

DAY WATERMAN COLLEGE



NEWSLETTER

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THE 2022 SPORTS DAY AT DAY WATERMAN COLLEGE

By Oluwaferanmi Olagbegi (Outgoing Female Sports Prefect)

The 2022 Sports Day at Day Waterman College was one that was excruciatingly awaited as the dawn of the Covid-19 Pandemic had postponed the annual event. Staff, students, and parents alike were eager to participate in the games, and as the Female Sports Prefect of the 2021-2022 academic session here at the College, it was truly an honour to witness and participate in the events. From the strutting of the Kings and Queens of the various houses to the school records that were mercilessly shattered by the winning houses, it is safe to say the activities that were held on Saturday the 19th of March 2022 proved the incredible talent, poise, and agility of Day Waterman students.

Running with the torches blazing with intense fire, my fellow (male) Sports Prefect initiated the thrilling event. Beginning the event with my colleague whom I have worked extremely hard with to further the Sports Department of the College exuded gratitude for the opportunity to serve for the greater good of Day Waterman. Soon after, the Colour Houses flaunted their flamboyancy with the admirable presentation of the Kings, Queens, Princes, and Princesses, the entourage of marchers and maids, and the great display of their banners. Everything from the attire to the makeup, to the jewelry perfectly accented the Royal Family as they made their Colour House proud. This display of pride was heavily conspicuous as parents didn't hesitate to record and cheer on their children. The same was conveyed as the cheerleaders danced their hearts out on the field, performing incredible stunts and moving to the rhythm of the beats. As their pom-poms shone with glory and their smiles radiated joy, the audience was captivated by their performance as the girls and boys proved that their hard work was worth every minute of their choreographies. All in all, it was a great path to lead into the amazing track and field events.

With heats preceding the weekend events, Colour Houses already garnered points through javelin, discus, long jump,

and the 200 metres race although I am glad the High Jump was left for the actual event as Ngedu David-Maji shattered the College's record with a feat of 185 centimetres with Oghenetega Gbagi and Oreoluwa Filani placing 2nd and 3rd respectively. The crowd roared at their agility similarly as Michelle Oyinpreye Fakrogha lapped competitors in the 1500 metres race. In the same breath, I must applaud the talent conveyed by Green House as their star runners, Jesse Imemba, Zanetta Udo-Obong, and Ryan Udo-Obong made their races exciting to watch with their astounding speed and flexibility. The efforts put in by each runner were honestly inspiring as they never gave up!

Admittedly, the culture of putting your best foot forward at Day Waterman was palpable with sportsmanship and friendship as teammates cheered each other on. Even as students were excellent, we got to view the great agility of parents and staff alike when Mr. Udo-Obong, the Chairman of the event and Olympic Gold Medalist for Nigeria was valiantly beaten by Mr. Apena; father to Oluwatomiwa and Oluwabukunmi Apena. Overall, all the fun was shared across the stadium as happiness never ceased from the atmosphere.

The event came to a closure with the humorous staff race whilst leaving Green House with the first position and Purple in the second. I am glad to say that the Interhouse Sports of the 2022/2023 session was a success, and I hope that the prefects that oversee the next Sports Day do an exceptional job in making it run as smoothly as this one.



THE COBISRACE4GOOD

By Onyinye Anyalechi (Year 10)

The COBISRace4Good was an online leadership programme which brought together many schools from all around the world between February, 28th and March 18th, 2022, to generate ideas aimed at uplifting a community in Haiti.

In the competition, we were given a specific number of days, and sometimes weeks to develop a business plan aimed at uplifting families and the community. As we progressed into the next level, we faced more challenging situations. In the first round, we came 2nd overall which permitted us to move to the second round.

Unfortunately, we did not make it to the last round. However, this programme allowed me to understand the harsh reality of life and that there are people who struggle to obtain basic life needs. This experience has made me appreciate what I have more as some people do not have as much as I do. Also, it made me want to be more involved in charity and desire to be able to give to those in need because the smallest thing to me could be the biggest thing for someone else that could change their life forever and put a genuine smile on their face.

SWIMMING GALA AT IKOYI, LAGOS

By Mr. Tunde Muazu (Swimming Coach)

The swimming competition took place on the 5th of March, 2022 at the Ikoyi Club, Lagos. It started immediately the DWC team arrived the venue at 9:58 a.m. There were about twenty-two schools in attendance: competing either in primary or secondary school events. It was a keenly contested swimming competition

but, DWC emerged 5th amidst all odds; a possible reason for our position being the absence of the Year 11's who were writing their mock examinations. This was not so with other schools as they had their Year 11's participating. The event was rounded off at about 1:50 with a presentation of medals.



