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*Welcome
to our newsletter
which we hope you will
find interesting.*



Welcome

Thank you for your ongoing interest in The School Development Fund and our fund raising work. 'Time flies' as the saying goes and here we are again with our third newsletter with an update on all our projects.

The School Print Shop supporting education in The Gambia - ON GOING

We are delighted to tell you that **The School Print Shop** in Cardiff has supported **Bakoteh Upper Basic School** by donating **£854** to build a vegetable garden. The donation followed a visit to the school by one of their directors David Noble, while on holiday with The Gambia Experience. The company will also be providing for a selection of tools, watering cans and seeds so pupils can learn how to grow vegetables, essential life skills! In addition the School Print Shop is also funding the school's water expenses. You can read more about this wonderful project by visiting their website TheSchoolPrintShop.co.uk/Bakoteh.html



New teachers' accommodation - UNDERWAY

Work is under way at **Nyanga Bantang Basic Cycle School**, where we have donated **£1,198** towards the construction of a housing block containing five single rooms for the teachers' accommodation. The teaching staff are currently living in the school's dining hall following the original accommodation being severely damaged by bad weather!



Sinchu Gundo Lower Basic School - UNDERWAY

Following a new headmaster being appointed at **Sinchu Gundo Lower Basic School** funds of **£3,700** have now been awarded for a perimeter wall to protect the pupils and their substantial grounds, which include a farm and vegetable gardens.



Raising the roof! - UNDERWAY

Kerewan Dumbo-Kono Lower Basic School has been awarded **£380** to help roof two classrooms destroyed by heavy winds. The school is currently combining classes to cope with the lack of rooms, however this is not sustainable due to an increase in the number of pupils attending the school.



Kitty Upper Basic School - COMPLETED

A home economics classroom is in place at **Kitty Upper Basic School**.

"The building is now completed with all the steel windows and door fixed and the students are now comfortable using it for their Home Science lessons."

Omar S.H Sanneh, Principal, Kitty Upper Basic School

Soma New Lower Basic School - COMPLETED

A perimeter wall was completed on 30th September 2011 for **Soma New Lower Basic School**.

"I write to express our heartfelt thanks to you for funding a perimeter wall. The benefits are that it gives the school the necessary security and safety. It now stops the flow of pedestrians, vehicles, donkeys, carts through the school. Thank you very much, extend our thanks and gratitude to your excellent customers for their support."

Almamo Fadera, Manager, Soma New Lower Basic School

40 new desks & benches - COMPLETED

Pupils at **Bansang Upper Basic School** are now benefitting from new classroom furniture.



Kitty Upper Basic School

Soma New Lower Basic School



Bansang Upper Basic School



Bansang Upper Basic School



New teachers' accommodation - **COMPLETED**

We are pleased to let you know that work on **Jallow Kunda Lower Basic School's** new accommodation house for its teachers is now complete.



Kathryn visits the new library at Jeddah Lower Basic School - **COMPLETED**

While we love seeing the photographs we receive in the UK office of SDF projects there is nothing like going to see a completed project in person. While Kathryn from the SDF team in the UK was on holiday in The Gambia last December she took the opportunity to visit Jeddah. She was delighted to except, on behalf of The Gambia Experience and their customers, a certificate of appreciation from the headmaster Mr Njumdu Darboe.



The new library at Jeddah Lower Basic School

New projects

We are in the process of raising funds for the following three projects all in the West Coast Region:

Solar power water pump - **FUNDS NEEDED**

Help has been requested to provide a **solar water pump system** for **Kanuma Basic Cycle School** which has 10 villages within its catchment area. The pump will aid their existing well, water tanks and solar panels. Having these facilities will mean the school will be able to embark on gardening, tree planting and a banana plantation, which will in turn generate money for the school.

"The essence of having safe and clean drinkable water in a teaching and learning environment cannot be over emphasised."
Principal, Kanuma Basic Cycle School

We need to raise £1,994 in support of this project.

Renovating staff accommodation - **FUNDS NEEDED**

Staff accommodation is in need of an update at **Sanyang Lower Basic School, the amount needed for this project is £1,291**. This will be a real morale booster for current teaching staff at the school.

"This will motivate teachers to teach the children effectively without problems." *Momodou. L. Sonko, Headmaster*

Kalagi Lower Basic School - **FUNDS NEEDED**

A vegetable garden and orchard wall is required to replace inadequate fencing at **Kalagi Lower Basic School**. Gardening and farming are part of extra curriculum activities, along with annual tree planting exercises. **The amount needed is £1,500.**



Funds update

Sadly we did not meet our target of £10,000 for 2011/12, however, we were still very pleased with the final total of £8,253.21 (from 1st April 2011 to 30th March 2012).

We have kept the target for 2012/13 at £10,000 so if you would like to make a donation visit: SchoolDevelopmentFund.org/Donate or if you would like to make a monthly contribution no matter how small, please email us for further information at sdf@gambia.co.uk

Anti-malaria medication raises funds

Remember to purchase your online medication with Lloyds Pharmacy. It is so convenient and is a great fund raiser as each purchase makes an 8% donation to The School Development Fund. To date we have made £720.44. To order your malaria medication on line and help raise money please visit **Lloyds Pharmacy**.

Staff fund-raising

A very successful in house Christmas raffle managed to raise over £700 for the School Development Fund which was a great way to end 2011. Thanks to all of The Gambia Experience suppliers who donated some fantastic prizes, including flights, ferry crossings, a chocolate hamper and a snow board!

Eating our way to more funds!

The Gambia Experience staff continue to do away with their diets! So far this year we have raised a further £192.77 via the school tuck shop.

Thank you again!

The School Development Team would like to thank colleagues in The Gambia and the UK for their on-going support.

Moreover, we couldn't do this without our clients; their contribution really does make a difference, so on behalf of the schools and their school children, a big thank you to everyone who helps with vital fund raising.

If you would like to make a donation please visit: **SchoolDevelopmentFund.org/Donate** or if you would like to make a monthly contribution no matter how small, please email us for further information at **sdf@gambia.co.uk**



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