

NEWS FROM PARAGUAY

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Greetings from a beautiful Spring day here in Paraguay. It's warm and sunny and the start of our half term break.

We give thanks for a very good half term with all its activities which included Sports Days (Infants, Primary and Secondary), Spring on the 21st is Youth Day which we celebrated in the Secondary. The Infants celebrated by dressing up in fancy dress. There were lots of little princesses and several footballers.

The primary and infants had a science fair on air. The children showed experiments and art work. In Gwen's class they invited the parents in to hear the children explain what they knew.

All the Secondary classes went on visits to the homes which they support. They raise funds and then go along to help out. One dad donated two computers to the orphanage his daughter goes to. He also gave three computers to the Annexe school ready for when the new workshop is built at the end of the year by St. John's, Hartford. Mags went along to a nursery for babies whose mums work on the rubbish dump. The pupils were very moved by going up to the dump and seeing where the babies actually come from.

9th Grade spent a day shadowing their parents at work. The dads really enjoyed spending the day with their children and working with them.

Last Thurs we had a Folklore night with the Primary and Infants as the culmination of the celebrations for the Bicentenary. The children danced and the parents organized stands with typical food to sell. All the proceeds will go to a hospice for terminally ill patients. It was a lovely relaxed evening. The weather was fine despite a forecast of rain. Instead we had a huge hailstorm in the middle of the night.

Now we are starting our Spring Break, a week off school before we return for the last two months of classes, exams and the end of yet another school year.

