

January 2015

# The British School of Lomé

# BSL BUZZ

## Crocodiles and Castles!

The annual BSL Humanities trip to Cape Coast, Ghana was a glowing success this year. A dozen students from year 8 and 9 took part in the four day excursion and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Visiting the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Cape Coast Castle and Elmina Castle was an interesting, if sobering, experience for all. It really brought home the stark realities of the slave trade and brought much of what we have studied in History about the Atlantic slave trade into stark relief.

The highlight of our visit to Kakum National Park was the rainforest canopy walk. Suspended between 30 and 40 metres above the forest floor we were afforded a rare, bird's-eye view of this spectacular ecosystem, as well as provided with an opportunity for some of us to face (and conquer) our fear of heights.

We also spent an afternoon with a Ghanaian art teacher and member of the Global Mommas Batik Cooperative creating our own batik fabrics and learning about the process of dying cotton sheets using wax and sponge stencils. This is a wonderful creative outlet and we got to keep the beautiful designs that we made.

All in all, the trip was a great success and I would like to send out a big thank you to all who participated; especially to Mr. Niko and Mr. Fugill for their excellent driving and Mr. Idris and Ms. Spence for their eternally positive attitudes.



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# Now Hear This!

Empathy for others at BSL! TRACKS, BSL's service in the community project, is extremely proud to announce that the nine students selected for hearing aids at Ephata school for the deaf have had their hearing aids fitted! After nearly three years since the idea was conceived hearing aids are actually in the ears of students! We would like to thank Dr Kafui Searyoh, an ENT (ear, nose and throat) specialist and Daniel Tunpi, an audiologist who travelled from Ghana last week to help fit moulds and set the hearing aids correctly. It has been a long road but it is not over yet. There will be a meeting in a few weeks to discuss the maintenance of the device with parents which will be followed by speech therapy for the students. We would like to thank all those involved especially the members of the school community who made this possible through their fundraising events.



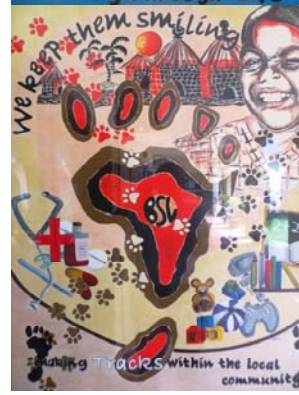
## A Record Breaking Bake Sale!



Thank you to all members of the school community who donated cakes and all those who bought one (or two) at last week's bake sale! The bake sale raised an amazing 145,500 CFA which will go towards buying picnic benches for students and parents.

## Empathy for others!

# 'Our Endeavours' Art



# Primary School News



**Enriching Lives in the primary school!**



The Year 2 class led the primary assembly this month with a brilliant performance of three short plays: Little Red Hen, the Gingerbread Man and 3 Billy Goats Gruff. This is part of the 'Reader's Theatre' unit they are studying. They ended the assembly by singing 'Please tell Me Why' in English and using hand signs.

# Secondary School News



## Celebrating Success at BSL!



Secondary students were awarded certificates for academic excellence during a secondary assembly as term one draws to a close. Most outstandingly Christel Ewurefua Dickson was awarded a silver certificate for achieving 65 merits. Habeeb Olorode and Roshan Ramnani were both awarded Gold certificates for achieving 100 merits!

# Eco Council News

Students from Primary school have taken the lead on making the British School of Lomé a greener and more sustainable school for all of us. Several students have spent the past few weeks after school decorating recycling bins to be placed around the school. Students considered what waste was generated most at BSL and what could be recycled most easily. They have decided to focus on paper and plastic to begin with and placed the bins in lots of different places around the campus where we hope all members of our school community will use them.



**check out our  
new recycling  
bins...**

**... helping to  
promote  
sustainability  
at the British  
school of Lomé**

Future plans for the eco-council are already being discussed and include making our own recycled paper and a t-shirt competition to celebrate World Environment Day.



**take  
responsibility  
for  
sustainability...**

**... use our new  
recycling bins**

## Celebrating Australia Day!



A secondary school assembly this month celebrated Australia Day! Our Australian music teacher Mr Michael Kay led the students through a history of Australian music including a hilarious display of the Didgeridoo! Happy Australia Day!

## Making Global Citizens!

## Flying high with Brussels Air



Representatives from Brussels Air visited the school this month to attend a presentation given by our IB students about our service in the community projects. Brussels Air have generously contributed several flight tickets over the years to TRACKS which has helped raise a considerable amount of money for our projects. They were very impressed with our students as well as the work we do in the community!

## Former students are always welcome back at BSL!



Look who popped into see us this month. Old friends and former students Kofi Essel Koomson, Daniel Nunoo and Edu Adodo from the class of 2017 came back this week to say hello and check out the many changes to the school. They met many of their old teachers and enjoyed a tour of the school. How many of you remember them?