

School Values Tale – by Dotty in Year 3

Early that Monday morning, Leonardo woke to a delicious smell filling the air ...PANCAKES! He got up shook his dishevelled mane into order and bounded downstairs to the glorious sight of breakfast. He gobbled it up gleefully, afterwards he dressed and got to school in good time.

After daily fluency it was an interesting assembly about anti bullying. All of his friends were there including Katie, Ben and Riley. They learned a lot about Odd Socks and celebrating their differences.

When they got back to class it was straight into maths, but Leonardo found the first question very challenging, so he went over to Katie. She kindly helped him out and he understood how to solve the question. Leonardo was almost done when the teacher said "time for play".

At break they played Dob and Ben showed pure resilience and positivity because he lost but didn't fuss about it. When he hopped went back to class he told Leonardo, with a twitch of his nose, how he managed to calm himself down. He said he used his positive mantra which is "I am a winner in a different way". Leonardo was proud of him.

In literacy Katie was stuck and felt crestfallen so her best mate Riley trotted over and said "hey don't worry about mistakes because that's how we learn". Katie said "really? Wow, I didn't know and now I feel much better, thanks Riley", making Riley wag his tail. Now Katie felt more confident and conquered the question, she knew she had a good friend she could turn to.

At lunchtime Katie was spotted crying in the toilets, Kevin heard her sobs from his eucalyptus tree and asked with a hug what was the matter, Katie gasped between sobs that Rupert and Lavender had been taunting her about being Riley's close friend, which she was, but not in that way. Katie wailed that now she doesn't want to be anywhere near Riley, which is awful, she sniffed, because she really enjoys Riley's friendship and humour and now she dreads going to school in the morning and wants to skip lunchtime.

Kevin decides to talk to Doris and Lucy because he needed their skills to help Katie, who are both determined to do the right thing. Doris says hey this is just like doing democracy. They all agreed to a plan. "Okay, are we all ready?" Asked Doris "Yes, we're clear" the rest of them replied confidently. "Okay, let's do this" they cried!

The following day Doris marched to school swinging her trunk ready to do the right thing and found Kevin and Lucy ready to ask Lavender and Rupert about how they were treating Katie, giving them the chance to understand what they were doing and the effect this was having on her. Rupert says, "well it's quite funny" and Lavender says we also find her reaction entertaining, and she doesn't say anything, so we carry on as it's fun. Lucy is determined to make this better for Katie and goes on to explain how their words are making Katie feel. Lavender and Rupert seem surprised to hear how Katie was reacting to their fun and were sorry for making her sad and did the right thing by not doing it again. At home time everyone laughed, hugged and went to their homes and all thought it's cool to be different.

THE END.