

DAY WATERMAN COLLEGE



NEWSLETTER

Term 3A, 2023



ABOUT THE NEWLY-ELECTED HEAD GIRL

First Name: *Ebruvwiyoroghene*

Middle Name: *Pearl*

Last Name: *Omaruaye*

DOB: *November 2nd 2007*

Parents: *Mr. & Mrs. Omaruaye*

Siblings: *Oghenenyoreme Omaruaye,
Oghenekevwe Omaruaye, Efetobore Omaruaye*

Primary School Landmarks

I attended Children's International School for my primary education. In Children's International School, I was a very energetic child who learnt to harness her energy into learning various sports such as swimming, football, tennis and golf as well as music, and my passion skyrocketed. With the help of my parents, I began to nourish my skills prior to the tryouts for World School Games, Dubai. The tryouts were a breeze; in addition, the rigorous training on running, football and swimming paid off as my school came out second overall in the competition while I came back with two medals (bronze and silver).

In the summer of 2018, I went for the Ikoyi Club Golf Clinic for two weeks while I was training for the COBIS of 2019. During the clinic hours, I learnt the basic rules of golf, how to play the games and the overall etiquette of the game. My knowledge was put to the test when we were given a 25 question quiz on the game of golf in which I got 24 correct, leading me to get the golf quiz trophy.

In that same year, I won in the advanced girls group at the age of ten; thus, becoming the champion of the overall golf kitty. In the 2018-2019 session, I became the Assistant House Captain of my colour house jacaranda by appointment which was a big achievement for me at the time, and that year, I went for COBIS Thailand, competing with the other British curriculum schools around the world; we came out of it with 2nd place overall again that year while I increased the number of medals I got to 3 (gold, silver and bronze). Again, we left for Private School Games where I won several medals and emerged with the Female Most Valuable Player (MVP) plaque. I ended the session with the Musician



of the Year award as I moved on from Children's International School.

Secondary School Landmarks

I moved from CIS to Day Waterman College(DWC), my current school. Deciding to come in with a bang, I let myself shine a lot in the sporting department when I competed with the school team for the AISEN under 17 competitions as well as coming 2nd Place as a Year 7, which rarely happens. I continuously put myself out there and before I started to realize it, I had started to win awards of participation such as 1st place medals from swimming gala.

My first year in DWC was going very smoothly until covid-19 struck and changed the lives of many people including me. I stepped into the 2020/2021 session with covid masks and rapid flow test around me but I did not let the pandemic stop me from reaching my full potential even if it was not in sports. Starting off the session as the newly elected Student Representative Council of 8W, I took up the responsibility with pride and put in my best effort. After a while, sports enrichment was back and I was not hesitant to make a move. When we had the inter colour house games, I represented my colour house and won badminton girls Junior & Senior as well as table tennis girls which enabled my colour house to create a big lead.

In the 2020/2021, session I worked my way to gaining three different academic awards : Best effort in History, Most improved in English and Best in Music. In Year 9, I also accomplished a big portion of my achievements such as SRC of 9W, Captain of the Basketball Team; got Best Effort in Physical Education, Most Improved in Art, Best in Music and was one of the top badge earners

in Year 9, to name a few. But the major highlight of my Year 9 was winning the DWC Enrichment Junior Diploma which portrayed me as a force to be reckoned with in my year and the school was recognizing it.

Diving into Year 10, I had a lot of expectations for myself but I made sure that the pressure did not get to my head. I directed my energy to positive emotions and people who put me on the right path. This session, I went for the Platinum Dinner as well as competed for the 1st, 2nd or 3rd positions in other school competitions. Moreover, I participated in different golf kitties where I came 1st or 2nd. Additionally, running for the post of Head Girl was a huge task which I took up with a lot of passion because I knew I could do it, and by the grace of God, I was elected as the Head Girl of the 2023/2024 academic session.

I am so grateful for my parents, teachers and students of Day Waterman College who have molded me into the person I am today and I hope to guide this school to greater heights with the power conferred on me.



5@5 AT DWC

By Elioma Wami (Year 10)

On the 27th of April, 2023, our prestigious school hosted the first 5@5 for Term 3A. It started off with a melodious and splendid musical performance by David Uruakpa, a Year 8 student. Following this was an amazing song rendition by Zino Subero in Year 7, which was as beautiful as the singer! Thirdly, we had a highly emotional monologue by Fareed Shittu. It was really relatable!

The next performance was by Omobonike Fagade as she played the violin: the piece was marvelous; it reminded me of my love for the violin as a child. Lastly, I would say this was my favourite performance. It was by Alex Iyiegbu as he played my favourite song 'Soweto' - the piece was incredible! I was at the verge of dancing but I had to restrain myself.

All the performances were outstanding, thanks to the Art Department for nurturing these wonderful talents. I look forward to more 5@5 performances.



