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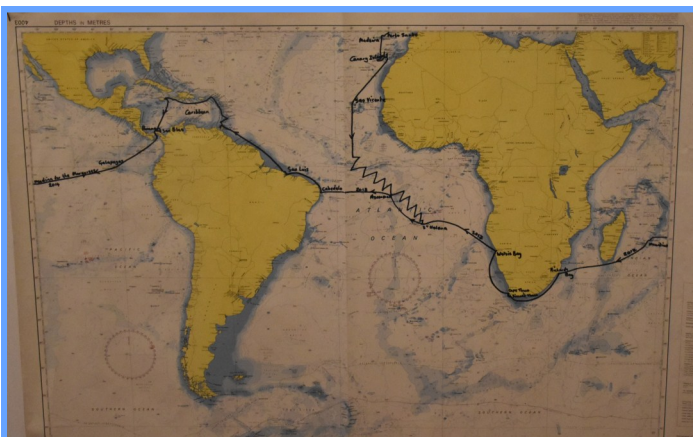
FIRST SAINT FAMILY TO CIRCUMNAVIGATE THE GLOBE

The Herne family - James, Hannah, Josh (13), Sadie (8) and Jacob (7) - have recently become the first St Helenian family to circumnavigate the globe.

In October 2013, the Herne family departed St Helena on their yacht *Carpe Diem* for their circumnavigation adventure, returning to the Island in December 2017.

On Saturday, 10 March 2018, the Herne family launched an exhibition at the Museum, Jamestown, entitled: *'The Epic Journey Of A St Helenian Family'*.

The exhibition displayed write-ups, photographs and videos of their adventures, while visiting different places and their life on-board their yacht.



During their circumnavigation, the family visited places in the Caribbean, South Pacific and Indian Ocean, Australia and also South Africa.

The St Helena Ambassador spoke to James Herne, and asked him how he felt about circumnavigating the globe. James said:

"This is something that will take years to sink in. What we've done is huge, it's massive. When we look through our photographs and videos, we know we've done it, but we haven't really understood the magnitude of what we've done."

The Herne family has settled back in on St Helena and are enjoying Island life. They now offer special charter tours on their yacht.

CELEBRATING MARINE AWARENESS WEEK 2018

Marine Awareness Week, a week used to raise the profile of St Helena's marine environment and underwater habitats and species, was this year celebrated between Monday, 12, and Sunday, 18 March 2018, with the theme, 'Our Invisible Ocean'.

Throughout the week, local radio stations interviewed staff of the St Helena National Trust and broadcasted fun facts and information relating to this year's theme. Various marine tour operators held wildlife interaction and sightseeing tours, and information displays and activities were hosted at the Mule Yard.

On Wednesday, 14 March, a Marine Quiz Night was also held at the Mule Yard and saw a total of four teams enter.



On Friday, 16 March, the Environmental Management Division and St Helena National Trust marine team, along with Waste Management Services, conducted a beach clean-up in the Rupert's Bay area. A total of 71.5kg of rubbish was collected from the beach and surrounding area. Volunteers who cleaned the beach were educated about marine litter, where it comes from and, in particular, the impact it has on our environment, and how we can help reduce marine litter in the long-term.

On Saturday, 17 March, a scuba dive litter pick took place in James Bay. Seven divers cleared an area in the bay, and collected two tyres and eight bags of rubbish.



HARFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PROMOTES HEALTHY HEARTS

Towards the end of February 2018, Harford Primary School held a themed day, based on Healthy Hearts, entitled 'Jump Rope for Heart'.

The idea, formed by PSHCE Co-ordinator, Cheryl Bedwell, aimed to create awareness of how exercise can promote healthy hearts and minds.

The day began with the whole school engaging in a yoga session. This was a fantastic warm up which led onto the next activity, 'the skipping challenges'. Following this, each class did a meditation session. At Lunchtime, everyone enjoyed fruit salad which the children had contributed to.

The day ended with a whole school walk around the school.

Due to the huge success of the day, Harford Primary School hopes to continue 'Jump Rope for Heart'.



