

Our class is the WORST CLASS IN THE WORLD.

I know it is the WORST CLASS

IN THE WORLD because Mrs

Bottomley-Blunt (who is our headmistress, and who makes

a noise like a horse when she is annoyed, which is a lot) is always taking our teacher into the corridor and saying,



'Mr Nidgett, I have come across some rotten eggs in my time, but 4B is LITERALLY the WORST CLASS IN THE WORLD.'

LITERALLY means actually scientifically TRUE. Mrs
Bottomley-Blunt pointed that out when Manjit Morris (who is my best friend, and who is going to be the First Human Boy to Teach a Chicken to Play Chess) said his head had LITERALLY exploded when he got a dog called Killer for his birthday, and it actually hadn't.

It is true that a lot of things do not go as well as they could in class 4B. For example:

- I. The time Lacey Braithwaite bet Bruce Bingley he could not hop along the Smelly Death Log without touching the poo and he fell into the newt pond.
- 2. The time Manjit lost the class monkey mascot inside a space simulator.
- 3. The time we went to the museum and Keith Mears borrowed a mummified cat to do modern art.

Plus no one has won a prize all year, and 4A have won:

- 1. Best Interpretative Dancing
- 2. Best Project on Fleas
- 3. Best Beanbag Race without Throwing
- a Single Beanbag

Although this is not surprising, as their class captain is Eustace Troy, who is president of chess club, first violin in the school orchestra and team leader on the Shining Examples competitive spelling squad.

Our class captain is Bruce
Bingley, who can only burp the
national anthem, which I think
is quite impressive, but Mrs
Bottomley-Blunt does not.



She says school is not about footling or fiddle-faddling or FUN.

It is about **LEARNING** and it is high time we tried harder to **EXCEL** at it.

Dad says well at least I haven't been arrested. Grandpa says being arrested would be getting off lightly and IN HIS DAY he had to walk five miles to school barefoot and eat gravel for lunch.

Mum, who works at the council, says, 'I have spent all day listening to Mr Butterworth bang on about bollards and the last thing I need

is a heated debate about eating gravel. As long as Stanley's happy, that's all that matters.'

And you know what? I am happy, because:

- I. According to Mr Nidgett, everyone excels at something, even Harvey
 Barlow they just have to look very hard to find it.
- 2. According to the laws of probability, we have had all our bad luck and nothing else can possibly go wrong.
- 3. According to Manjit, even if it does

go wrong we have a FOOLPROOF PLAN to get away with it, which is DO NOT TELL ANYONE.

You see, 4B may be the **WORST CLASS IN THE WORLD**. But I like it.

