they step out for Hope on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> September.





### Updates on Spring Newsletter:

As mentioned in the editorial, results and academic achievement have been excellent. Daya, our medical student in Georgia, has had two great semesters with excellent marks and will have a month's vacation at Hope at the end of her first year. And she survived her first winter.

Renjitha, who just completed her Master's degree in Social Work, has landed herself a much-coveted government job as a social worker with the District Child Protection Unit in nearby Alappuzha. Congratulations to her!

The Higher Education Fund continues to grow, thanks to much needed generous support and, once again, our grateful thanks for that. As we mentioned in spring, with growth in aspirations comes growth in costs which will be met from this fund.

Long-standing supporters, Alan Morgan and Mark Heaton, both from Dublin, completed their challenges and raised a fantastic 6,000 Euros for the fund. Alan did a 150km cycle ride and Mark did the 42 km Dublin Mountains Way walk. Well done to you both!



Hope Kindergarten celebrated its 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May. Entertainment by the KG children for parents and guests was enjoyed by all. The quality and range of KG education available in the vicinity of Hope has improved very dramatically since the foundation of Hope KG and, consequently, its future is under review. We will keep you posted when the review is completed.

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Sustainability and green issues are always at the forefront of things at Hope. Many of the children travel to school by various means - auto rickshaw, public and private bus etc. So, in the interests of economy, ecology and healthy exercise, a decision was made that as many as possible would now cycle to school. New cycles were purchased at the beginning of the holidays and practice sessions were held to ensure all were competent and safe. The costs should be recouped in savings over the first year. Another good green outcome!



Not to be outdone, the younger ones also got a range of small cycles to ensure they are ready to take to the roads when their time comes. Grateful thanks to donors for helping with this.

A collection of snapshots on the next page shows the many activities provided for the children during the holidays. Thanks to Amal for the photo montage.



