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## Rose, 8, & the Great North Swim

Rose is a pupil at Willesley School in Ashby De La Zouch and has heard me talk, in their school assemblies, about Liverpool Community School. She decided she wanted to do a fundraiser to support the children at her "link school". I was expecting a biscuit or cake sale but I obviously don't know Rose that well !

She's just done The Great North "Swim 250", 10 lengths of a standard swimming pool, BUT she did it on an overcast day in Lake Windermere !! Last Monday she stood up in school assembly, proudly wearing her event T-shirt & her medal, and told all the 400 children about the event. She explained that she wore a wet suit (obviously), that she just swam 250 metres (like you do) then said that she had raised an AMAZING £200.76. I gave Rose a Certificate of Appreciation for her great fundraiser. I will be letting Rose, her family and the school know what specific purpose we have allocated the money for at Liverpool School.



It just shows, even at 8 years of age, you can still **"Make A Real Difference"** – thanks Rose

## Calvary project is WELL under way

I have sent funds so that they can start to make concrete blocks ready to build the tower which will house the water tank which will supply water to various strategic points around the church & school compound – more next time.

## Bladon Primary Schools "Smartie" Challenge

The children have just completed the Challenge. The first part is quite enjoyable as they all got to eat a tube of Smarties. The idea then is to try and fill the tube with loose change which is going to help supply desk and bench sets at a small rural school in Sierra Leone. The majority of the children at Kunduma school currently sit on the floor as they cannot afford to buy furniture. At least now there are concrete floors because until 6 weeks ago they were all just compacted earth which was very dusty and dirty.

The Challenge raised a total of £172 which, with the current exchange rate, will pay for 19 desk and bench sets which will mean 57 children at the school will be able to sit comfortably and have a desk rather than balance their books on their laps when they are writing.

MANY thanks to the Bladon children for **"Making A Real Difference"** for Kunduma

## UK Oxford United supporters fundraising for Mahera Wharf Oxford United, Sierra Leone

In my last Newsletter I did an article about the crowdfunding appeal, set up by Mary (her son is part of the Oxford United Academy). Another £60 has been donated, taking the total to £462, towards the £500 target.

I got a few comments saying I should have created a direct link, but being an old fossil I wasn't sure how to do this, so I asked a 7 year old & here it is: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/footballkidsafrica> If you want to donate just click on the link and it will take you to the page – so simple – just like me!! If we exceed the target any surplus money will be **"ring fenced"** for Mahera Wharf OUFC and used to support the boys on an ongoing basis. As reported last time the roof has been completed. Since then two more mattresses have been purchased, we have paid for a registration to the Bojan Gala Competition (16 teams, 4 per group, the top two in each group go through to the quarter finals), we have funded the purchase of after match refreshments and are just about to purchase football boots (£15 a pair) for some of the boys.

The justgiving page will close on July 4<sup>th</sup> – can you help give these guys their **Independence Day** ! Help Mary reach her target for the Mahera Wharf lads and

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