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The Bermuda High School recently raised \$1237.61 for the Ocean Support Foundation through a school-wide grub day. Of particular mention, Year 7 student Freyja Kermode raised \$55 by selling origami birds she made to fellow students and staff members.

The Ocean Support Foundation (OSF) was established in the spring of 2011 and received registered Bermuda Charitable Organization status in August 2011 (Registration Number #917). Currently, it is working to reduce, manage and control the lionfish invasion in Bermuda to protect Bermuda's aquatic environment and minimise impact to Bermuda's marine ecosystems. In addition to its lionfish management program, the Ocean Support Foundation seeks to support other initiatives directed at protecting the health and vitality of our marine ecosystem in order to improve the quality of the ocean and sustain for future generations.

OSF visited BHS three times in February - Corey Eddy gave a talk to a group of IB1 biology students; Graham Maddocks and Jim Gleason gave a presentation to the primary school and Graham Maddocks and Ryan Craig presented at an assembly for the secondary department.

OSF has given many talks in the island's schools, but BHS was the first school to raise money for the organisation. Founder of OSF, Graham Maddocks, remarked, "It is just wonderful to see our young people really grasp the danger that this species poses and for them to go above and beyond by collecting funds for us, particularly Freyja with her origami birds, is so inspiring. We, at OSF, wish to sincerely thank all the students and teachers at BHS for inviting us in to speak and for their contribution to our cause."

Jennifer Burland Adams, Director of Advancement at BHS, advised, "The staff and students at BHS are very philanthropic and being community-minded is built into our school culture. Through grub days and other philanthropic endeavours, the students have raised over \$10,500 for non profits this school year. Having members of OSF come in to speak with the students was a great way for them to learn about something happening in the waters that we all enjoy, and raising money for the effort to manage the Lionfish population was the natural next step for our students."

The Bermuda High School for Girls (BHS) is an independent school founded in 1894. BHS, an International Baccalaureate School, caters to students from Year 1 through to Year 13. The school offers the UK National Curriculum through Key Stage 1-3, the I/GCSE examinations in Year 11 and the IB Diploma and Certificates in the final two years of school. For more information on the School please visit www.bhs.bm or call 295-6153.

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