ENDANGERED ANIMALS

By Ugochukwu Onuko and Johan Okoh (Eco Prefects)

What are endangered animals?

A species considered to be facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild.

Examples of Endangered Animals

JAVAN RHINOS



Once found throughout south-east Asia, Javan rhinos have suffered a staggering decline in their numbers due to hunting and habitat loss. The lone wild population of Javan rhinos is one of the rarest of the rhino species—around 75 individuals—which can only be found on the island of Java, Indonesia. The Ujung Kulan

National Park, a World Heritage Site, is the last remaining refuge of Javan rhinos. But the area also suffers from the invading Arenga palm, leaving the rhinos with less food to eat and less habitat to roam. Besides, the small Javan rhino population is also extremely vulnerable to extinction due to natural catastrophes, disease, poaching and potential inbreeding.

AMUR LEOPARD



The Amur leopard is one of the rarest big cats in the world, with only around 100 individuals left in the wild. Although their wild population seems to be stable and increasing, these leopard subspecies are still critically endangered since 1996. And there is a good reason that: Amur leopards can only be found in a relatively small region of the far east of Russia and north-eastern China at present. The remaining Amur leopards face multiple threats to their survival, including habitat loss and fragmentation, prey scarcity and transportation infrastructure such as roads. However, there is hope for this rare big cat. Around 75% of their home range lies in protected areas in Russia and China, and they are also moving into suitable habitats outside of these protected areas.

SUNDA ISLAND TIGER



The Sundae Island tiger, or the Sumatran tiger, is the smallest tiger subspecies in the world, weighing up to 140kg. For reference, the tigers that live in the Amur region are the biggest of all the big cats where males can weigh up to twice as much as Sundae Island tigers. They are also very rare - there are estimated to be around 600 in the wild and are only found on the Indonesian island of Sumatra. Since the 1980s, the human population of south-east Asia has nearly doubled from 357 million to around 668 million in 2020. And this has had an impact on tiger numbers, which have been shrinking along with their habitats. As human settlements expand in the region, Sundae Island tigers are increasingly likely to encounter people, which could lead to a further rise in human-tiger conflict. Tiger poaching and illegal trading of tiger parts and products are also of serious concern to their survival.

MOUNTAIN GORILLAS



The Mountain gorilla is a subspecies of the eastern gorilla, which lives in two isolated populations in the high-altitude forests up in the volcanic, mountainous regions of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Uganda, and in the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park of Uganda. The Virunga Landscape has a history of political instability along with high levels of poverty in the region. This poses a substantial threat to mountain gorilla numbers as people have moved into areas closer to these great apes for food, shelter and space—over 500,000 people live near mountain gorilla habitat at present. Despite this, mountain gorillas are making a promising recovery with conservation efforts and interventions from local and international partners and the World Wildlife Fund(WWF)through the International Gorilla Conservation Programme. At present, mountain gorillas are currently listed as endangered species, with just over 1,000 individuals in the wild. However, multiple threats remain that can hinder recovery progress for this species.

BLACK RHINOS



Between 1960 and 1995, black rhino populations suffered dramatic losses in their numbers due to large-scale poaching. Around 2% survived the severe onslaught of the past. As rhino conservation took hold, their numbers have more than doubled across Africa since the 1990s. But, black rhinos are still listed as critically endangered by the IUCN, with around 5,630 individuals in the wild. Three subspecies of black rhino now survive, with the western black rhino declared extinct in 2011. Today, 95% of black rhinos are found in just four countries: Kenya, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe. The biggest threat to the remaining population is still poaching for their horn—in the last 10 years, almost 10,000 African rhinos have been killed to supply the illegal rhino horn trade.

TAPANULI ORANGUTAN



The Tapanuli orangutan is the newly described species of orangutan, listed as a distinct species in 2017. Only a single, isolated population of Tapanuli orangutans exist in the wild, which is restricted to the tropical forests of the Batang Toru ecosystem on the island of Sumatra, Indonesia. Today, these tree-dwelling primates are critically endangered with fewer than 800 individuals in the wild, making them the most endangered great ape species in the world. The loss of habitat is one of the main threats to its survival as tropical forests are being replaced by agriculture, mining, and hydroelectric and geothermal development. Between 1985 and 2007, over 40% of the forests in the province of North Sumatra, where the Tapanuli orangutan is found, were lost.

YANGTZE FINLESS PORPOISE



The Yangtze Finless Porpoise is the odd one out of its family as it is the only living freshwater porpoise found in the world. This aquatic mammal currently resides in the Yangtze River in China and is listed as a critically endangered species. While the Yangtze river plays a crucial role in healthy ecosystem functioning, years of environmental degradation, overfishing and water pollution in the region are having detrimental impacts on many animal species who call it their home. Once upon a time, Yangtze River dolphins used to live alongside finless porpoises, but there haven't been any freshwater dolphin sightings for the past two decades. Sadly, this could be yet another stark reminder of what soon may follow for many endangered species, including the Yangtze finless porpoise. To protect this species, China has upgraded finless porpoises to 'first level protected species' in 2021—the highest level of protection available in the country. In 2018, their numbers were still around 1,000 individuals and stabilising in the wild.

