



Amanda and Krish believe Welldon Park Primary School has a lot to offer

Amanda and Krish Sumar live in South Harrow with their children, Sophia, 15, Rebecca, 12, and twins, Charles and Benjamin, nine, in Year 4.

A good all round education

Amanda and Krish chose Welldon Park Primary School for their family after hearing positive comments from other local residents and friends. With all of their children having attended Welldon Park, Krish and Amanda have a lot of experience with the school. "Being one big school now means the flow from infants to juniors is much better. It's a school which offers a good academic teaching but also places focus on activities and interests outside

of the core curriculum subjects. They are very good at supporting and promoting sport and music involvement which I think is a real strength of the school."

Striving for improvements

Following the introduction of a new Headteacher in 2015, Amanda is impressed with how the school is constantly looking for ways to improve.

"I like their forward thinking and the fact they are keen to make improvements. They've recently introduced 'REACH', which I particularly like. It stands for Respect, Excellence, Achievement, Commitment and Helpfulness and they encourage everyone within the school to work towards achieving these elements. I think it's a positive way of encouraging the children to think about their behaviour."

Great at recognising individual achievement

"Charles in particular has done very well with REACH and has just received an achievement award for it. The school has always been keen to recognise achievement and to celebrate that but awarding certificates in this way for those that have done especially well in different areas is a new addition.

Amanda feels this is a really good way of acknowledging the children's efforts. "They also award good attendance with certificates and prizes which I think encourages the children and motivates them well."

Parental involvement

Each year has an achievement assembly at the end of the year, which parents are invited to join. "I think it boosts the children's confidence and it helps to set a good example to the other children. Doing an assembly in this way and providing certificates acknowledges the children's achievements, which I think is really important. Charles was very happy when he received his award and I enjoyed being able to attend and to witness his excitement and pride."

Strong learning support

According to Amanda, both boys are progressing well; "Benjamin was experiencing some difficulties with reading, writing and maths, but this last year has seen him progress well and Charles is improving all the time.

"Ben has had some one to one tuition to help him in the areas he has found more challenging. This dedicated support has really helped his confidence to grow. He's been given lots of encouragement and I think that has really helped him. He's much more able to challenge himself now and I think that has a lot to do with the encouragement he has received from the teaching assistant."

Good opportunities

Both boys are actively involved in extracurricular sport and music activities. "The school clubs are brilliant and the teachers encourage them to be involved in competitions; they've had some good results. I think these kinds of activities are good for the children and the school, and I am pleased to see the school is working towards building a school orchestra. I think it's great that they are striving towards providing new opportunities that will benefit the school and provide good experiences for the children."

A great community feel

Amanda adds: "The staff at Welldon Park Primary School are very good; they respond well and will keep you informed. We're pleased with the progress the boys are making and we like the opportunities and encouragement that is offered. Aside from the many positive things in place at Welldon Park Primary School, there's a great community feel on the playground. On a social level, the parents are all very friendly. It's a warm and welcoming school that we would recommend to others."

Children say:

Charles says: "I like school because PE means I can try different sports."

Benjamin says: "My favourite thing about school is Art because I love drawing!"



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