

THE ST HELENA AMBASSADOR



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Editorial

Hi, welcome to the St Helena Ambassador! In this edition you can find out about St Helena's contributions to Earth Day, School sporting events, as well as two fun days at St Paul's and Harford Primary Schools.

If you'd like to contribute a story to the St Helena Ambassador or have any suggestions on what you'd like to see included, please feel free contact me on tel: 22470 or via email: jodie.s-constantine@sainthelena.gov.sh.

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Earth Day



HM Customs staff holding plastic bottle tops



Saint Helena National Trust staff



Education Directorate staff



Shade decorated in plastic bottle tops

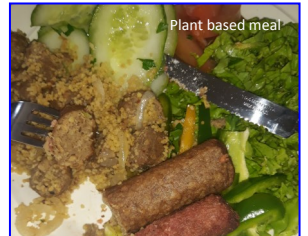


Cilla with recycled mat

Earth day was celebrated on 22 April and many Government sections and other organisations carried out an 'Act of Green' in support of Earth Day. The Saint Helena National Trust supported and advocated for the use of reusable bags, Year five students from St Paul's Primary School did a walk to Diana's Peak, HM Customs staff collected plastic bottle tops and made a lamp shade, Cilla Isaac decorated recycled bottles and made mats from recycled clothes, the Meteorological Station staff took a picture of themselves recording the weather data contributing to climate change, The Education Directorate had plant based meals and made a sign out of recycled materials, and the Horse Point Landfill Manager installed a recycled rain water tank.



Recycled Bottles decorated by Cilla



Plant based meal



Meteorological Station staff



National Trust staff with St Paul's Primary School staff and pupils



Recycled rainwater tank

Records Broken at Prince Andrew School Swimming Gala

Prince Andrew School held their annual Swimming Gala at the Jamestown Swimming Pool on Friday, 23 April. More than 50 students participated, with 10 new school records being set.

Jenkins House accumulated 98 points to take the trophy. Dutton House came second with 79 points, and only two points separated third and fourth positions with Munden's House scoring 77 points and Cavendish House 75 points.

William Caswell and Brooke Yon, both of Jenkins House, dominated in the Lower and Upper School. Many students also broke their own records, such as Colby Thomas in the 33m breast stroke and the medley relay team of Phillipa Castell, Cerys Joshua and Danni Thomas. A full table of new records is shown below.

Organiser and PE Teacher, Christine Caswell, was impressed with how the competitors and spectators conducted themselves on the day.

Christine said:

"The day went brilliantly – the students performed outstandingly. No matter what position they finished, there was great House spirit on display. Well done to all those who accepted the challenge to swim for their House!"

Head of Year 11, Dulcie Herne, commented:

"The students were brilliant both as competitors and spectators. Some parents and guardians who were present

also mentioned how well organised everything was and how impressed they were of the swimmers and thankful for the shade that was available."

Competitor, Brooke Yon, was pleased with the Jenkins' win but far from complacent. She commented:

"It was a great day, but I think I can swim even better. I look forward to swimming even faster and representing my House next year."

Note: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Swimming Gala did not take place in 2020.



Event	Record holder	Time	Previous record holder	Time	Year set
33 m front crawl – Lower school boys	William Caswell	18.82 sec	David Owen	19.72 sec	2016
33 m backstroke – Lower school boys	William Caswell	25.11 sec	David Owen	25.31 sec	2015
33 m front crawl – Upper school girls	Brooke Yon	20.13 sec	Cerys Joshua	21.39 sec	2019
33 m breast stroke – Upper school girls	Brooke Yon	23.69 sec	Sarafina Yon	28.86 sec	2010
33 m breast stroke – Upper school boys	Colby Thomas	22.00 sec	Colby Thomas	22.81 sec	2019
33 m backstroke – Upper school girls	Brooke Yon	22.27 sec	Madolyn Andrews	25.73 sec	2011
Skill race: 33m plus weight recovery - Girls	Vivienne Ponsford	28.62 sec	Sarafina Yon	30.15 sec	2011
Skill race: 33m plus weight recovery – Boys	Stefan Thomas	23.97 sec	Duwaine Yon	24.78 sec	2016
66 m freestyle – girls	Brooke Yon	44.74 sec	Brooke Yon	45.07 sec	2012
99 m Medley relay	Phillipa Castell Cerys Joshua Danni Thomas	1 min 23.56 sec	Phillipa Castell Cerys Joshua Danni Thomas	1 min 25.73 sec	2019

Harford Primary School's 'Farm Funday'

Harford Primary School's (HPS) Parent Teachers Association (PTA) hosted a 'Farm Funday' at Harford Primary School on Saturday, 17 April 2021.

The fundraising event started at 12 noon with a parade from Longwood Avenue to the School field. The parade was led by a big blue tractor and music streamed from 'Puddies' decorated Landrover followed by all ages of people dressed as farm animals or farmers.

At the School, there were 'car boot' stalls selling household items, clothing, plants, local fresh veggies, honey and art work. Hot food, snacks, and refreshments as well as ice cream were also on-sale.

On the field there were activity stalls, a bouncy castle, an agriculture display, which included information about growing crops, and fresh local produce, like honey and tomatoes, were on-sale.

