

Lee, Kupakwashe, and Praise are all enjoying learning and playing sport in the welcoming atmosphere of Grove Academy

Bruce and Savegirl live in Slough with their children, Lee, aged 14, Kupakwashe, aged 12, and Praise, aged seven.

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Excellent choice

The children all started at Grove Academy after the family arrived in England from Zimbabwe and settled in Slough. Bruce and Savegirl chose the school, mainly because it was close to where they lived, and they are very happy with their choice because of how well the children are getting on.

All Through school

It helped the family that Grove Academy is an All Through school, which meant that all the children could go to the same school and that Praise will be able to follow her brothers into the secondary school when she is older.

Great start

Bruce and Savegirl are very pleased that all three of their children are flourishing at Grove Academy, less than a year after they first started at the school. Bruce says: "We are delighted with the high standard of teaching our children are receiving at the school and we're very satisfied with how well they are doing after such a short time there."

Science facilities

"Lee settled in well and has made plenty of new friends," Bruce says. "He is now in Year 9 and is doing well. He likes the Science Lab because it has lots of equipment and

he likes working on the computers. He is good at Science and IT and so we are pleased that Grove Academy has such good facilities for him to use."

Supportive staff

Kupakwashe is now settled in Year 6. Bruce says: "When he first started in Year 5, at the age of 11, he found it difficult to begin with because the school had a different style of operating from his school in Zimbabwe. But the staff helped him adjust to the environment by talking to him and making sure he understood everything and they were very kind and patient."

Playing sport

Bruce says they helped him to understand the terminology they used to the children and explained words to him. "Now he is settled at the school, Kupakwashe enjoys most of the lessons and he is doing well in most subjects. He has made some good friends and he likes the teachers. He is gradually getting used to the way they teach and he is beginning to enjoy it more now. His favourite thing is playing football at school."

Attentive teachers

After Praise started in Year 1, she found it difficult to understand the routines to begin with, Bruce recalls.

"The staff were kind and regularly checked with her to make sure that she was okay and she is doing well now according to the teachers. She says she really enjoys the music lessons."

Keen student

Praise has lots of friends at the school, he says. "She comes home and tells us all about the school and she is very enthusiastic about it. She enjoys all the different sports and she likes the clubs that the school put on for the children."

Good communication

Bruce says: "As a family we have been made to feel very welcome by the school and the teachers always communicate with us well. It is a very diverse school and we like the way that all children are made to feel included and comfortable and we are pleased that our children were given places there."

Children say

Lee says: "I like the environment at Grove Academy and the nice buildings."

Kupakwashe says: "I enjoy the free materials and I like English."

Praise says: "I love golden time and English, and the student councillors."