

Newsletter

Term 1

Issue 2



SUNNY BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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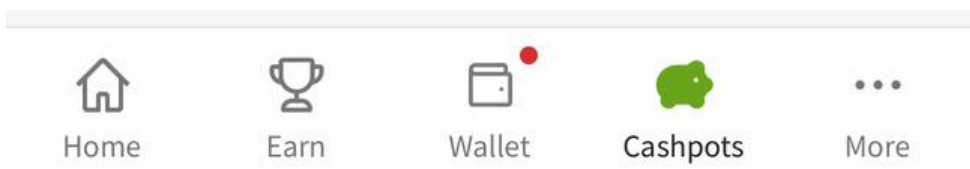


Introducing Cashpoint for Schools

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the **Asda Rewards app**, click the Cashpots icon then choose **Sunny Bank Primary School, Sunny Bank Murston, Sittingbourne, ME10 3QN** and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, from now until **30th November 2024**.

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to Sunny Bank. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

The supermarket has joined forces with Joe Wicks to support the initiative – look out for the TV advert, radio ads and social media coverage.





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DOG MAN
The SCARLET SHEPHERD



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HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

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The first term is almost over and what a fantastic first term for this Year.

Our attendance for the year so far is 95% and I am so incredibly pleased and proud of our whole community for this achievement.

It takes a really strong partnership and everyone working together to create a fantastic learning environment like Sunny Bank is and strong parental commitment to excellent education to achieve attendance like this. Well done everyone!

Community Spirit Week was such a huge success. Children really demonstrated our value of responsibility and resilience this week and were so enthusiastic about getting out into their community and making it a better place to live.

The school received a certificate from Swale foodbank, thanking us for the 153.7 Kg of food donated. The manager of the Demelza charity shop was really pleased with cards that the children made and donated. I also received an email from the custodian at Murston Church. It read **"A big thank you to all the children (and staff) who carried out church cleaning and litter picking/gardening this week. They were enthusiastic and keen and were very pleasant in how they conducted themselves. They are a compliment to the school."**



So thank you to everyone that made that happen and I want to give a mention to Rev Simon Young who led our Harvest Assembly. Simon has been a fantastic support to the school over the last two years. It is so important that our children build connections to their local community from early on to give them that sense of belonging and pride and instil the right values as they grow into our future citizens.

We have held our ever-important parent consultation evenings with our best turn out so far. Thank you to everyone that was able to make these two evenings. Showing our children that we value education and are working in partnership with the school secures the very best education and outcomes for our children. If you were unable to make those evenings, please do contact the school and we will endeavour to arrange a consultation with you and the teacher that is mutually convenient.

On top of this we have had the fire brigade deliver safety assemblies and we still have our Parent Open Afternoon and fancy dress disco to come this term – so lots to look forward to on the last week.

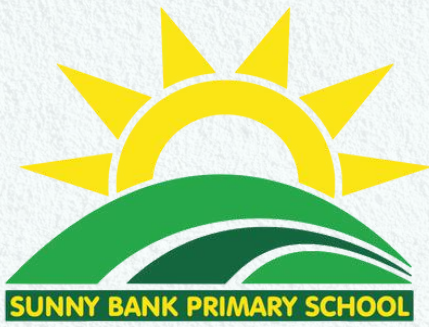
Our PTA have met recently to plan our Christmas Fayre and we are looking forward to next term and all of the festivities. I have set up a Just Giving page to help us raise funds for our minibus – thank you to parents that have donated so far. Please can parents share this link as far and wide as possible.

Next term we also have Anti-Bullying and Kindness Week, our Music Festival Week, the pantomime , the Highsted Christmas Jamboree, more class trips and Parliament Week. Lots to look forward to.

I hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter. I hope to see as many parents as possible at the Open Afternoon and I thank you in advance, as always, for your support as partners in our children's education.

Mr Allen
Head of School





Latest News

Harvest Festival

A HUGE shoutout to all the amazing parents and carers who donated to our Harvest Festival this year! Your generosity truly made a difference and brought smiles to so many faces. Special thanks to The Revd Simon Young for leading a beautiful assembly showcasing all of your wonderful donations.



Our Wellbeing Warriors delivered the food to Swale foodbank and we were thrilled to hear how grateful they were for our contributions. It warms our hearts to know we are helping those in need. Thank you, Swale foodbank, for all the amazing work you do!



Community Spirit Week

Spreading love and kindness across the community during Community Spirit Week! From cleaning up Murston Heart to caring for All Saints Church, these incredible children are making a difference one small act of kindness at a time. Let's inspire change together!



Demelza House

As part of our Community Spirit Week, our amazing children created beautiful cards to be sold in support of the Demelza House charity. Our Wellbeing Warriors proudly delivered them to the local Demelza shop in Roman Square. We're so proud of their big hearts and creativity!

