



# Westnell

## Nursery News

### Christmas Message



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**Feliz Navidad! A very Merry Christmas and a joyful 2007 to all our supporters. Many thanks to all who have sustained the two nurseries in Lima this year.**

#### Stuck for a Christmas Present?

**Why not send a Westnell Gift of Education - an inspiring gift which will also help the Nurseries? Simply fill out the enclosed form and we will send you a greetings card and voucher describing your gift for Westnell. You can then write your own message in the card and send it to your chosen recipient.**

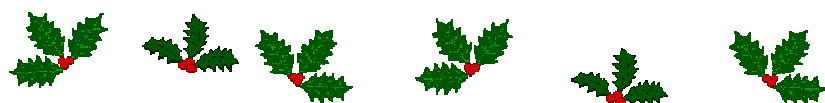
#### News from Peru

The team have carried on the normal programme of events with the addition of some special fund raising activities and some 20 year celebrations. Sadly the staffing situation continues to cause concern as two teachers have gone onto long term sick leave. Yanina (an ex student) is undergoing treatment for TB and Flor (who has worked with us for almost 20 years) is suffering from depression. This situation puts all the staff under strain, since supply teachers have to be introduced, with the accompanying financial implications. The incidence of TB also means that all close family and staff have had to be checked. Fortunately they are all clear. We send our thoughts to Yanina and Flor and wish them a speedy recovery. Christmas in Peru is simpler and does not have the abundance we are used to in this country, but it brings some time for relaxation and being with the family, just as it does here.



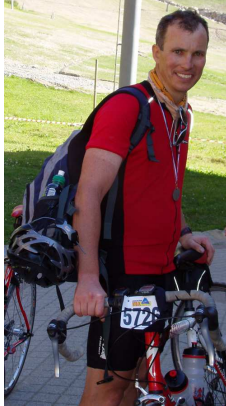
Yanina Flores earlier this year.

In the nursery there is a party and hot chocolate and panneton (a fruit bread originally from Italy) is eaten. Santa also plays a visit with a small gift for each child. We hope you will join us in thinking of the staff and families in Peru at this time of year, particularly the families affected by illness, and wish them better health in 2007.





## Pedal Power Times Two!



James Cunningham did a sponsored bike ride as part of the L'Etape du Tour in the Alps. Cycling 120 miles and climbing 4,000 metres he also managed to raise an amazing £1,400 in sponsorship for Westnell. He is pictured here catching his breath after the event. Congratulations and many thanks to James.



Another James also did a sponsored cycle event for Westnell this year. James Unsworth, aged 14, joined a group of lads and Dads (including his Dad, Paul, a former Westnell Trustee) to pedal 140 miles along the Coast to Coast route from Whitehaven, Cumbria to Tynemouth, Northumberland and raised £300 in sponsorship. A great effort -

and we hear he put the Dads to shame by being first up all the hills! Thank you James.

## Anglo Peruvian Dinner

The Anglo Peruvian Society dinner in September was a wonderful event aboard the Hispaniola on the Embankment in London. Peruvian appetisers and drinks as well as traditional music accompanied the elegant dinner.



Maria and Terry

It was organised largely by Maria Varela - the tireless secretary of the Society who has given us so much support over the years. Terry Browne is the Treasurer and, like Maria, has been able to visit Margarita and the nursery on trips to Peru, so has seen the work first hand. Terry



compered the auction which included some fantastic prizes.

There was only one really rowdy table that evening - some Westnell supporters who had come from afar to show their support! The group included people that Mark, Debby and Dave had known since their days at Manchester University and who have been donating to Westnell for some 20 years. It was a great opportunity to thank them for their years of loyal support! Fiz, got more than she bargained for and ended up taking a magnum of champagne home on the train after making a rash bid!



The evening raised over £3,800 for Westnell. Combined with the annual tennis tournament organised by Yolanda Williams, Sue Bailey and Maria, the Anglo Peruvian Society earned a fantastic £5000 for Westnell this summer. We are really grateful to them.

## Amice Family

Quentin Amice, a friend of Noah Sprent's from Argentina days, and siblings Alexandre and Charlotte spent their summer holiday in France fund raising for Westnell by doing chores and playing musical instruments at parties thus raising 60 euros for Westnell (£40). We are very grateful to these young supporters.

## A final word....

Card sales are doing very well but it is still not too late to place an order. And of course the sets of photo cards make great presents as they can be used all the year round. Check the designs on our website. Thank you.