



St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School

Let God's love shine in our lives, as we care, share and learn together



Sithembiso and Larry Anigbo live in Balby with their son, Gerald, aged 11, and daughter Chineme aged ten.

Gerald and Chineme have been given a **good start** on their **educational journey** by St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School

Well prepared

Sithembiso and Larry are confident that their children have been well-prepared for secondary school by St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School. Sithembiso says: "Gerald is talking about it as though he is ready now and seems mature enough to move up in September. Chineme has another year to go and she is also doing well with reading and writing and is coping with all of her subjects."

Christian ethos

The family originally chose St Francis Xavier because it is a faith school. Sithembiso says: "The main reason we sent our children to the school was because we are Christians. Although we are not Catholics ourselves we wanted our children to attend a faith school and we liked the strong Christian ethos of the school. We are glad we made that choice as both our children have been very happy at the school."

Settled in well

Gerald started in the nursery at St Francis Xavier when he was four. Sithembiso says: "I remember that he settled in very well. The teachers were really great with him and made him feel comfortable and at home. I used to go in sometimes to help with reading which helped me to feel connected with the school. All Gerald's teachers have been friendly and Mr Collins, the head teacher, is a very nice man. When I have attended the parents' evenings over the years I have always had very detailed reports about how good Gerald is and how much progress he is making."

Achieving grades

Gerald particularly enjoys Maths and religious studies but he is doing well in all his subjects. "One of his favourite things is PE and he likes playing football and doing after school clubs," Sithembiso says. "His teacher has put a lot of work in to prepare him for secondary school because the new school will expect him to be on certain grades. His teacher has done really well and she has helped him to achieve those grades."

Good teachers

Chineme has a lovely, friendly personality and has been happy at the school and got on well with all her teachers. Sithembiso says: "She grew really attached to one of her teachers and was very sad when she left, but she has grown to like her new teacher now. She has been very successful in most of her subjects. She loves reading and writing, enjoys sports and running and has done dancing in one of the after school clubs."

Making friends

"Both children have made lots of good friends at the school. Gerald has always been popular and now he is one of the oldest in the school he helps out with the little ones. He has been really caring with one little child and her family were very pleased with him. They both made some good friends right at the start that they still play with now," Sithembiso says.

Summer trips

One of the children's favourite things about St Francis Xavier has been the wonderful trips they organise. "Gerald has really enjoyed going on weekends away in the country with all his friends. Last year he went to Sherwood Forest with the school and now Chineme is particularly looking forward to going to Sherwood Forest with her year this summer to see where Robin Hood lived," Sithembiso says.

Open to all

"I would definitely recommend St Francis Xavier Primary to other parents. It is a brilliant school and the staff are always so accommodating to everyone. Neither of my children has ever had any problems with the school since they started," Sithembiso says.



Gerald says: "I like doing PE and playing with my friends."



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