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BLUE SKIES FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2022 SCHOOL FARM OF THE YEAR

AWARDS

SCHOOL FARM

The winners of the 2022 School Farm Awards were announced at a ceremony held on the 24th November 2022 at Achimota SHS in Accra. The ceremony was attended by over 800 students and Teachers. The event was organised in partnership with Kosmos Innovation Center and MasterCard Foundation. Representatives from Kosmos, Ghana Education Service, Parliament of Ghana and Mr. Davies Narh Korboe, the President of the National Best Farmers and Fishermen Association of Ghana were at the event to encourage more young persons to consider career along Agricultural value chain. Follow the story on page 2.



STUDENTS FROM NORTHAMPTON INNOVATE IN FBL CHALLENGE

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ZERO WASTE

Students from the University of Northampton recently pitched their innovative ideas to address various challenges surrounding 'Waste' at this years 'FBL 2022 Challenge: Moving Towards Zero Waste'. Congratulations to team 'Scented Diamonds' on being the winners of this years challenge! Follow next month to learn more about their creative idea.



KWAHU TAFO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL WINS 2022 BEST SCHOOL FARM OF THE YEAR

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SCHOOL FARM AWARDS

The School Farm Competition is a project run by the Foundation in Ghana to help reverse the negative image Agriculture has attained. Over 100 schools who participated in the 2022 competition were provided basic farm inputs and training to cultivate their own school farms. The Awards ceremony, which is the climax of the competition saw Kwahu Tafo SHS, winning the Best School Farm of the Year (SHS Category) and Best School Farm of the Year (JHS Category) was awarded to Adoe Basic School in Bono East. Furthermore, the first inclusive school to ever join the competition, Cape Coast School for the Deaf/Blind also took away some prizes while serenading the guests with a beautiful cultural display at the ceremony.



ANTHONY VISITS BLUE SKIES BRAZIL

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In November, Anthony took a trip to Brazil where he spent two weeks visiting the sites. During his trip, he visited Petrolina as well as spending some time at the factory in Mogi and visiting the airport at Guarulhos. The trip provided a great chance to explore the local area, investigate areas of future expansion and agree proposals for 2023. A big thank you to Blue Skies Brazil's hospitality and especially that of Flavia and Caio. Below is a few photos from the trip.



Mr Vinicius, Maykon Gold Fruit's agronomist, Flávia and Caio.



Flavia at Agrobras farm

ANTHONY THANKS SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

In November, Anthony took advantage of his visit to Brazil and gathered the First Aid and Firefighting Committee to reinforce the important work being carried out by the Committee. The members were happy and thanked Anthony for his support and words of encouragement.

The team also had training for the new members of the Accident Prevention Committee. Congratulations to all who completed this training! The new members are receiving their certificates below.



RUTH PRESENTS PARTNERSHIP AWARD

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GHANA

Hannah Danquah, our deputy logistics manager accepts a certificate and platinum trophy from Ruth in celebration of a Partnership Award from IAG cargo

Well done to all the global ops teams for their tireless work to ensure the relationship with British Airways remains as strong as it was when we first started this business 25 years ago.



WALKING FOR HEALTH

Early this month, the Keep Fit Club in Ghana went on a 12km hike that saw the attendance of over hundred people from Blue Skies and its surrounding communities. This was the first of its kind after a long hiatus since the Covid-19 pandemic. Several disabled people in Blue Skies were invited to a health walk organised by the Police Depot Keep Fit Club in Accra. Hundreds of people joined this walk to spread awareness on fitness related activities for those disabled, and to promote physical exercising activities.

GHANA TEAM SHINE IN CUSTOMER AUDITS

After a recent audit with a 12 hour session, the audit ended with the Ghana team passing with flying colours. The team together with Hella worked really hard to secure this result and also managed to touch the heart of the photo loving auditor in several ways including very high standard of hygiene in the processing areas.



A recent customer audit was facilitated by Ruth, Janet, Mark, Hella and Charles. The visit was a huge success. A big thanks for all of the Ghana team for all of their work!



A SPOOK-TACULAR HALLOWEEN!



Blue Skies Corby got in the spirit for Halloween with a great Halloween party. They had several competitions such as decorating pumpkins, finding hidden surprises and Limbo dance, in which we there were two winners Mateusz Borzecki and Joe Revell. The team had fun with some being very creative with dressing up, and the best costume prize went to Grazyna Rybska!

INTERNATIONAL CAKES DAY



Team Corby recently celebrated International Cakes Day with several team members spending time to prepare traditional cakes from home that could be shared together in the canteen. A successful day with very good reviews on the baking as there was nothing left! In the above photo L-R Karolina, Roulla, Alicja, Sabine and Lukasz.



BIG CHEERS FOR SUCCESSFUL AUDIT RESULTS

A huge well done to the team at Corby for the success of a recent customer audit. Big thank you to Marta for great support with preparation and during the audit.