AFRICAN FOREST ELEPHANT



Deep in the dense, humid forests of West and Central Africa, you can find the elusive forest elephant, one of the two members of the African elephant species. The actual number of wild African forest elephants remains uncertain due to their shy nature, but we do know that they are critically endangered species and have declined by an estimated 86% over 31 years. The main reason behind the decline is due to poaching, which is frequent, widespread and intensive, especially in Central Africa. As well as elephant poaching, habitat loss and land-use change for agriculture and other land uses have resulted in fragmented habitats and increasing human-elephant conflict leading to losses on both sides. Today, African forest elephants occupy around 25% of their historic range, scattered among 20 different African nations, mostly in Gabon and the Republic of Congo.

SUMATRAN ORANGUTAN



The Sumatran orangutan is found exclusively on the island of Sumatra, Indonesia. They are listed as critically endangered by the IUCN at present, with less than 14,000 individuals in the wild. Sumatran orangutans face similar threats to their Bornean and Tapaculo counterparts. From logging, agricultural plantations, and expanding infrastructure development to the illicit pet trade, orangutans need vast tracts of connecting forest to live in, but between 1985 and 2007 these great apes lost 60% of their forest habitat. Today the majority of these orangutans are found in the northernmost tip of Sumatra in the Leuser Ecosystem, a landscape that includes tropical lowland rainforests and steamy peatland swamps.

HAWKSBILL TURTLES



Certainly, with the elimination of harmful human activities such as plastic pollution, deforestation and hunting, more species can be saved from extinction.

UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: SANITATION FOR ALL

By Daniella Ezeike (UN Ambassador)

Would you rather live in a clean or an unsanitary environment?

This is a reminder to clean your surroundings because whether we like it or not your surroundings are a big part of your mental health and wellbeing. Do you believe that you can efficiently work well with wrappers thrown around the room, and spilled drink from last week you didn't clean well enough that now attracts different rodents?

A clean environment is the start of healthy living and healthy living is the start of a new lifestyle, and new opportunities with a better mindset. You must always contribute to the hygiene of your environment. Even if

you're the only clean person in a dirty environment, you are going to be affected no matter what.

There are many little things we can do to help our community live a better, cleaner and healthier lifestyle. They are:

- Controlling the number of visitors to our rooms.
- Getting little organizers to keep our belongings in place.
- Picking up little trash around our surroundings even when we are not responsible for littering.

To sum up, we can always spread awareness about being tidy to help our environment.



Looking Ahead

By Oluwabusola Oyediji-Olaniyan (Year 11)

Luminous, Luminous
 They got me backing on my trust
 They say it is not us
 They say it is not tough
 We will shoot for the stars
 No matter happens it will be ours
 Looking ahead to the stars
 No matter happens it will be ours
 Looking forward everyday
 Cop that watch millie plain
 Doing work like a game
 They keep talking me down
 They talking me down for the fame
 All people do is play
 Working hard to get plaques
 Working hard never lack
 I made it out the mud
 Now i am out working hard
 I don't club i just look ahead
 All i think of how to be better
 Head up head high
 Looking ahead in the white sky
 Watch me fly over the moon
 Now I'm making money in the roo

Looking Ahead

By Anaya Olufosoye (Year 10)

On a lonely road I stand,
 No one around to shake my pain,
 My foundation... far from grand,
 Still I shall not stay the same,
 Stuck in the dust trying to make life better,
 I look for refuge and receive no shelter,
 I whipped by the winds of isolation,
 Friendless and hopeless words they use to
 gain my attention,
 But tonight I shine,
 But tonight I rule,
 But tonight I am bright,
 But tonight I stand tall without the stool,
 For tonight I look up,

Blocking all the comments,
 I refuse to stop,
 I trample on those who tried to put me
 under,
 Take advantage and have my eyes on the
 prize,
 From now on I choose to be wise,
 Turn a blind eye when they criticize,
 Tell them to mind theirs while I mind mine,
 I am the dark knight who continues to
 shine,
 I am a peaceful warrior who continues to
 fight,
 I am strong faced even though
 traumatized,
 I am a child carrying lion eyes.
 Because I am looking ahead!

Looking Ahead

By Edidiong Cornel (an alumna)

Whether there be dark or shadow,
 Every moon will rise.
 Whether there be joy or sorrow,
 Impact will be made.
 Love will grow wings
 Life will follow.
 So, endure
 Torture. Torment. Fill running
 Rivers with your blood and tears. Yet,
 In you a soul will bloom once more.
 Demons sprout and poison too as
 Even the strong of heart bruise
 Indeed, towards a tomorrow, a light will
 guide you in the deep of
 Night. Your blinded moments
 Tilt into glory
 Once you peel away the pain.
 Touch of fingers against your eyes linger,
 while
 Healing sprouts through layers of doubt.
 Evil will try to blind you
 Seasons will try to shame you
 Underlying pain will try to reach you. But
 hope will find you.
 Now, open your eyes. Now, see the sun.
 Look ahead.



