

The St Helena Ambassador

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Nature Day at Public Library

On Tuesday, 25 April 2017, the Public Library held a nature-themed activities day for children currently on school holidays.

The event saw about 40 children show up to the Public Library to take part in a variety of nature-themed activities. Whilst some children collected and painted leaves to make pictures, others took advantage of a display set up by the St Helena National Trust to learn about the bugs of St Helena.

The idea for the day came from Harford Primary School Secretary, Elaine Crowie, who said:

"I think the day turned out really great. There are loads of children here and they are really enjoying the activities on offer."

Librarian, Jill Young, was pleased with the attendance and spoke about the importance of holding activity days at the Public Library.

"It encourages the children to look at our books, do a little reading, and also to learn from the displays we have set up inside for them."

The Public Library's next event will be the 'Seven Wonders of St Helena' on Tuesday, 2 May 2017.





A large crowd of family, friends, and members of the public witnessed St Paul's Primary School crowned as Primary School Athletics Champions – for the fifth time in five years – after a day of competitive track and field events on Francis Plain on Wednesday, 19 April 2017. After weeks of training in their respective schools, our

Island's young athletes and future international competitors donned their school colours to compete for the title in bright morning sunshine. The day's events kicked off with the traditional Cheerleader performances.

Athletes gave it their all in their events and were encouraged by the loud support echoing from the side



lines and the terraces above. As the races and field events commenced, it was becoming clear that St Paul's were the front runners with both the girls and boys picking up gold medals and vital points for their school. After the Key Stage One events, St Paul's had already taken a six-point lead and by the end of the day extended this to 59 points.

The final results saw St Paul's take the cup with a total of 212 points, Pilling was closest to them on 153 points, with



Harford settling for third place honours on 129 points. The athletes of the day in Key Stage One went to Terryn Phillips of St Paul's and Sheldon Phillips of Pilling. In the lower age Key Stage Two category, Allie Fowler of St Paul's and Pilling's Blaze Baldwin were named the top athletes. Harford's Laila Clarke and St Paul's Micadean Crowley took the same honours in the upper age Key Stage Two category.

A total of six new records were broken on the day – five by athletes from St Paul's.

Head Teacher of St Paul's Primary School and Coordinator of this year's Athletics Day, Pat Williams, said:

"It's not always about the winning, but the participation that counts. You can only have one winner in an event like this. I am very proud of the children for their achievements and what they have learned in their PE lessons. Well done to you all!"





Despite early morning rain, the staff and pupils of St Paul's Primary School persevered and hosted a successful Science Fair and Fun Day at the school on Saturday, 22 April 2017.

The event is organised by the School's PTA as a biennial fundraiser with Teacher Steve Plato taking on the responsibility of organising pupils to do their science projects.

There were many interesting displays and the time and commitment of the pupils to their projects was evident. There was also a stall manned by Marian Yon and Marian Kanes from the Health Directorate with information on Immunisation Week 2017. The interaction with Pupils made this one of the popular stalls on the day.

There were also other stalls including food stalls and side-shows, which were organised by the PTA alongside other departments.



One of the highlights of the day came at 4pm when the school held a small talent show to entertain the crowds. Pupils of varying ages took turns as solos and duets, plus musical performances



kept the audience smiling and clapping along.

Twelve pupils took part in the Science Fair itself and the results were as follows:

Yr 1/2: First Place, Zac Francis, Second Place, Luca Yon

Yr 3/4: First Place, Alona Yon, Second Place, Harry Williams, and Third Place, Allie Fowler

Yr 5/6: First Place, Jordanna Peters, Second Place, Katelyn Lawrence, Third Place, Jacob Williams

The day was well attended as has been the case in previous years. Favourable comments were received and everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

St Paul's Primary Head Teacher, Pat Williams, said:

"We are not expecting a great deal of funds from this event judging on the takings from some of the stalls, however, the atmosphere of the afternoon and the links with our community of parents/friends/families and children were a great success. Thank you one and all!"