CORBY DONATE TO LOCAL HOMELESS CHARITY

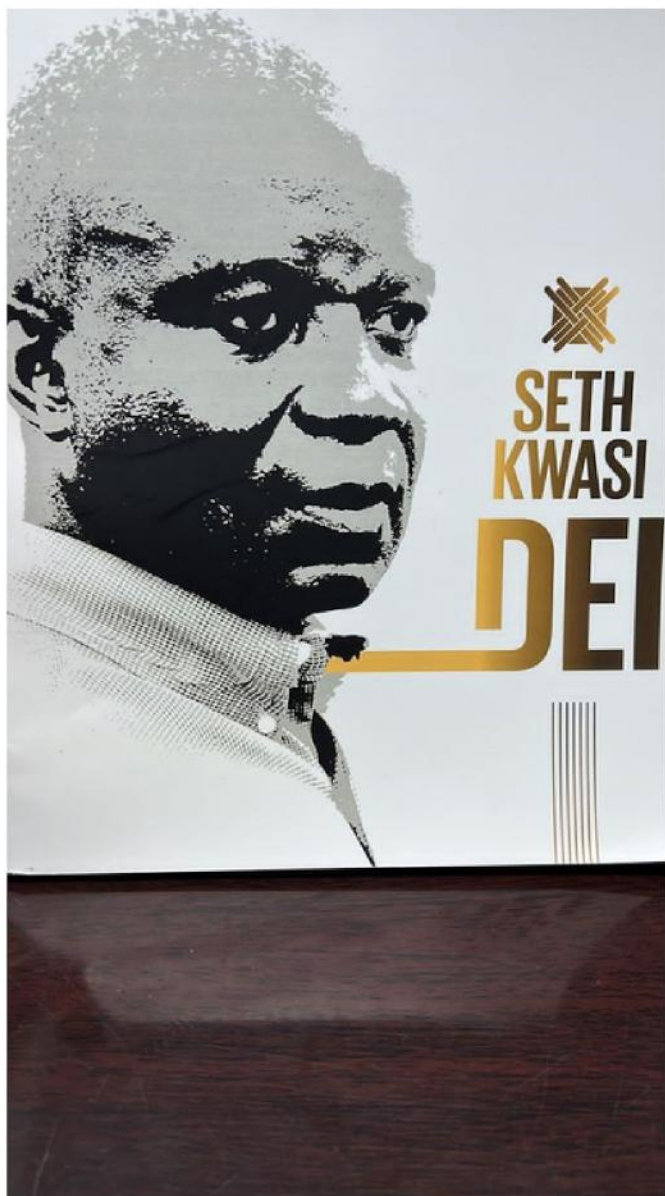
Blue Skies UK is delighted to share with the Blue Skies Family details of their exciting new project! The Team at Corby, led by Alicja and Karolina, started donating usable surplus fruit to Corby Homelessness Project. The first donation has been met with much enthusiasm! Corby Homelessness Project is working towards helping those experiencing homelessness around Corby, and with regular donations of fresh fruit from our Corby factory, they would be able to help not only their own residents but also local families, neighbours, and other partners, like Rushden Homeless Service. We are all aware that the right nutrition is vital for those in need, so well-done Team UK in helping your local community!



BLUE SKIES PAYS TRIBUTE TO MR. SETH K. DEI

GHANA

TRIBUTE



Ghana local management attended the memorial service of Seth Dei, a founding shareholder and a director of the business. Seth is survived by his wife and four children. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this difficult time.



A tribute read on his behalf by Hella Lipper

MEMORIAM

Mr. Seth K. Dei Born on the 20th of February 1945, a trained agricultural economist at Cornell University, USA, and an avid collector of contemporary African arts. He was laid to rest in a solemn farewell service in Accra. He was a founding shareholder and Director of Blue Skies and the current Chairman of the Blue Skies Branded facility in Ghana. In a tribute read on his behalf by Hella Lipper, Anthony eulogized his friend and partner and indicated that he will forever remember his meeting with the late Seth these years ago when he was more easily convinced than any other individual about the merit of his crazy idea to start a Freshcut business in Ghana. We appreciate certainly how much you cherish and appreciate Blue Skies and its impact of Blue globally and the very reason why you requested in your will that only Blue Skies Juice to be served at your funeral. Rest in Peace Sir.

-By Alistair Djimatey

FRESHPPACT ON A MISSION!



SHOWCASE SOLUTIONS

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We have launched a Showcase page where you can see potential solutions that require collaboration. You can now get in touch with solution providers through the FRESHPPACT hub to contribute to solving #plasticpollution. <https://freshppact.org/showcase/>

Our Call for Solutions is now closed, and we have received over 20 applications. These will now go through a screening process before they are reviewed by an independent panel of experts. The shortlisted solutions will then be considered by consortium members in January to decide on which ones will be awarded funding for commercial testing in 2023.



BLUE SKIES FAMILY NEWS

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WELCOME WILL

Welcome to the Blue Skies family Will. Will Cottrell is joining us as Admin Assistant within the Operations team in Pitsford. Please join us in welcoming him into the business.

CONGRATULATIONS JASON!

Jason Archie-Acheampong and his wife have welcomed a new baby girl into their family. Baby Asa was born on Thursday 3rd November. We wish Jason and his family many congratulations!

HELLO RAUDA KASI ADAMS

Latest addition to our Ghana Branded GM, Fatahu's family born on Nov 17th 2022; same day we said farewell to Seth. Her name Rauda Kasi, means pure paradise.

CONGRATS KATIE!



Congratulations to Katie Lilley who recently gave birth to a healthy baby boy. Joshua Theo Day was born on the 26th October, weighing 9lb 7oz. We wish Katie and her family many congratulations on their new addition!



RAUDA KASI ADAMS