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Andrea and Neville chose Milking Bank Primary School some fifteen years ago based on recommendations from friends. Andrea has lots of employment experience in an education department and feels Milking Bank Primary School is up there with the best of the schools she has seen.

It feels right

When choosing a school for your children you get a feeling for what is right for your child. Andrea and Neville have always found the friendly, close-knit feeling of their community welcoming and believe this is equally represented in Milking Bank Primary School: "It's a very friendly school with a warm, inviting sense of community. I got a really good feeling from it and that hasn't changed in any way over the years," says Andrea.

Andrea and Neville Gooda have lived in Dudley for fifteen years. They have four children who have all been to Milking Bank Primary School, Elizabeth 19, Katie, 17, Jack 11 and Connie, 10, who is currently in Year 5.



"The Headteacher has been there since my eldest daughter started fifteen years ago and many of the teachers are still the same. The continuity of staff is excellent and speaks volumes to me - to know each of our children have all received the same standard of education is reassuring."

No complaints!

When adding up the number of years her children have collectively attended Milking Bank Primary School it amounts to 27 years! "In all that time, I can honestly say not one of my children has ever complained that they don't want to go to school," says Andrea. "For me that says a huge amount about the quality of the school."

Creating the right environment

Andrea believes her children's enjoyment has been largely due to the level of respect each child receives from the teaching staff and the way they are all seen as individuals. "My children have all been very different learners and the teaching staff have catered to each of them. The teachers are always happy and friendly and listen to the children. I think those things all create the right environment for children to want to go to school and learn."

Approachable

Whilst all four of Andrea's children have achieved well at Milking Bank Primary School, she believes it offers a well-rounded experience that caters for all abilities. "We've had very few issues over the years, but we've always found the staff approachable and wanting to help."



Jack came on so much thanks to some extra maths sessions which helped his confidence. My children have all felt they could speak directly to teachers with any concerns and have known they will go out of their way to help them."

Excellent resources to support learning

Andrea is also really impressed with the resources available. For her, the ICT facilities and the opportunities for school trips really shine. "Jack went to Belgium in Year 6; as a shy, quiet boy it did wonders in building his confidence and came at the perfect time to prepare him for the independence of secondary school," explains Andrea.

"And the school's children all have use of their own laptop; we purchased Connie's through the school scheme. They have access to so many brilliant software programmes to support their learning in different subjects and Connie loves that she can work on these at home!" says Andrea. "Connie's confidence has also grown hugely and I think all the clubs and activities on offer have really helped to develop this."

Andrea adds: "Milking Bank Primary School is not just an education; it's a community - one big friendship! It's made my children into wonderful young people. I don't think you can ask for more."



Children say:

Connie says: "The best thing about Milking Bank Primary School is the teachers. They make it a fun place to be!"

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