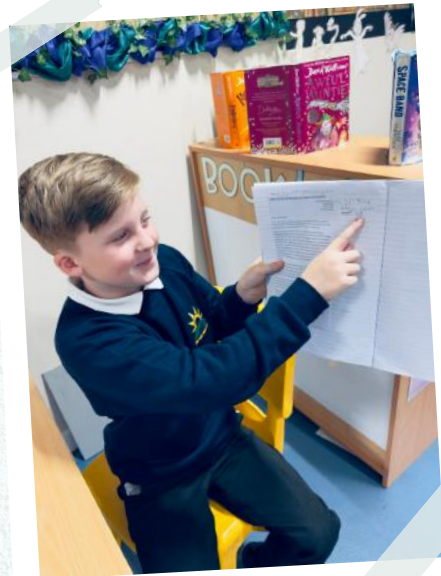


Taekwondo Demonstration

We had the most amazing assembly with TSA Taekwondo! 🌟 Not only did we get a glimpse into the exciting world of this Olympic sport, but we also learned an important lesson about kindness and respect. The demonstration also highlighted the fact that violence in schools is not to be tolerated and reinforced the rules about no bullying or hitting.

Punctuation Day

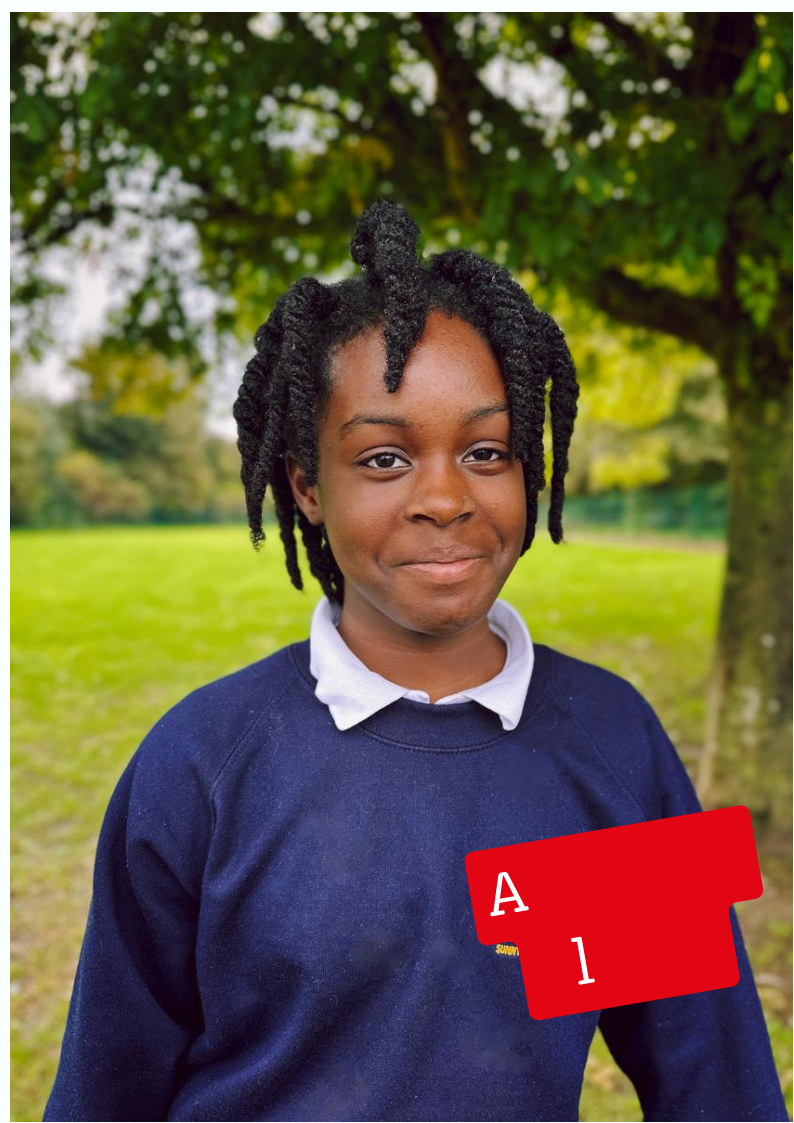
Challenge accepted! Mr. Allen dared the children to ditch their punctuation for a morning. Can you imagine trying to communicate without capital letters, commas, or exclamation marks?!



Fire Safety Talk

Learning how to stay safe with the fire brigade! From practical tips on preventing fires to knowing what to do in an emergency.