WORD OF THE WEEK

By Maryam Modibbo (Year 8)

PROSAIC *pro-sa-ic | \ prō- 'zā-ik*

– Adjective

Definition:

(1) Having or using the style of diction of prose as opposed to poetry. (2) Lacking imaginativeness or originality. (3) Ordinary and not especially interesting or unusual

Synonyms:

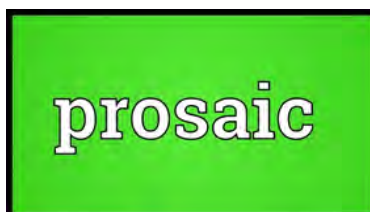
Unimaginative, Uninspired, Common, Average, Unemotional, Plain, Lifeless

Antonyms:

Imaginative, Inspired, Interesting, Uncommon, Unusual, Creating

Sentences:

- On his return to France, a sadder and a wiser man, he settled down to very prosaic work.
- His instructor offered a more prosaic explanation for the surge in interest.
- Because the biggest thing in my hometown is the grocery store, the city really is a prosaic little place.



NEWS AROUND US

By Mira Anosike (Year 10)

World News

- March 15** – Russia, Ukraine resume talks as Russian forces continue bombardments.
- March 20** – Shadows of Algerian war loom over election campaign in France.
- March 25** – US to Admit 100,000 Ukrainian Refugees as it continues deporting Haitians and other asylum seekers.
- March 30** – Russia, Ukraine signal progress in peace talks.

Covid-19 News

- March 16** – Over 40 million Chinese have come under lockdown due to a surge in coronavirus cases.
- March 19** – WHO now tracking hybrid COVID-19 variant: 'deltacron'.
- March 21** – KHN: Pfizer CEO pushes yearly shots for Covid. Not so fast, experts say.
- March 23** – A Japanese health ministry panel approved on Wednesday the administration of third booster shots of U.S. pharmaceutical giant Pfizer Inc's COVID-19 vaccine to children aged between 12 and 17.

Nigerian News

- March 16** – Tougher days as energy costs trigger fresh round of inflation.
- March 18** – Security Operatives Kill Over 100 Terrorists in Niger State.
- March 28** – Terrorists attack Abuja-Kaduna train in Northern Nigeria.
- March 29** – Court threatens to dismiss N2.9bn fraud charges against Okorocha.

Sports News

- March 16** – Brighton 0-2 Tottenham
- March 21** – Stoke City 0-2 Burnley
- March 23** – Manchester City 4-0 Everton (Women)
- March 29** – Ghana wins against Nigeria due to a rule, which makes them qualify into the FIFA world cup in Qatar.

Day Waterman College News

- March 25-27** – Duke of Edinburgh Expedition organized for Year 10 students.
- March 30-31** – Screening interviews of prospective prefects for the 2022/2023 academic session.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2022 – YOU ARE A READER...

By Jadesola Okunubi (Year 10)

The theme for the 2022 World Book Day was “You are a Reader.” A theme which brilliantly captured the essence of the day: a day to celebrate reading, appreciate books and authors. The World Book Day is a hugely anticipated event in Day Waterman College. This year, the newly appointed Student Librarians in Years 9 and 10 in collaboration with the library team ensured the event was a remarkable, engaging, and exciting one.

World Book Day is a day celebrated to commemorate the significance of literacy and education, while strengthening HPL skills such as creativity, meta-thinking and analyzing.

This year, the guest speaker was Miss Vanessa Orji, a prolific speaker and writer, talent management strategist, leadership, and personal development coach. Vanessa is the founder and CEO of Visible Culture Ltd (a human capital development firm). Her talk was based on promoting reading culture amongst



students and she used the acronym READER to explain tips that students should adopt in their learning and daily lives.

There were performances which included choreography, poem recitations, book reviews and drama presentation.

The Principal, Mr. Duncan Gowen and the Head Librarian, Mr. Julian both presented awards to the students and staff who participated in the World Book Day writing challenge as well as silver and bronze awards to the Term 1 DWC Reading Scheme award winners.

There was also a book fair where students had the opportunity to buy books of their choice in celebration of the World Book Day.

Below are essays from a student and staff member who both emerged first in their different categories. The first is a story, the second, an article promoting reading.

How Kindness Changed a Boy's Life

By Dosemi Wokoma, Year 7

In a lonely cottage, on the outskirts of town, there lived a little boy named Johnny. He didn't have any friends and his parents were very busy so he didn't have anyone to talk with. Since he lived in the outskirts of town, he didn't have any neighbors and to go to the town he would have to walk about 1,000 miles so he couldn't invite anyone to his house and he couldn't be invited to anyone's house either. Luckily, his school wasn't too far away which made him able to still go to school without having to walk a long distance.

This was how he lived his life for many years until one fateful day...

On his way to school, he saw a sparkling black Lamborghini - it must have cost a fortune. Johnny was perplexed. "Why would such a beautiful car pass this lonely road...?" he thought. His question was answered when the car stopped beside him. He saw a boy who looked exactly like him; he even seemed to be of the same age as he. They were just staring at each other, not knowing what to say. Johnny would have loved to stay and chat but he had just heard the school bell, and if he didn't hurry, he would be late and would get a detention.

He quickly raced to school. He arrived just before the assembly started. He sat down and while in class thought deeply about the expensive car and the boy who looked exactly like him. "Who could he be...?" He pondered over that question repeatedly. He didn't even notice that the teacher was staring at him until he called his name, 'JOHNNY!' That was when he realized that half of the class had been staring at him. He turned a bright shade of pink; he didn't like being the centre of attention. He hastily returned to his work not wanting to bring any further unwanted attention to himself.

