

THE ST HELENA AMBASSADOR



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Editorial

Hi, welcome to the St Helena Ambassador. Belated Happy New Year wishes! In this edition we cover the Public Library Services' Christmas activities, who won Prince Andrew Schools' Athletics Day, how the Rock Guards carried out two controlled rock removals in Jamestown, and we show you how we celebrated our Covid-free Christmas. If you'd like to contribute a story to the St Helena Ambassador, please feel free contact me on tel: 22470 or via email: jodie.s-constantine@sainthelena.gov.sh. Happy Reading!

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Controlled Rock Removal

The Rock Guards of the Infrastructure & Transport Directorate recently carried out two controlled rock removals on the hillside of Ladder Hill, above the Museum of Saint Helena.

The first removal operation took place on Wednesday, 20 January, and saw the team remove one and a half ton of rock from the hillside. The second removal took place on Thursday, 28 January, and saw approximately two tons of rock removed.

Rock Guard Supervisor, Matthew Williams, explained:

"We had been monitoring these rocks for about two years now as part of our daily programme, and there were movements over that time scale so, as a precaution, we decided to remove them."

On both occasions, the team removed the rocks using a come-along and cables and caught the debris in nets.

Matthew concluded:

"Overall, I feel that the operations were a great success because we finished them before our set timeline and also there were no damages to property or the public."



Covid-free Christmas on St Helena



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Prince Andrew School Athletics Day 2020

Prince Andrew School (PAS) held their Athletics Day at Francis Plain on Wednesday, 9 December 2020.

Deputy Head Students Services, Barbara Osborne, delivered the welcome speech and gave words of encouragement to the participants. Barbara said:

"As a child growing up I enjoyed sports, and still do. I competed in many athletics days for my school. So today boys and girls is an excellent opportunity to show off your talent. Enjoy your day, learn from your mistakes, take time to reflect on what you need to improve on. Remember winning is important, but participating is just as important."

The day kicked off with the school's cheerleaders performing their dance presentations.

A full programme of events followed with athletes from both lower school and upper school. Events throughout the day included: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, and 1500m races, long and triple jump, discus, shot putt, and javelin, concluding with the relay races.

At the end of the day the points were totalled and the winners were announced. Jenkins House came 4th place with 105 points, Munden's House came 3rd with 129 points, Cavendish House came 2nd with 149 points and the overall winners were Dutton House with 153 points.

There were two records broken on the day. Courtney Green broke the record for the upper school girls discus. The previous record was 18.11m and the new record is 19.99m. Dani Thomas also broke the upper school girls javelin. The previous record was 18.95m and the new record is 21.22m. Both girls broke their own records!



Public Library Holiday Activities

The Public Library Service hosted Christmas holiday activities on Tuesday, 15 December 2020, along with the secretaries and auxiliary workers of the three Island Primary Schools - Pilling, St Paul's and Harford.

The day consisted of various crafts in line with the Christmas theme as well as face painting in the Castle Gardens.

Thirty children attended the event and joined in with the festive spirit all receiving an elf goodie bag to celebrate the occasion.