MEET OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS



Reception intake September 2025 and Nursery intake January, April and September 2025

Come and see what we have to offer

A PERSONALISED TOUR WITH THE HEAD
OF SCHOOL

MEET OUR AMAZING CHILDREN

VISIT OUR MODERN PURPOSE BUILT
SCHOOL AND FACILITIES

HEAR ABOUT OUR ENGAGING EXCITING
CURRICULUM

VISIT OUR FOREST SCHOOL



SUNNY BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reception tours

Please call the office to book on to one of these days

Dates and Times

Friday 11th October 09:30 – 10:00

Friday 18th October 09:30 – 10:00

Thursday 7th November 10:00 – 10:30

Thursday 7th November 17:00 – 17:30

Thursday 28th November 13:30 – 14:00

Friday 13th December 10:00 – 10:30

Nursery stay and play

Tuesday 8th October 13:30 – 14:30

Thursday 14th November 10:00 – 11:00

If you cannot make any of those dates and would like to come
and see the school, please contact the office



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DIARY DATES

Full calendar can be viewed on our website



October

Passport to Learning Projects in

14

Mon 2024

October

Black History Week

14

Mon 2024

October

Autumn Fancy Dress After School Disco for KS1 and KS2

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Thu 2024

October

Parent Open Afternoon Reading

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Thu 2024

October

End of Term

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Fri 2024

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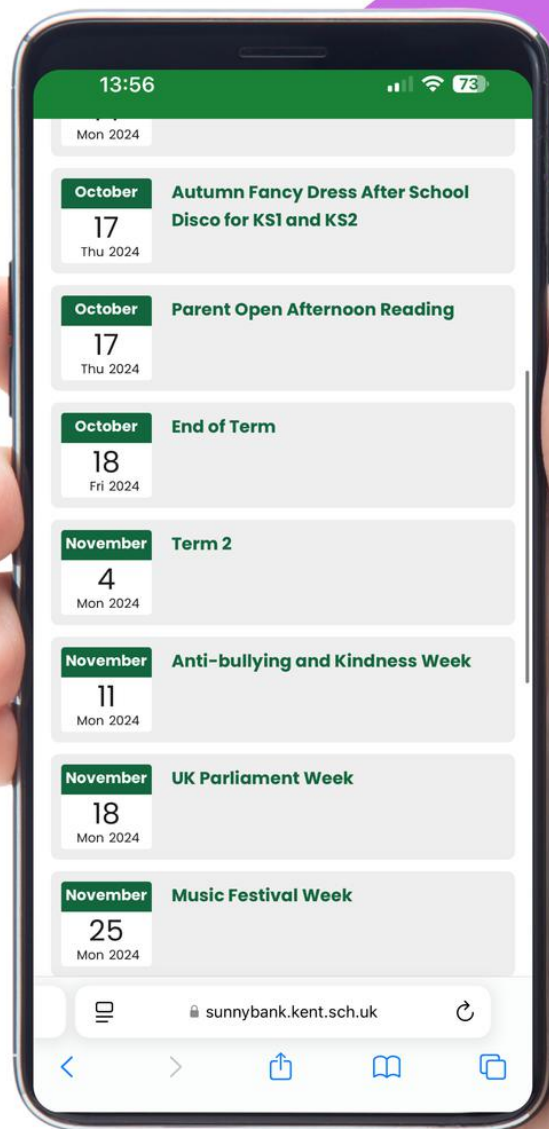
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Kent Adult Education Course

Family First Aid

Friday 27th September - Friday 11th October
12.30pm - 2.30pm

Woodgrove Family Hub, Johnson Road, Sittingbourne, ME10 1JS

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Available

Keeping Up with the Children - English

Friday 18th October - Friday 15th November 2024

12.30pm - 2.30pm

Woodgrove Family Hub, Johnson Road, Sittingbourne, ME10 1JS

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Available

Let's Talk About... Bullying

Tuesday 5th November 2024

7.00pm - 9.00pm

Online Session

Christmas Crafts

Wednesday 4th December 2024

3.30pm - 5.30pm

Milton Court Family Hub, Brewery Road, Sittingbourne, ME10 2EE

6 - 11
Years

For more information or to book onto a course, please contact your local Family Hub team:

SwaleFH@kent.gov.uk

We want you to enjoy learning with us. To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.

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HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR



Head over to our website
www.forustoo.org
to see the events we have on offer for
October half term!

From Halloween Parties to a trick
or treat trail and to finish the week we
have a private cinema viewing.
We have something for everyone this
Halloween .

