

The St Helena Ambassador

... An Extraordinary Place on a Path to Prosperity

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Farewell Governor



On Friday 18 March 2016, the Governor and Mrs Capes departed St Helena Island for official business in France and Corsica, ahead of returning to London in April at the end of the Governor's term of office.



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MAKING MARCH



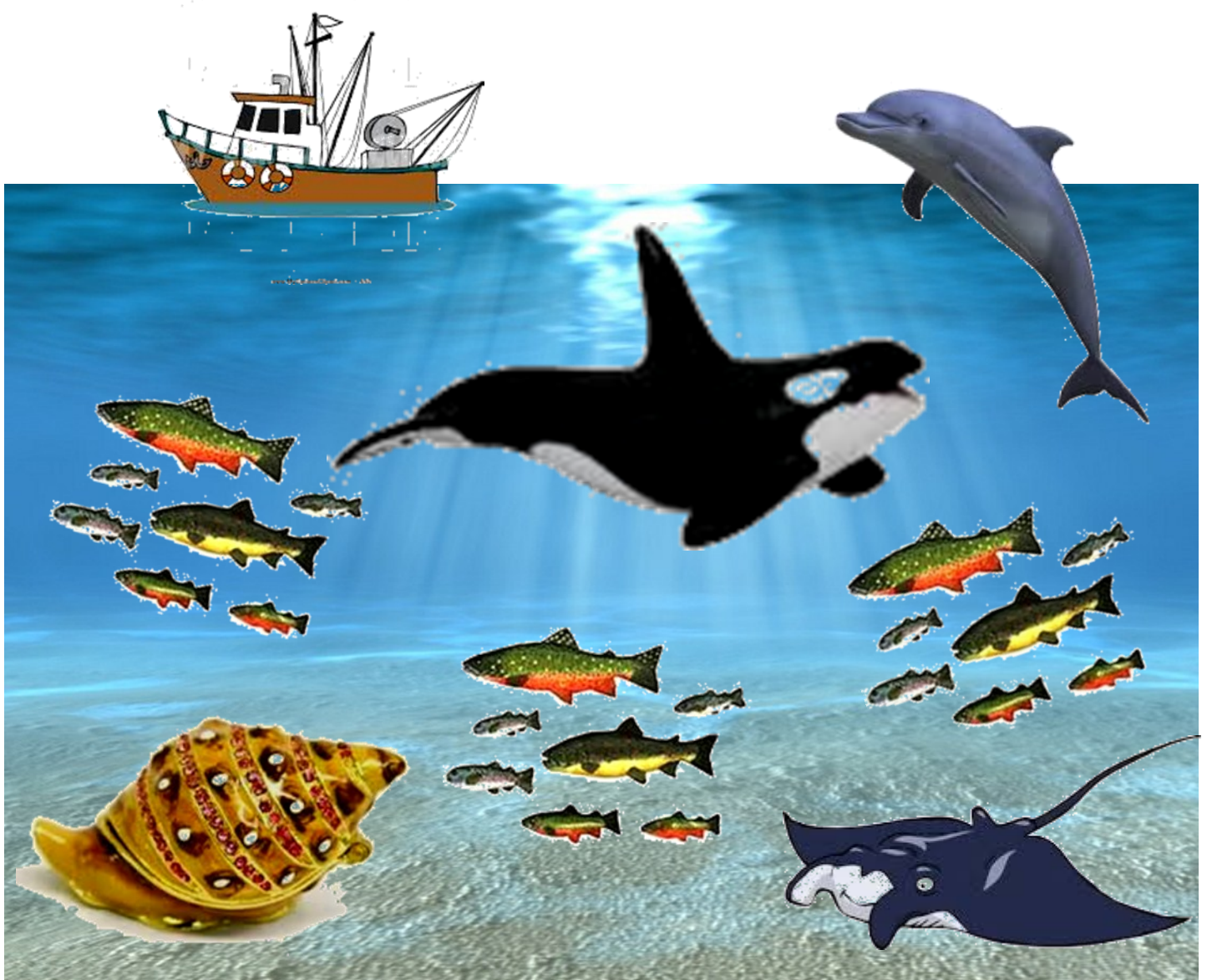
As part of Marine Awareness Month, a short film was produced to highlight the importance of our marine environment and the relevance of marine life to all of us.

The film addresses the essential question of '*Why We Need The Ocean?*'

It displays spectacular wildlife in the waters of St Helena and illustrates how important the sea is to St Helena and her people and why we must protect it.

The film is available at the following link: <https://vimeo.com/156234839>

The following articles in this month's Ambassador are all related to '*Making March Marine.*'



'Story-telling' in the Gardens



Early in Marine awareness month, a story reading event was held outside the Library, where Jean Corker read out loud

relevant stories to a small, but engaged crowd (pictured).

Exciting activities were also on offer for the youngsters, where they could enjoy a story, colour-in pictures, paint and be creative by making their very own little aquarium.



Desirae Peters, who devised the childrens' activities, said:

"I have used a few of these ideas, in the past from when I was a teaching assistant. The day was all about being creative - the children used paper plates to make sea horses, fishes, turtles and shells. They also made collages with tissue paper and old CDs, painting and decorating these."

"Overall, it was a day for the children to enjoy and see what their imagination brings"

Treasure Hunt at Lemon Valley

An excited group of people gathered on the 'Enchanted Isle' at the wharf on Saturday 5 March 2016, with the crew dressed for the occasion in pirate costumes. They headed to Lemon Valley for a treasure hunt on a treasure Island.

Rowing ashore, they were given a few clues as to the whereabouts of various surprises hidden in different locations. Sweets and other treats were located by the excited youngsters.



Other activities on the day included snorkelling, kayaking, and also trying out rowing for themselves.

Shelley Magellan-Wade, a parent on the trip said:



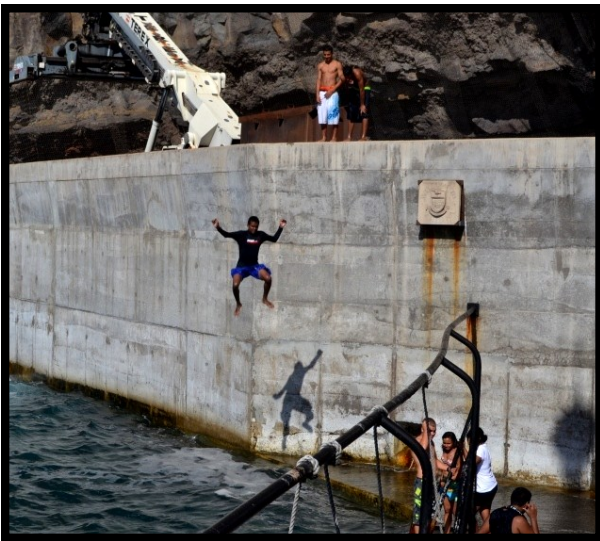
"It was a very delightful afternoon arranged by the Enchanted Isle Crew. The treasure hunt was fun and exciting and captured the children's imaginations. The lovely clear cool waters of Lemon Valley kept everyone happy and occupied for the remainder of the afternoon - undoubtedly a worthwhile trip!"



Ocean Festival and Market Day



On Sunday 20 March 2016, an Ocean Festival and Market Day was held at the Seafront, Jamestown, with the theme of *'Making March Marine'*. There were activities for all ages where everyone could enjoy a dip in the ocean and for the little ones, a dip in one of the paddling pools. 'Oceano Xtreme' provided rides for those who were feeling brave and their jet-ski's were also made available. Those who were not in the mood for a swim, could enjoy a drink, or shop around for clothes, food, jewellery and cupcakes.



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