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Blue Skies awards 2021 School Farm of the Year winners



Congratulations to St. Fidelis Senior High School on winning the 2021 School Farm of the Year Competition (SHS category) and St. Michael's Anglican Basic School, Nsawam on winning the JHS category. The Blue Skies School Farm of the Year aims to re-engage young people in agriculture to encourage our next generation of farmers. Since the competition was launched in 2015, over 100 schools and almost 10,000 students have participated in the awards, helping

to stimulate a renewed appreciation in the importance of agriculture among young people in Ghana. Congratulations to everyone who took part in this year's competition. The winners were announced at a ceremony in Koforidua on the 26th of November.



Pictured: Winning students and teachers from Obaa Nao St. Fidelis Senior High School

Blue Skies wins Best Place to Work in 2021 FPC Awards

Blue Skies picked up 'Best Place to Work' at the 2021 FPC Awards. The awards were presented at on the 19 November at Old Billingsgate in London and hosted by comedian and TV personality, Patrick Kielty. Mark, Abbey, Kirsty, Jane and Carrie are pictured below collecting the award.



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Tom Pursglove MP pays a visit to Blue Skies UK



Tom Pursglove, Member of Parliament for Corby paid a visit to Blue Skies in Corby this month. Tom was keen to congratulate Blue Skies on its Queen's Award for Enterprise success and discuss how the business was performing against tough trading conditions, and what the government could do to help address some of the challenges. Tom Pursglove is pictured above (left) with Blue Skies UK General Manager, Sabine Hill (centre) and CEO Hugh Pile (right).

2021 Above and Beyond Student Award goes to seaweed packaging idea



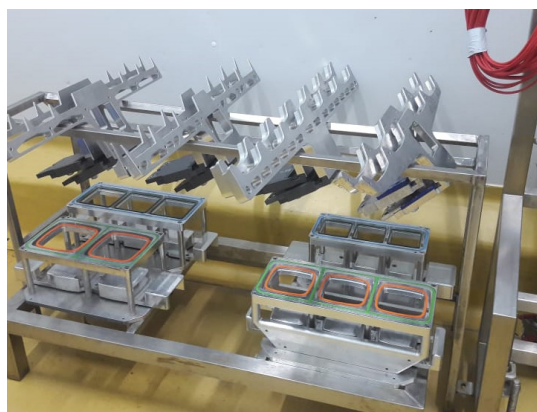
Students from the University of Northampton pitched innovative ideas to address Blue Skies challenges at this year's Blue Skies 'Above and Beyond Student Award' in association with the FBL Challenge. Under graduates, post-graduates and MBA students from across the Faculty of Business and Law presented their creative solutions to tackle Blue Skies sustainability priorities around plastic, waste and emissions.

In the hotly contested business competition, students presented a host of potential developments for Blue Skies, including using fruit by-products to serve the emerging market of plant-based feminine hygiene products, a plastic-free fruit dispensing system for supermarkets and diversifying the Blue Skies product range to include fruit-based fabrics.

A panel of judges, which included Hella, Jayne, Lana and Denzil from Blue Skies, and the Dean of the Faculty, Karen Jones, and Director of the Centre for Sustainable Business Practices, Amin Hosseinian-Far, assessed the student presentations based on Blue Skies innovations criteria.

The winning idea, pitched by Law students Kyle Willis and Drishtee Bhowaneesing, with their plan to introduce a plastic alternative into the Blue Skies packaging, by the cultivation of seaweed, which can be transformed into a plastic-like wrap.

RSA use ingenuity to create new stands for tools



Staff in South Africa have gone above and beyond by re-purposing unused equipment to create a new set of stands for storing tools. The new unit has helped to improve efficiency of operations without requiring additional expenditure. Congratulations to Mngomezulu Themba and More Lucas for implementing this excellent initiative.

More top audit results

November has been another busy month for audits, with customer and third-party audits taking place across many of our sites. Both Blue Skies UK and Blue Skies Brazil achieved green scores in customer audits, while Brazil also achieved an excellent result in their BRC audit. Many thanks and congratulations to all our teams on continuing to uphold high standards across the business.

Benin launch new sports and fitness programme



Blue Skies Benin recently launched a number of fitness and sports programmes including a 10km walk, an internal football tournament and a weekly 'walk, stretch and move' activity which takes place every Wednesday lunchtime. Many thanks to our Chief Engineer in Benin, Andyl M Morou, for sending the photos and the short report.

Farewell Mr. Amparbeng



Eric Amparbeng who has worked as Deputy HR Manager in Ghana for the past 14 years is leaving to pursue a new life in Ministry for the Methodist Church of Ghana. The General Manager thanked Eric for his dedication to duty and encouraged him to remain resolute even in ministry and to remember the Blue Skies culture. She wished him well in his new endeavor. A citation and a plate was presented to Eric for his meritorious service to the Blue Skies Family.

Vote for Blue Skies in the VegFest Awards

Blue Skies ice cream has been nominated for the 2021 VegFest Awards! The VegfestUK Awards are based entirely on a public voting system, which will go live for voting from Wednesday December 1st through until Tuesday December 14th. 2021. To vote Blue Skies as your winner, please go to: www.vegfest.co.uk/awards-2021



Reggie podcasts give shout out to Blue Skies



Blue Skies Creative Director Reggie Yates, has appeared on a few Podcasts recently, including Waitrose & Partners 'Life on a Plate' hosted by Yasmin Khan and co-host Alison Oakervee and Table Manners (pictured) with Jessie & Lennie Ware. Reggie has also recently launched his new movie 'Pirates' which released in UK cinemas on the 26th November.

Get Blue Skies on Deliveroo!



We're excited to announce Blue Skies Ice Cream has launched on Deliveroo! This is now live on the Deliveroo website.

We have three Blue Skies ice cream listings which will be available through 4 locations in the London area, which are: Chiswick, Nine Elms, Battersea and Wandsworth. The product flavours available are Salted Caramel, Mango & Passionfruit and Simply Coconut in the 450ml tubs.

NEXT MONTH

- We announce the winners of our Above and Beyond business awards
- A report on our 2021 Blue Skies Group Conference