MY YEAR 7 EXPERIENCE

By Azeemah Osunfowora (Year 7)

Year 7 was and is still a great challenge as you always have to do things according to a very tight regime . However this has been my journey so far :

Firstly , this journey started with Term 1. Term 1A was the hardest and most challenging due to change of school environment and being far away from home. In Term 1A, for the first 2 weeks, I found school extremely challenging due to the fact that I was not familiar with my environment and people around me. I constantly got lost because I was not familiar with my classes ,teachers and the buildings. But aside that, every other thing was going really well: I did not encounter any challenge in the boarding house because I was a very punctual, agile and law abiding person which made things less complicated for me. But then, after the first two to three weeks, I was fully comfortable and I was open enough to start making friends. I made a couple of friends- Marvelous, Wura OD, Wura OG and Sabirah. By the end of Term 1A, I emerged 3rd in my year. This I found quite disheartening, but with a growth mindset, I kept on persevering .

Term 1B came really fast but then my priorities increased and my goal was to be an all-round scholar which is to excel in both the academic, sports and other extracurricular activities .This goal was my path to success because there always has to be an extra value to add. With that goal in mind, I joined Math Olympiad and I started basketball. Also, I became more determined and more engaged with my swimming classes . With this dedication, I emerged top in my year, participated in an AMC Math competition and got better at swimming

In addition , Term 2 too came faster than I expected but this time, I had planned to broaden my knowledge and do better in the Art Department and go up on stage more often, earn more points and badges and also not

forget to stick to my previous goal. This term, I could say I was 100% familiar with the school so, extremely determined, I aimed to do better than I did in Term 1. Additionally, this term, there was a

better chance because I already was familiar with my teachers, I had more friends and my family also played a role in encouraging me to be the best version of my self. I did well achieving my Term 2 goals because I was able to compete in two colour house competitions within the school I was able to attain a 7 in Art despite the fact that I am not artistic. I also achieved a Grade 9 in Drama, Music and Design and Technology, and got to be a part of two dance performances in which my colour house came third. Most Importantly, I topped my year again by earning the highest number of badges and third highest number of points! These earned me a Platinum Dinner with the Senior Leadership Team(S.L.T).

Furthermore , Term 3 which is the last term of the academic session started about five weeks ago and this time, I am sticking with my previous goal but I must endeavour to study harder and give it my all as it is my last term in Year 7. And this term, I will also try my best to make sure my form class wins the Multi-cultural Day competition, and I endeavour to keep getting positive points so I can get another Platinum Dinner with the SLT .

Finally, I urge every student to always strive for the top spot no matter how challenging things can be.



TED^x LPSS YOUTH TEDTALK: BRAINWASHING

By Jadesola Okunubi (Year 11)

Imagine on this stage I had a box, a typical traveling suitcase. It could hold an approximate 0.05 cubic metres worth of volume, which means technically, if I really wanted to, I could squeeze myself into it, but this would be an extremely difficult, suffocating, and downright ridiculous endeavour. However, the big question we should all ask ourselves is - why? Why would I choose to limit myself to this tiny box when I have this whole stage to walk on? This whole room to wonder in? The earth? The universe? Space in itself is infinite. What's even more ridiculous is the fact that every day, millions of people around the world willingly choose to limit their ever-dynamic minds to this tiny box of fact: misleading and

harmful news.

Good morning, everyone. My name is Jadesola Okunubi, and I'm here to introduce you all to Brainwashing 101: The nooks and crannies of making everyone believe anything you truly want them to.

Firstly, let's start from scratch. As human beings, we are all prone to bias. Each of us has a set of beliefs, customs, ideologies, and principles which we believe are superior to other people's. At the end of the day, we have a lot in common with little crying children who believe it's either their way or the highway. This is where 'Confirmation Bias' comes to play.



MY YEAR 9 EXPERIENCE

By Olamide Oladipo (Year 8)

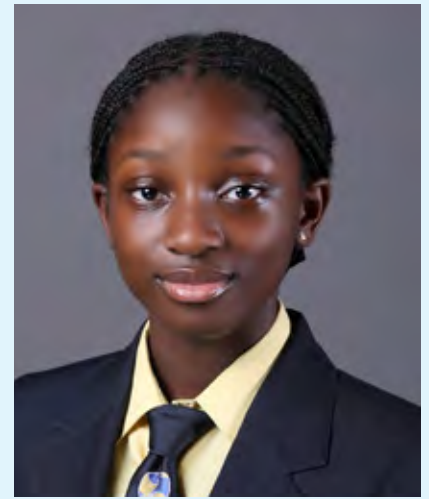
I always thought year 8 was my "Break-out year". The year that I really began to shine due to all the activities I participated in, ranging from dance to sports to spoken word competitions and many more. As a result, I was extremely worried that I was not going to live up to my expectations and those other people had of me. However, thus far, I have to say, Year 9 has been an amazing year!