After school, Johnny followed the path he had taken before, he was hoping to see the boy again. Luckily, the Lamborghini was parked, not too far away, beside the 'Great Oak Tree'. He walked towards it; he wanted to know who the boy was and why they looked so alike. The boy saw him coming and quickly came down from the car, and offered him a handshake and even some of his toys. The boy was gallantly dressed in the finest clothes Johnny had ever seen. "He must be the son of a very important and wealthy man," Johnny pondered. This is because immediately he stepped down from the car he was surrounded by dozens of bodyguards whose job was obviously to protect him.

Johnny thought that he seemed nice so he said, "Hello," and

accepted the toys. When the boy replied him, his voice was like the oceans' ripples: it went up and down in a melodious way. Johnny was surprised to hear just a beautiful voice coming from a boy. This made him even more anxious to know who the boy was.

The boy told him that his name was Liam and he was the son of a very famous aristocrat. Liam also told Johnny that he was there on vacation. Johnny looked at him and thought in his heart, 'he must be joking.' He didn't think anyone would want to spend their vacation in this dump. Liam must have guessed what Johnny was thinking because he told him that another reason he was there actually, was because he was looking for his twin brother and his grandmother told him that he should be living there so he had been helping his father search the entire village for his lost twin brother.

"Interesting," Johnny thought, surprised. He thought that it was nearly impossible for someone to lose his or her twin brother. Then a thought came to him, Liam and he looked the same and they were of the same age so what if he was his twin brother? He had mixed feelings about the thought. If he was truly Liam's twin brother that means he would have to leave his parents and follow Liam back to Greece although he was not particularly bothered about it since his parents weren't really acting like parents - they were never ever around.

Another thing that troubled him was the fact that his parents didn't tell him anything about having a twin brother. This thought made him furious at them.

"Why wouldn't they tell me...? he wondered. His thoughts were soon interrupted when the car honked. Liam kindly offered Johnny a ride back home because Liam was still in his uniform and needed to get home and complete his homework. Johnny was hesitant at first but he finally agreed. "It would be better to confront my parents, or rather, foster parents with Liam and his dad, rather than do it on my own since they have already been lying to me for many years," reasoned Johnny.

When they arrived at Johnny's house, his parents were already there. As soon as they saw Liam, they knew that the secret was out so they decided to tell Johnny the whole truth. They

told him that his real parents had left him in front of his foster parents' house in a basket with a note in it explaining where he was from and the need for them to adopt him. Liam's, or Liam and Johnny's parents were really poor when they were born so their grandma thought about Johnny's now foster parents. They were kind and had no child yet, so they were the right people to take care of Johnny.

Johnny's foster parents had decided to take him since they had always wanted a child. Johnny's anger for his foster parents vanished immediately when he heard the story. With tears in his eyes, he hugged them tightly and told them he was glad that they took him and he was very grateful as well. He wondered, "if not for their kindness, what could have happened to me."

Suddenly a car pulled up in front of the house. It was Liam's real mother, in company of their grandmother, who dropped Johnny there when he was a baby! They were pleased to see their son after 'soo' many years. They hugged him and told him how much they regretted their choice of separating him and Liam. Johnny forgave them immediately. He told them that it was thanks to his foster parents' selflessness, kindness and love that he was still alive. Johnny's real parents thanked his foster parents for raising him to become a fine young lad.

When all the thanking and hugging was over, Johnny's real parents told him that he had to follow them back to Greece. Now that everything was finally okay with them, Johnny didn't feel like leaving for Greece again. He didn't want to leave his foster parents who had raised him and cared for him.

Just as he was about to leave after much persuasion from his foster parents, he had an idea. He begged his parents to allow his foster parents follow them back to Greece. Everyone welcomed this idea. As soon as it was happily agreed upon, they had a great feast (Johnny's last feast in his lonely cottage).

The next morning, they left for Greece, Johnny had mixed feelings and wished his BIG family, could visit the cottage every year because it would remind him of the biggest act of kindness he would forever remember.

The End.

YOU ARE A READER!

By Mrs. Christiana Emmanuel

Woman. Goat. Sane. Dress. Go.

Did you just try to put meaning to the words above? Then, you have just read. To read is to look at and understand the meaning of written or printed words or symbols. A reader, is therefore, one who does this. However, literacy, the state of being able to read and write, differs from the habit of reading, the latter being this article's pivot. According to Comfyliving.net in an article tagged 21 Captivating Reading Statistics and Facts, 'People aged 15-44 in the United States spend 10 minutes or less per day reading.' This, you would agree with me, is appallingly disturbing! Again, with reference to Library Philosophy and Practice 2011 by A.J Aina et al:

'In Nigeria, a study carried out by Henry (2004), reveals that 40 percent of adult Nigerians never read a non-fiction book from cover to cover after they finish school. The average Nigerian reads less than one book per year, and only one percent of successful men and women in Nigeria read one non-fiction book per month. The same study showed that 30 million

Nigerians have graduated from high school with poor reading skills.'

