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News from Paraguay



Our orchid flowered



Dear Friends,

It's a beautiful day as I write this but, thankfully, the heat is abating and our nights are much cooler. Autumn is here!

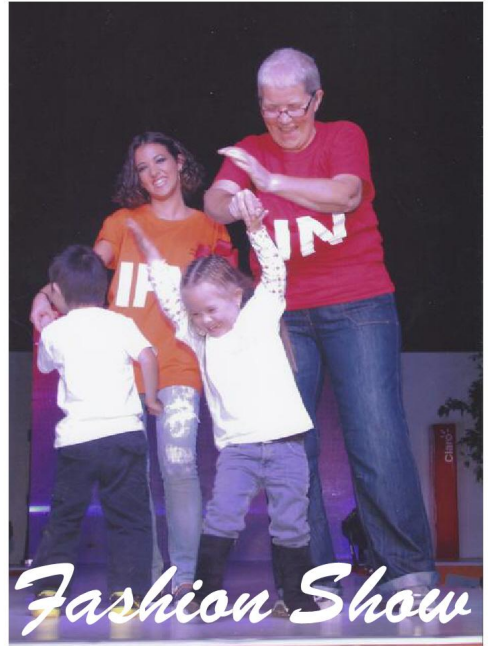
It's been a varied month. Our plans were for this month to be a work month where the children got down to work and got ready for their exams which are about to start now.

Mags' camp plans didn't work out as hoped because of rain but they finally got to camp on April 15th. The year 9's went to a campsite and then had to walk up a hill and learn basic survival training. The years 7 and 8 went to camp at our sports ground taking their tents with them. It meant little sleep the first night but they slept well the second night!! At all the camps the theme this year has been Caleb. Both camps went very well and everyone came back happy.

Mags went straight from that to take part in year 11's

fashion show. She was opening it by walking on with a special needs child. The little girl danced along the catwalk holding Mags' hand! There is a big drive here at the moment towards Inclusion in schools for all children.

They returned to school on Wednesday afternoon and on Thursday night some older ones left for a sports camp in Brazil. Mags was on both so had one day in which to go to school and get ready for the next camp. They were warned before they left for Brazil that the nights there had been down to 2°C !! They were the smallest team there with all the other Brazilian schools. The kids played their hearts out in the matches. The boys only had 5 football players for futsal and were exhausted by the end of a match. They did very well coming 3rd. The other schools cheered for them and gave the boys a standing ovation. The girls played really well and came 2nd so they came home with two trophies and lots of new friends. Walking into the pizza parlour the other schools started chanting for our kids.



Fashion Show

Gwen started school after the Easter holidays and all went well for the first week. Then, on the Saturday, she fell just stepping up onto the pavement in front of the house. No bones were broken but she bashed her face and needed stitches in her eyebrow. Her eye was black and her face very swollen. She was off school for most of the next week, putting ice on her face to keep the swelling down. She's looking a lot better now. The pupils' reactions to her black eye were very sweet with some little ones coming to stare and ask how it was and one of the big lads giving her a hug but not saying anything!



The eye