

Close communication between home and school makes Kiran and Jag glad they chose Brookhurst Primary School for their son



Home/school communication

Even though they live virtually next door to their son Sean's school, as Kiran and Jag work more or less full time they don't have much opportunity to get very involved on a day-to-day basis with what goes on during school time. As children can often be less than forthcoming when asked about what they have been doing each day, it is reassuring for parents to know that Brookhurst Primary School has a strong home/school communication policy and this is valued very much by Sean's parents.

"If I had to identify one particular issue about Brookhurst that I really like, it would be the communication," says Jag.

Jag and Kiran Sahota live in Leamington with their children Sean, six, Anais, three and baby Dante.

"We get a weekly newsletter by email, and Sean's What Am I Learning? book details his literacy and numeracy targets and levels, and that helps us to consolidate his lessons when he's at home. We know exactly what work he's been given and what is expected of him, and that makes it straightforward for us to support him appropriately."

Time for parents

Kiran is currently on maternity leave so has more time than usual to talk to Sean's teachers if necessary but even when she is working every day, she knows that the teaching staff will find time before or after school to talk about any concerns she may have. "I have rarely needed to raise anything specific with the school but when I have it's never a problem to have a chat with someone," she says. "The staff are very forthcoming, very involved and more than willing to listen and to address any potential issues we might have."

A practical approach

Another aspect of Brookhurst's approach to education which Jag particularly likes is the way the school puts learning in a practical light, demonstrating how what they are studying can be applied to everyday life. "Sean's enthusiasm is obvious, and much of

this must have something to do with how his lessons are delivered," he says. "Sean's Spanish lessons have given him an insight into how other languages work, and he is now confident to try out new words and phrases in any country we visit, and a recent science class made him interested in the nutritional value of food; I really like the way that Brookhurst recognises that children are like sponges, and can absorb a great deal of information at a very early age."

New horizons

Kiran and Jag moved to the area largely because they were aware of the quality of schooling, and they have not been disappointed. "The lovely playing field is great for a sporty boy like Sean but Brookhurst also gives him so much more in terms of variety, life experience and different learning opportunities without putting up artificial barriers to hold him back. We really believe that Brookhurst has opened new horizons for Sean, and are looking forward to our other children having the same experience."

Children say

Sean says: "I would miss my school if I didn't go there because I would miss my friends and teachers".



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