Unfortunately, not much has changed since the documentation of the statistics above as there are current concerns about the downward trend of the reading culture in Nigeria, and other nations of the world, particularly the developing and underdeveloped nations.

Reading, though not popular among many people, is laced with immense benefits. One such benefits is self-improvement- reading develops the mind and provides it with adequate knowledge of the different fields of life. It as well opens the vistas of the world to the reader. A second advantage is the enhancement of intellectual confidence. As expected, a reader would be able to synthesise a wide range of viewpoints and evidence to make coherent and compelling personal arguments.

Additionally, reading improves vocabulary and communication skills while also fostering creative writing. Again, as noted on www.toppr.com in an article titled Reading is Good Habit for Students and Children, reading 'helps you relieve your day-to-day stress.... It stimulates your brain

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muscles and keeps your brain healthy and strong.'

Furthermore, reading enhances focus. In our present day, focus is becoming increasingly rare due to constant multitasking, communication notifications, and the social media, among other numerous factors. For instance, teenagers and young adults find it extremely challenging to detach themselves from the vast virtual village, particularly the social media. Hence, the need to concentrate on tasks cannot be overemphasized! As reiterated by Thomas J Law in his 10 Benefits of Reading Books: Why you should Read Every Day, he says, 'In short, if you want to succeed, you need to focus. And if you want to focus, you can practise by reading books.'

Are you always forgetting ideas? Memory improvement is another monumental merit of reading. Thomas J Law notes again that 'whenever you read a novel, you have to remember tons of information.... All of this new information creates new memories. And every new memory creates synapses or strengthens old ones.' Apart from strengthening the memory, digesting books also creates empathy in the reader. According to John Green, 'Great books help you to understand, and they help you feel understood.'

Having considered the profound benefits of reading, you must realise that you can be a reader. Yes you! An indefatigable, distinguished, avid reader you can be if you could follow the strategies proffered below:

To start with, set aside time to read every day. It may be just ten to twenty minutes that you have to spare, but ensure you unlock the hidden treasures in a book at least once a day. A page per day, keeps ignorance away... There is no right or wrong when you are choosing what time you should read each day. If you enjoy reading before bed, for instance, you might sit down with a book for the last thirty minutes of your day. However, if you prefer reading during the daytime, you might set aside a few minutes on your lunch break or after work, while journeying or at the waiting lobby. Relish that book!

In addition, keep reading materials handy: apart from visiting the library, buying, or loaning e-readers or digital books will

help to ensure reading continues. Barnes, Noble, and Amazon, have e-Readers and a large selection of digital books for sale or loan. Libraries often offer free e-book loans, too. Also, websites through university libraries often offer the full texts of pre-copyright literary works online. Keep a book close!

Next, set daily or weekly goals. While there is no prescribed speed for finishing reading a book, it is necessary to set daily or weekly goals to help track your reading progress. For example, set a specific, attainable goal that you will read for forty-five minutes a day, or that you will read one chapter of your current book, or three pages of a magazine. Pursue your goal!

Equally important is the need to join a book club. As established in www.wikihow.com in the article, Make a Habit of Reading:

'Being part of a reading group gives you some accountability for your reading. Joining a book club could be just the thing to spark your reading habit. You could also start a club of your own with your friends. Make sure the club is committed to finishing and discussing the books each month.'

Join co-readers!

Finally, keep a reading log: write down the titles of the books you read. Also, note down when you start and finish a book, as well as some thoughts about it. The website, Goodreads, helps you to easily track your reading and find suggestions for new books. You can also share what you have read with other readers and see what they are reading too. Track your reading!

Despite the obstacles to reading which include external and internal distractions, discouragement stemming from little progress or speed, insufficient time to read, low motivation and work overload, you have the innate ability to weather the storm of poor reading by deliberately going for that book you have long desired to read, charging at that text disguising as a monster or taking on that e-book reading challenge! You can cross all hurdles along the reading track to triumphantly clutch your trophy as you make it to the finish line of that publication!

You are a reader! Yes, you are a winner!

PROVERBS: A TREASURE CHEST OF WISDOM

By Mrs. Christiana Emmanuel – Editor, DWC Newsletter

“When the right hand washes the left hand and the left hand washes the right hand, both hands become clean.”

Nigerian Proverb

Meaning: collaboration brings progress.

“The one being carried does not realize how far away the town is.”

Nigerian Proverb

Meaning: The beneficiary does not feel the benefactor's pain.



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The words of our elders are wise sayings.

PURPOSEFUL LIVING

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By Oluwakanyinsola Ogundare (Year 10)

Time Management in Day Waterman College

Good day everyone! I understand the topic above has always been quite controversial with students coming late nowadays, with excuses being, "I was submitting this homework!" and the likes. I believe I have come up with a solution though, on how you can balance the life of a student and be right on time for every class and event in Day Waterman College without breaking down in the New Building bathrooms!

Time Management?

Yeah, what does it actually mean to manage your time? Isn't that just being aware of how long you have to do something before another...? Well, yes... and no! To properly practice time management, you have to be aware of the allotted times for each activity and maintain enough organization and determination to keep the said activity from eating into the allotted time of another!

In DWC?

