

# Susi Pattiata

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Not many people find themselves trying to help their children with their homework and doing it in another language. That's exactly what happened to Susi Pattiata.

Susi's husband took up a job on the Isle of Wight in October 2005 which meant moving from their home in Indonesia. Susi, her husband, and 2 daughters live on Pan. Her youngest daughter started learning to read and write at the Primary school there – in English – and Susi wanted to help her.

Pan has a very active Neighbourhood Management Scheme operating there, sponsoring many learning and community engagement opportunities available to both residents and other Islanders. One of these opportunities is Family Learning in both the Primary and Middle (a first for the Island) schools. Susi approached the Neighbourhood Management Wardens that work on Pan, asking for courses that she could take up that would help with her English. The Wardens introduced her to the Primary school Family Learning programme and Susi joined their Family Learning Literacy and Numeracy (FLLN) course as well as their extra English course in January 2006.

Since completing all the courses Susi has been able to help both her daughters with their homework.

She has also supported many other activities within the Primary and Middle schools, helping her children to integrate fully into their new lives.

Taking part in learning has helped Susi to settle more quickly into the life of the local community. She has made many friends and has even received advice on the way of life in England.

**Having Family Learning in the Primary school made it easier for Susi to take a full part in her children's learning.** The very accessible times of the courses meant that she could join in with all and any learning opportunities that she wished to. Susi has enjoyed the social aspects of the courses as well as feeling a great sense of achievement on completion.

