

Raj and Bal had very high expectations of what they wanted from their children's school, and Brookhurst Primary has not only met, but exceeded their hopes



### Strong commitment to education

Raj's commitment to her children's education is very strong, so much so that she decided to give up work a few years ago so as to have more time to spend supporting their learning at home. Naturally, she and Bal were not prepared to compromise as far as schools were concerned and they considered all the various options open to them carefully.

"We had enrolled Isabella in a private pre-school and as a logical progression we assumed we would send her to a private primary school as well," explains Raj.

Raj and Bal Dhoot live in Leamington with their children Isabella, Alexander and Ethaniele who are 11, five and three respectively.

"Then by chance we heard about Brookhurst, which was fairly close to where we live, and that it had an extremely good reputation. We looked at it for ourselves and were so happy with what we saw we applied there instead, and we have been so pleased with the outcome."

## Appetite for learning

Isabella was accepted into the local Grammar school having gained excellent results and an appetite for more. "One thing I really like about Brookhurst is that the staff are so encouraging," says Raj. "They are quick to praise effort and also to recognise the children's strengths or weaknesses so that support can be focussed appropriately. Isabella is a bright girl and was gently pushed to achieve her best, and her teachers were very helpful in suggesting ways that we could extend her at home. They saw her capabilities and were keen to see her get the results they believed she could."

## Recognising the potential in every child

Raj and Bal are great believers in potential, and this close interest of the Brookhurst teachers has convinced them that any child will have the chance to reach that potential given proper support and guidance. "It is said that if a child is bright and interested in learning that they will do well in any setting and whilst that may well be true, I still believe that a really good school is one which goes the extra mile to ensure every child's individual needs are addressed; I can only speak from personal experience, but we have every reason to think that Brookhurst is one of those."

## Enthusiasm

Now that Alexander has started at Brookhurst, Raj and Bal have no doubts that he, too, will flourish. "So far it is looking as though he will do equally as well Isabella. He is enjoying bringing home work to do after school and is more than happy to tell us all about what he has done during the day. The teachers' enthusiasm seems to rub off on the children and it's lovely that Alexander genuinely loves being at school. After a recent visit to the optician, he was very upset that it had meant missing an hour of school - and that says a great deal!"



## Emphasis on behaviour

Although it is the academic aspect to her children's school experience which is of particular importance to Raj, she is very pleased with the quality of pastoral care extended to the pupils. "There is a zero-tolerance attitude to bad behaviour and any incident is dealt with quickly, efficiently and satisfactorily, and the children respond very positively," she says. "I have always noticed how welcoming and polite they are whenever I go into the school and good manners seem to be embedded in them from a very early age. I feel that this is all part and parcel of their learning: a high quality academic grounding, good moral values and the confidence which comes from mutual respect between pupil and teacher all adds up to a great start in life."

## Everything a parent could want

A lot of parents move house to live in the catchment area of a good school. Raj and Bal already lived close to Brookhurst but have extended their home to accommodate their family so that they can stay in the area. "We would not consider moving further away as we have everything we want from Brookhurst Primary," they explain. "We have found a school which gives our children everything they will need to succeed in later life - a very good education and a loving, nurturing atmosphere. We had high expectations, and they have been met by Brookhurst."

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