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BLUE SKIES CELEBRATES FOUNDER'S DAY

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On the 7th of June, Ghana celebrated Founders Day which also marked Anthony's 77th Birthday. Our Founder's Day celebration is a day to recognise the achievements of our Founder and Chairman, Anthony Pile. Blue Skies' journey to become a major player in the fresh fruit industry is a testament to Anthony's vision, hard work and tenacity. Our Founder's Day is a celebration of this spirit. The celebration this year centered on the theme "Family". A hosts of activities included a Founders Day Trivia and Family Fun Fair. The Family Funfair, which was a great success, started with a 4km walk from the factory to Pelican Stadium, ended at the Blue Skies Guesthouse with aerobics, fun games and merriment. Furthermore, an invitation was extended to Heaven of Hope Academy, a local orphanage to join the celebration in honor of our Founder. Happy Birthday Sir Anthony Pile!





MONTHLY UPDATES IN GHANA



CELEBRATION OF NATURE

BIODIVERSITY DAY

Blue Skies Ghana commemorated Biodiversity Day by organising various on-site activities, such as a themed talk, a short documentary viewing, and a nature walk. The team explored a fish pond established during the previous year's biodiversity celebration and also toured the natural herb farm that supplies local spices for the canteen. Additionally, different departments collaborated to plant a variety of trees, including edible ones like oranges, soursop, white and pink guava, lemon, Red Navel, late Valencia, and tangerine.







HAPPY RETIREMENT TO THEODORE AMEVOR

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RETIREMENT

Blue Skies wishes Theodore Amevor a Happy Retirement! Theodore Amevor has retired after 16 years of service with Blue Skies. He worked as an Operative in Production, specifically Despatch. Throughout his years with us, Theodore exhibited unwavering commitment and dedication. During a speech, Emily thanked Theodore for his service and contribution to the success of Blue Skies. We wish Theodore a happy retirement and hope that he stays in touch.



MONTHLY HEALTH FOCUS - ANXIETY & INSOMNIA

'The best bridge between despair and hope is a good night's sleep' – E. Joseph Cossman Ghana's health focus in the month of June was on Insomnia. The clinic dedicated the period to educating staff on Anxiety and Insomnia. Departmental health talks were organised to drive awareness on the detrimental effects and provided tips on how to alleviate Anxiety and Insomnia.

HEALTH & WELLBEING



Departmental Talk

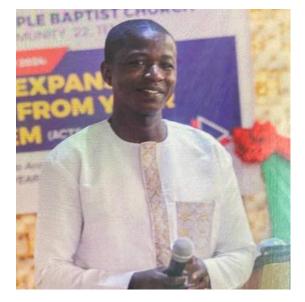
CORPORATE YOGA & GAMES: BLUE SKIES AND FAIRAFRIC FOSTER BONDS

On 22nd June 2024, Blue Skies Ghana and Fairafric Ghana Limited came together for a day of Corporate Yoga and Games at the Daniel Sarfo Sports Complex. The event was a great success, with over 200 participants in attendance. The day began with a 45-minute yoga session, led by experienced yoga instructors. The yoga session was a great way to start the day, followed by some dance aerobics, which got everyone moving and energised. The afternoon was dedicated to competitive games, including football, volleyball, table tennis, and archery. Blue Skies Ghana showed their competitive spirit by winning every game against their competitors, Fairafric Ghana Limited. Both Blue Skies Ghana and Fairafric Ghana Limited are committed to adding value to their products at source, and the event was a great way to celebrate this shared commitment. Overall, it was a fun day and it was also a great way to promote health and well-being among the participants.





TRIBUTE TO THE LATE JOSEPH AKOTO



EMPLOYEE TRIBUTE

Joseph Akoto joined our Engineering team from Niche Cocoa, bringing with him a wealth of knowledge and expertise in mechanical engineering. His passion for his work was evident in everything he did, from the forward-looking suggestions he would share from time to time to the detailed solutions he delivered with precision and care. In the time we had with him, Joseph Akoto became an integral part of our team, earning our respect and admiration. However, in recent months, we noticed a change in him. His enthusiasm and vigor, which had been an inspiration to us all, began to fade. We were worried, and our concerns were tragically realised when his sudden illness took him from us far too soon.

We will miss his bright smile, his infectious laughter, and his unwavering dedication. But even in death Joseph Akoto continues to inspire us. His legacy will live on through the work we continue to do, inspired by his spirit and dedication.

Joseph was survived by his wife Abigail, a Staff spouse and young children. We offer our sincerest condolences to the family in this particularly difficult and painful time.

