

February 2015

The British School of Lomé

BSL BUZZ

The Globe Theatre to Visit Togo and Perform at BSL!

It is with great pleasure that The British School of Lomé notifies you that a professional travelling troupe of actors from Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London will give a performance of William Shakespeare's Hamlet on our school's open stage on Tuesday 10th March at 7pm. This is an extraordinary opportunity for our students to see what is undoubtedly one of the best plays in the world, performed by world class professional actors right here in Lomé!

The Hamlet Globe to Globe tour opened at Shakespeare's Globe on 23 April 2014, the 450th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth. This completely unprecedented theatrical adventure sees Hamlet tour to every single country on earth over two years. Sixteen extraordinary men and women travel across the seven continents, performing in a huge range of unique and atmospheric venues.

The production has already won international awards and recognition; in October 2014 UNESCO patronage was granted to Globe to Globe Hamlet, in recognition of the tour's engagement with local communities and promotion of cultural education.

This production really is the 'best of the best' of touring theatre, and we are so fortunate to have this company present here at The British School of Lomé in Togo.



GLOBE THEATRE



Globe Theatre on Tour



HAMLET

By William Shakespeare



For one night only at the British School of Lomé

Tuesday 10th March at 7pm

Tickets will be available to purchase in advance from the School office

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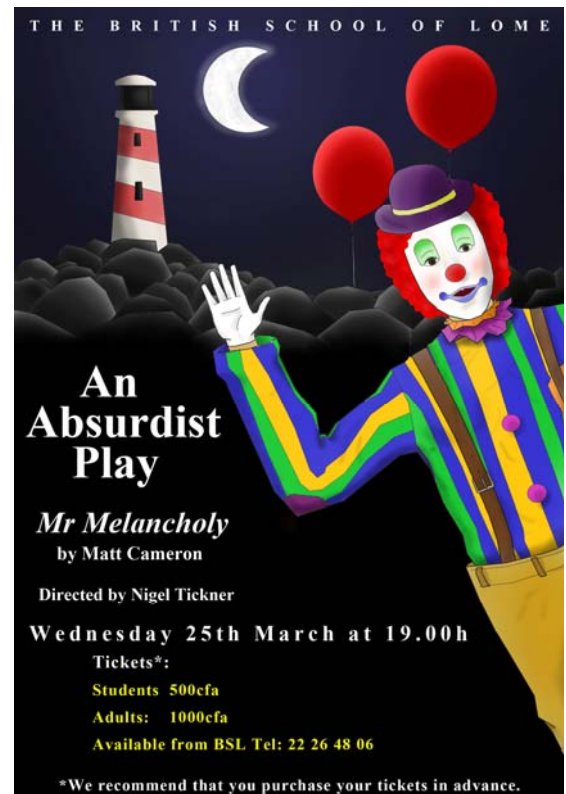
Secondary students in English/Drama classes have been studying 'Hamlet' extracts on their feet through active learning methods developed and encouraged by Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. All of this is in preparation for the performance from an educational perspective to enhance learning and understanding.

Celebrating the Creative Arts at BSL

For one night only on Wednesday 25th March at 19.00h, four excellent actresses from the Secondary school will perform a full length play in the Absurdist style. A visually very interesting and engaging play by Australian playwright, Matt Cameron, 'Mr Melancholy' is a comic parable about a hermit, Ollie, who lives together 'in solitude' with two other hermits, Margot and Enzo. They live on a remote island, which has a lighthouse that does not work. They collect baggage from the ships that are wrecked on the rocks.

Ollie's purpose in life is to steal the beach with a bucket. Margot, who fears change, returns it each night, so Ollie will never finish the job. Enzo watches, and sends out messages in bottles. They are isolated from society. As Margot says, "We have our own space. We share an interest in solitude. There are no surprises, no unknowns. Things don't change." That is until a runaway clown, Dolores, arrives in a washed-up trunk, with a curious package.

This interesting play written in an Absurdist style promises to offer a great evening's entertainment. Tickets are 1,000 cfa for adults and 500 cfa for students and children. We recommend you purchase tickets in advance from the front desk at reception.



Why not purchase your tickets for this play at the same time you buy your tickets for 'Hamlet' or purchase them on the night you come to see 'Hamlet'? Two plays within two weeks is an excellent opportunity to see some live theatre in Lome and show your support for the Creative Arts at BSL.

Primary School News

Maths Madness!

The Primary school had a week full of brilliant Maths activities this week. The students read books about Maths and learned jokes related to a play on words about Maths. Yr 1-6 were wowed with abacus demonstrations by Aunty Kajal. They also had superb art lessons that focused on ratio, proportion and symmetry with our guest artist, Cristelle Ami Flagbo. Students also participated in an Inter-house Maths quiz where great prizes were on offer. Maths Week came to an end with a Maths mufti day and Maths Fashion parade as well as a great assembly to celebrate a great week of exploring Maths presented by year six!



More Maths Madness!



Happy Chinese New Year!



The Reception children have been learning about Chinese New Year. We have heard stories, made lanterns, firework paintings and had our own Chinese New Year parade with an amazing Chinese Dragon!



Tour de France comes to Togo!



Year one had a fantastic day this month with their very own 'Tour de France' at school as part of their current topic "Off to France." The students each represented their own countries and completed in individual time trials and team competitions to win Bronze, Silver and Gold medals. Togo won Gold in the Individual race and America won Gold for the team race! There was even a teacher's race which was easily won by Mr Colborne. The children were hot and tired by the end of it but had a great time! Thanks to parents, teachers and students who came out to support us!

Dinosaur Discovery Club!



