

DAY WATERMAN COLLEGE



NEWSLETTER

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QUEEN ELIZABETH'S FUNERAL

By Moyosola Roberts (Year 9)



Monday, 19th of September 2022 marked the world's adieu to a beloved Queen of England, Queen Elizabeth II. We lost the great leader of the British Royal Family. Today, we sat down in our 4-5th periods of class and watched the funeral as she was laid to rest after reigning for 70 years!

The United Kingdom and the world at large are in mourning, as they recount the gracious, humanitarian lifestyle of Her Majesty.

Queen Elizabeth II became Queen of England by the age of 25! Yes 25! At that time, she was a young adult. Did you know she was one of the people that created the Commonwealth? She was a leader to all. Fly high, Queen Mother!



DWC'S OBSERVANCE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH'S FUNERAL

By Anita Ogba (Year 9)

On Monday, 19th of September 2022, Queen Elizabeth was buried and in honour of her, all DWC students were seated in their classes from the 4th period till lunch time to observe the burial of the queen, live on YouTube. Lessons were placed on halt for those periods as we watched her burial using the teachers' laptop and the projector. The live broadcast featured the queen's casket being carried by soldiers to St. George's Chapel and when they arrived, the church ceremony commenced. From the video, we could see that the church was extremely humongous and towering also.

This was an emotional day for the royal family as Prince Williams was seen crying during the church service. Multiple musical instruments and hymns were played and sung respectively to honour the queen, after which the priest gave a speech. Before the actual burial ceremony, the monarch's casket was put in a car, which was driven around the United Kingdom for 10 days with the large windows allowing mourners to have clear view of the Queen's coffin as it journeyed from Westminster Abbey to Windsor.

After the church ceremony, the queen's body was deposited in the royal vault of St. George's Chapel, beside her husband Prince Phillips. The church, St. George's Chapel holds high significance as it is where all the dead members of the royal family are buried; where the royals get married and where the queen was coronated. After the burial, the church members all stood at attention to take the National Anthem, "God Save The Queen", and the burial concluded.

The burial was truly a memorable, but touching one and DWC as a community was left in awe of its grandeur.

WELCOME TO DWC: INTRODUCING OUR FRESH YOUNG SCHOLARS!

By Kanyinsola Ogundare (Year 11)

What a beautiful induction! I am 100% sure that every single Year 7, prefect and staff at the venue went away with an arsenal of information to guide them through the rest of their stay in Day Waterman College.

The remarkable event started with a keen introduction of the students' Heads of Year, Form Tutors and prefects present by Mr. Sam, followed by a warm welcome by Mr. Gowen, who, through the use of colourful illustrations, introduced the incoming scholars to some HPL (High Performance Learning) terminologies! One of the most important lessons learnt here stemmed from his bat, birds and land animals analogy, from which we learned to help others always despite varying personalities and views.

In addition to the comforting introductions, Mrs. Paseda, our insightful Vice Principal (Academic) gracefully readied the students for further learning and the larger society

by fully familiarising them with HPL skills; she was able to adequately explicate the need for utilizing Advanced Cognitive Performance Characteristics (ACPs) and Values, Attitudes & Attributes (VAAs)! Moreover, Mrs. Paseda empowered the young learners and us all by emphasising the need for empathy, as well as explaining the definitions and uses of engagement scores, learning behaviour scores, the numerical grading system and the value-added system.

Following was Mrs. Agbonlahor, who taught the young scholars how to greet in addition to basic manners with the help of our Head Boy and Girl. It was a needed "mini-exercise"! Next, she was able to engage the students all the way through as she spoke about the school's vision and mission, the students' safeguarding leads, enrichment programmes, school facilities and how boarding life works.



WORD OF THE WEEK

By Maryam Modibbo (Year 9)

Assiduous – Adjective

► **Definition:**

Constant in application or effort; working diligently at a task.

► **Synonyms:**

Diligent, Constant, Steady, Hard-working

► **Antonyms:**

Negligent, Idle, Careless, Sedulous

► **Sentences:**

- My mother is an assiduous worker who strives for perfection.
- He did assiduous research before starting work.
- They were assiduous in their search for all the latest facts and figures.



