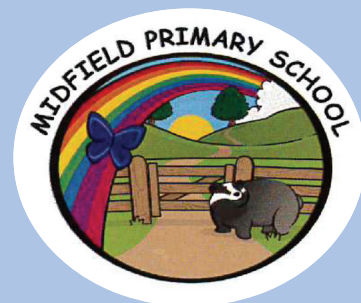


Tayo and Tola have loved seeing their children blossom and flourish at Midfield Primary School

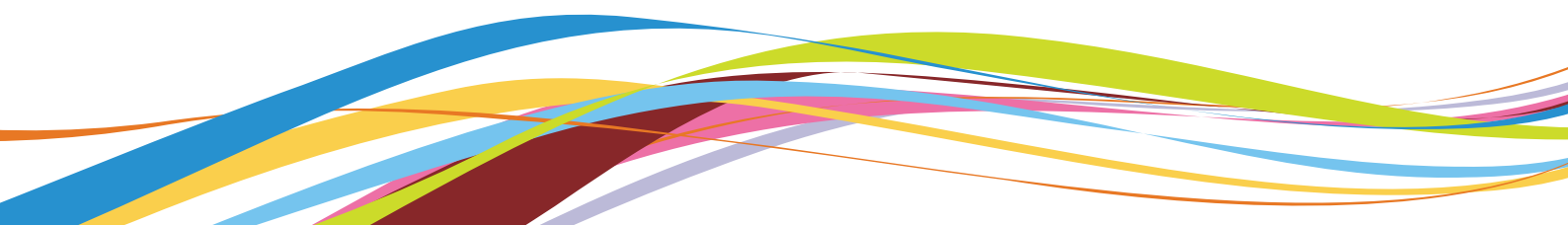


Tayo Daramola and his wife, Tola, live in Sidcup with their son, Sope, aged 12, who is at secondary school, their daughter Shemy, aged seven, and son, Fisayo, aged five.



Building confidence

Fisayo has been at Midfield since he started in the nursery and has always done well at the school but Shemy moved there from another school a year ago. She has immediately benefited from the good, all-round education she has been receiving, Tayo says. "Her communication skills have improved and she has lots more confidence now. I am delighted with the school and what it has done for my children."



Developing skills

"When Fisayo started in the nursery all the teachers were extremely supportive and caring and he felt at home there immediately," Tayo says. "Because of the good standard of care he received there he has developed well. He enjoys reading and writing, which the school get the children doing early, and PE lessons."

Good communicator

"As soon as we had moved Shemy to the school we began to see a big difference in her. She has received a lot of support from the teachers and now has a whole lot of confidence when it comes to dealing with issues or talking to people. She has become a different person. Her communication skills have improved and she is very clear and precise. The school have trusted her to show visitors round, to meet people and take them round the building and reply to their questions about the school and she also answers phone calls," says Tayo.

Top quality teachers

"I believe that the school have recruited some high quality teachers which has helped Midfield to get better and better. They have chosen the very best teachers, people who are extremely caring. Also, Midfield now has a fantastic head teacher who plays a very prominent role in the school. She is a very dynamic person," Tayo says. "The staff are all good at what they do and are very supportive to the children. They are giving them excellent preparation for the future and teaching them to cope with responsibilities and you can see that they are committed to providing all the children with the very best education."

Encouraging progress

Shemy is good at English, Art, Maths and handwriting and is above average for her age, according to her teachers, Tayo says. "She has definitely improved in all subjects since she moved to the school. Her teachers are stretching her because they want her to achieve, but they are also encouraging about her progress. They have great resources at the school and can provide varied activities for the children, including some fantastic after school clubs."

Welcoming to parents

"The school provides a very welcoming environment for parents when they visit. You feel you can go in and sit down and have a chat about your child's progress with the staff at any time," Tayo says. "Midfield serve a diverse community but it is a friendly area and all the families of children who attend the school get along well together even though there is a mix of backgrounds."

Teaching social skills

"Every person should seize the opportunity to get their children into Midfield," Tayo says. "My children have definitely benefited from the rounded education they have received. Shemy is now becoming a lovely young lady thanks to the school. I believe there is a bright future ahead of us because of the next generation the school are helping to produce. Midfield is not just delivering academic success but also instilling social skills in the children. They are helping them become confident and to mix with other people. I am so thankful that Shemy and Fisayo both go to Midfield now."



Children say:

Fisayo says: "I enjoy my lessons and playing in the playground."

Shemy says: "I like my teachers and learning new things."



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