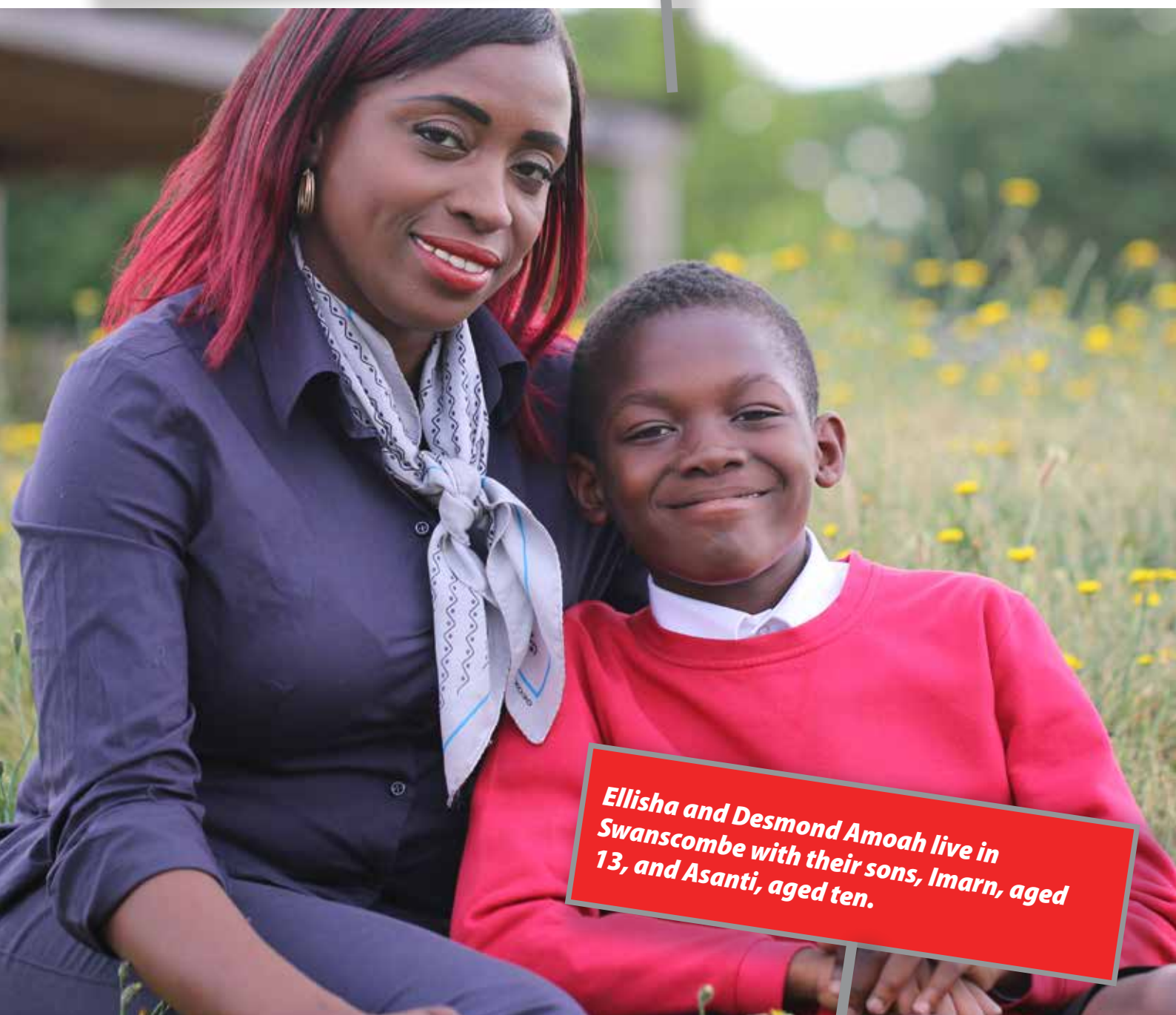


Budding footballer Asanti has **flourished** in the exciting environment of Temple Hill Community Primary School



Ellisha and Desmond Amoah live in Swanscombe with their sons, Imarn, aged 13, and Asanti, aged ten.

Talent encouraged

Asanti and his older brother Imarn both had their talents recognised when they started at Temple Hill and have benefited from lots of help and encouragement from the school. Their Mum, Ellisha, says: "Both boys have had an amazing experience at Temple Hill. The school quickly found out they were good at sports and the staff and specialist coaches brought in by Temple Hill really encouraged their talent."



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Moving on

Imarn now attends a local Academy in Dartford and Asanti, who is in Year Six, will be starting there in September. "He'll be attending a specialist sports school, so we are hoping Asanti's talent for football will continue to be developed," Elisha says.

Confidence building

The boys started at Temple Hill when Imarn was in Year Four and Asanti was in Year Two after the family moved to live in Dartford. Elisha says: "When they started at Temple Hill we were new to the area but the school opened up a lot of avenues for them and they both developed in confidence."

Football training

Asanti's talent for football was first noticed when he was younger by a scout working on behalf of a Premier Football Club. Elisha says: "Asanti has since had training at several high profile football clubs as well as being helped by specialist football coaches and free holiday football courses provided by Temple Hill."

School team

A highlight of Asanti's time at the school was being picked to play for the school football team when he was in Year Four. "Usually it is just children from Year Five and Year Six who play in the school football team but the coaches spotted his capabilities and asked the headteacher to let him play in the school team early. Temple Hill have encouraged him a lot with his football and he has done courses during half term holidays," Elisha says.

After school activities

"One of the things that makes the school brilliant is the after school activity," Elisha says. "There are two or three after school clubs going on every afternoon which makes the children enjoy going to the school even more and puts the school at the heart of the community. They do lots of fun things at Temple Hill as well as educational things."

Enjoying dancing

Asanti likes English and Maths lessons as well as enjoying drama, dancing and performing arts. "The teachers and specialist people they employ demonstrate that they really want to be there working with the children. For instance, the lady who runs Jiggle Club fills them all with enthusiasm for dancing at festivals and dressing up in carnival clothes. There is always plenty put on for the children to do and the

staff who are brought into the school, such as the dance teachers and football coaches, are specialists in their fields," Elisha says.

Maths and homework

As well as enjoying sport, Asanti has really benefited from the Maths club and the Homework club after school, Elisha says. "I am really sad Asanti is leaving at the end of term because he has had such an amazing experience at the school and I would not hesitate to recommend Temple Hill to other parents."

Achievement award

"Imarn is doing very well at secondary school and has just been presented with an outstanding achievement award for drama, which made us very proud," Elisha says. "The staff at The Academy have commented on how polite he is and how he encourages other children to take part in things and I think a lot of this is down to the good start he was given at Temple Hill."

Children say

Asanti says: "Going to Temple Hill is a fun way to be educated."



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