

The Swarden Herald

Local news and events in Kent

Refugees Inspire Pupils

By a Year 6 Student

Swarden Primary school recently received a visit from the Kent Refugee Action Network (KRAN). They helped Buzzards class to understand more about refugees.

The youth ambassadors told Year 6 about their stories..Grmalem described his trip to England, passing through many different countries like Ethiopia, Sudan, Italy and France.



Grmalem reported “I am proud of who I am,who I have become.I had to argue with the government for five years before they let my family in the UK. I am hoping to get married soon”.

Obaida (the other youth ambassador) also told us about his story. Obaida came from Homs in Syria.Obaida told the class that he was forced to flee

Obaida reported "I had no future in Homs, the war forced me to leave Homs". Obaida also loves nature; he loves to see rabbits wandering past the university campus in Canterbury.

Maybe you are wondering why the work of KRAN is so important. Well KRAN supports young refugees to to build their future in the UK, as Fawzia (the youth officer) explained to us.



Both these refugees have astounding stories to tell and have learnt from their past.

The visit from KRAN inspired Smarden school and Kran made the children think of ways they could help refugees.



KENT REFUGEE ACTION NETWORK

The Swarden Daily

LOCAL KRAN YOUTH AMBASSADORS VISIT SMARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Swarden Primary School was recently visited by the Kran youth ambassadors, Grmalem and Obaida on Thursday 10th October 2024 to tell KS2 about their journey to the UK.

KRAN:
Kran is a local youth charity helping young refugees to have a brighter future. One of the managers was a headteacher and decided he wanted to help younger refugees with their journey to a brighter future.



**THIS IS GRMALEM, HE WAS
BORN IN ERITREA.**

Grmalen had to leave Eritrea because the leader was a dictator. He also left because he didn't want the same life as his father and uncle so he left.

He went from Eritrea to England traveling the furthest journey across the Mediterranean sea. In September 2014 he finally was in England and has recently had his 10th anniversary for being in the UK.

Thursday 17th October

The Smarden Daily

Obaida was born in Homs ,
in Syria. He had to leave
because all the bombings.
Obaida is now very
interested in computer
science and soon will be
graduating in it. Obaida has
been in the UK for around 6
years now and is successful.

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Overall, the visit from
KRAN was absolutely
wonderful. Many students
went home with nice
smiles and many stories to
tell to their parents and
guardians.

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