



Dear teachers and pupils

Thank you very much for the huge help you have been to your twinned school. I am sorry for the delay in letting you know what we have done with your donation.

We were hoping to repair the pump but on closer inspection it was clear that the water was OK for washing and flushing the toilet but was unsafe for the children to drink. As it is so hot in the Gambia drinking is very important, The only drinking water was in the village away from the school. We contacted the water suppliers to get permission to pipe the water to the school. This was granted some time later. We then had to get permission from the village committee this also took time but after a very long chat it was granted. The work started the next day. One week later the water was in the school and they were also able to put a tap in the garden so they could water their plants, this will also help with school dinners as the vegetables grown in the garden will be used for school dinners.

We went to the opening of the taps and the children were very very excited, it is a shame you could not see what a difference it made, all the children having a drink, filling water bottles for the class rooms, great excitement some even pouring it over their heads it was a great day. In England we take clean water for granted.

After all this there was still money over so they asked if we could buy them volley balls, nets and posts. With the remaining money we have done this. They will now be able to join the volley ball inter school games.

I hope you agree with the way we used the money you raised. It has made a huge difference to all the children in the school.

All the teachers and children at Samba Njabi school are very grateful to you all

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