



# David School Messenger

The David School

Education Changes Lives

## EXCELLENT EXAM RESULTS

The latest NPSE and BECE results are the best achieved by the David School to date.

All the **junior school pupils** passed their final exams called National Primary School Examination (NPSE), and these pupils have now started on their lower secondary education.



To celebrate these pupils were taken to the seaside for the day.



They were joined by the group who passed their NPSE exams last year, who were unable to be taken due to the Ebola outbreak. Altogether almost 50 pupils were taken. They all enjoyed their coach ride, the chance to swim in the sea and, a special treat of a meal of rice, vegetables and chicken

All the **lower secondary pupils** passed their Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE).

Unlike most English exams, secondary pupils in Sierra Leone have to pass English and Maths and gain passes in three other subjects in order to move onto the next level.

The highest results were achieved by two girls, which is especially pleasing.



## MORE SUPPLIES ARRIVE

Electrical equipment and other supplies have arrived that had been shipped out from England earlier in the year.

These include the cabling needed to put power into more of the school buildings, funded by the Rotary Club of Peterborough, and clothing and shoes (pictured on the left) for the pupils.



## THE SCHOOL'S FAME SPREADS

**The David School is becoming increasingly well known in the country.**

When he is in Sierra Leone, David talks on Africell Radio(105.3 FM on computer) about the school and its aims and successes. He is well supported by Alfred who uses the local language Krul. We keep recordings of the broadcasts.

As the banner on the front of the bus that took pupils to the coast shows, every opportunity is taken to put over the school's message about how important education is. More well qualified teachers want to work at the school, and more pupils are asking to register.

## BUILDING WORK



During the last team visit an accommodation block for teachers was built at the school. It consists of 5 rooms, each taking 2 teachers.

The rooms that had been used for the teachers in the secondary school have now been turned into an office and a medical room.

The primary school has been re-roofed, and electricity installed, so that these rooms can be used for longer.

Some of the original classrooms in the primary school have proved to be a bit small, so internal walls have been removed to make 3 larger classrooms.

New signage to the school has been put up on the main road.

## MEDICAL SUPPORT

The local hospital in Waterloo has opened again after closure during the Ebola outbreak, and pupils are once again being taken there for treatment. Pupils with spectacles have had their eyesight checked and new glasses have been supplied where needed.

Lack of food is the main problem the community is now facing and the Trust is working hard to find ways of improving children's nutrition. The intention is to launch a specific fund to raise around £5000 which will feed the pupils on school days for one year. In that time, it is hoped that a government feeding programme can be re-instated, similar to the one which was in place before the Ebola outbreak.



**The pupils and the community thank you for your on-going support.**

**Without it, the David School Trust would be unable to continue its work.**