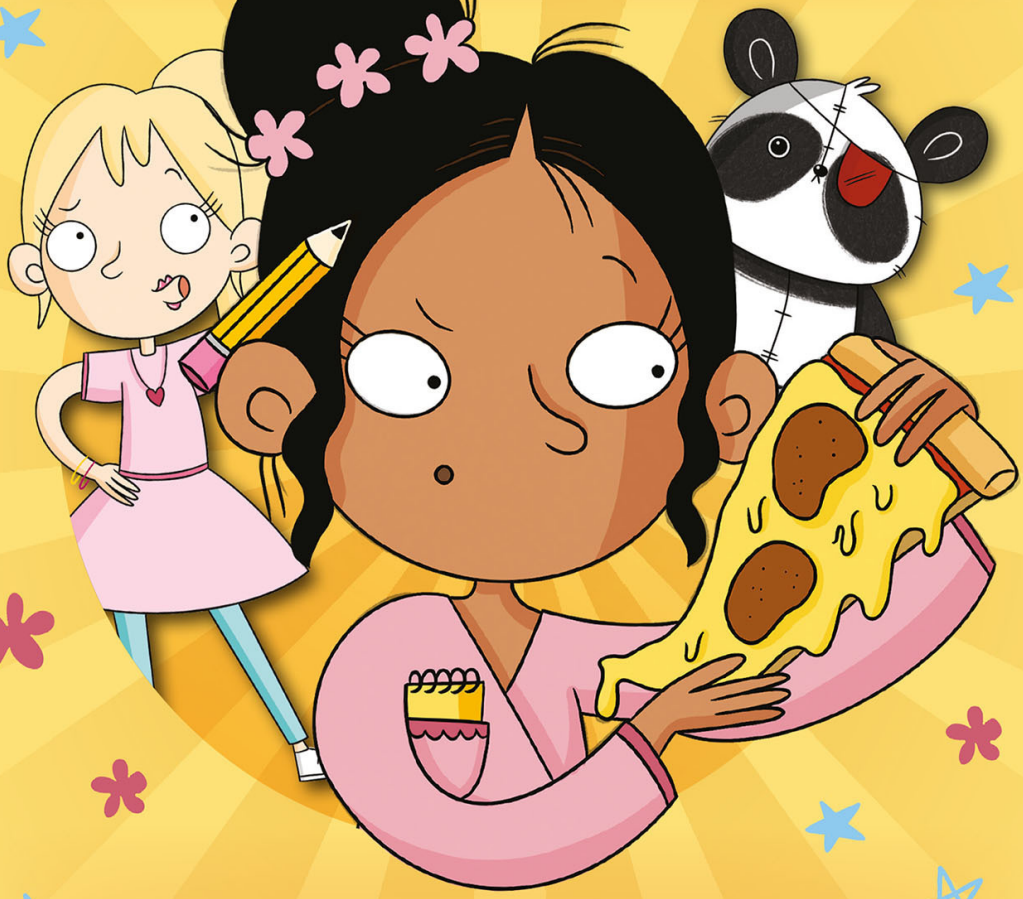
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Wait ...

Aren't school dinners a bit strange? Chicken nuggets? Again? On pizza? Covered in chocolate? Nobody wants to live on lettuce and broccoli, but children are losing teeth over this! This needs investigating.

This looks like a case for Mina Mistry.

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THE CASE OF THE DISGUSTING SCHOOL DINNERS

ANGIE LAKE

PERSONAL FILE:

Name: Mina Snotbridge a.k.a. Mina Mistry

Occupation: Student at Greenville Elementary

Best Friend: Mr Panda

Second Best Friend: Holly Loafer

Distinguishing Features: Extreme intelligence and ambition. Destined to become a private investigator

Hobbies:

Playing the cello, investigating mysteries and spying on people





LOG ENTRY #1

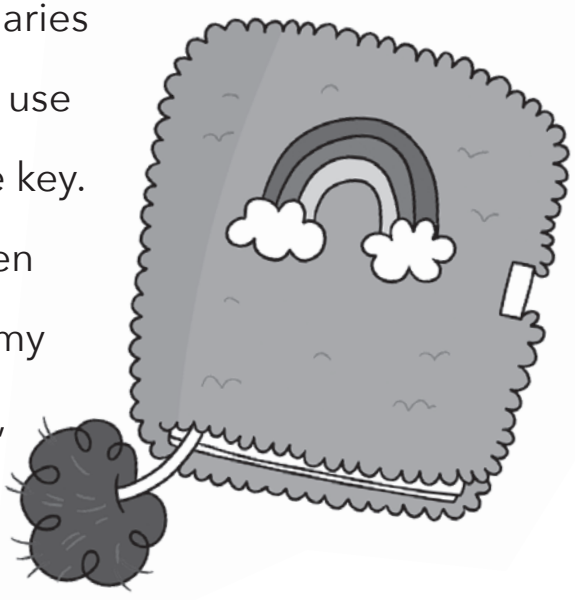
Location: My bedroom
Status: Bored

My name is Mina Mistry and this is my new secret log. THIS IS NOT A DIARY. I do have a diary, it's called *The Secret Diary of Mina Snotbridge*. That's my real name, not my secret undercover name. My secret undercover name is my mum's

name from before she got married. I like **MiSTRY** because it sounds like mystery, and let's face it: **ANYTHiNG** is better than Snotbridge … Thanks Dad!



Anyway, my secret diary is pink and fluffy and girly. It has one of those useless locks that all diaries have, which all use the exact same key. It's badly hidden at the back of my sock drawer,



where absolutely anyone can find it. I try to write in it every day, but I don't write any details about the cases I'm investigating. I only write about the things that happen at school, what I've had for dinner and boring stuff like that.

I'm starting a new secret log today as my last one is already full. My secret log is where I write about my **INVESTIGATIONS**. I hide it under a conveniently loose floorboard at the **BACK OF MY CLOSET.**



I also keep **personal files** on everybody I meet. I have a filing cabinet in my room where I **DON'T** keep these secret files, because … **DUH!**

