



# David School Messenger

The David School

Education Changes Lives

**David Wallwork and Catherine Thomas have just returned from spending a week at the David School, earlier this month.**

## Learning & Teaching

David led training for the teachers the first weekend he was there, and made lots of progress, including agreeing a framework for school rules. He then spent several days teaching in the secondary school, showing the teachers different approaches. Subjects covered included maths, the geography of Africa, and extended writing, including redrafting.

A planning meeting was held with the new headmaster and all the teachers, setting up everything, ready for the new term in September.



14 pupils (see picture on the right) have been entered for their NPSE (National Primary School Exams), and everyone's fingers are crossed that the results will be good when they come out soon, and that they will be able to join the secondary school. Unlike the English system where pupils are allocated to classes according to age, children in Sierra Leone can only progress to the next class if their report is good enough.

David and Catherine were there for the last day of the school year – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July, when the parents come into school to collect their children's school reports.



Isatu Bangura (on left), returned from the Milton Margai School for the Blind, to spend her summer holidays with her friends. She has made considerable progress, coming second in her class, so when she returns to school in September she will be promoted to Class 4.



Girls at the school braiding hair

## School Meals

With continuing support from **World Food Programme and UNICEF**, children in the primary school have been receiving a meal every day that they attend. The picture shows the food being prepared – undercover as it's the rainy season.



## Water Carriers

These will make the job of fetching and carrying water much easier, and reduce the time spent on this every day by the girls. The David School Trust has 110 in store ready to ship out. Barrel Number 1 has been given to the Paramount Chief received by Chief Komrabai (on right).



## Rain, Rain and More Rain

David and Catherine visited during the rainy season and these pictures give you a flavour of the conditions. (Left to right: water pouring off school roof, drainage channels, house destroyed by weather.)



If you can help in any way, please email David on [wallwork26@btinternet.com](mailto:wallwork26@btinternet.com) or visit [www.thedavidschool.co.uk](http://www.thedavidschool.co.uk)