

News from



December 2016

Dear
This
wishes

Friends,
comes with our best
for the New Year. We
hope that it's full of
blessings for you.
The start of



December was a busy time as we still had our leavers' services. We had our special service for them in the chapel first and their parents also came to that. The pupils

are all prayed for individually and given a candle to remind them to go out as lights in the world. The little chapel was packed out with 27 pupils and parents!

That was immediately followed by a supper for them all in school. There was a very happy atmosphere and no one seemed keen to go home until Mags told them the time at 11pm! They were all very grateful to school.



The next day we had their official graduation to which the British ambassador sent his representative as did the Minister of Education. The cathedral was packed with all the pupils' families and it was good to see some grandparents who we had known as parents 30 years ago.

The following week we had our service for ex pupils who left school 30, 25, 20 and 10 years ago. They too were given a candle to remind them of when they left school and to rekindle that light that shines for Jesus in the world. It's always amazing to see ex





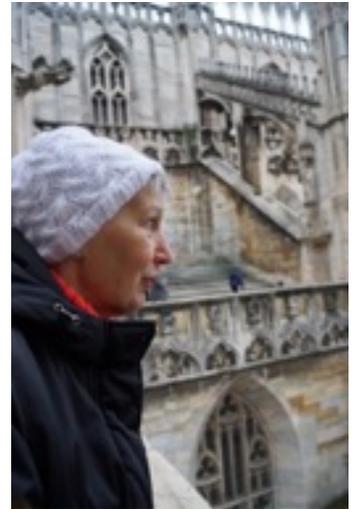
pupils come back as we remember most of them in school. The 20 year group were Gwen's first preschool class in 1983!! We realize how long we have been in Paraguay!

These events were followed by end of year reports and then clearing up. The staff were taken to a restaurant as the end of year celebration. We then had 2 days before we flew out of Paraguay. We flew to Milan where we spent 3 nights and managed a day trip to

Venice in that. It made a good break after a very busy year in school and gave us time to unwind before arriving in England.

We arrived in Manchester and then went our separate ways. Mags to her brothers and Gwen to her sisters. Mags later went to stay with family friends where she spent Christmas.

Our animals are all in the care of Olga who has looked after them for years now. She and her husband and son arrived as we were about to leave and they will spend time in our house and at theirs. The dogs were happy to see them.



The wonder of Christmas through the eyes of our friend's granddaughter.

Sorry for the simplified version this time but our programme keeps closing on me on the laptop.

Thankyou to verryone for all your support and prayers.

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and wish you every blessing for the New Year.

Love Gwen and Mags xxxx