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Blue Skies Newsletter

New classroom blocks opened by Foundation

The Blue Skies Foundation has recently inaugurated two new classroom blocks in Ghana. They include a new three classroom block with provision for an ICT centre and staff common room for Chinto Junior High School located near to the Blue Skies factory in Dobro in Ghana, and a three classroom block with staff common room, office and store for Panpanso Primary School located in a farming community in the Eastern Region of Ghana.

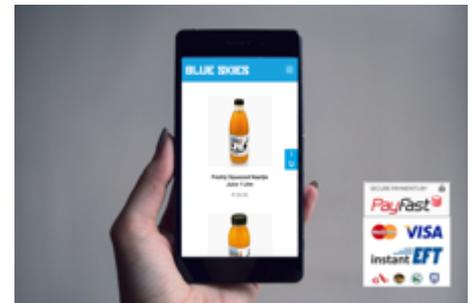
Both projects will mean that students will no longer have to study under trees or travel miles to the nearest suitable school in order to receive an education.

To date the Foundation has completed over fifty community projects in Ghana, South Africa and Senegal. This year the Foundation is also embarking on its second School Farm of the Year competition in Ghana to encourage young people to engage positively with farming in a bid to find the agricultural leaders of the future.



Above: Dignitaries outside the new classroom block for Chinto JHS

Blue Skies start online sales in SA



Blue Skies South Africa have launched an online shop for sales of their new freshly squeezed 'Fruit in a Bottle' and still lemonade range. Blue Skies currently deliver to Heidelberg, Nigel, Brakpan and Heritage Hill in the Gauteng province of South Africa and juice can be ordered from www.blueskies.com/order

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Blue Skies Egypt wins Recognition Award



Blue Skies Egypt has been awarded by The Association of Supply Chain Professionals ASCP on its launch ceremony on Saturday 15 October 2016. ASCP is a newly established NGO, representing all stakeholders of the supply chain and logistics professionals.

Blue Skies Egypt has supported this newly developed association in many aspects. Our Logistics Manager, Mohamed Shalaby is a co-founder of ASCP.

Blue Skies Egypt represents a model of excellence, not only on quality and performance, but also in supply chain management and logistics. The model of our operation was used as a case study with the academics at the College of International Transport and Logistics (CITL).

BSE has also participated with CITL and ASCP to develop the curriculum content by sharing the views of trade and industry professionals on expectations from graduates of CITL. BSE has provided training opportunities for CITL students along last few years, as well as sharing in training workshops developed by CITL staff and students.

Eng. Mohamed Abdul-Razik General Manager of Blue Skies Egypt received an Appreciation and Recognition Award for the extraordinary supply chain performance and activities that contributed to promoting agriculture in Egypt and for the recognized support for the supply chain education sector.

Eng. Mohamed Amin from Blue Skies Egypt also attended the event
Report by Mohamed Bahgat, Blue Skies Egypt.

Blue Skies exhibit at USA trade show



Blue Skies attended the PMA Fresh Expo in Orlando USA in October. Pictured from left to right are Juliana, Hilario, Rachel and John.

Blue Skies Ghana awarded



Blue Skies Ghana has been awarded the Agro Processing Company of the Year at the 2016 Osagyefo Pan Africa Awards in Ghana. Foundation Manager and Public Relations Officer Alistair Djimatey is pictured above holding the award at an Awards Dinner held on the 15th of October.

Fairtrade recognition for Egypt



Congratulations to Blue Skies Egypt who successfully completed their Fairtrade audit in October for the melon association. The audit took place over two days on the Alex desert road covering two farms. Thanks to Mohamed Bahgat for the report.

Sharing Safety Best Practices in Ghana

On 30th September, 2016, a ten-member Safety team from Graphic Communications Group paid a courtesy call on Blue Skies Ghana. The main objective of their visit was to familiarize themselves with the Safety Management system of Blue Skies Ghana and also to foster good industrial relationship between the two companies. This was a return visit as Blue Skies safety committee visited them in 2014 for similar reasons.

They were hosted in the conference hut, where a brief presentation on the Blue Skies culture was done by Alistair Djimatey (P.R /Foundation Manager) and followed by the Blue Skies Safety Management presentation by Wisdom Tukpih (OSH Officer). They were later taken on a tour in and around the non-restricted areas of the factory.

They were very much impressed and appreciative of the fact that Blue Skies is doing a lot for the country and also confessed they have a lot to learn from Blue Skies, especially from the good safety practices they have seen.

They however, pledged to support in the form of free publications in the newspapers anytime they are called upon. They also promised to collaborate with Blue Skies in the areas of sports and physical exercises in the near future.

By Widom Tukpih, Blue Skies Ghana



Last day of Senegal season



Thanks to Amel Sabeh (Bunny) from Ghana Movements for this great photo of the Blue Skies Senegal team celebrating the last day of the season.

Blue Skies host Walk for Sara



The Blue Skies HQ in Pitsford UK recently hosted a nine-mile charity walk around Pitsford Reservoir in memory of Sara Brookes who we sadly lost to cancer in 2013. This is the second annual 'Walk for Sara' organised by Blue Skies to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to everyone who participated in the walk which has so far raised over £400 for Macmillan.

Blue Skies Best Photo



A number of Blue Skies people have been sending in their photos to enter our 2016 Blue Skies Photography Competition. Now we have to choose our winner and we need your help!

Please vote for your favourite at www.blueskies.com/photocomp and we will use your votes to help us decide on our 2016 Blue Skies Photographer of the Year. Voting ends on the 31st of October.

Blue Skies South Africa celebrate Heritage Day



Heritage Day is a national holiday where all South Africans celebrate their cultural heritage and embrace their diverse traditions and values that contribute to our “rainbow nation”.

“Our heritage is very unique and precious because it helps us to define our cultural identity and it therefore lies at the heart of our spiritual wellbeing and it has the power to build our nation. Our heritage has the potential to affirm our diverse cultures and in so doing shape our national character as a “rainbow nation” at peace with itself. In short our heritage celebrates our achievements and contributes to redressing past inequities. It educates, it deepens our understanding of society while at the same time it encourages us to empathise with the experience of others. For a nation that has just been through apartheid, which had been declared a crime against humanity by the United Nations, the significance of heritage day cannot be overemphasised in that it facilitates healing.” Happy Heritage Day.

By Waydu Nhlapo, Blue Skies South Africa



Above: people at Blue Skies South Africa in traditional costume for Heritage Day

New canteen unveiled



Above: the new canteen at Blue Skies Ghana will feed over 3,000 people every day. Construction work was recently completed and the facility is expected to be ready for use within the next few weeks

Countdown to the 2016 School Farm Awards



The countdown has begun for our 2016 School Farm of the Year prize giving ceremony. This year’s competition has involved over 60 schools at the JHS and SHS level in Ghana who have all established their own school farms in order to engage students in agriculture.

The initiative culminates in the annual prize giving ceremony which this year will take place on the **25th of November** at St Martin’s Secondary School in Nsawam. We wish all the participants the best of luck for this year’s awards!

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