May His Soul Rest In Peace - Blue Skies Ghana

BIODIVERSITY DAY IN BENIN



TREE PLANTING IN BENIN

BIODIVERSITY AWARENESS







BLUE SKIES BÉNIN

Organised by the biodiversity team, twenty trees and fifty flowers were planted by staff. For the occasion, each tree planted was labelled with the name of a staff member. This was followed by an awareness-raising session to encourage staff to preserve biodiversity, protect the environment and combat desertification and climate change. Let's plant trees, nurture them, and protect them from the threats they face. Every tree planted is another step towards a greener, healthier and more sustainable future for our planet and future generations. Let's work together to preserve the splendour and vitality of our environment.







MONTHLY UPDATES IN EGYPT



KLM VISIT TO EGYPT FACTORY

EGYPT

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Mohamed and his team in Egypt had a productive meeting with the AF/KLM team during their visit to the factory in June. They had engaging discussions about future plans, turning it into an exciting catch-up session. Our partnership remains dynamic and we look foward to welcoming the team again soon to the factory.

BLUE SKIES ATTEND TURKISH AIRLINES EVENT



Tamer and Mohamed from Egypt received invitations to a Turkish Airlines event in June. The purpose was to uphold the positive relationship with TK and strategise for the upcoming months in Q4. Tamer is pictured here in between Abedulrahman and Nehal, who oversee the TK office in Cairo.



MONTHLY UPDATES IN RSA



PRIORITISING HEALTH AND FITNESS IN S.A

WELLBEING

FITNESS





Recently, the Blue Skies S.A team participated in an enjoyable health and fitness event. In the midst of our many priorities, we often overlook our health and fitness. But it's often the simple habits we create daily that can transform our lives. It is crucial to incorporate walking or exercising into our daily routine and promote a healthier balance.

As leaders, it is our responsibility to inspire individuals to recognise the significance of their health and motivate them to take care of themselves. A big thank you to all who took part in this event and see such a strong commitment to fostering a culture of well-being within our community.



MONTHLY UPDATES IN BRAZIL



FLAVIA & TEAM ATTEND TECHNOLOGY FAIR IN SAO PAULO

BRAZIL

SAO PAULO EVENT





Recently Flavia, Wagner, Wellington, Carlos and Tatiane from Brazil visited FISPAL, a technology fair taking place in São Paulo with various machine manufacturers presenting their equipment. Flavia and her team used the opportunity to meet Gelgoog, a Chinese manufacturer with which we are discussing a possible project to automate our mango peeling process. A successful day for the team and exciting developments taking place.

MONTHLY UPDATES IN FRANCE



NEW MONOPRIX CONCEPT STORE IN PARIS

MONOPRIX

The new concept store of Monoprix, situated in the heart of Paris was officially opened on June 11th. Blue Skies seized the opportunity to present its range of fruits during this event. Henri organised and presented delectable mango and pineapple cups to the attending guests. Notably, Henri extended a cup to Mr. Guillaume Seneclauze, the CEO of Monoprix, prior to his speech at the event. During his speech, Mr. Seneclauze highlighted the significance of human interaction, innovation, and excellence within the store. After his speech he revisited Blue Skies to delve deeper into the company's background, products, and ethos. Henri elaborated on the company's FFH model, JEE, foundational principles, and commitment to innovation. We thank Mr. Seneclauze for showing great support and enjoyment in our range, and we look foward to the future possibilities with Monoprix.





TRANSFORMING WASTE

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WASTE MANAGEMENT

Prince and Joyce from Ghana Fresh Cut, the leading site for waste management in Ghana, embarked on a tour to visit the company's waste carriers and recyclers. Their objective was to explore the operations of these partners who transform the waste they generate into profitable products. Additionally, they sought out new recyclers who could assist in recycling specific items like gloves, armlets, and hairnets. This tour aimed to motivate waste carriers and recyclers to continue their commendable efforts, thereby fostering a stronger emphasis on the circular economy within the organisation.





GULAM AND CORBY'S TEAM VISITS GIST MANAGEMENT

At the start of June, Gulam, Claire, Adam and Sabine met with Paul Smith at GIST management and had a tour of their Spalding site in preparation for the upcoming busy summer season. Pictured here are the team at the site.



CORBY'S ADVENTURE TO THE PEAK DISTRICT!

On 14th June the Blue Skies Corby team went to visit Peak District National Park. We visited the Roaches and Luds church and collectively we counted the steps – we walked 500 km on that day! It was quite a hard walk, but we were happy to see beautiful views!

