

Amayah, Josiah and Jaida have all achieved highly in the inspiring environment of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School

Marvin and Georgina live in Sidcup with their children, Amayah, aged 13, Josiah, aged 11, and Jaida, aged nine.

Challenged to succeed

Marvin and Georgina have been delighted with the way staff at Our Lady of the Rosary have encouraged their three children to reach their full potential. "We are glad the school don't allow the children to just coast along, but keep challenging them to do their best. They have all done well and our eldest two have passed the 11 plus and won places at a grammar school," Georgina says.

Excellent reputation

Amayah joined in Year 3 and Josiah joined in Year 1, having moved from another school. "We decided to move them after their primary school went under new ownership and we know now that it was the right decision," Marvin says. "We had heard good things about Our Lady of the Rosary, before we moved to Sidcup, which is just a ten-minute walk from where we live. I was a governor at the school for over five years and our children all settled in well."

Strong student

Amayah is very good at Maths and strong across all subjects. "The school helped her to succeed by giving her lots of encouragement. They recognised she was academic and pushed her to fulfil her potential and prepared her for achieving highly at grammar school. She is now doing well in Year 8," Georgina says.

Success in ll plus

"Josiah has just finished Year 6 and will be going to the same grammar school as his sister. He is also a good all-rounder, loves sport and football, and enjoys being with his friends at school. Our Lady of the Rosary provide great after school activities and he likes doing football and is also looking forward to being in the Year 6 theatre production. We like the way they involve all the children in every production," she says.

Healthy competition

"Josiah has enjoyed learning the electric guitar at school in a group. He loves learning his times tables because of the fun of Times Table Rock Stars. The children love to compete against each other and even against the teachers."

Excelling in all subjects

Marvin says Jaida, who started in the Nursery, now excels across the board and also loves Maths. "She has made a lot of friends and loves all her teachers. We encourage all our children to do their best and it is comforting to know they are not getting bored at school," Marvin says.

Inclusive atmosphere

"We like the way the school introduce children to a variety of activities and encourage parents to get involved. They try to make sure there are plenty of trips and clubs to interest everyone and make sure that all the children feel safe and included."

Building good people

Georgina says: "We are very pleased that the school encourage children to be well rounded and also look after their spiritual wellbeing, by teaching each child to be a good person. We appreciate the Faith element of the education and are glad they are taught to be considerate towards others. There is a zero-tolerance attitude to certain behaviours at school and staff are quick to get on top of things and encourage the children to be mindful of the feelings of others. We are very happy with the school, which is a friendly community, and our three children have done very well there."

Children say

Josiah says: "I love the variety of activities I've participated in, such as sports, music lessons, Year 6 PGL, and the Year 6 productions."

Jaida says: "I love learning with my friends and the range of school trips I've done. My favourite was the recent trip to see The Lion King at the theatre."