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Kankalay School, Port Loko

In my last News, talking about the size of the pit I said “somebody, brighter than me, can probably work out how many tons they’ve shifted!”. I was not disappointed. A good friend e-mailed saying “You wondered how heavy 27 cubic metres of soil weighs, it depends on density (rock vs loose sand) & moisture content. A good average per cubic metre is 1.45 metric tonnes. So, 27 cubic metres equals **39.15** metric tonnes”. So now we know!! Many thanks to my dear friend Bob for the info.

The Rotary Club of Banbury

I am pleased to announce that the Club has just donated **£3,000** to the Kankalay appeal which will sponsor the building of one classroom. I would like to acknowledge the continued support to the Sierra Leone project from the members of the Club, together we are **“Making A Real Difference”** This donation takes the total raised for the project to **£7,670** which guarantees the start of the first two classrooms, as soon as the toilet block is completed.

Sahr Sesay

Further to my article in my last Newsletter regarding this past pupil of Banbury International Community & Liverpool Community School I am thrilled to announce that I have secured funding to pay for Sahr’s first year of study and the purchase of essential books and equipment for his course. He is going to study at Freetown Teachers college I would like to acknowledge the fantastic support of this individual donor, you know who you are, and would recommend that people watch a film called **“The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind”** as this was what inspired the donor to support Sahr.

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The following two photos were taken yesterday afternoon by Solomon when he visited the school. Having started the project just 3 weeks ago, the guys have completed the digging of the pit, building the tank, backfilled all the trenches and are preparing for the next phase. Today they are going to start to form the concrete base and then they will begin the blockwork to build the toilets.



Solomon said in his e-mail yesterday evening “Many sincere greetings from all the children, teachers and community members. They deeply appreciate you and all your supporters who have made this great project possible”.

This toilet block will **“Make A Real Difference”** to the lives of the 200+ students at the school and they are eagerly awaiting the start of the new classroom buildings with great anticipation.

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