INDEPENDENCE DAY POEMS

INDEPENDENCE DAY

By Teniola Ogundare (Year 7)

Nigeria,
A place of corrupt government
And unfair judgment.
Yet once a place that was great
A jungle, with healthy farmland
and crops
And trees with tied knots
which were merely ever a cut.
All before the white man came to
our huts
We stripped ourselves of our
culture
We embraced their influence
As they descended as vultures
We are the victim
Yet we are the predator
Who live in the corrupt system.
So, this is now our.... NIGERIA

But, it could be a place of glee.
A place of prosperity
With no barbarity
And equality
With peace
And love that will never cease
That is what we hope for
In Nigeria and across the globe





JOHNSON KEHINDE

DWC Head Boy (2022/2023)

My name is Johnson Ayodeji Kehinde, a member of Year 11A, and the Head Boy of the world class institution, Day Waterman College for the year 2022/2023 academic session.

It has been amazing being the Head Boy, and I say a big 'Thank you' to the prefects as well as every other member of Day Waterman College.

As a team, my fellow prefects and I have a goal for the school which is to push towards surpassing the most demanding standard available anywhere in the world.

Personally, I am someone who values education, promotes multiculturalism, integrity, resilience and equality. As the Head Boy of Day Waterman College, I shall continue to encourage everyone to keep pushing for their dreams as well as promoting equality by making sure everyone's opinion is heard and appreciated.



JADESOLA OKUNUBI

DWC Head Girl (2022/2023)

Passions

Reading, Writing, Debating

Goals for DWC

Along with the New Order Prefects, I aim to build an environment where each student feels comfortable to step out of their comfort zone, through the availability of new competitions, social events, school clubs and better utilisation of facilities.

Future Ambitions

Either a Data Analyst or the Minister of Education- we'll see how it goes!

Quote I live by

"There is no such thing as a bad person. There are people though, who make bad mistakes." – *Tempest*

PROVERBS: A TREASURE CHEST OF WISDOM

By Mrs. Christiana Emmanuel (Editor, DWC Newsletter)

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**A roaring lion
kills no game**

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African Proverb

Meaning: You cannot achieve or gain anything by mere sitting around and just talking about it.



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**The words of
our elders are
wise sayings.**

PURPOSEFUL LIVING

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by Matron Gladys Nnneka Ehisianya

MENTAL HEALTH

Mental health encompasses emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It influences cognition, perception, and behaviour. It also determines how an individual handles stress, interpersonal relationships, and decision-making. Everyone has some risk of developing a mental health disorder, no matter their age, sex, income, religion or ethnicity. It is important, therefore, to **take care of yourself** and get the most of life. Making simple changes to how you live does not need to cost a fortune or take up loads of time.

These are ways to look after your mental health.

1. **Talk about your feelings:** Talking about your feelings can help you stay in good mental health and deal with times when you feel troubled.
2. **Keep active:** Regular exercise can boost your self-esteem and can help you concentrate, sleep, and feel better. Exercise keeps the brain and your other vital organs healthy and is also a significant benefit towards improving your mental health.
3. **Eat well:** Your brain needs a mix of nutrients to stay healthy and function well, just like the other organs in your body. A diet that's good for your physical health is also good for your mental health.
4. **Keep in touch:** There's nothing better than catching up with someone face to face, but that's not always possible. You can also give them a call, drop them a note, or chat to them online instead. Keep the lines of communication open: it's good for you!
5. **Ask for help:** None of us is a superhuman. We all sometimes get tired or overwhelmed by how we feel or when things do not go as planned. If things are getting too

much for you and you feel you can't cope, ask for help. Your family or friends may be able to offer practical help or a listening ear. Don't die in silence; talk to someone!

6. **Take a break:** A change of scene or a change of pace is good for your mental health. It could be a five-minute pause from cleaning your kitchen, a half-hour lunch break at work, or a weekend exploring somewhere new. A few minutes can be enough to de-stress you. Give yourself some 'me time'.
7. **Do something you're good at:** What do you love doing? What activities can you lose yourself in? What did you love doing in the past? Enjoying yourself can help beat stress. Doing an activity you enjoy probably means you're good at it, and achieving something boosts your self-esteem.
8. **Accept who you are:** We're all different. It's much healthier to accept that you're unique than to wish you were more like someone else. Feeling good about yourself boosts your confidence to learn new skills, visit new places and make new friends. Good self-esteem helps you cope when life takes a difficult turn. Remember, you are beautiful just the way you are.
9. **Care for others:** Caring for others is often an important part of keeping up relationships with people close to you. It can even bring you closer together. Friends are really important... We help each other whenever we can, so it's a two-way street, and supporting them uplifts us.

