

WORLD LITERACY DAY

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In 1996 UNESCO gave birth to World Literacy Day, which we celebrate every year on the 8th September. The purpose of this celebration is to raise awareness about the importance of literacy and to help reduce poverty and improve health and education.

In our school, students put together a wonderful entertaining international showcase. The MC's were Kendra and Jayden, who talked to the audience about the significance of World Literacy Day. There is never a celebration without a prayer, so Zayda took the stage with a heartfelt prayer to kick start the programme. Next, the MCs talked to us about the theme of the celebration which is 'Promoting Multilingual Education for Understanding and Peace.'

After that motivational speech, Class 6 took the stage with their amazing dance using the French song 'Komosava' (Comment Ça Va?). Form 2, represented by Fedora and Enam, captivated us with wonderful storytelling from amazing authors. Form 1 and Class 5 presented a wonderful display of the different authors and where they came from, for example, William Shakespeare from England. As the programme drew to an end, Awuradwoa of Form 2 said a beautiful prayer.

This year's World Literacy Day showcase was one of the best showcases I have ever watched in this school. The amazing faces of everyone just wowed me. The captivating dance moves and the rhythm of the song made this day a day never to forget.





The highlight of the show for me, was the choreography dance done by Class 6. The song used in the choreography was song 'Komosava' (Comment Ça Va?) and it was amazing! Even though the show was one of the best in the school's history, the thing they need to improve on is letting everybody get the chance to be able to express themselves on stage.

The way technology has affected literacy is amazing! Now people use ChatGPT, Bing, Co Pilot and a lot of AI tools to help them with literacy and this will have a massive impact on everybody's storytelling and writing, which will make literacy fun. Before AI, everyone talked about books to learn, but nowadays a lot of people use AI to help with literacy.

What inspires me the most about World Literacy Day, is the importance of learning new languages and learning to be able to communicate with one another. When I was in Class 5, I was very reserved, and my grammar wasn't that good. My mother spoke to my Form Tutor, Ms. Florence Awudi and asked her to include me in the Drama Club. Now I am very confident, and I always want to be in the Drama Club to improve daily on my literacy skills.

This year's show was great! I hope next year's will be even more fun and captivating!

Kenneth Coleman Form 1A





World Literacy Day is a special day that reminds us how important it is to be able to read and write. Literacy helps make the world a better place by making sure people can learn, communicate, and share ideas. It plays a big role in creating a fair, peaceful, and sustainable society where everyone has the chance to grow.

At my school, we celebrated World Literacy Day by learning about Michael Morpurgo, who is the author of many famous books like, 'The Wreck of the Zanzibar' and 'Why the Whales Came'. We also got to see charts that showed different languages from around the world. It was really interesting to see how many languages people speak and how they are all written in unique ways.

One of the things I remember most from that day was seeing the charts with different languages. It made me realize how big the world is and how people use so many ways to read and write. I think it would be exciting if, next time, we invited people on stage to share their thoughts about literacy. We could ask them what they think about World Literacy Day and how literacy has made a difference in their lives. This would make the celebration even more fun and interactive.

I believe World Literacy Day is still important today because we always need to remind ourselves how much literacy matters.

Without it, we wouldn't be able to learn, share stories, or express our ideas with each other. It's something that has always been important and will continue to be in the future.

Technology has changed how we read and write in many ways. Instead of using paper and pen, we often type on computers or phones. We can even read books on screens, called eBooks, instead of holding a printed book. While technology has made some things easier, it feels different from writing by hand or flipping through the pages of a book.

When I was younger, reading and writing were hard for me. My mom helped me a lot by showing me how to spell words and holding my hand while I practised writing. Over time, I got better at it, and now I feel much more confident. One book that really changed my life was the story of Marie Curie, who discovered radium. Her story inspired me because she worked so hard and made such a big difference in the world.

I've also had the chance to help others with their reading and writing. I helped my sister, and it made me feel proud to see her improve, just like I did. Helping her made me realize how important it is to pass on what we learn and help each other grow.

Naysa Lartey C5A

The Power of Tongues – A Lesson in Literacy and Unity

On September 8th every year, the world celebrates International Literacy Day. UNESCO started it to raise awareness about how important it is for everyone to have the chance to learn how to read and write. Literacy helps us understand the world and make it a better place. This year, the theme was "Promoting Multilingual Education: Literacy for Mutual Understanding and Peace." It made me realise that learning different languages can help us respect each other more and build stronger connections with people from all over the world

Participating in International Literacy Day 2024 was an experience I will always cherish. When I was selected to present a poem, I knew I had to choose a topic that would resonate with the audience and reflect the theme of the event. I decided on the title "The Power of Tongues," which explores how language can be a force for connection and understanding.





Crafting the poem allowed me to reflect on how our diverse linguistic backgrounds can be a strength. It reminded me of the value of studying languages—not just to pass exams, but to foster unity and build bridges within our school and the world beyond. The message behind the words of the poem taught me an important lesson: language has the power to bring people together, even when we're unsure of ourselves.