"I have English, Physics, Maths and Geography exam tomorrow! And I don't even have time to rest my head today!"
Day Waterman College's major goal is for each student to surpass the most demanding standards available anywhere in the world. Moreover, LARGE amount of hard work is needed to surpass GLOBAL standards. Thus, the workload is justifiable... but even at that, is it even possible to catch up with it all? YES! IT IS!

SO HOW?

- First off, you prioritize! That's numbering off the most important things to the least important things

on your never-ending to-do list!

- Second, you mentally prepare. Taking on the bigger tasks, no matter how insignificant, always has a mental toll on the body, so prepare the mind!
- Next, you practise! You're not going to get it right the first time, but you know... "PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!"
- Lastly, you reward yourself. Don't forget you're human and we can't always be perfect but, we can only improve! So, gift yourself something for trying in the first place.



THAT'S ALL?

Yes, I believe so! If you have your list down and you're mentally prepared to take on your tasks (example being, going to Physics class and/or editing the slide for your presentation today), all you need is perseverance and you're already a GREAT TIME MANAGER!

SIGN LANGUAGE AT DWC



Mrs. Eniola Dennis, a passionate sign language instructor, was at Day Waterman College between 21-28th March, 2022 to introduce sign language to the students. She attended Years 7-10 assemblies where she signed as well as spoke to students on the importance of the universal language. Her visit was greeted with students' eagerness to learn more about the sign language.

In her speech to the learners, she had described the language as a special mode of communication, distinct and known with the hearing impaired. She also emphasized its universality and the ubiquity of the hearing-impaired people; hence the need to learn it for ease of communication with them. She added that sign language can help both those capable of hearing and the deaf alike to have a private conversation, and in her words, 'It helps people to listen with their eyes too.' Above all, learning sign language provides job opportunities to sign language instructors, and helps to bridge the gap between the hearing world and the silent world around the deaf.

Sign language would be an activity to sign up for in Term 3 for those who wish to learn it.



AFRICA IS NOT A COUNTRY: ANGOLA

By Anaya Olufosoye (Year 9)

Angola is a Southern African nation whose varied terrain encompasses tropical Atlantic beaches, a labyrinthine system of rivers and Sub-Saharan desert that extends across the border into Namibia. The country's colonial history is reflected in its Portuguese-influenced cuisine and its landmarks including Fortaleza de São Miguel, a fortress built by the Portuguese in 1576 to defend the capital, Luanda. ("Angola – Leyhausen Research Africa").

A large country, Angola takes in a broad variety of landscapes, including the semidesert Atlantic littoral bordering Namibia's "Skeleton Coast," the sparsely populated rainforest interior, the rugged highlands of the south, the Cabinda exclave in the north, and the densely settled towns and cities of the northern coast and north-central river valleys. With these are "The capital and commercial centre is Luanda, a large port city on the northern coast that blends Portuguese-style colonial landmarks with traditional African housing styles and modern industrial complexes." (About Angola – Angola Embassy)

Angola, officially Republic of Angola, formerly Portuguese West Africa, has its northernmost section of coastland, the Cabinda exclave, separated from Angola proper by a narrow corridor of Congo territory. Area: 481,354 sq mi (1,246,700 sq km (about twice the area of Texas). Population: (2021 est.) 32,025,000. Capital: Luanda.

The population is made up of mostly Bantu-speaking people; the main ethnic groups are the Ovimbundu and the Mbundu. Languages spoken include Portuguese (official), and indigenous languages. The religions of Angola are Christianity (mostly Roman Catholic; also, Protestant), and traditional beliefs. Angola's currency is called kwanza. The country holds

several plateau regions, which separate it into three distinct drainage systems. One in the northeast drains into the Congo River basin, and another, in the southeastern sector drains into the Zambezi system; the remaining drainage, westward into the Atlantic supplies most of Angola's hydroelectric power. About half of the land area is forest and less than 10% is arable.

Except for the development of the country's substantial petroleum reserves, Angola's economy has long been unable to take advantage of its natural resources because of the devastation caused by the protracted civil war. Angola is nominally a unitary multiparty republic with one legislative house. Its head of state and government is the president. An influx of Bantu-speaking people in the 1st millennium CE led to their dominance in the

area by c. 1500. The most important Bantu kingdom was Kongo; south of Kongo was the Ndongo kingdom of the Mbundu people.

Angolan cuisine has many dishes popular among nationals and foreigners. One of the most popular being funge (which is made from the cassava or corn flour), mufete (having grilled fish, plantain, sweet potato, cassava, and gari).

Talking about fashion, in modern towns and cities of Angola, western style dressing is popular. In case of traditional clothes for women, you can wear Salwar Kameez clothes. This is the

best dressing most popular in India, but you can wear it as a traditional wear clothe. The men wear pants and knee long shirts. The shirts have a white collar. Men also sometimes wear knee high socks.

Hmm... so much to learn about Angola! It would be quite breath-taking to visit this historical site!

Some Angolan dancers entertaining an audience.



The Angola flag



Angolan food



Angola Beach, Luanda

Zambian meals

RIDDLES

By Titilola Ogunnaike (Year 9)

Q: I possess a halo of water, walls of stone, and a tongue of wood. Long I have stood; what am I?

