

Roughly forty Sant Ferran pupils' headlong dive into the undersea world put them first in line to discover the values embodied in posidonia seagrass and the natural treasures enveloped by our sea.

It is not the first time Formentera gives local schoolchildren the chance to take this particular plunge. This year a total of 110 students from Sant Ferran, la Mola and Mestre Lluís Andreu in Sant Francesc will go snorkelling in ses Salines nature reserve.

After an earlier initiation with "Posi té un do", the youth will now discover "El primer viatge"—the first and second chapters in a story about the secrets and adventures of Posi. Each student will be sent home with a copy of the story.

The professional staff of Vell Marí diving centre facilitate the activities, which, in addition to financing from the Formentera Council, receive support from the Eivissa-Formentera foundation for conservation, Trasmapi and the Abel Matutes foundation.

Forthcoming school excursions are scheduled for June 14, 18 and 19. The activity is part of Save Posidonia Project, which is aimed at educating people about the importance of posidonia. The undersea species and designated World Heritage Site is threatened by the unregulated anchoring of boats, sea water pollution, namely from inland sources like treatment plants, sewage (storm drains, oils and hydrocarbons), destructive fishing operations, invasive species and climate change.