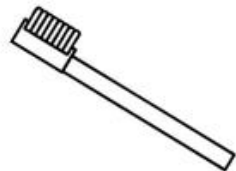
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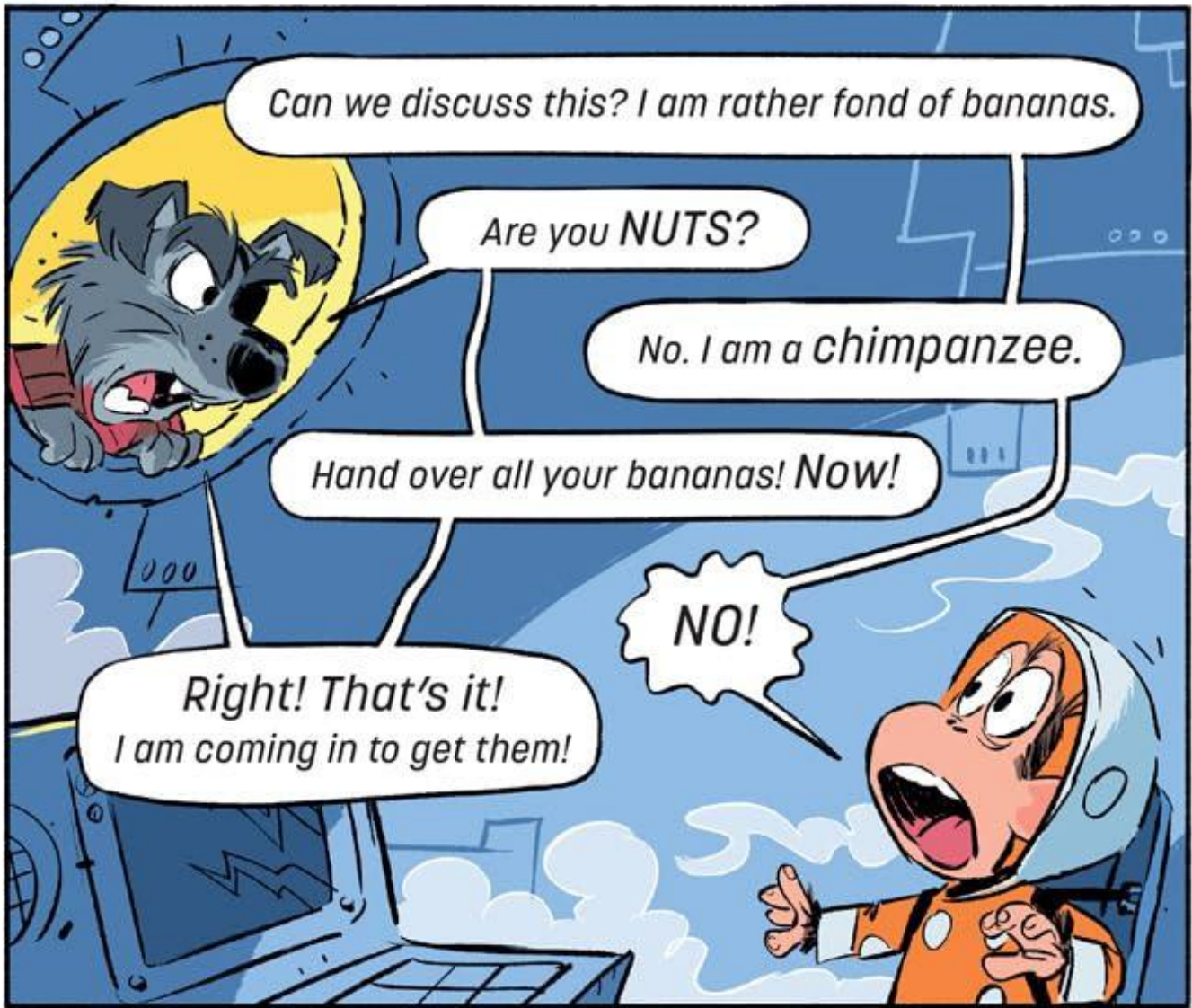
MULTI-MILLION BESTSELLING AUTHOR