Remember, sometimes people are just coping with life, but their mental health is not.

Please be **KIND** with your words and action.

INDEPENDENCE DAY POEMS

WE MUST

By Eloghosa Eke (Year 11)

*Oh mighty Nigeria
How dare you sway
A part of the 'Empire'
A colony you say?
Where were they
when Oduduwa descended
Were they roaming our land
Before our kingdoms were blended?
Mungo park 'found' the Niger
a historic day
But where were the Scots
When our ancestors played
in the bank of the river
Two merging as one
Independence we have
But what have we done*

*A nation of people
turgid with pride
A culture so rich
We never could hide
Our shrines desecrated
Traditions we lost
Yet we still must rise
out of the red dust
They call us:
Failed Nation
Corruption
No trust
For the future of our children
We must fight
We must!*



AFRICA IS NOT A COUNTRY: SENEGAL

By Anari Boham (Year 7)

Some Senegalese dancers entertaining an audience.



Flag of Senegal

Senegal is a country located in West Africa. Senegal is extremely rich and diverse. Its traditional architecture, cuisine, festivals, folklore ceremonies, craftsmanship, and social organization are modelled on ancestral values. Its taste for traditional sports, music, dance, and clothing are of huge unique culture. The capital of Senegal is Dakar, and its official language is French.

People in Senegal eat millet or rice. Senegal's culinary specialties consist essentially of fish (grilled), braised, smoked or salted) or mutton, or even beef on special occasions. Ginger, peanut, chili and many vegetables such as cabbages, carrots, eggplants, gombos, cowpeas, and cassava are the flavours. Soupou Kandja is a favorite dish among Senegalese. It consists of meat served with okra sauce and palm oil. It is accompanied with rice, dried fish and dried mollusk, seafood, smoked fish. Domoda is a dish originating in eastern Senegal. There are three varieties of domoda with meat, fish or dumplings. Hmm... Senegalese must be enjoying so much mouth-watering dishes. Wouldn't you like to have a taste too?



A Senegalese Basketballer



Senegalese Fashion

Considering fashion among Senegalese, people in Senegal wear boubou. In Senegal, boubou is a wax or bazin, pleasant to wear, which is the typical traditional dress. The word boubou comes from the word Wolof 'mbubb' it is a garment that is worn in the life of every day and at the festivals as well as great occasions. It is a status marker.. Senegalese people generally wear a boubou in a complete manner, that's what is called 'grand and complete boubou'. It is a three-piece suit where a tunic, trousers and a boubou would go on top of the suit. A complete traditional Senegalese suit will need from 9 to 12 meters of fabric.

Senegal is home to other festivals, initiation ceremonies, and exhibitions throughout the year:

- Dakar big carnival in November
- Dakar music festival in November
- festival of foundiougne in February
- the serrere's rites and initiations (ndoutt) from April to June
- the festival of the king in Oussouye (humbel) in October

The grand magal (pilgrimage) is the most important religious festival of the Senegalese Muslim brotherhood, the mourides. Another religious festival is the Commemorates of the victory of the prophet Moses over the pharaohs.

One of the longest festivals in Senegal includes 10 days of drumming in the Casamance region. During the event, you can see djembe and percussion players playing rhythmic tunes while people dance around. There are also traditional wrestling matches



Senegalese Food

nightly. They start at the end of December and run all the way through the new year.

Senegal is one of the biggest torch bearers for showcasing cultural events on the African continent. The country is host to several of the famous traditions in Africa, including the much-celebrated St. Louis international jazz festival, one of the top jazz festivals in the world.

Senegal's most famous sporting event, the Paris-Dakar rally has been held in south America since 2009. However, there are tons of Senegal holidays and lively festivals to enjoy, most of which are stunning showcases of Senegalese music and art.

RIDDLES

By Olaotan Ismail (Year 10)

Q: I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

Ans: A candle

Q: The more you take, the more you leave behind. What are they?

Ans: Footsteps.

Q: What breaks yet never falls, and what falls yet never breaks?

Ans: Day and night.

Q: You see a boat filled with people, yet there isn't a single person on board. How is that possible?

Ans: All the people on the boat are married.

Q: What can't talk but will reply when spoken to?

Ans: An echo.

Q: What gets bigger when more is taken away?

Ans: A hole.

Q: If you've got me, you want to share me; if you share me, you want to get me.

