

# The St Helena Ambassador

... An Extraordinary Place on a Path to Prosperity



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St Helena Sports Day 2017 - Contributed by James Miller of the St Helena Association



In addition to this, we had an array of excellent stall holders in the marquee with returnees such as Ian Matheson, Neil Francis, Angela Yon, Marshalla Cullum-Stone, Enterprise St Helena and a live radio link to Saint FM provided by Johnny Clingham.

St Helena Sports Day was a huge success and we'd like to thank all those involved in making it a sensational weekend.

### ***A few comments received from Saints who attended the Sports Day:***

*"Just want to say a huge THANK YOU for organising another fun packed Sports Day. I know how hard you all work to ensure that everyone has a*

*great time and, judging from all the laughter and dancing, I think everyone had a blast, I know my family did."* -

**Ursula Harris**

*"I had a beautiful weekend, especially as I met family I hadn't met before, family I hadn't seen in years, and family I get to see once a year at the Sports. So yes, it was a good weekend."* - **Faye Rush-Benjamin**

*"Thank you so much for another fantastic year, you guys do an amazing job and we thoroughly enjoyed it. See you all next year."* - **Nick Thomas**

**A**ugust Bank Holiday weekend marked the annual St Helena Sports Day in Reading. With blue skies and soaring temperatures, as well as the involvement of well over 1000 happy St Helenians, it was destined to be a weekend of fun in the sun for all.

St Helena Sports Day 2017 saw the return of the classic races presented by Steve Anthony as well as the ever-popular inflatables which provided hours of joy to many enthusiastic children and also some of the adults!

This year also saw Mark Burford of *Mark's Magic Mayhem* once again lead the fancy dress parade, but also, in a Sports Day first, perform a phenomenal fire display which was recorded live to the *St Helena Association* Facebook Page.

Many people took great pleasure in the musical entertainment, on both the Saturday and Sunday, which was provided by Phillip Thompson, Sawdust, The Wirebirds and, making their Sports Day debut, AllSaintz3.





**S**chool is out as our Island's teachers and school children all take a well-deserved break after another whirlwind year of schooling. The last twelve months have seen many positives in the three Primary Schools, culminating with their successful 'End of Year Assemblies' and Open Days.

Pilling Primary School held their event on Monday, 31 July, in the presence of a packed hall of invited guests, parents and guardians.

Head Teacher, Elaine Benjamin, opened the morning with an inspiring speech on children as future leaders. Her message explained how everyone has a part to play, and how it is the little things that take place each day that moulds children to be the leaders of the future.

A DVD depicted many of the school events that were held over the course of the year and classes contributed to the school's entertainment in the form of song, drama and

sharing of work covered this year. Year four's performance of 'Please Miss' went down very well with the crowd.

A prize presentation then followed where children in each class were awarded book prizes for noticeable effort and outstanding performance over the year. The coveted *Keenan Bennett Trophy* for the best football player in Key Stage (KS) 2 went to Blaze Baldwin - presented by Keenan's sister, Delrae. Prizes were awarded for the *Jean Beadon Art Competition* with Courtney Hudson and Olicia Beard winning third positions in this year's competition.

Certificates of appreciation were awarded to all members of the PTA Committee.

The school was thereafter open to the public from 1.30-3pm and from 7-9pm.

It was St Paul's Primary's turn to hold their event on



## Primary Schools' End of Year Assemblies and Open Days



Ephrem Stroud was named KS1 Pupil of the Year with Jordanna Peters picking up the award for KS2. Jordanna along with Jacob Williams picked up a host of awards between them. Ice Fowler was another who impressed, picking up the *Betty Joshua Kindness Award* and coming in first place in the *Jean Beadon Art Competition*. Again, certificates of appreciation were awarded to all members of the PTA Committee.

Following the assemblies, guests were invited to have tea and refreshments and then to view the school. The school was later opened to the public from 1.30-6pm.

Harford Primary School held their End of Year assembly on Tuesday, 1 August. Unfortunately no information on the event could be retrieved from Harford Primary before the publishing of this *St Helena Ambassador*.

For all three schools, the end of the school year is bitter-sweet as they must say goodbye to another Year 6 class who will begin their new challenge at Prince Andrew School at the start of the new school year. Good luck to all.



Wednesday, 2 August. To ensure there was space for all parents, they opted to split their assembly into two parts - first KS1 followed by KS2.

Head Teacher, Pat Williams, opened the assembly by welcoming all guests and parents. She then spoke about the successes and challenges of the preceding year, pointing out the school's struggle with staff shortages especially in term 3B. Despite this, she was full of praise for those individuals including past teachers and trainees that stepped up to ensure that the students could still receive a high standard of teaching.

Following the opening remarks, students of each class took to the stage to entertain the crowd. Performances ranged from Nursery's *'Funky Monkey Dance'* to Jordanna Peters' moving trumpet-version of *'My Heart Will Go On'* to a play entitled *'Saint Somethin Somethin'* that had the crowd in hysterics as students played the role of a few popular Saints and Island figures, including Governor Lisa Phillips.

At the end of each assembly students were awarded for their efforts and outstanding achievements throughout the school year.



Our mission statement is - *Working in partnership with customers for a cleaner and greener St Helena*



Many of the tasks undertaken by WMS, which are often repetitive and go unnoticed, are critical to the success of an ever-improving service.

Recently, we introduced roadside litter picks whereby WMS operators pick up roadside litter during domestic waste collections to assist keeping our roads network clean and tidy. We designed housing for the majority of communal wheelie bins to make these large bins more pleasing to the eye in rural areas and prevent them from moving during windy weather - funded from efficiency savings made within the recurrent budget. We are introducing an improved sanitation schedule for Jamestown during the working week, providing sanitation of public toilets/areas from 6am to 5pm.



Olympic Bins, designed for the 2012 Olympics in London, are located throughout Jamestown and at key areas e.g. Ladder Hill, Longwood Avenue and the Tomb. These bins facilitate disposal of street litter, glass waste (for recycling) and cigarette butts. WMS recognise that cigarette butt waste is prolific across St Helena, as butts are discarded onto the ground without any consideration that they contribute to the litter issue. A waste prevention campaign is being developed to target this problematic waste (due December 2017).



Horse Point Landfill Site (HPLS) is open to the public seven days a week from 9am to 3pm (closed on public holidays). As well as accepting green waste and bulky waste, the site also benefits from a Public Recycling Facility. This facilitates the safe disposal/recycling for glass, cans, scrap metal, wood, motor and cooking oil, paint, tyres, vehicle and domestic batteries, white goods and small electrical appliances, furniture, textiles and clothing, cardboard and paper.



The public is reminded to please recycle as much of their waste as possible before delivering to the bulky waste cell.