David Walliams

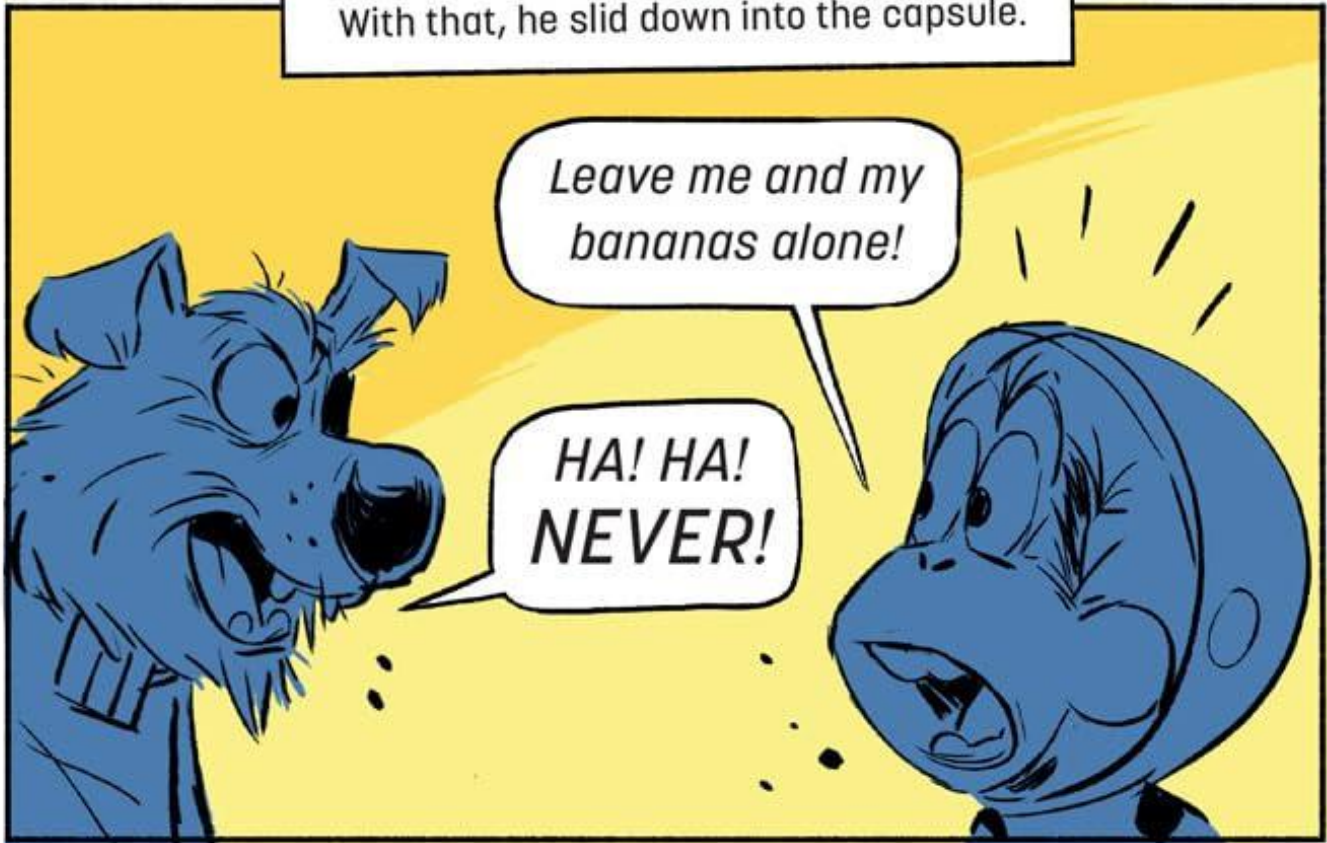


**FASTARO
CHIMP**

ILLUSTRATED BY ADAM STOWER