Ans: A secret.

Q: What can you catch, but not throw?

Ans: A cold.

Q: What has many teeth, but can't bite?

Ans: A comb.

Q: What runs all around a backyard, yet never moves?

Ans: A fence.



ENRICHMENT @ DWC



► Badminton



► Swimming



► Gardening



► Cookery & Baking



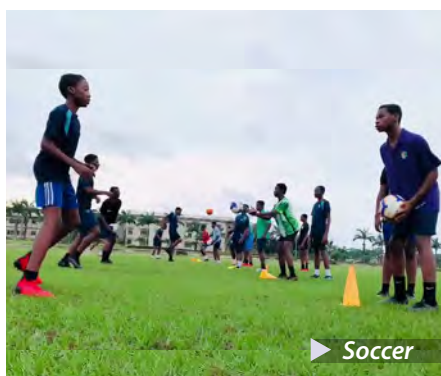
► Weaves, Wigs & Makeup



► Photography



► Sign Language



► Soccer

INDEPENDENCE DAY POEMS

NATIONAL ANTHEM

By Fehintola Opanubi (Year 10)

With love strength and faith
In minerals and identity we bathe
We are blessed in Jesus name
Because we have love strength and faith
One nation bound in freedom
We have a great kingdom
With our people vibrant, so beautiful & handsome
Because we are bound in freedom
Guide our leaders right
Corruption we shall fight
No dangers of evil will come in the night
For God will guide our leaders right
Building a nation where peace and justice reign
That will be a lot of effort and pain
Some leaders might not stay sane
Even though we shall still build a nation
where peace and justice reign.

OUR TRESS WILL GROW AGAIN

By Dodi Okonkwo (Year 7)

United we stand, divided we fall
Nothing can break us because we are tall
Scattered, alone we break like mistake

Together we have a country for us all
We make our tree grow and we do it

So we all stand together to make our pride grow
United we stand, divided we fall
This is our Nigeria!



CELEBRATING NIGERIA @ 62

By Alex Iyegbu
and Richard Jideofor
(Year 9)

As Nigeria celebrates her independence every first of October, Day Waterman College celebrated along during this year's Independence Day with different dances, songs, and competitions. In the art competition, each boarding house was asked to design a poster on Nigeria's independence. This year's theme was peace. It was indeed awesome seeing all the boarding houses' creativity in their posters, and I think every artist did an amazing job. In the end, there were amazing results from the wonderful participating boarding houses. Perfection at its peak. It was a tight battle of artistic might but as in every fight, one must emerge glorious with the win and all the light. The different posters symbolized our strength in unity and our unity in diversity. Peace in art was showcased by one solo entry made by a gifted artist namely Esther to further enhance the competition. Finally, Olukayode emerged first place with Esther Fakunle, Olufunlade and Olayiwola came second, and Olaifa, third. It was undoubtedly a splendid display!



Art Display



Drama Presentation



Fashion Parade



Orchestra Presentation



Drama Presentation

INDEPENDENCE DAY @ DWC

*By Boluwatife Ologbenla (Year 9)
and Temilola Ogunnaike (Year 8)*

Independence Day! Since that day when we came up, we stood up for one another. That day, we rose; that day we got our independence. Life was beautiful in the place we call Nigeria, located in the western part of Africa. On the first of October 1960, we Nigerians proudly stood as a nation to declare our independence. So, as proud Nigerians in Day Waterman College (DWC), we paid tribute by celebrating our country, Nigeria at 62 in the best way possible, coming together as different people who relish our unity in diversity! After one full year, we are back yet again to witness Day Waterman's Independence Day party!

It all began on Saturday October 1st; when we were all gathered outside our boarding houses at 7:00am to sing the national anthem. The day continued normally until the night came. At 7:20 P.M., we were all gathered in the school hall to party and celebrate Nigeria at 62, and honestly, it was one of the best experiences I could imagine!

And then, 3rd of October, the official Independence Day holiday came. We all came out with our vibrant Ankara to show it off and THE SIGHT WAS AMAZING! Everyone, even teachers, looked handsome and beautiful in their outfits as we all gathered in the Multi-Purpose Hall. The assembly was remarkable too as it featured the history of Nigeria, poem presentations, drama, dances and more... Everyone that performed was awesome and all I could hear was the deafening sound of applause.

