An unusual visitor. 28/02/14 by 4th Class Room 13

One cold wet day in February, the children in seomra 13 had a very unusual visitor. The unusual visitor’s name was Fred. Fred was a very happy, friendly person. Fred was from Australia. He was eleven years of age. Fred loved animals especially Kangaroos. He looked around the artistic classroom and was impressed. He was a very artistic boy and hoped he’d fit in to this classroom.

He spotted eyes looking at him suspiciously. A boy named George who had been mean to a lot of children walked up to him. George put on an Australian accent and made fun of Fred. Everyone in the classroom laughed loudly. Fred put his head down and remained silent. The teacher told the class to settle down and Fred was told to sit beside a friendly boy named John. Teacher said it was time for art because she knew that Fred liked art and wanted to cheer him up!

During art, they were painting a boat. The teacher said that Fred had painted a beautiful, interesting boat. When George heard this, he became quite jealous. Then George left his table to get more water for his table. As he was walking by Fred’s table he spilled the water, on purpose, over Fred’s painting. George put on an Australian accent and said ‘Sorry Mate!’ Fred was feeling sad and ran into the bathroom and cried.

When he came out of the bathroom, John came up to Fred and said ‘I know how it feels, George skits me too’. Fred looked around the classroom and everyone was standing around his painting. George said ‘ All I was trying to do was fix it up, it was bad anyway, everyone knows my painting is the best!’ Fred stood up for himself and told George that he will never do this again, or he’ll be sorry.

George was now really angry because nobody has stood up to him like this before.

After art class, it was lunchtime. The teacher told everyone to take out their lunch. Everyone in the class asked each other what they had for lunch. When the teacher wasn’t looking, George took Fred’s lunch. When George went to the bathroom, Fred followed him. Fred grabbed George and pushed him against the wall and threatened him. George shouted ‘LEAVE ME ALONE!’

Over the next couple of weeks Fred and George kept bullying each other. One day, John told the teacher about what was going on. The teacher got cross with both of them and called their parents into school for a meeting. Both children were involved in bullying each other. During the meeting, George’s parents didn’t care about what was happening. George was allowed do whatever he wanted. He was bullying to get attention from his parents. Fred realised that George didn’t bully Fred because he was different. It was because he was sad, felt left out and his parents weren’t a good example to him.

Over the next couple of weeks Fred and George became friends and shared their problems with each other. Fred and George never bullied again!