

Year 2: 2011-2012

After our 2010-2011 project, we set ourselves some huge targets and were amazed at the response of our entire school community to support and develop the project and reach our target of £3000. The targets were:

1. To raise £3000 towards the costs of improving the school building: Throughout the year, we held a series of fundraising events. In addition to the usual no school uniform days and stalls at the Summer Fayre, we held a very successful Charity Race Night supported by businesses from across our local community, our local councillor as well as our schools children and their parents.

Race night pic.

On Sunday June 5th 2011, a staff team took part in the Great Midlands Fun Run. At 8.2 miles, it was quite a challenge but one which we all enjoyed.



We also held a community fireworks night:



2. To buy at least 450 life saving mosquito nets which we can then bring to the camp in order to limit the constant threat which the camps' children and their families are at from contracting malaria from mosquitoes as they sleep.



3. To donate 450 shoe box donations filled with unwanted toys, books, clothes or stationary ready to be handed to the children in Kissitown orphanage.



We were stunned by the level of support which our children, parents, staff and local community gave to support Kissitown camp. In fact, together we smashed our target and raised almost £4500! As a result, together with our secondary partners, the grand total raised was £27,000. This meant that we could send 4000 mosquito nets to Kissitown.



After returning from Sierra Leone we were honoured to be recognised for our project and invited to London to visit the Department for International Development. There, staff representatives from our school along with staff from our partner Secondary school met with Andrew Mitchell MP, then Secretary of State for International Development. He commented that our project was the best and most effective international twinning project which he had ever seen in the UK owing to the collaboration between our schools here and partners in Waterloo.



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A great end to a great year for our school partnership.

However, conscious that there was still work to be done on the camp school, our children and school council were adamant that we must return to complete the job.