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### Kankalay School, Port Loko

The 6-cubicle toilet block will be ready after the Easter holidays - just a coat of paint needed inside.



They started work on the first two classrooms, office, staff room and store last weekend and are making really good progress - this was taken on Saturday afternoon and they are nearly at wall height and have started to fit the baluster windows in the two classrooms. Due to the rapid increase in the price of items on the market, we have already purchased and stored ALL the building materials in the village.



Despite the sharp rise in building materials, all the funding is in place to complete this first phase of the project and we are still hopeful that the first phase will be completed ahead of the rainy season, which usually starts in May. This may mean that for an interim period they may have to operate a “two shift” system, with half the pupils attending in the morning and the remainder attending in the afternoon – not an ideal situation but the best we can manage.

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The guys are busy making blocks, block mould just above the head of the guy centre front. **NOTE** - all are barefoot!!



**Solomon Kamara, Headteacher at Liverpool School**

You may remember that Solomon was the victim of a hit and run driver last June sustaining a broken hand and wrist and a complicated double fracture of the leg. Earlier this year he had to undergo a second operation on his leg and on Friday he had an x-ray of the leg and the doctor was pleased with the ongoing progress. Solomon is project managing the building projects at the Port Loko school and is spending a good deal of his time there making sure that everything is running smoothly.

**Did you know – of course you didn't, why would you!!**

I have just been asked to supply some football boots and footballs to an adult team in Freetown. I asked about the cost per pair/per ball and was shocked to learn that it is now as expensive to buy them in Freetown as it is to buy them online in the UK. £25 per pair and £20 for a football is VERY expensive compared to the wages they earn. I am currently looking at several possibilities to solve the issue.

**Sorie Deen, teacher @ Kunduma School**

Sorie, aged 60, has developed cataracts in both eyes and is struggling to continue his teaching duties. We've decided to use **£140** from "Pothos Fund" to enable him to have an operation in Freetown – a small price to pay really.