At the bottom of the field was an interactive animal farm. Here, both adults and children had the opportunity to get up close to the animals which included chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, piglets, a calf, sheep, goats, rabbits and guinea pigs.

Musical entertainment throughout the day was provided by DJ Colin Peters.

HPS PTA Chairperson, Elizabeth Clingham, commented:

"What a wonderful day! Thanks to an amazing bunch of dedicated teachers and parents the day was a success! Months in the planning, lots of community, business and parental support the day was far more than we expected it would be – great sunshine, happy animals, lots to eat and lots of happy people – what more could we have asked for. See you next time!"



St Paul's Primary School Summer Fair

St Paul's Primary School held their Summer Fair on the School grounds on Saturday, 24 April 2021.

The day commenced at 11am with an array of car boot style stalls, face painting, fitness events, a tattoo stall, various other stalls/sideshows and of course the ever popular bouncy castle. The parents, PTA and family members hosted the stalls whilst the school provided a snack shop with some of the healthier options of snacks on-sale.

Parents and pupils that attended had a great time being extremely active in the sunshine, whilst participating in football shoot outs and a general kick around.

Meanwhile under the covered area of the school there was a judging of the first 'Granny Bake Off' entries where Gavin (Jack) Thomas, Miss St Helena, Latisha Fowler, and Michelle Lawrence tasted over 12 entries, ranging from homemade biscuits to lemon drizzle cake. The winner of St Pauls Primary's very first 'Granny Bake off' was Joan Phillips who won first prize, Margaret Peters of Half Tree Hollow in second place and in third was Diana Roberts.

Funds raised from the day came to a total of just over £1000 which will be added to the School's PTA funds once expenditures are sorted.

Thanks are extended to everyone who supported the School in any way to make this another successful event.



Early Years Sports Day



The Early Years Sports Fun Day is an annual event where the Nursery and Reception classes from all three Island Schools come together to take part in non-competitive novelty sports. This year's fun day was organised by St Paul's Primary School who put together a number of races such as the popular egg and spoon race, shopping basket race, bean bag relay and an obstacle course. Parents and family members cheered on as children from all schools ran together to the finish line. The highlight of the day was the parents races which caused much laughter throughout the crowd as competitive parents took part in the obstacle course and crawled through tunnels and over tight ropes. Overall, it was a fun successful day which was enjoyed by children, parents, and teachers.



Successful Primary Schools' Athletics Day

The three Primary Schools - Pilling (PPS), St Paul's (SPPS) and Harford (HPS) - held their Athletics Day at Francis Plain on Wednesday, 21 April 2021.

The day began with welcome speeches by Head Teacher of SPPS, Pat Williams, who organised the day with her PE team, and Miss St Helena, Latisha Fowler. In her speech, Latisha said:

"As a young person myself who also has an interest in sports, I believe sports allows us to develop not just physically but mentally as well and would encourage anyone to pursue sports for the benefits it provides. If you have a passion for sports, dedicate yourself, work hard as hard work creates opportunities."

Director of Education & Employment, Wendy Benjamin, reminded everyone that 21 April was Her Majesty the Queen's official birthday and asked those present to give three cheers in honour of the Queen's 95th birthday.

Shortly after, the Schools' cheerleaders performed their dance presentations. A full programme of events followed with athletes from both Key Stage 1 (KS1) and Key Stage 2 (KS2).

At the end of the day the points were totalled and resulted in the overall winner of the day being PPS with 183 points, followed in second position by SPPS with 156 points and in third place HPS with 144 points.

Individual trophies and medals were awarded to children for their outstanding talent in different sports, they were: Female athlete of the day KS1 - Lakiera George (SPPS), Male athlete of the day KS1 - Cruz Williams (PPS), Female athlete of the day lower KS2 - Gori Alhazel (PPS), Male athlete of the day lower KS2 - Joel Peters (PPS), Female athlete of the day upper KS2 - Terryn Phillips (SPPS), and Male athlete of the day from upper KS2 - Robson Shangwa (HPS).

Two records were also broken on the day. The first by Riley-Scott Wade (PPS) for running the 50m race in a time of 10.22 secs (previous record held by Cruz Williams in 2019 with 10.44 secs), and the second by Terryn Phillips (SPPS) for throwing the Javelin at a distance of 19m 13cm (previous record held by Savannah Henry in 2002 at 13m 93cm).

Riley-Scott and Terryn also received the Rocco Henry Cup for being the most outstanding athletes of the day and for breaking records.

Rocco was a keen sportsman who attended SPPS, but sadly passed away 10 years ago, and in honour of his memory, a display of balloons were released following the awards presentation.

Head Teacher of SPPS, Pat Williams, concluded:

"Thanks are extended to SPPS and the working group who were the organisers for the day, to Scott and Andrew for their support and Andrew giving guidance in practicing for this event and their help on the day, to the marshalls, those who helped with the transporting of the equipment and to the bus drivers and transport manager for their support in getting the children to and from the Plain. A big thank you to all the parents and supporters who took the time out to come and support the children. This is very much appreciated. And of course to all of our children who made the day such a successful event. You were all stars! The team spirit and atmosphere was brilliant!"