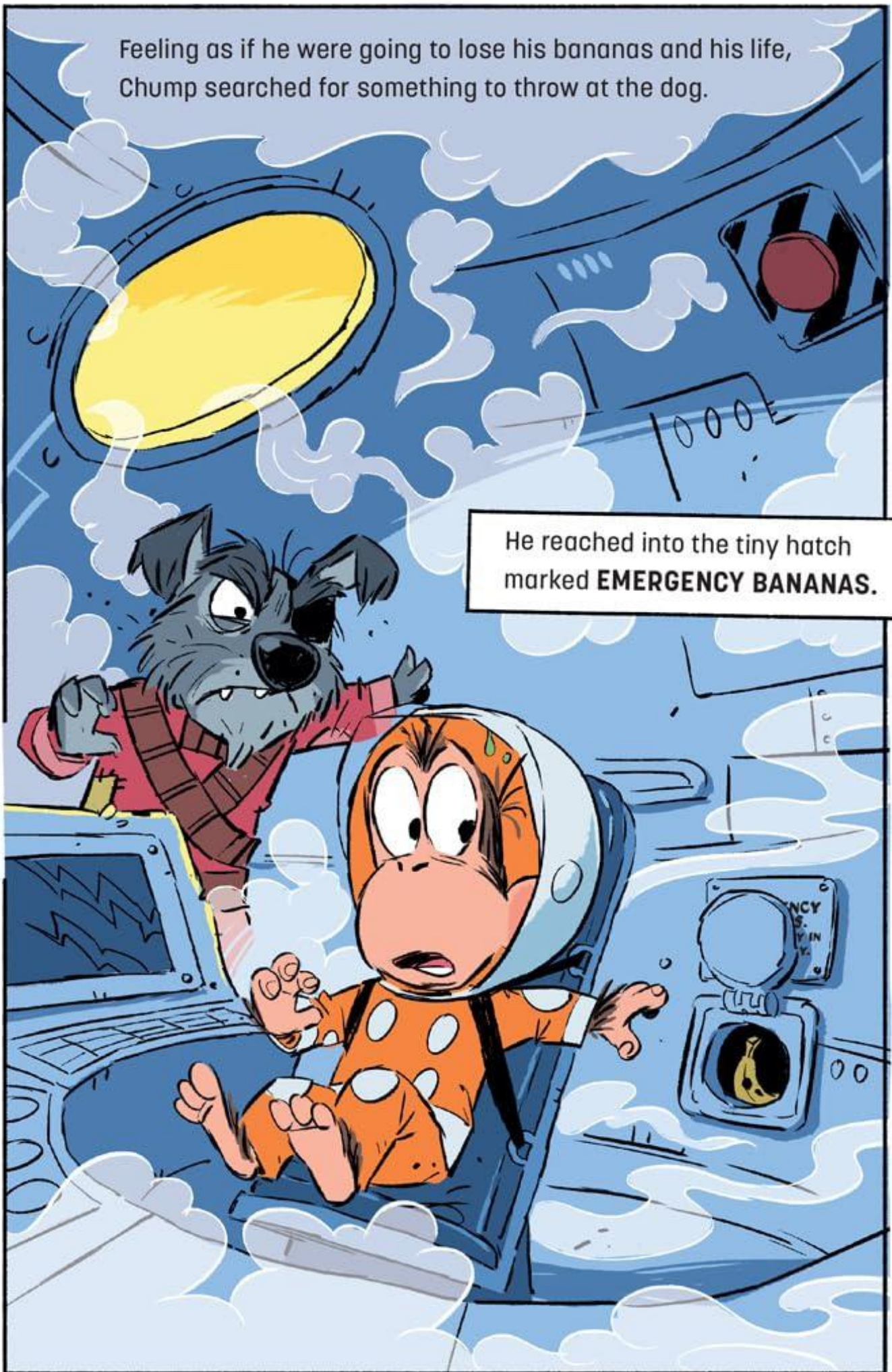


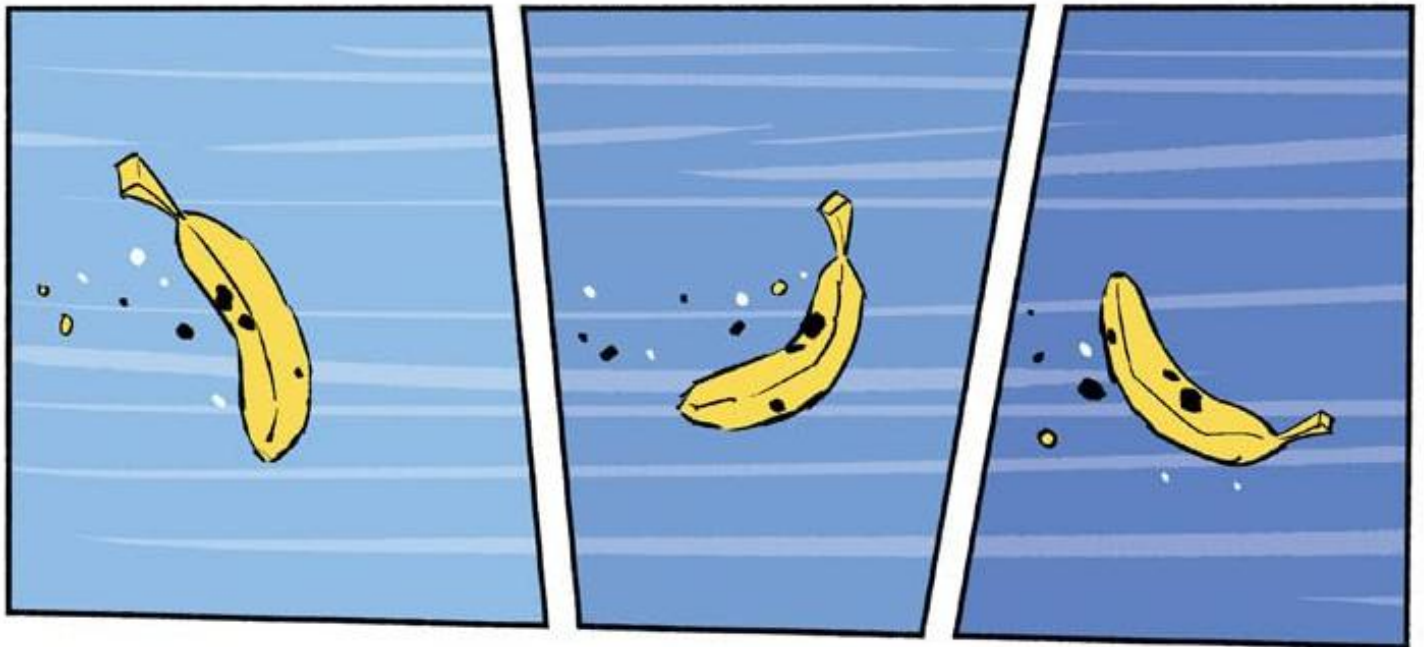
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