It was truly great to see how every single person proudly showcased their culture. Such a beautiful experience it was! Independence Day was a day to remember, and we know the next one will be even better. As Nigerians, therefore, we should arise in oneness to support our nation.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

By Ebubechi Odigbo (Year 10)
& Crystal Ehirim (Year 9)



20
SEP



The global military campaign against terrorism was first declared in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks in the United States. The phrase was used by President Bush in a speech

given to the United States Congress.

Rome incorporated into Italy. On this day in 1870, Italian troops occupied Rome, leading to the eventual incorporation of Rome into the Kingdom of Italy and the limiting of papal governing authority to the Vatican itself and a small district around it.

21
SEP



At least 67 people died when suspected militants attacked the Westgate mall in Kenya's capital, Nairobi in September 21st 2013. The attack sparked a four-day siege in which large parts of the shopping centre were destroyed.

21
SEP



Joseph Smith's vision of Moroni. According to the teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Moroni was an angel or resurrected being who appeared to Joseph Smith on this day in 1823 and instructed him to restore God's church on earth.

22
SEP



Iran-Iraq War. The Iran-Iraq War began when Iraqi armed forces invaded western Iran along the countries' joint border; fighting continued until 1988, and a formal peace agreement was signed in 1990.

23
SEP



This day in 1846, astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle became the first person ever to observe the planet Neptune, the existence of which had been mathematically predicted by Urbain-Jean-Joseph Le Verrier and John Couch Adams.

24
SEP



Durga Puja is considered to be one of the biggest festivals around the world. This year makes it more special as the UNESCO has inscribed Durga Puja in the UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity and it is the first Indian festival to do so.

25
SEP



The Rolling Stones began their 40-city Tattoo You tour at JFK Stadium in Philadelphia, playing before a crowd of 90,000.

26
SEP



Serena Jameka Williams is an American inactive professional tennis player. She was ranked world No. 1 in singles by the Women's Tennis Association for 319 weeks and her birthday is celebrated on the 26th of September.

27
SEP



National Day of Forgiveness encourages realistic approaches to forgiveness and developing our ability to forgive. The Registrar at National Day Calendar proclaimed the first National Day of Forgiveness to be observed on September 27th and every year thereafter.

28
SEP



The 28 September 2008 Baghdad bombings were a series of bombings that occurred on 28 September 2008, killing a total of 32 and injuring 100. The first car bomb of the day was planted in a minibus and was detonated late in the afternoon in the Shurta neighbourhood of south Baghdad, killing 12.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

(Cont'd)

29
SEP



The Space Shuttle Discovery, lifts off from the Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral to launch a communications satellite. This is the first manned space mission since the space shuttle Challenger disaster two and a half years ago.

30
SEP



Hermann Goering on trial at the Nuremberg Trials. He would later be sentenced to death, but committed suicide the night before his sentence was to be carried out.

01
OCT



On October 1, 2005, suicide bombers struck three restaurants in two tourist areas on the Indonesian island of Bali, a popular resort area. The bombings killed 22 people, including the bombers, and injured more than 50 others.

01
OCT



Nigeria gained independence from Britain under Prime Minister Tafawa Balewa and President Nnamdi Azikiwe.

02
OCT



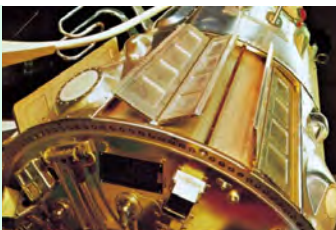
Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was an Indian lawyer, anti-colonial nationalist and political ethicist who employed nonviolent resistance to lead the successful campaign for India's independence from British rule, and to later inspire movements for civil rights and freedom across the world. His birthday is celebrated on October 2nd.

03
OCT



After four decades of Cold War division and with pressure from the German chancellor Helmut Kohl, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev agreed to a unified Germany within NATO, leading to Germany's reunification this day in 1990.

04
OCT



On this day in 1957 the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1, the first artificial satellite, which orbited Earth until 1958, inaugurated the space age, and heightened Cold War competition between the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.

05
OCT



UNESCO proclaimed October 5 to be World Teachers' Day in 1994. They chose October 5th because it was on this date in 1966 when a significant step was made for teachers in 1966. A special intergovernmental conference in Paris adopted the UNESCO/ILO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers.

06
OCT



On October 6th, National Coaches Day honours the men and women who inspire us to work harder and do our best. Thank a coach who made a difference for you.



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