Although tackling new subjects and constant reminders of the "blue shirt years" ahead of me and my peers, I have managed to persevere and surpass those expectations. One moment that has stood out for me so far was the Spoken Word Competition. I have a love-hate relationship with spoken words since my first time doing it in Year 7 and second time in Year 8, when I passed the first round but failed to make it to the second round and the finals. Finally, this year, I made it past the first and second rounds! Even though I did not win the competition, I am extremely proud of the progress I made as I had managed to get to the top 5.

As a result of the activities I involved myself in in Year 8, I saw a decline in my academic life at the end of the year. I was disheartened upon discovering that, so I decided to study harder in Year 9, and because of

this dedication, I am now doing even better than I thought I could do. However, due to the amount of time I devoted to my academic life, I started declining in sporting activities, but slowly and surely, I am trying to get comfortable with sports once again.

Another aspect of life in school which I feel did not get enough attention was my social life. Moving from Year 8 to Year 9, I was worried I would not be able to maintain the friends I had made because I had always been a shy person, but, fortunately, to my amazement, not only did I maintain those bonds, but I also established even stronger ones with those people; so I thank my amazing friends for pushing me above the limits, encouraging me, and always being there for me. All in all, my year 9 experience has been an awesome journey filled with obstacles of self-discovery, but I am always up for a challenge!



It may sound like a complex sociology term but its relatively simple to comprehend once broken down. We as human beings tend to cherry pick information to support our preconceived notions and ideologies. Speaking plainly, if I truly believe something, I'm going to interpret information in ways which favour me.

Let's paint this little fun scenario. Take 'Person A' and 'Person B'. In fact, scrap that, 'Taiwo' and 'Kehinde' - twins! Apologies to all the Taiwos and Kehindes out there. Both Taiwo and Kehinde believe that the weather determines their moods for the day.

Taiwo, on the one hand, wakes up feeling extremely refreshed and energised - he had an amazing night. He stretches his limbs and opens his curtains - and a beautiful ray of sunshine warms up his pale face. The birds are singing, and the clouds are just right. Taiwo believes that this beautiful weather foreshadows the course of the day - it will be absolutely perfect.

Kehinde, on the other hand, had a less than stellar night. She wakes up agitated and moody; safely speaking, she wakes up on the wrong side of the bed! She opens those same curtains, and you know

that ray of sunshine that Taiwo finds appealing? It burns her skin like a harsh flame. Her preconceived moodiness has made her interpret this weather quite differently.

But don't get me wrong, Confirmation Bias does have a

plethora of advantages which has aided our evolution as human beings. Primarily, it helped early cavemen make split-second decisions in dangerous situations. Speaking economically, if we had to weigh the pros and cons every time we had options, we would never be able to draw conclusions as each option would be deemed too worthy.

Now, let's go back to the topic of brainwashing . . .

Brainwashing occurs when we are repeated the same information over and over and over again. Evidence supporting only one narrative is often fed to victims, hindering their ability to critically analyse situations. Think of social media filter bubbles. If I really enjoyed dance for instance, my home feeds are specifically curated to appeal to such. Meaning if I open my YouTube, I will see dance videos, Instagram - dance pictures, Twitter - dance tweets. Imagine that with harmful conspiracy theories. Not only weak-minded people are manipulated. Tell a person a lie enough times and they may start believing it is the truth.

My advice, therefore, is free your mind from that restricting box! When researching new fields, get information from a neutral party; chances are they'll give you a more unbiased view than a passionate individual.

So, there you have it, everything you need to know about brainwashing!

2023 ART WEEK



The 21st Century education creates an enabling environment for the emergence of a “total child”. It was on this premise that the Performing and Creative Arts Department anchored her DWC ART WEEK 2023 with the theme, Art for Self-reliance.

It was a great privilege as our students displayed their analytical skills in all the units in the Department, starting from Tuesday the 16th when students represented their different Colour Houses in the KAHOOT quiz session. Questions were asked from Art and Design, Music, Drama, Design and Technology and Physical Education. This was followed by a session of Spoken Word competition on the Theme of the Week, Art for Self-reliance.

As we lead the students toward the path of self-reliance through the arts while in school, they were encouraged to draw the portrait of our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) members. These portraits were presented to the SLTs to the admiration of the entire audience as the student-artists were able to capture the resemblance of each person in the picture. This was then followed by presentation of Certificates of Participation to our three consistent artists that took part in the COBIS Art Competition 2022. Certificates were also presented to DWC students in the Drama Unit that came first in the AISEN Drama Competition out of 37 Schools. The video of this drama presentation is on the school's YouTube and LinkedIn pages.