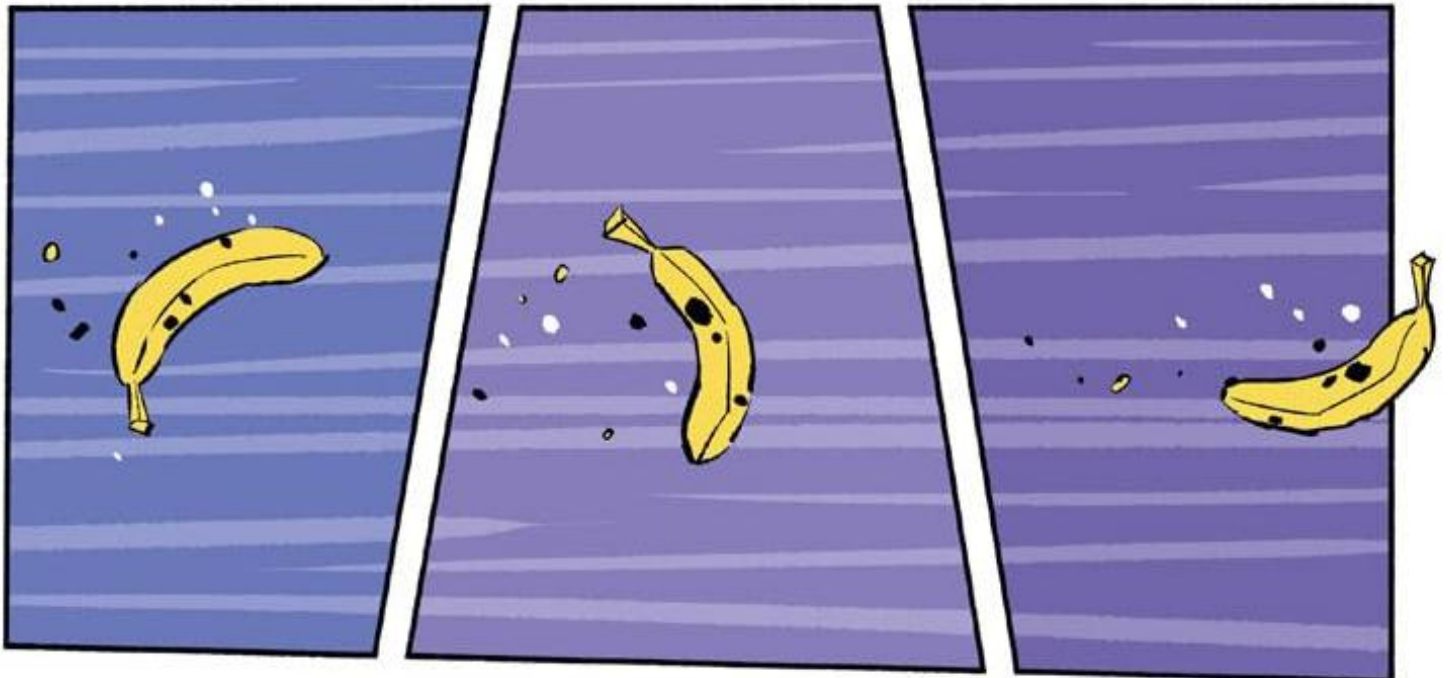
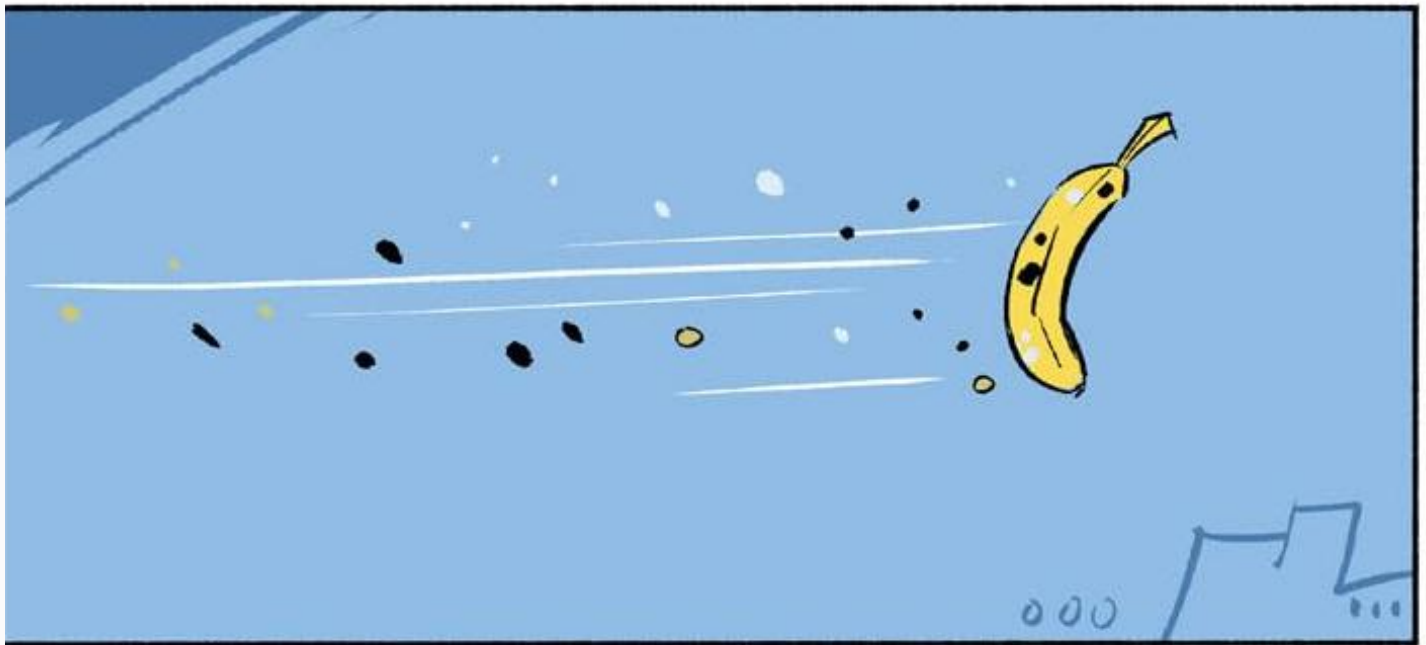



