

Glacier team visits pupils

LOCAL children were given an insight into a new British two-man expedition to cross one of the world's largest glaciers and which has an educational objective at its heart.

As part of The Crossing of Greenland 2008, Feet of Green ice-team members, Alan Chambers and Peter Herbert, were in town with Dr Richard Hale to talk to hundreds of local schoolchildren about new initiative which seeks to inspire them and focuses on positive cross-curricular projects which relate to environmental issues.

Pupils from Overmonnow, Osbaston, Goodrich, Cross Ash, Kymin View, Llandogo, primary schools along with The Grange, Gilbert Inglefield House, Llangattock School, Monmouth School and Haberdashers' Monmouth School for Girls, came together to meet the team and learn about the May 2008 expedition.

Mr Chambers and Mr Herbert described how they will be entirely self-sufficient - with no aid from dogs, machines or any other external assistance - and drag sledges weighing more than 200lbs while enduring some of the most extreme temperatures known to man during the 40-day, 400-mile trek.

They talked to the children about their preparations, including exercise, diet and nutrition, about their previous experiences and about the environmental issues impacting upon this landscape and its wildlife.

Teachers will be able to use The Crossing of Greenland 2008 as the basis for a diverse range of classroom projects - from geography and history to technology and science.

Dr Hale, education and business director for Feet of Green, said: "Alan and Peter are great role models, working to broaden the horizons of young people and helping them to realise what they can achieve."

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