Ans: Castle.

Q: If an electric train is moving north at 55 mph and the winds blowing east at 70 mph, which way does the smoke blow?

Ans: An electric train doesn't emit smoke.

Q: How can you throw a ball as hard as you can only to have it come back to you without it bouncing off anything?

Ans: Throw the ball straight into the air.

Q: I can shave every day, but my beard never changes. Who am I?

Ans: A barber.

Q: I eat to live and drink to die. What could I be?

Ans: Fire.

Q: I promise, I offend, I direct, and I fight. What am I?

Ans: A hand.

Q: What is caught but never thrown?

Ans: A cold.

Q: We hurt without moving and poison without touching. We bear truth and lies but are not judged by size. What are we?

Ans: Words.

Q: A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him underwater for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later, they both go out and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?

Ans: The woman is a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it, and hung it up to dry.

Q: What has a head, a tail, is brown, and has no legs?

Ans: A Penny.



COBIS ART COMPETITION, 2022

By Oluwakanyinsola Ogundare (Year 10)

The COBIS Art Competition 2022 was open to all COBIS schools (including applicant schools). Submissions were open from 26th January, 2022 until 23rd February, 2022, and entries were submitted by the Art teacher on behalf of the students to the COBIS Art Competition page via an online entry form. The results are being anticipated.

Below are the entries from Day Waterman College:



Ebru Omaruaye,
Year 9



Esther Fakunle,
Year 9



Ngozi Onyecholem,
Year 9

FAME XI REVIEW 2022

By Eloghosa Eke (Year 10)

Fame XI! Our very own Quadrennial event! All members of the Day Waterman community assembled in one place to watch our finest talents on display.

The night kicked off at 7:30 pm prompt as students filed into the multi-Purpose Hall. To our amazement, our stage had been transformed, lit up by dazzling lights. It truly was a sight to behold. Once all the audience was seated, the event began with an introduction of our very special guest Judges, Oreoluwa Filani, Chimenwe Okafor, Mr. Victor Orji, and last but certainly not least Mr. Sunday Ogundana. And then, our hosts – Fuminiyi Gbotoso and Ezinne Odigbo.

After a short opening prayer and a few opening remarks from the judges, the competition commenced. The first round was a success, a total of ten acts displayed their talents to their very best abilities. A plethora of talents were showcased, from singers to dance groups and our very own violinist. After a very hectic round 1, the floor was opened to the audience to come up and display their talents as a form of interlude, while the judges deliberated.

Once the results were announced, it was full speed ahead into Round 2. Each contestant gave their all to show they truly are the best. Members of the audience were blown away by the amount of effort and energy each act displayed. Yet, in the end, there can only be one winner. After a brief counting of scores and feedback from the judges. The moment we had all been waiting for came. Who would be taking home the \$200 cash prize? Out of the dust, who will emerge victorious? The crowd buzzed with excitement as they anticipated the outcome...

At last, Temilola Ogunnaike emerged winner, welcomed by a very excited and entertaining audience. It truly was beautiful to see someone so young come first. And I daresay it was rightfully deserved.

All in all, Fame XI was a night to remember and we as a school do look forward to the next one.

DWC SPOKEN WORD PRESENTATIONS, 2022



On Tuesday, 22nd March, 2022, the school community enjoyed the conclusion of this year's Spoken Word Competition organized by the English Department to develop originality, creativity and intellectual confidence in students at the College. Prior to the final stage, students had been screened in

a painstaking process, and then, the finalists battled it out in a keenly-contested competition. All the finalists presented their spoken word pieces during a whole school assembly to the admiration of the audience. Find below the top three and their poems:

MY SPOKEN WORD EXPERIENCE

Olaoluwasubomi Awoyungbo, Year 8 Winner, First Position

When I was chosen, I felt flabbergasted and bewildered because I never thought in a million years that I would win. In my mind, during each phase, I would say to myself I'm probably getting knocked out of this round, but fortunately, I was not. My preparation involved many sleepless nights and tension rising everyday but it all paid off at the end. This experience taught me to always persevere and that once you set a goal, always give it a 110% to reach it. This also helped me because I was thinking about dropping out of the finals but I just pulled through and I ended up winning.



Poem

*I have roamed this earth a thousand times and a thousand times I will roam it again
For my purpose is unknown and my destiny, uncertain.
They say reach for the stars, the sky is your starting point,
But what happens then, what happens when I reach the stars
Do I fall back down to where I started from
Or do I stay there unfortunately knowing nobody noticed?
In depths of despair I cannot cope
For what is life without a purpose but to feel dissipation.
My thoughts become my prison; shackled by my pain.
Doubt and fear arrive from the lost deep I cannot explain*

Of the mind hollow, I am but a shell of the person I was once to be.

*But thinking time and time again
I did it, I FINALLY DID IT!
I turned my vitality into an ideology
I turned my ideology into a philosophy
I turned my philosophy into a reality
I turned my reality into a destiny
Into my destiny.*

Valerie Aburume, Year 10 Winner, Second Position

On a sharp deadline, I prepared by looking through my previously written poems and chose which one I felt was the best and had more message. I then practised with friends and recited it repeatedly. I learnt that spoken poetry requires more expression and gesticulation as opposed to just recitation.



