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Many hands make light work for earthquake repairs!

Thanks to fantastic supporter fund raising, first phase repairs to Doscientas Millas nursery were completed by December 2007. However, the work was far from over. There were doors and windows to mend or replace, floors and walls to plaster and finish, electrical wiring and plumbing to reinstall. The UK committee contacted the Methodist Relief and Development Fund in the UK, who generously donated funds to cover these additional costs. With these funds, second phase work was completed by March 2008 in time for the children to begin the new academic year in a strong, safe and improved school.

All hands on deck: parents and staff grab a paint brush



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The finished product - worth all the hard work!

In Peru the summer holidays ended in March and the new intake settled in to nursery life. 127 children enrolled into the refurbished nursery in Doscientas Millas and 205 to Bocanegra this year. The classes of entry level 3 year olds are particularly full in both nurseries – 36 children in each of the two classes in Bocanegra and 35 in one class at Doscientas Millas. The rest of the classes are made up of 4 and 5 year olds returning to nursery after the summer break. We wish them a good year of studies!



U.K. NEWS

Giving and fundraising:

We had a terrific response to the earthquake appeal and donations continue to roll in. A number of Trusts who regularly support us made special donations – such as the Emerson Christie and Mildenhall Trusts. As mentioned above, the MRDF which has generously funded Westnell in the past, made a donation that allowed us to complete the second phase of repairs.

A number of members also held Christmas events to raise money for general funds. Suzanne Moffatt – former Secretary and committee member kindly sent in a short description of a fund raising bring and buy she held in Newcastle:

"Thanks to everyone in Newcastle who contributed to make the November 07 Bring and Buy sale such a success - we raised over £600 and a further £200 in Christmas card sales. As well as this, it was very environmentally sound to recycle all sorts of unwanted things and a great community event, helped along by Gerard's mulled wine, lots of cakes and wonderful music played by Rhona Dalling and Ben. Particular thanks to Annie de Courcy and Karen Jones for their expertise in turning a mountain 'stuff' into an enticing shopping experience and to my family who allowed their house to be turned upside down for a weekend. As a Westnell money-spinner, it's not a bad one to try!"

Gareth Jenkins sent in a description of the event he and his partner, Rachel Shackleton organized in March 2008:

"We raised just shy of £500 with our Quibbly Hibbly Show at the local arts centre; a wonderful evening showcasing talents of all ages - ballet, comedy, a piano recital, juggling, eclectic rock etc with Westnell images thrown up onto a back screen - wish you could have all been there! Rachel did the opening welcome with background on the nursery, then two 16 year olds Finn Needham and Will Gosnold ran the whole show and were fabulous."

Many thanks to both supporters for organizing such great events. Maybe they will inspire you to do something similar!

Other ways to help: Support Westnell as you are searching the internet.

Instead of 'googling' you can 'everyclick' to find things on the internet and Westnell will gain 1p every time you do. www.everyclick.com - is an internet search engine that helps charity. Our supporters can raise money for us through everyclick either by registering and selecting 'Westnell Nursery Society' to benefit or by clicking through our special referrer link which is:

www.everyclick.com/uk/westnellnurserysociety

This link automatically sets everyclick to benefit Westnell Nursery Society. All our trustees have converted to using everyclick for internet searching and over £70 has been raised to date. More users mean more funds: so please use it!

Want to make a donation to Westnell online?

BMyCharity is a great website that allows you to make donations to Westnell online. If you are running a marathon or any other sponsored or fundraising event you can set yourself up with a fundraising page, send emails to your friends and get them to pledge funds online. You can also make one off donations to Westnell on a credit or debit card - even from overseas.

The link is <http://www.bmycharity.com/westnell> . Please remember to tick the gift aid box if you are a UK taxpayer, so we can also claim the tax on your donation.

Sponsor our correspondence secretary Diana Gower as she walks for Westnell

"When someone mentions the idea of a long distance walk, often you just go with the flow and say 'how nice' or 'what a good idea', but in my case this has turned to reality and for 6 days at the end of July I am walking the 100 mile Two Moors Way from Lynton in north Devon (Exmoor) back home to the south edge of Dartmoor.

I'm not usually on this end of the sponsorship deal as my input is invariably to others doing the hard work and I sign the cheque or write the thank you letter, but with my increased interest in Westnell and all that is done for the nurseries, I feel it is my turn to put in the effort and if you would like to donate/sponsor it couldn't be easier through the Bmycharity webpage Debby has set up for me, or my address is overleaf. Any thoughts of cash might spur me on through the low parts (and blisters!) of our walk.'

Just go to www.bmycharity.com/V2/westnellidiana or use the bmycharity website given above and enter Diana Gower's name as the fundraiser you wish to support. There's no backing out now Diana!

Give a Gift of Education

Many of our supporters have helped us this year by giving a Westnell gift instead of a present for birthdays, anniversaries and other occasions. Don't forget that you can donate a set of pencils or an exercise book to a Westnell child or pay for a teacher's salary through a Westnell gift ... email or call us for details.