

Julia has progressed in **leaps and bounds** with the help of the **excellent teaching** at Oakfield Community Primary School



Anna Kasprzak and her partner, Robert, live with Anna's daughter Julia Wlizlo, aged eight.

Starting school life

Julia has made rapid progress since she started at Oakfield thanks to all the help and attention she has received from staff at the school. Her Mum, Anna, says: "Julia started in Year Two at Oakfield after we had just moved to England and it was her first experience of school. In the area of Poland where we had been living the children used to start school much later than they do in England so she had not experienced school life before. But she has now had almost two years at the school and likes going there very much."

Communication problems

Anna remembers Julia was nervous about starting school but that she settled in remarkably quickly. "It was difficult for her to begin with as she did not speak any English and so she was scared of going at first. But from the very first day she liked the school even though she had not experienced going to school before and couldn't communicate with anyone," she says.

Individual attention

Julia was not as advanced as most of the other children even though she had joined in Year Two. "She had to start right from the beginning educationally. She didn't know how to read and write and she didn't know how to count. She started with no English at all but she began to learn it really quickly. I was pleased that everyone was very kind to her. I was surprised how good the school was and how kind and helpful the teachers were to her. They gave her individual attention which I know helped her a lot. She has liked all her teachers so far and I was pleased that they did everything they could for her," Anna says.

Enjoying activities

"Julia's progress has been quite amazing, she has come on tremendously well since starting at Oakfield. Her English is still not perfect but she has come a long way in the last two years. She particularly enjoys English and Maths lessons and likes going to the after school clubs. She really liked the film club and the dancing class. She starts a new club each term and I can tell that she enjoys trying out new things. She also likes her PE lessons and going swimming and she has made friends with lots of the other children at the school," Anna says.

Happy at school

"I am pleased that the teachers think Julia is achieving well now and that she obviously likes going to school and spending time there. The buildings are modern and smart and the school has excellent facilities. It is a wonderful environment for the children to learn in. The children are encouraged to spend plenty of time outdoors, not just to play but to learn things as well," Anna says

Open door for parents

"The atmosphere at the school is very friendly and the staff are always welcoming to the parents. You are made to feel you can go in and discuss things with the staff if you need to and that they are prepared to listen to what you say," Anna says.

Good school

"I would not hesitate to recommend Oakfield to other parents looking for a good primary school for their child. I am really grateful to the staff for the way they have helped Julia settle in and have encouraged her to enjoy learning," Anna says.

Children say

Julia says: "I love my school, I think it is just perfect!"