The event came to a climax when the Principal launched the maiden edition of a Comic Magazine titled NOISE NINJA by Alex Iyiegbu, a Year-9 student. Alex Iyiegbu started the Comic Club two and a half years ago. This club has been active as students are encouraged to develop their talents in drawing there. His magazine was put up for sale and students were eager to grab a copy for their drawing practice and for entertainment.

Inter colour-house Basketball competition took place in the evening of Tuesday as well. Students were able to display their individual skills and agility on the court to the admiration of spectators. New talents were also discovered from both male and female basketballers.

The evening of Wednesday 17th was for Variety Show. This afforded all students the opportunity to witness live



performances ranging from saxophone, drums, violine, vocals and collaborative dance performances. It was a remarkable night to remember!

Friday 19th marked the grand finale at the Grandstand on the field. All the colour houses came all-out creatively and colourfully dressed in their different school wears for the carnival. They competed with one another in vibrant parades as they matched and danced to selected tracks of music. it was a sight to behold from beginning to the end. Furthermore, the paintings done by all the colour houses were displayed and talked about by the artists to entrench a clearer picture in the minds of the spectators.

In addition, bag hangers were creatively done in different designs and colours by students from each colour house. The purpose of this was to solve the problem of students' bags littering the floor of the theatre whenever students gathered for any school event. This further exposed the students to the HPL skills of creativity, hard work, critical thinking, and problem solving.

At the end, all the results were collated, and these were the final results for the DWC ART WEEK.

In the 1st position with 867 points was Yellow House, 2nd position with 797 points was Green House, 3rd position with 719 points was Red House, 4th position with 715 points was Purple House, while the 5th position with 610 points was Blue House.

Congratulations to all the students that participated in one or more activities. We in the Performing and Creative Arts Department really appreciate your time, effort, creativity, and empathy as we continue to embrace the HPL domains and sub-domains in all that we do to ensure no child is left behind.



WORKER'S DAY ASSEMBLY

By Anita Ogba (Year 9)

On the 2nd of May, we DWC students converged in the Art Centre for a fun-filled and appreciative celebration of all the workers at Day Waterman College in recognition of their relentless effort to make DWC a better environment to be in.

Something quite remarkable was done on this auspicious occasion: as the staff walked into the theatre, all students rose to their feet to give the amazing teachers an outstanding standing ovation. The noise was ear-splitting and deafening enough to reflect on our appreciation to them for the hard work put in in their various departments. Immediately after that, we moved on to a brief opening remark from our Head Boy, Oluyinka Olowuran, and then an educative talk on the origin of Worker's Day. Personally, I learnt a lot on where the celebration originated from as it was an interactive speech, and the message was clearly communicated.

Another highlight of the day was the beautiful award presentations to every single department of the school: from the caring teachers, the diligent gardeners, the conscious protons, to the indefatigable laundry staff and much more. As representatives of the departments came up on stage, they collected their awards with uttermost fulfilment and achievement. Then, to keep the mood going, the social prefects played a collaborative game called "Guess the baby" with the audience, which was extremely entertaining and surprising too as some teachers' pictures really didn't resemble them in the present day.

If you were not present, then, I'm sorry to say that you've definitely missed out on something that words can't describe as the joy, smiles and happiness filled the air and diffused to every single part of the theatre. To end, George Maine once said, "A worker is a creator and a great asset to every nation." This assembly truly celebrated workers and showcased their worth. We look forward to the next one! Thank you.



2023 ART WEEK

'ART FOR SELF-RELIANCE' COLOUR HOUSE ART WORKS

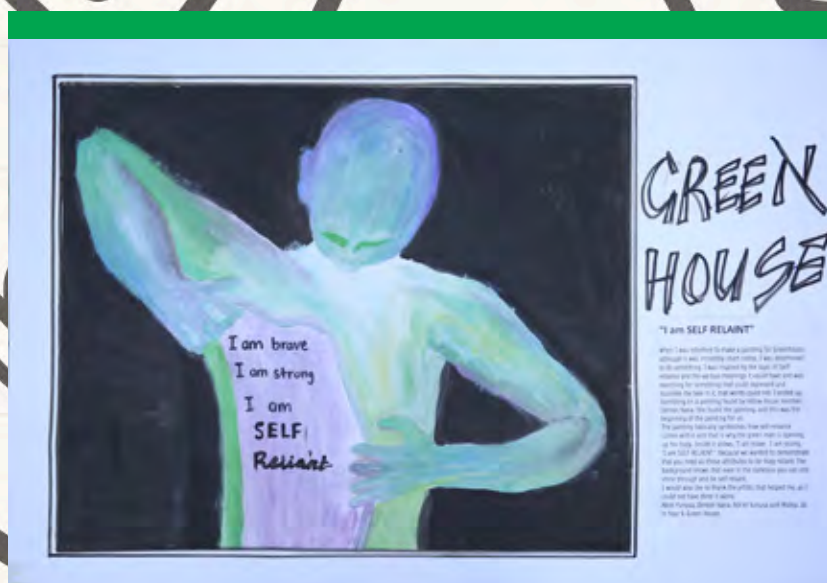


The **"Self-Reliance"** painting by RED HOUSE is a beautiful piece of art that captures the essence of individualism and self-reliance.

