

# Teacher and pupils trek for charities

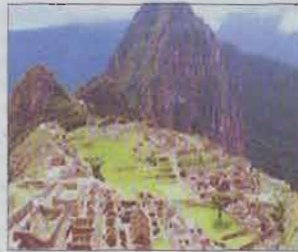
Hannah Farquharson discovers what inspired a teacher and her pupils to put their best feet forward

A TEACHER trekked through a forest, climbed a mountain and visited Peru's famous lost city — and now the adventure has inspired children at her school to raise money for a charity established in memory of a former pupil.

Sarah Bray, a teacher at Feltonfleet School in Cobham, took on her Peruvian challenge to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

She trekked through cloud forest, climbed the 4,200m Andean peak and travelled along high mountain passes to Machu Picchu, Peru's famous lost city of the Incas.

The Peru Inca Trail Challenge is a demanding trek and the route took Ms Bray past breathtaking scenery from lush jungle-cloaked peaks, Inca temples and snow-capped mountains, to the



*Machu Picchu.*

mist-shrouded lost city itself. She said: "Last year, I managed to cycle from London to Paris for Macmillan, but this was one of the most challenging things I have ever done.

"I was spurred on through every mile knowing that the money I raised will help people who are facing the far greater challenge of living with cancer.

"I took part in the challenge because Macmillan nurses

were just wonderful and a great support for my father and I when my mother passed away."

Children at the school were so inspired by their teacher's trek that they decided to put on their walking shoes in memory of a former pupil.

On Thursday, Sarah's classmates undertook a sponsored walk in the school's grounds.

The money they raised will be donated to Abbie's Fund, established in memory of Abbie Elizabeth Shaw, who died in September 2006 aged five years old.

Abbie suffered from neuroblastoma — an aggressive childhood cancer of specialised nerve cells.

The Feltonfleet Trail mirrored various parts of the Inca Trail undertaken by Ms Bray.