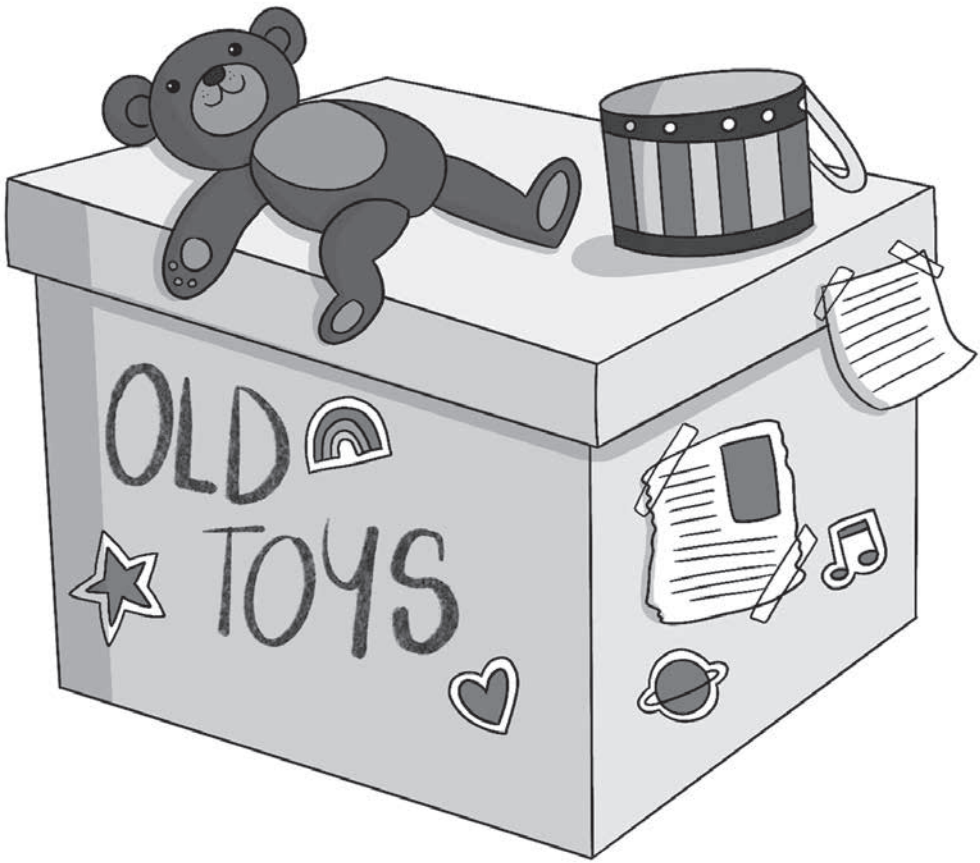


I use the filing cabinet to keep my school work and some old art projects made of dried pasta and glitter. The key is very poorly hidden at the front of my sock drawer.

I keep my secret personal files in my wardrobe. They're in a big box marked

OLD TOYS underneath some old toys.

I even keep a file on Mr Panda.



PERSONAL FILE:

Name: Mr Panda

Occupation: Investigator

Best Friend: Mina Mistry

Distinguishing Features: Deep wisdom and an eye patch

Hobbies: Reading about extreme sports and practising meditation



Mr Panda is my **OLDEST** and **BEST** friend. I don't know how old Mr Panda really is, I only know that my grandad got him for me when I was born and that he's been with me my whole life. He said that Mr Panda would always look after me and he always has. He is always there to give me a cuddle when I'm feeling a bit down, to offer his **wisdom** and **Life experience** when I'm investigating cases, and to read to me from *Bungee Jumping Monthly* when I can't get to sleep.

Although Mr Panda is my best friend, unfortunately he's WAY too old to go to school. My best friend at school is Holly Loafer.



PERSONAL FILE:

Name: Holly Loafer

Occupation: Student at Greenville Elementary

Best Friend: Mina Snotbridge

Distinguishing Features: Blonde hair, strawberry lip gloss, cheerful personality (which can get a bit annoying), and a laser-like focus on her ambition of becoming a famous pop star

Hobbies: Dancing, collecting shoes and handbags (why?!), and chasing after Gareth Trumpshaw (DOUBLE WHY??!!)

Holly and I being best friends doesn't really make sense - we don't have much in common at all. Dad says we're more alike than we realise, but I don't see it!

Usually, school is quite samey, but today we had a bit of a change. **The school is hosting a series of talks on healthy eating.** This means they **CANCELLED** maths so our class could go to the talk. Everyone seemed happy about missing maths. I was just disappointed that we still had to do PE.

In our school no one likes PE because the class is run by the **TERRIFYING**

HEALTHY EATING TALKS

CLASSES CANCELLED

SCHEDULE

CLASS A 10-11 A.M.

CLASS B 11 A.M. -12 P.M.

CLASS C 2-3 P.M.

Ms Mills. (I call her Sergeant Mills, though never to her face!) But I think that even if we had a normal PE class, I'd probably still **HATE IT**. I don't see the point of running around in the cold, playing hockey or dodgeball or any other sport where people from your own team are getting in your way. Also, I really don't like having to use the gym showers.



UGH! Just think of all the things you could catch! Think of the diseases, the nits, the **FUNGI!**



I also don't like having to make small talk with people while I'm changing clothes.

Now, don't get me **WRONG**, I'm not saying that I don't like sports. I like running, climbing and archery. Most of these are things that you do on your own, true, but that's not why I like them. I mean, I'm not bad at other, *group* sports. It's just that I sometimes get **carried away** and … well … people get hurt. It's just safer for everyone involved if **I steer clear of group sports**.

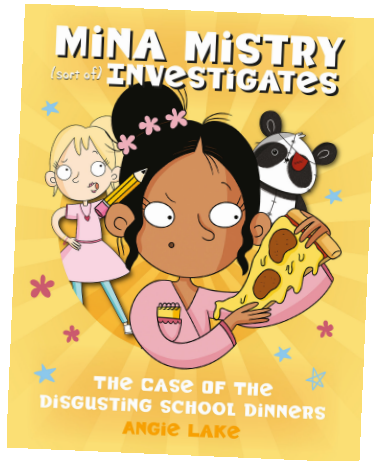


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