As anyone would, I was extremely happy when I realized I had won 2nd place, as well as proud of myself for being able to express myself in the midst of a generous crowd. If I had any advice, it would be to choose a poem you would actually like to present to people and enjoy the little moment when you have the audience's full attention.

ANXIETY

*A few days ago, in a daze,
Anxiety devoured my diction,
Diminished my distinction,
My deepest desires became the dust I sweep under my feet,
My fact became the fiction I merely read,
I began to inhale this drug they call doubt like cocaine, like
an addiction,
Fear held my lungs tightly in its restriction without relent,
I wondered,
Does existing have to be so exhausting?
I'm weak to this,
My tongue enclosed this wretched grip,
Does it have to hurt so much to just speak?
As I spoke as I stood on that wide yet seemingly
suffocating stage,
I tell you,
It took my every nerve and neuron to swim through that
tsunami of rage,
Because I was enraged at the constricted cage anxiety had
me enslaved in,
A slave with no cotton to pick, only at my own self-
confidence it pricked,
While mother and media always said in ignorance,
'confidence is key',
but what if anxiety kept me locked out?
Locked out of the door to opportunity I could obtain with
an arm's reach,
They say reach for the stars, yet all I feel are bars,
bearing through the coldest winter of my mind,
in a strangling sweater without sleeves,
wishing I could wear my heart on my sleeves as I pleased,
the pleasant tune of my heart became a tragic melody,
It continued to beat almost out of its ribbed seat,
each of those heartbeats, you see, are currency,
as I pay the hefty price for just simply wanting to be seen.*

Ngozi Onyecholem, Year 9

Winner, Third Position

Honestly, I am quite delighted that I won third place in the DWC Spoken Word Competition. At first, I was a bit astonished when I made it to the finals because the semi-finals competition was no doubt tough, as every contestant was extraordinarily amazing while performing. However, upon reaching the finals I decided to give it my best in order to win the ultimate competition. So, in order to achieve this, I put in a lot of effort, including writing my poem in time, studying my lines before I slept and after I woke up, and practising every day repeatedly.

Fortunately, my hard work was not in vain when I won third place in the lively competition. Along the line, I learned that performing spoken words is actually very fun. And to upcoming performers and readers of this report, I urge you to

never give up and always work hard in whatever you do.

SHE IS OUR HOME

*Isn't the Earth so beautiful?
Don't you find her forest dress charming,
As she sprinkles our land with bright flowers?
Or when she releases her children who go chirp, chirp
every morning,
Some even live in our homes and play fetch daily,
Out of love, she blesses our land with soothing rain to
grow our food to eat,
We can even view our reflections in her glistening azure
skin that covers 71% of her body!*

*Yet her generosity and power doesn't stop there, oh no it
doesn't,
We have full access to her alluring body of vast skies like a
blanket over us,
Enormous, tall, rocky mountains that poke at our blanket,
and fertile soil rich in nutrients,
All for free and for our benefit, yet how do we treat her?
How do we repay her for her kindness? Oh! I'll tell you how,
We trample on her like she's scum, endanger her offspring,
Her eyes prickle with misery as we pollute her body with
plastic,
And make her choke on contaminated air.*

*Worldwide, over 70 billion animals are slaughtered for
food every year,
And we leave 5.25 trillion micro pieces of plastic in our
ocean!
When will we realize that killing her is killing ourselves?
So let us treat her gently, for she is our home.*





DAY WATERMAN COLLEGE HIGH PERFORMANCE LEARNING (HPL) EXHIBITION

By Mrs. Tolulope Oba, HPL Lead

Being on an amazing journey with High Performance Learning skills deployed in and out of our classrooms in DWC in the last two years, we thought it necessary to share some of the students' works on March 19th 2022 at the Day Waterman College Multipurpose Hall. On the said day, between 12 and 2pm, all departments showcased students' fantastic, creative and 'HPLified' works using the HPL skills from the ACPCs to the VAAs.



From the Mathematics and ICT Department displaying works on differentiated learning, to the Modern and Foreign languages using a myriad of HPL terminologies in the feedback reflecting the teacher-student communication in teaching and learning, on to the English department exhibiting different works to reflect empathy and collaboration with interesting and beautifully crafted posters to project concern for society, group analytical paragraphs and mind-maps from collaborative and fluent thinking skills. Creativity, innovation and originality in the board games made on one of William Shakespeare's mystical play 'The Tempest' were also not wanting.

Moving on to the Humanities Department, several displays on Eco-friendly pieces of work reflecting concern for society could be viewed. There was also a demonstration of realising skills using a pizza to represent Africa, at which other nations of the world took a bite for their benefits.

The Performing and Creative Arts also had on display several works to showcase hard work, resilience, collaboration, creativity and intellectual confidence.