Future palaeontologists in the making working hard at Dinosaur Discovery Club! This is one of our fantastic after school activities offered to our students!

Enriching Lives at BSL!



Secondary School News



The Modern Foreign languages department organised a tasty International Buffet for our year 13 students this month with all sorts of scrumptious meals from around the world!

The BSL Parent Handbook

The parent handbook is now available to download from our website in both English and French. The handbook is full of vital information about the school's policies and programmes! Download your copy today!



The British School of Lomé

**Parent Handbook
2014 – 2015**



The British School of Lomé

**Manuel des Parents
2014 – 2015**

Empowering learning

Enriching lives

Empathy for others

Apprentissage responsable Vies enrichies Empathie pour les autres



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Don't forget to check out our school facebook page which is regularly updated with brilliant stories about your children. If you like our facebook page 'British School of Lomé' you will receive regular updates direct to your own facebook feed.

BSL Lions



Early Years Sports Day!

Early years had a brilliant sports day organised by the PE department! There was climbing, swinging, running, jumping, pushing balls, carrying loads on push bikes and feeding food to animals (throwing bean bags into hoops)! All the children put lots of energy into what was a great morning.



Basketball Champions!



1st place and Gold medal winners Carla, Sven, William, Habeeb, Noelly and Marlene (Y8) and their coach Mr Jibril. Go BSL Lions!!!

On Saturday, February 14th 2015, the Lycée Français held a Basketball tournament and invited BSL along with six other schools to attend. In total, about 200 students participated in the tournament. BSL participated in the qualification round in the morning. BSL Lions played against the Lycée Français first team, the American International School, Protestant, Arc en Ciel, and the Lycée Français second team and won all their games! They qualified for the semi-finals in the afternoon. BSL easily won the semi finals (72-11) and moved on to play the finals against the Lycée Français. It was a close game but BSL won 21 -17!

Eco Council News

Helping the Environment at BSL!

take
responsibility...

...switch off

last out...

...lights out

be green

switch it off

be green

don't cool an
empty room

Global Citizenship education! The Eco Council has created signs for every room in the school to remind everyone to save energy by switching off lights and ACs when they are not being used! Making BSL greener!

The Global Citizenship Award

The International Global Citizen's Award is a new programme which encourages young people to become better global citizens by:

- finding out about other cultures and outlooks
- finding out more about how their everyday lives affect the environment and the lives of others
- taking small actions to help make the world a better place
- reflecting on their developing knowledge and awareness

The International Global Citizen's award is non-competitive, voluntary and for young people aged 11 and over. During the programme, people become more engaged and active as global citizens and better informed about certain global issues and concerns. The award recognises development and action by participants over a period of time.

The Eco Council and Global Citizens Join Forces to Really Re-cycle

Tuesday afternoon saw BSL's first foray into the art and science (and messiness) of paper-making. Two of our Global Citizen Award Candidates (Srijana and Serena) joined the Eco Council members (Saffron, Paola, Ahmed & Adaeze) to learn how to recycle the used paper collected from BSL classrooms. The result was an interestingly textured, craft paper that Serena and Srijana plan to use for their Global Citizen Award Portfolios. Admittedly, we have only scratched the surface of this ancient art, and we have barely begun to sound the depths of the science involved but we have begun turning the old back into the new. The students will continue to explore this in the coming weeks, along with other ideas of how to recycle and re-use the school's waste paper.



The International Award Expedition to Kpalime



The first practice expedition for the International Award took place this month from Saturday 28th of February to Sunday 1st of March. The year 10 and 12 students, along with several teachers, left from the school at around 8am, and reached the drop-off point at 10.30. We then hoisted up our rucksacks, and began to walk, leaving the bus behind. We marched on under the sun for two to three hours, uphill and downhill, snacking on sweets, laughing and joking. We crossed three rivers taking our shoes off for two, and stopped for lunch on the way, finally reaching our camping site at around three. At five, we had our Trangia stove lesson, in which we had a race to see which group could boil water first, and then we cooked dinner. Later, we watched a local group come and perform some amazing feats, including fire skipping and some fun dancing. We also roasted marshmallows over a large bonfire, and tossed a Frisbee around. The next day, we had breakfast, cleared out our campsite, and visited the Valley of the Bats, where we were amazed at the sight of hundreds of thousands of them flying everywhere around us, before sitting in the bus, and starting the journey home. It was a lot of fun, and I certainly can't wait for the next one!

Serena Sabnani, Year 10





Tracks

'Making tracks within the local community'



Sad News

For the past three years Tracks has sponsored an aging horse at the Club Hippique stable here in Lomé. We are sad to announce that our horse Charlot died this month. Chalot gave hours of joy to many of our students and will be greatly missed.



Paws for thought at our new community benches!

Last Month parents, teachers and students came together to organise a Primary bake sale to raise money for picnic benches around school. The cakes were delicious and combined with a Movie Night we raised enough money to make two benches: one for the big kids and parents, and one for the younger students over in London. A huge thanks for your ongoing help and support helping us to improve facilities for our school community.

Alumni News

Look who came for a visit this week! Ngozi Okorie from the class of 2006 and Jisu Choi from the class of 2009 dropped in to say hello! Jisu has just completed pre-med in Korea and Ngozi graduated from the University of Ghana with a political science/French degree!

Upcoming School Events in 2015

- Globe Theatre 'Hamlet' March 10th 2015
- Lire en fete: March 9th - 13th 2015
- International Award expedition to Kpalime: March 21st – March 22nd 2015
- Primary Parents' meetings: March 18th 2015
- Secondary School theatre production: March 25th 2015
- Secondary Parents' evening: March 26th 2015
- Spring Break begins: March 27th 2015