This event has not only deepened my own appreciation for multilingualism but has also highlighted how crucial it is for all of us to take our language studies seriously. By embracing literacy in all its forms, we can contribute to a more peaceful and connected community. I hope my experience encourages my peers to use their voices and language skills to make a positive impact on the world around them.

Xorlali Dzakuma Form 5A





World Literacy Day is a big event that is celebrated all around the world. It reminds every one of the critical importance of literacy, for creating a peaceful and positive society. This event happens on the 8th of September every year, since 1966.

This year, in my school, we had an assembly dedicated to World Literacy Day. We talked about the theme, 'Promoting Multilingual Education.' We also listened to a catchy French song, and we learnt greetings in different languages, for more understanding. It's very important to learn different languages, so we can relate to others who speak other languages other than English. Next time, I would love to celebrate this day at assembly with competitions on reading and writing in different languages, so all students can learn the words in different language.

World Literacy Day is particularly important because it is involving more people through digital learning and technology. It is also important because it empowers and liberates people. Technology is making reading more interactive, without needing to spend too much money.

My English teacher really helped me write, by helping me express myself to make interesting stories for writing. She also helped me by giving me books to read for more ideas. One day in Class Four during Prep, I wanted to write a story. As soon as I started, my ideas in my head blanked out. I overcame it by reading more books to expand my writing knowledge.

I read a book that made it easier for me to relate to others. I learnt from the book that I must show genuine interest in others. It was a special story because it taught me a lesson that being mean is not a way to relate to other people, it is about getting to know them, listening effectively and more.

I helped my little cousin to read using syllables. I taught her how to write by guiding her to hold her pencil properly and to spell. I also taught her how to express herself through writing. I felt good because I was passing on what I had learnt to the next generation.

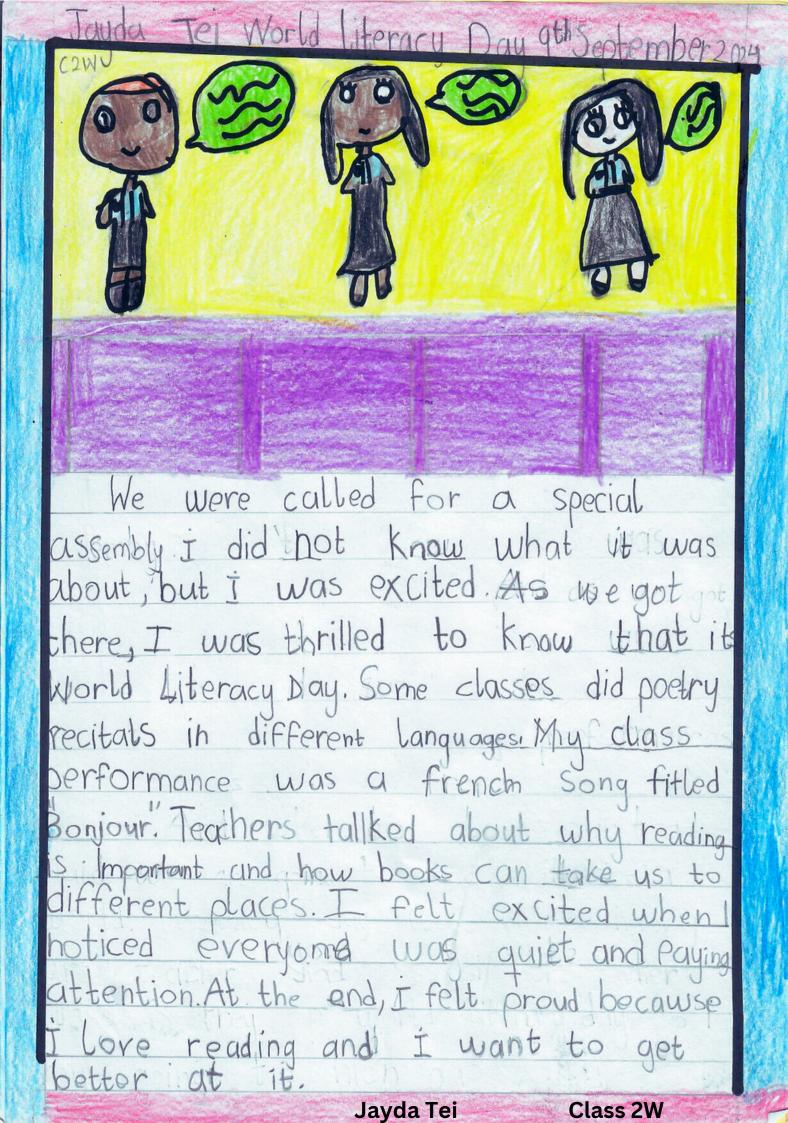
World Literacy Day really helps children with writing, spelling, expanding language knowledge and much more.

Bree Wadie Class 5A



It was a special day It was World Literacy Day. We had lots of fun activities. After the assembly we came to class where we read a story. Do you know that literacy means how good it is to read and write? I felt very happy and celebrated with my teachers and friends. It was a happy day. We got the opportunity to watch different performances. It was an amazing day. I learnt so much about the importance of literacy and I am so grateful to be in school.

Alina Adjei





TODAY A READER, TOMORROW A LEADER

- MARGARET FULLER





