

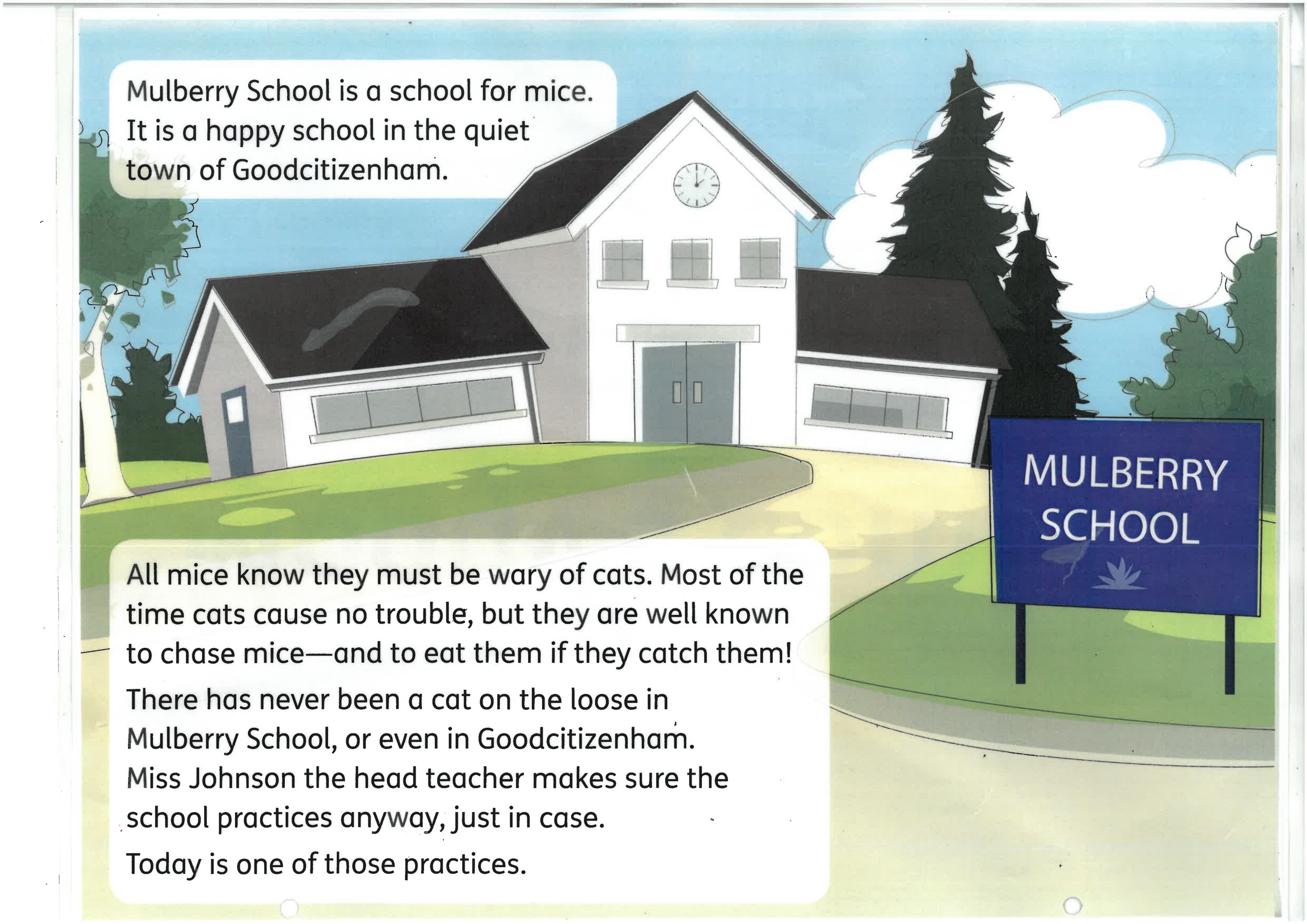
# Moggy's coming



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Mulberry School is a school for mice.  
It is a happy school in the quiet  
town of Goodcitizenham.

All mice know they must be wary of cats. Most of the  
time cats cause no trouble, but they are well known  
to chase mice—and to eat them if they catch them!  
There has never been a cat on the loose in  
Mulberry School, or even in Goodcitizenham.  
Miss Johnson the head teacher makes sure the  
school practices anyway, just in case.  
Today is one of those practices.

MULBERRY  
SCHOOL



The children are in the playground for the practice. Mr O'Brien is hiding behind the tree. He is dressed up in a cat suit.



“OK children” says Miss Johnson, “What do we do if there is a cat that wants to hurt you?”



**RUN**



**HIDE**



**TELL**



**TREAT**



Tom puts his hand up and says "Run away if you can!"

"Good Tom...and what if you cannot run away, Sophie?"

"We hide, Miss", says Sophie.

"You are right Sophie...and who do we tell Mo?"

"The police, Miss", says Mo.

"Well done Mo...and if someone is hurt what do we do Jack?"

"We treat them until the ambulance comes!" Jack shouts.



