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Blue Skies Newsletter

Our walk for Sara



On 27th September over thirty people met at the Blue Skies UK office to embark on a nine mile walk in memory of Sara Brookes. People from Blue Skies past and present and friends and family of Sara came from near and far to walk together around Pitsford Water and then enjoy a bring-and-share lunch back at the office.

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It is almost exactly two years since we sadly lost Sara to cancer and so what better way to remember her than to walk with Sara's

friends and family around a place where she loved to go, and to support a charity – Macmillan Cancer Support - which takes care of people who are currently fighting cancer. Thank you to everyone who supported our walk for Sara and helped us to raise money for Macmillan.

Blue Skies hosts coffee morning for Macmillan



Blue Skies participated in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 25th of September to raise money for Macmillan Cancer support as part of the build-up to the Blue Skies 'Walk for Sara'. People from Blue Skies baked cakes including crème brûlées, chocolate brownies and cheese cakes, and donated money while taking part in fun activities including guess the Blue Skies person belonging to the baby photo. In total over £1070 has been raised so far for Macmillan from the coffee morning, the Walk for Sara and Lorna's Loch Ness marathon (see page 2). If you would like to make a donation, you can do so at: <https://www.justgiving.com/walkforsara/>



Above: Family and friends of Sara at Blue Skies before heading off on the walk



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Lorna completes the Loch Ness Marathon



Above: A Lorna's-eye view of the marathon getting under way.



Congratulations to Lorna Dix from the UK office who completed a gruelling 26 mile run around Scotland's Loch Ness on the 27th of September. The marathon is the biggest of its kind in Scotland and takes place in the breath-taking Scottish Highlands around the famous deep-water lake known as Loch Ness. The Loch, famed for its legendary monster known affectionately as 'Nessie', is 52 feet above sea level and due to its depth is the biggest lake in the UK by volume. Lorna completed the 26 mile run in just over five hours. Well done Lorna!

Rewind the Mango story



What happens when you rewind the story of Albert Heijn Mango from Blue Skies? Albert Heijn have made a new video which lets you find out! You can see it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=302voIzOQz0>

Blue Skies Ghana hit by tragedy

Our staff bus in Ghana was caught up in a tragic accident on the Nsawam road this month which resulted in a young boy losing his life.

Many of us as parents can only imagine the pain and suffering that the family must be going through at this very difficult time.

The incident is being treated as a tragic accident; however Blue Skies are doing everything possible to support the family and to support staff who witnessed what happened.

By Ruth Adjei, Blue Skies Ghana

Blue Skies Egypt give training for students



Pictured: students from the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport who had training for logistics at the Blue Skies Egypt logistics centre.

The training was coordinated by Logistics Manager, Mohamed Shalaby. The training took place over a period of one month.

Blue Skies Senegal end season in style

As the Senegalese mango harvest comes to an end, the management team at the pack house organised social activities to crown the season. This year's activities included a football match between the Blue Skies Senegal 'Pelicans' and Seidu's Mango Warriors (from the neighbouring farm), and a get-together and appreciation of everyone's hard work. The Blue Skies Football team despite the large crowd, including a bevy of wonderful ladies cheering them up the hot sandy pitch, were humiliated by the Seidu Mango Warriors who beat them 4-0. During the get together the GM, Ms Gloria Adidi Asare, thanked the staff and urged them to work harder in the season ahead to support the company to grow in the country. *Report by Alistair Djimatey.*



Pictured: the Blue Skies Senegal Pelican's before their match against Seidu's Mango Warriors.



Pictured: Seidu's Mango Warriors looking relaxed prior to their 4-0 win over the Pelican's.



Pictured: the Blue Skies Senegal team get together to crown another season.

Egyptians go on problem solving course



Pictured: The management team in Egypt attending a training course on Problem Solving and Root Cause Analysis.

Presbyterian Church visits Ghana factory



Pictured: The Nativity Presby Children Service of Ghana visiting the factory for an educational tour.

Got an idea?

Blue Skies want to hear from you



All ideas are welcome. Over the next few months we are particularly interested in:

“What is your favourite food and how can this be made in to a Blue Skies product?”

- Post your idea at: www.blueskies.com/yourbigidea
- WhatsApp or SMS us on **0044 7821 447 239**

All ideas will be entered in to our innovations process and everyone who contributes an idea will receive feedback and have a chance to be involved in the development of the idea if it is approved.

Blue Skies Heroes

Meet Gifty Odame Asare



Mrs. Gifty Odame Asare is one of the thirty five pioneers of Blue Skies Products Ghana when it started operations in 1998. Gifty joined Blue Skies in December 1998 as a production operative and worked in High Care for one year before being transferred to the print room due to her affinity for that area of operation. She has been working in the print room now for the past seventeen years.

Gifty believes in the Blue Skies policy of training, encouraging and developing people from the grass roots and has contributed greatly to the company's success so far. She has developed the skills to interact effectively with people from different walks of life and has trained over twenty five other people in the print room, and hopes to train more in the future. Gifty feels we can go back to the enthusiasm and spirit of our core values to inspire more commitment from people, something which she believes has suffered as the company has grown.

She says the print room was once one of the busiest and most highly pressured areas of the factory as staff always had to be vigilant to printing errors, however the job has become easier over time thanks to the investment by management in modern equipment.

Gifty believes that Blue Skies offers the platform for any hard working people to develop themselves socially and academically. She has therefore taken advantage of the opportunity to pursue further education and is currently a second year student of Human Resources at the Pentecost University.

A mother of two, Gifty says she really loves to cook and watch football. Her favourite teams are Chelsea and Kumasi Asante Kotoko in Ghana. Her greatest joy was when she was selected as part of a team to visit Albert Heijn in the Netherlands, and she wishes everyone in the future will have the same experience so as to broaden our horizons about the business and people across the globe.

She says "as a proud pioneer of Blue Skies, I believe everyone is important as has always been emphasized by the Founder Dr Anthony Pile. We should not envy anyone and look down on ourselves. We should improve on our working skills for the future."

Gifty said, she is grateful to the Founder, her colleagues, management especially Mrs Ruth Smith Adjei and the entire Blue Skies family for the numerous opportunities and challenges that has transformed her life, and she promises to continue doing her best for the company.

By Alistair Djimatey.

Foundation project starts in Senegal

The first Foundation project for Senegal went ahead on Saturday 9th of September in the town of Notto Gouye Diama, where the Blue Skies Packhouse is located.

The aim of the project was to mobilise the community to clean-up the town and raise awareness of the Foundation, its selection process and how it can help address other challenges within the area.

The programme was attended by the Youth leadership, the Mayor and women's groups as well as the Blue Skies Staff domiciled in the community.



Meeting with the community and major stakeholders at Notto Gouye Diama



Teams of volunteers clean up the town



Cleaning up road-side waste



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