



Name: P Bal

Title: Year 5 Teacher

School: Nishkam School West London

My route into teaching:

When was I at primary school I used to be fascinated with the world of teaching and at home would often pretend to take a register and mark books. After completing my A Levels I went on to study Education with Psychology at Roehampton University, during which I also worked part-time at a nursery. I have always had a passion to work with children and having come from a large family, I was always surrounded by my siblings, cousins and family friends.

My passion to work with children continued and I was working as a teaching Assistant in a Southall Primary school. It was during this period I realised that instead of just supporting groups of children I wanted to have my own classroom and applied for my PGCE at Brunel University. Since graduating, I have taught across both Key Stages, led a range of whole-school charity events and successfully led the PSHE subject role in 2 schools.

Why I love my job:

I get a huge feeling of accomplishment seeing my students grow in knowledge, confidence and skills. I take great pride in planning and carrying out creative, engaging lessons; allowing the pupils to take ownership of their learning and are excited by their learning. Every day is different, and my students continuously surprise me with their discoveries, opinions and ideas.

Why Nishkam:

Since joining Nishkam, I have been taken aback with how well the students take on board the school values and integrate them into their daily lives. I was really impressed with how the pupils strive to become not just better learners, but better individuals too. The school has a very calm aura and I am looking forward to developing my teaching career here at Nishkam.

Next steps for me:

I am looking forward to developing my role as the head of PSHE/VFPD and continuing my role as primary teacher.