



Paul Ruggins and his wife Miedia live in Shepherd's Bush with their son Noah, aged ten, and daughter Paree, aged nine.

Noah and Paree have **blossomed** in the **cosy environment** at Flora Gardens Primary School

CARING CHILDREN

Paul and Miedia love the warm, friendly environment at Flora Gardens and are glad they chose the school for their children. Paul says: "They both started in the nursery and have always been with the same children as they progressed up the school and so they have some lovely friends. The atmosphere at the school is amazing, it really feels like being part of one big family. I love the way all the kids watch out for each other and I like to see the older kids take care of the younger kids. If you see a young child crying, it is not long before a Year Six child comes along and asks them if they are all right."



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GAINING KNOWLEDGE

Noah is outgoing and confident and likes lots of different things. His Dad Paul says: "He enjoys learning and has an enquiring mind. I can see that all the children are getting a very good education at the school. Noah likes Maths, English, Art, sports and football. I've been on a lot of class trips when they need parent helpers and I am always impressed by the knowledge displayed by the children. We recently went to Hammersmith Library and heard a talk about the First World War. The children got to see a soldier's uniform and experience holding a rifle. I was amazed at the questions the children were asking and kept wondering how they had got to know so much and remember it all."

GROWING IN CONFIDENCE

Paree is quiet by nature and was very shy when she started in nursery. Paul says: "She used to hide behind me when the teacher came to talk to us but she's really come out of her shell now. She used to say that nobody played with her but now when I go into the school I always see her playing with lots of other children. She has a nice group of friends, all children she's known since starting in the nursery. She has grown in confidence because I think the school have pushed her very gently and encouraged her to find her own voice. They are all very caring and when she's upset about something the teachers and the other children will all look after her."

MAKING MUSIC

Paul says Flora Gardens have encouraged both his children to become interested in a variety of activities and sports. "They both like music and have learnt to play the piano and I am pleased to say that the school have just appointed a new music teacher, which will encourage them even more. Paree does a lot of piano practice at home and enjoys the music lessons at school. She has told me that she likes talking about and playing music but she is still a bit shy when she has to play in front of the other children in assembly."

LOVING LEARNING

"I would definitely recommend the school to other parents," Paul says. "I am constantly astounded by the amount of knowledge demonstrated by some of the kids when you sit down and talk to them. They ask so many intelligent questions and it is wonderful to see that the school have encouraged so many of them to enjoy learning."

GROUNDS FOR ENJOYMENT

"Flora Gardens Primary School is in a wonderful setting with plenty of outdoor space for the kids to enjoy and it has a great atmosphere when you go inside. Both my children have liked all their teachers and they enjoy going to school each day," Paul says.

CHILDREN SAY

Noah says: "I like playing with my group of friends in the playground."

Paree says: "I like going to school each day to see my friends."



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