



Kinga loves the personal approach to teaching that Welldon Park Primary School offers

Kinga and Michal Kawalec live in Northolt with their son, Nikodem, five, in Reception.

The right school

Kinga and Michal chose Welldon Park Primary School for Nikodem to start in Nursery after receiving positive recommendations from others. “We lived locally and had heard lots of good things about the school from friends who had children there. We looked at the school’s reports and felt this was the right school for Nikodem. Even though we have now moved to a different area, Nikodem is very happy and doing very well, so we have never given consideration to moving him somewhere closer to home.”

Getting to know you

Two years into school life at Welldon Park Primary School and lots of aspects have stood out for Kinga. As Kinga’s only child, she was understandably a little anxious before Nikodem first started at the school. “The staff came out to visit us at home, which I thought was really great. They asked lots of questions about Nikodem’s personality, his likes and his dislikes, his development, his behaviour; it was extremely helpful for all of us to meet with the staff in our own surroundings before taking Nikodem into school for the first time.

“For me, it was reassurance that they were interested in Nikodem; I felt they knew his individual personality traits and areas where Nikodem perhaps needed more support. They had a good grasp on what kind of child he was and I think that helped both of us with the settling in period.”

A happy place to be

“Nikodem would come home talking about lots of activities he had participated in that related to things he liked doing at home. Every day, he was excited about the day he'd had and we could see lots of progress very quickly in terms of his counting and his speech. Straight away, it was obvious he was very happy.”

Excellent communication

From this initial contact, Kinga has continued to be impressed with the communication she has received from staff. “They are always very helpful and approachable. I've spoken to them about Nikodem's development, about his counting for example, and they've always been reassuring and supportive. He's an only child so it's helpful for me to feel able to discuss things with them. They are involved in our lives, which I think is really nice and as a result, we've built some strong relationships with the teaching team.”

A brilliant start

After a brilliant start in Nursery, the transition to Reception was a smooth process for Nikodem; “I think the school was already familiar so it seemed like an easy step to make. He already had a good grounding on which to build his numeracy and literacy and Nikodem's progress during his Reception year has been very good!”

Interesting, varied and enjoyable

“In just one year they have taught him so much, in an interesting, varied and enjoyable way that excites him and sparks his interest. He's learned so much in his Reception year, more than we ever could have expected. It's amazing! Looking at the progress he has made, I find it difficult to believe that they have a whole class of children to teach and not just Nikodem! It's like magic!”

A wonderful school

Kinga adds: “They place a lot of emphasis on the importance of getting to know children at Welldon Park Primary School. It allows them to have a good understanding of each child's strengths and weaknesses so that they can get the best from each child. It's a wonderful school, where children are happy and comfortable and where communication with parents is valued.”

Children say:

Nikodem says: “I really like reading, writing, playing and exploring at my school!”



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