Feeling as if he were going to lose his bananas and his life, Chump searched for something to throw at the dog.

He reached into the tiny hatch marked **EMERGENCY BANANAS**.









That was my last one! Who on Earth, I mean in space, are you?


You don't know?

No!

You're joking!

No! I don't have a clue who you are!

*Dmitri?
Dmitri the dog!*



I am world famous! THE FIRST ANIMAL IN SPACE! If you don't count the fruit flies! Who are you?

*Chump,
the first ape
in space!*

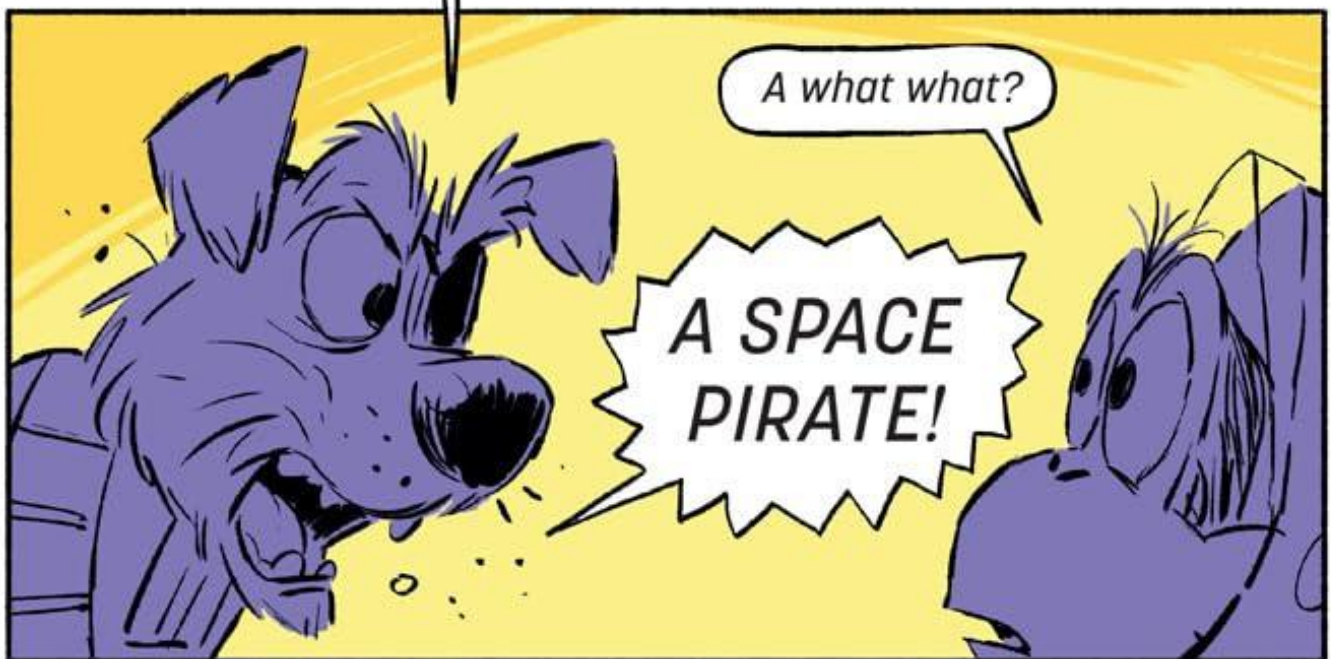


ENOUGH. I AM TIRED OF THIS NONSENSE.

WHAT NOW?

Why are you in my space capsule?

I'm a space pirate!



IN THE LIBRARY NOW!



We love to read

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any fireworks activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



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