

# Sincere Best Wishes from IODR

December 2007

It has been an exciting and rewarding year for IODR generally and particularly for those involved with IODR's projects in Sri Lanka.

The Weligama Community Welfare and Education Centre's work expanded with the opening of additional facilities enabling after-school language classes to be run for children from 7 years upwards.

Below: the educational facility



Left to right: The Accommodation and Medical Facility; the Sports Facility (work in progress); England Cricket Players arrive (with Police escort)

The medical resource facility has been completed and pre and post natal outreach work has commenced.

The multi-sports facility is now progressing and will provide an all weather facility for football, tennis, hockey, cricket, volleyball, badminton and other sports - another facility setting new standards in the region.



Members of the England cricket team, including Paul Collingwood - England's successful One Day International Captain, Ian Bell, Owais Shah and 'Monty' Panesar visited the Centre - the children were thrilled to meet these cricketing stars in their own backyard!

With best wishes to all and special thanks to all of our supporters and benefactors

**Tony Matharu**  
Chairman  
IODR

*Paul Collingwood; Ian Bell and Monty Panesar & Owais Shah at the Weligama Community Welfare & Education Centre.*