



King's Group

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King's College schools in Madrid raise 26,334 euros for charity during their last Summer Fair

The funds will be destined to the charitable organisations: Amigos de Nyumbani, Bomberos Ayudan, Fundación ANAR and Fundación Porque Viven



Last Saturday 1st June, King's College schools in Madrid celebrated their traditional Summer Fair, an annual charity event that brings together families, friends, students and staff of the three schools, joining efforts for a good cause.

In this year's edition, marked by the 50th anniversary of the foundation of King's College schools, all funds raised reached a staggering 26,334 Euros, which will be distributed among four chosen charities: Amigos de Nyumbani, Bomberos Ayudan, Fundación ANAR and Fundación Porque Viven.

King's College's Summer Fair is an extraordinary event held at the Soto campus, for parents, families and friends of the King's College community. Based on the traditional British school summer fete, the event culminates with a focus on family-fun, with food from all over the world, games, stalls and competitions, as well as the highlight event "The Summer Fair Raffle".

In addition to these popular activities, this year the Summer Fair included several events that commemorated the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the first King's College school. Anthony Sáez, one of the very first students who enrolled in the founding class of King's College Madrid in 1969, opened the Fair with a moving speech and the traditional "Cutting of the Ribbon" ceremony. Later on, a group of more than 50 King's College alumni joined the stage in representation of the 50-year history of the schools. Lauren Taylor, on behalf of the King's College Alumni Association added "It was wonderful to see our ex-students re-joining the King's community and taking time to come to the school and show their support for the Fair, the charities and of course the 50th anniversary celebrations. It just highlights that the King's Family is something that continues even after their studies conclude with us."

"Fundraising and charity work have always been an essential part of life at King's College. However, it was in 1978, 9 years after the foundation of our first school and a year after we moved our school to Soto de Viñuelas, when we had our very first King's College Summer Fair. Through the years, our Fair has become more and more elaborate, with shows, artisanal markets and bouncy castles. It has also expanded with us, and is now celebrated in our schools as far as Alicante, Murcia and, on the other side of the Atlantic, in Panama", said Sir Roger Fry, Founder and Chairman of King's Group.

"The Fair is an excellent example of group collaboration in a project with such an important cause - to raise money for those less fortunate than ourselves - and by doing so, we demonstrate to our students the importance of charity as a way of extending unconditional love and kindness to others", added Elena Benito, Chief Executive Officer of the Group.

About King's College schools

Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2019, King's Group is one of the most prestigious educational institutions internationally, currently operating a total of 10 schools in the UK, Spain (Madrid, Alicante, Murcia and Elche), Germany (Frankfurt), Latvia (Riga) and Panama (Panama City). The Group was founded in 1969 by Sir Roger Fry, knighted in 2012 by Queen Elizabeth II for promoting British education internationally.

King's College schools offer pupils a quality British education based on the National Curriculum of England & Wales, which emphasises strong academic values through experiential learning. Pupils from the age of 18 months to 18 years old are taught by native British and UK trained teachers. The educational model of the schools is characterised by its rigorous, broad and balanced curriculum, its interdisciplinary

approach and its emphasis on practical learning, creativity and the active participation of students.

Testament to the exceptional academic and pastoral standards that the schools embed is the recent recognition as “Private Education Group of the Year” by Education Investor, one of the sectors most prestigious publications.

Moreover, King’s College schools in Spain are the only schools in their respective regions to offer a British Curriculum from 18 months to 18 years accredited by the Department for Education (DfE) as "Excellent" in every category.

To be recognised by the DfE, a British school overseas (BSO) must have an inspection report which shows that their performance against all the BSO standards is at least satisfactory. This reflects the standards required for continuing registration as a school in England. Following a successful BSO inspection, schools are allocated a unique reference number on the UK’s national school reference system, Edubase.

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