The painting depicts a pelican in a vast landscape of a river, with nothing but her own willpower and determination relying on herself and own body to feed her babies. The colours and brushstrokes used in the painting create a sense of depth and movement, drawing the viewer in and encouraging them to reflect on their own inner strength and resilience.

Overall, the **"Self-Reliance"** painting is a powerful reminder that we are all capable of achieving great things if we believe in ourselves and trust in our own abilities.

(By David Odhegba, Year 10)



"I am SELF-RELIANT"

When I was informed to make a painting for Green House (It was an incredibly short notice), I was determined to do something. I was inspired by the topic of Self-reliance and the various meanings it could have, and so was searching for something that could adequately illustrate my thought as words could not. I ended up stumbling on a painting discovered by my fellow house member, Dereon Nana. She found the painting, and this was the beginning of the painting for us.

The painting basically symbolises how self-reliance comes from within, and this is why the green man is opening up his body. Inside it shows: "I am brave; I am strong; I am SELF RELIANT". We wanted to demonstrate that you needed these attributes to be truly fulfilled.

The background of our work shows that even in the darkness, you can shine through and be self-reliant.

I will like to thank the artists that helped me, as I could not have done it alone. These are: Abiel Yunusa, Dereon Nana, Adriel Yunusa and Mofeyi, all in Year 9, Green House.

(Edidiong Usoro, Year 10)



PURPLE HOUSE



Nelson Mandela was released from jail in 1990 after serving 27 years in solitary confinement. He then worked with State President F. W. de Klerk to negotiate the end of apartheid in South Africa, restoring peace to the racially divided nation and taking the lead in the global battle for human rights.

'Art for Self-reliance' is the subject for Art Week, and to us - Purple House- self-reliance is relying on one's own skills and assets rather than relying on others. And we chose Nelson Mandela as the subject because he took it upon himself to create a better future for others rather than waiting for someone else to effect change.

(Esther Fakunle, Year 10)

Day Waterman's Art Week 2023 featured the enthralling theme of 'Art for Self-reliance in which, each colour house competed in various aspects of the Art Department. More specifically, each colour house was expected to produce a painting as a representation of the theme. As a proud Yellow House member, I was able to produce a painting containing various aspects of self-reliance in relation to art, with the assistance of

Tomisin Alabi. Firstly, the idea we worked on was that of a young man who produces tie-and-dye shirts in his backyard, and later sells them off in his house to earn a living.

Clearly, art is a very broad category that ranges from drawing to even sculpting, however, I believe that tie-and-dye is still an aspect of art as it still includes the expression of an idea using colours.

For the painting, I decided to use both gouache and poster colour paint to cover large areas of the piece quickly, as well as to make certain aspects of the painting vibrant. Additionally, as members of Yellow House, we believe that every child has the ability to express the HPL of creativity through art.

Overall, the painting process has taught me that self-reliance means believing in your own abilities and trusting yourself; therefore, I believe that the idea of a person creating tie and die clothes all on his own truly represents the theme 'Art for Self-Reliance'.

(Ngozi Onyeachole, Year 10)

YELLOW HOUSE



Title of Painting: 'At the End of the Day'

I, Alawari, and my friend, Emmanuella, created this picture for Blue House based on the theme 'Art for Self-Reliance'.

In the foreground, the shadow of a woman can be seen carrying her own self, and the weight of all of her problems. Also, the sunset in the background represents the fact that at the end of the day, nobody else is going to do that for you!

At the end of the day, you only have yourself, and nobody else is going to carry you, or the things weighing you down.

You have to carry your problems.

You have to carry yourself.

You have to learn the art of...

SELF RELIANCE.



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

(MAY 15TH–30TH)

By Ebubechi Odigbo (Year 10)



15
MAY



Edith Cresson appointed French premier.

On this day in 1991, Edith Cresson of the Socialist Party became the first female premier of France, but she lost the office less than a year later because of rising unemployment and declining support from within her party.

16
MAY



Warsaw Ghetto Uprising suppressed.

On this day in 1943, Nazi troops quelled the monthlong Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, in which Polish Jews, led by Mordecai Anielewicz and the Jewish Fighting Organization, resisted deportation to the Treblinka extermination camp.

17
MAY



School segregation outlawed by US Supreme Court.