Not forgetting the Science Department, scientific experiments and displays showcased HPL skills such as precision, meta-thinking, and multiple-step problem solving. It was personally fun to me while taking the precision /accuracy tests with three live chances given. To reward my risk-taking and open mindedness, I was given two candies. Also, the tests were student-led as I met with Doctor Tim (Timilehin Awojoola-student) and Doctor Kay (Kehinde Johnson-student) who checked my blood pressure, pulse, height and weight respectively.

During the exhibition, parents and guardians moved from one department to another with their curiosity and queries satisfactorily attended to by our awesome Student HPL Ambassadors such as Jadesola Okunnubi, Ikenna Nwafor, and Oluwaseyi Osinubi, as well the teachers on ground. They were impressed and elated to realise the students made those mind-blowing pieces using the HPL skills intelligently and confidently as High-Performance Learners.

In conclusion, recalling several encouraging and supportive comments from parents and guardians at the expo, the 2022 DWC HPL Expo could be said to be fun-filled, educative and reassuring.



KEY EVENTS FROM THE MONTH OF MARCH

By Titilola Ogunnaike (Year 9)



1
MAR



1995: Internet giant **Yahoo!** is incorporated.

The company was founded in January 1994 as Jerry's guide to the World Wide Web by Jerry Yang and David Filo.

2
MAR



1933: The film **King Kong** premieres. The black and white movie marked a milestone in the history of film, especially due to Willis O'Brien's stop-motion effects.

3
MAR



1924: The last remnant of the **Ottoman empire** in Turkey is abolished. The end of the Islamic caliphate marked the demise of the 600-year-old empire and gave way to the formation of a reformed Turkey under Mustafa Kemal Atatürk.

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MAR



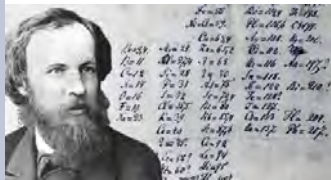
2007: The world's **first national internet election** is held. Estonia was the first country to allow its citizens to vote in a parliamentary election through the world wide web.

5
MAR



1981: The home computer **ZX81** is launched. The British ZX81 was one of the world's first home computer and was sold over 1.5 million times.

6
MAR



1869: The first **periodic table** of chemical elements is presented. Dmitri Mendeleev presented the system to the Russian Chemical Society on that day.

7
MAR



1965: **Police brutally attack civil rights marchers** in Selma, Alabama. Scores of demonstrators were injured, and the day entered history books as Bloody Sunday. The event helped to shift public opinion in favour of the Civil Rights movement.

8
MAR



1910: **Raymonde de Laroche** becomes the first woman with a pilot's license. The French aviatrix was also the first woman to fly solo. She died at the age of 36 when her experimental plane crashed at Le Crotoy airfield in northern France.

9
MAR



1959: The **Barbie doll** goes on sale. The American toy company Mattel claims that more than one billion Barbie dolls have been sold so far, with about 3 dolls being sold every second.

10
MAR



1876: The **first telephone call** is made. Alexander Graham Bell transmitted the words "Mr. Watson, come here -- I want to see you" to his assistant, Thomas A. Watson, who was in the next-door room.

KEY EVENTS FROM THE MONTH OF MARCH (Cont'd)



1990: **Lithuania** becomes the first Soviet republic to declare its independence.
The Baltic country's secession marked an important step in the dissolution of the Soviet Union.



1918: **Moscow** becomes Russia's capital city.
St. Petersburg lost its status as the Russian capital following the Revolution of 1917, which dismantled the Tsarist autocracy.



2013: **Pope Francis** succeeds Pope Benedict XVI.
Jorge Mario Bergoglio from Argentina became the 266th leader of the Catholic Church, which has 1.2 billion members around the world.



1991: **The Birmingham Six** are released.
The six men had been wrongly sentenced to life imprisonment in 1975 for the IRA Birmingham pub bombings.



1917 **The last emperor of Russia** abdicates.
Tsar Nicholas II of Russia abdicated following the February Revolution. He was later executed together with his family and some of his servants.



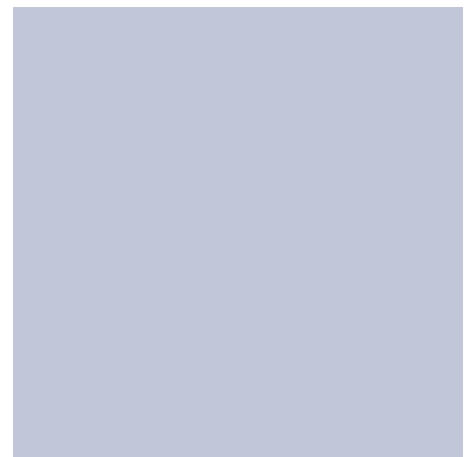
1960: Alfred Hitchcock's movie, **Psycho**, is premiered.
The film starring Anthony Perkins and Janet Leigh is an all-time classic of the suspense movie genre.




1992: **Apartheid** in South Africa comes to an end.
In a referendum, 68.7% of white South Africans voted for an abolishment of racial segregation in the country.



1965 Russian cosmonaut, **Aleksei Leonov**, becomes the first person to walk in space.
During the tethered spacewalk, which lasted 12 minutes, Leonov ventured up to 10 metres from his spacecraft, Voskhod.





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