ST HELENA CELEBRATES COMMONWEALTH DAY



Commonwealth Day is an annual celebration of the Commonwealth nations. This year, Commonwealth Day was observed on Monday, 12 March.

Commonwealth nations including Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Americas, the Pacific and Europe joined the celebrations. Here on St Helena, the day was celebrated with the raising of the Commonwealth Flag at an event held at the Jamestown Community Centre. The Primary Schools also took part in celebrating the day with various activities held in their schools, based around this year's Commonwealth Day theme - *'Towards A Common Future'*.



St Paul's Primary started their Commonwealth Day celebrations with an inspiring assembly which gave an insight into the Commonwealth. Pupils were then divided into eleven mixed-aged groups and issued with a 'passport'. Each group then 'travelled' to different nations, where they learned and experienced the culture, history, food, music, and art of that place, through drawing, painting, collaging and weaving and jewellery making. The day concluded with children reflecting on what they had learnt during the day.

Pilling Primary School started their Commonwealth Day celebrations with a parade of pupils dressed to represent different sectors of the Island's business community. The day continued with children learning about the Commonwealth, in particular about the geography of the Commonwealth nations. The day ended with an assembly, where children sang an appropriate Commonwealth Day song and paraded in their outfits in front of the Councillors and the Assistant Director of Education.



Pupils of Harford Primary School were challenged to come to school in fancy dress to celebrate the Island's enterprise. The children's outfits included Fishermen, Waiters, Teachers, Contractors, Bee Keepers, Police, Taxi Drivers, Tourists, and Photographers. In the afternoon, an assembly was led by Deputy Head, Stacey Benjamin. Attendees heard a song written by Gary Barlow, and a child friendly PowerPoint presentation was used to explore the concept of Commonwealth Day. This year's theme was also highlighted and discussed.

HM The Queen's Commonwealth Day message was also read in each school by Elected Members.



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day, the brainchild of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, is a worldwide celebration of authors, illustrators, books and reading.

To celebrate World Book Day, the Public Library Service on St Helena organised a Children's Holiday Activities morning on Tuesday, 6 March 2018. The morning was a great success with twenty four children taking part in the various craft activities planned all based on World Book Day. The event concluded with a story read by Teeny Lucy under the warm sunshine in the Castle Gardens.

The three Primary schools also took part in celebrating World Book Day:

Pilling Primary School started their day with pupils and teachers dressing up as their favourite characters. The day continued with mixed paired reading. Year 1&2 conducted discussions and research on the book 'Finding Nemo'. Year 3 looked at different books and authors and created character profiles. Year 4 created a play script based on 'Matilda', and produced an author profile for Roald Dahl. Year 5 explored a range of stories and created their own character they would like to use in their story. Year 6 focussed on 'Fantastic Mr Fox', discussing chapters of the book and then coming up with alternative endings.

St Paul's Primary School opened their day with an assembly. Throughout the day, children and teachers dressed as characters from books. The children explored, created and experienced a wealth of information about books through a range of fun activities, designed to inspire the children's love for reading. To encourage the children, people from different departments were invited to read to different year groups. The day ended with an open read session where parents or family members could go along and read to the children.

Harford Primary School started their day with staff and pupils dressed as their favourite book characters. The day began with parents visiting, and reading along with the teachers. An assembly followed. People from various professions across the Island, came and spoke to the children about why reading is important in their job. Nursery class created their own book called 'The Enormous Carrot' taking their inspiration from 'The Enormous Turnip'. Reception enacted the books 'The Lorax' and 'The cat in the Hat'. Year 1&2 went under the sea with 'The Rainbow Fish' and spent the day role-playing, weaving and creating a large rainbow fish. Year 3 chose 'Aliens Love Underpants' and focused on performing poetry. Year 4&5 chose the book 'Charlie Cooks Favourite Book', and were challenged to make a 'pop up' to show the other children in the school. Year 6 explored 'The Pepper Tree' by Mr Basil George, and met the author in real life. Mr George spoke to the children about his inspiration for the book and how he set about writing it.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go" - Dr Seuss