On this day in 1954, lawyer Thurgood Marshall scored a landmark victory as the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* that racial segregation in public schools was unconstitutional.

18
MAY



Eruption of Mount St. Helens.

On this day in 1980, following an earthquake with a magnitude of 5.1 on the Richter scale, Mount St. Helens in Washington state erupted in one of the greatest volcanic explosions ever recorded in North America.

19
MAY



Ringling Bros. Circus formed.

The Ringling brothers opened a small circus in Baraboo, Wisconsin, on this day in 1884 and by the early 20th century had transformed it into the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, the leading American circus.

20
MAY



On this day in 2013, President Goodluck Jonathan fulfilled his campaign promise to Ndigbo of the South Eastern zone of the country by approving the take off an international airport and the proposed establishment of a Free Trade Zone in Enugu to boost the economy of the zone.

21
MAY



First nonstop solo transatlantic flight made by Charles Lindbergh.

American aviator Charles Lindbergh completed the first nonstop solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean on this day in 1927, traveling from New York to Paris in the monoplane *Spirit of Saint Louis* in about 33.5 hours.

22
MAY



Roman Emperor Constantine 1 baptized.

On this day in 337, Constantine the Great, who had practised Christianity since his youth and sparked its growth into a world religion, became on his deathbed the first Roman emperor to be baptized in the Christian church.

23
MAY



China formally annexed Tibet as an autonomous region on this day in 1951, giving rise to a Tibetan independence movement—led by the Dalai Lama, winner of the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize—that continued into the early 21st century.

24
MAY



Opening of the Brooklyn Bridge.

A brilliant feat of 19th-century engineering, the Brooklyn Bridge—spanning the East River from Brooklyn to Manhattan Island in New York City—opened this day in 1883, designed by civil engineer John Augustus Roebling.

25
MAY



U.S. Constitutional Convention opened in Philadelphia.

On this day in 1787, the Constitutional Convention opened in Philadelphia, where 55 state delegates, initially charged with amending the Articles of Confederation, later drafted the Constitution of the United States.

26
MAY



Martin Luther declared a heretic by the Edict of Worms.

Passed this day in 1521, the Edict of Worms banned the writings of Martin Luther—a German cleric whose efforts to change the church led to the Reformation—and declared him an outlaw and a heretic who was to be captured.

27
MAY



Founding of St. Petersburg.

Founded this day in 1703 by Peter the Great, St. Petersburg has played a vital role in Russian history and is especially known as the scene of the 1917 revolutions and as a fiercely defended city during World War II.

28
MAY



Amnesty International founded.

Dedicated to informing public opinion about human rights and to securing the release of political prisoners, Amnesty International was founded in London on this day in 1961 and won the 1977 Nobel Peace Prize.

29
MAY



Mount Everest summit reached by Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay.

Following numerous failed attempts by others, Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay became the first climbers to surmount Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world (29,032 feet [8,849 metres]), on this day in 1953.

30
MAY



Joan of Arc burned at the stake.

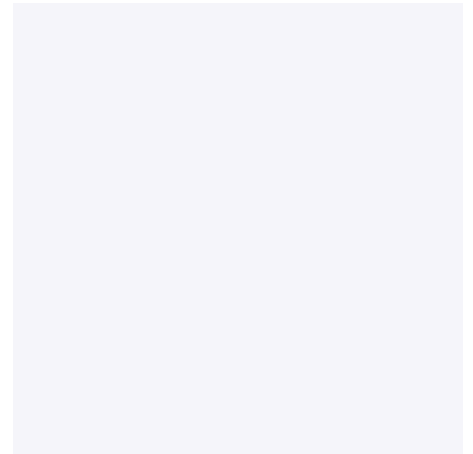
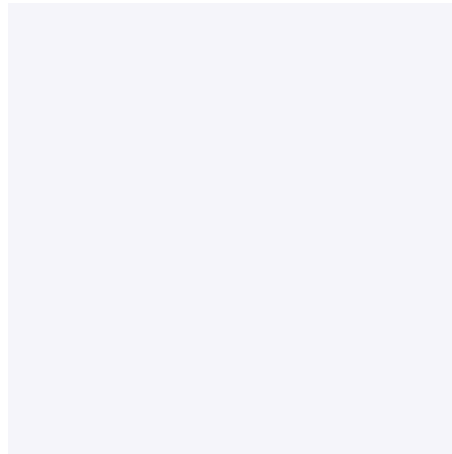
Having led the French army in a momentous victory over England at Orléans during the Hundred Years' War, Joan of Arc was charged with heresy and witchcraft and, on this day in 1431, was burned at the stake.

31
MAY



Adolf Eichmann hanged.

On this day in 1962, the State of Israel hanged German official Adolf Eichmann, who had escaped from a prison camp in 1946 and spent some 14 years in hiding, for his part in the Nazi extermination of Jews during World War II.



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