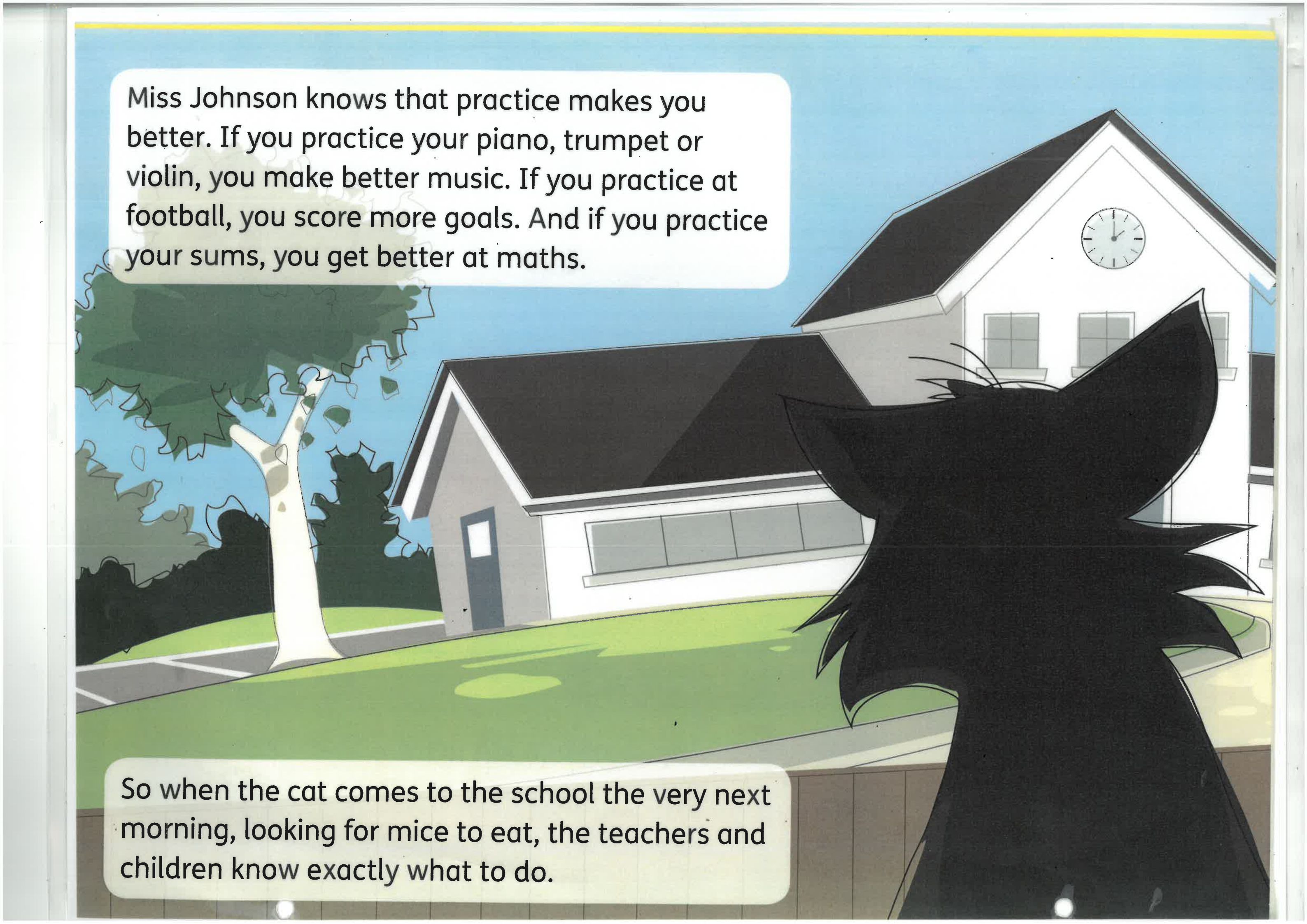
Miss Johnson is very pleased the children have remembered what to do. She peeps her whistle and Mr O'Brien comes out from behind the tree and pretends to be a cat in the playground.



The children laugh and squeak. Sophie is not scared. They practice running into their classrooms and hiding quietly. As quiet as mice.

Each teacher practices pushing the big table against the door. Miss Johnson thinks through how to call the police for help. What's the number?



An illustration of a school building with a clock tower. A large black silhouette of a cat is in the foreground on the right. A tree is on the left. The sky is blue.

Miss Johnson knows that practice makes you better. If you practice your piano, trumpet or violin, you make better music. If you practice at football, you score more goals. And if you practice your sums, you get better at maths.

So when the cat comes to the school the very next morning, looking for mice to eat, the teachers and children know exactly what to do.



The children know they must run away if they can. Some children run in to the school to hide in their classrooms. Other children are hiding near the playground: can you see them?



If *you* can see where the children are hiding, then so can the cat! It is only a good hiding place if you can't be seen.



Mr O'Brien helps his class escape from the danger. They use the fire exit at the back of the school to escape. All the class holds hands to stay together. They walk quickly across the football field. There is a gate onto the road.

On the road Mr O'Brien waves to a bus to stop. He tells the driver to take everyone to the police station.





Miss Johnson is hiding with a group of children in a classroom. She has pushed a big table against the door to stop the cat getting in. She tells everyone to keep down and stay quiet.

Miss Johnson calls 999 on her mobile phone to ask for help. She has to whisper to the police.



*"There is a cat on the loose in Mulberry School. Two children have been hurt. Please send help."*



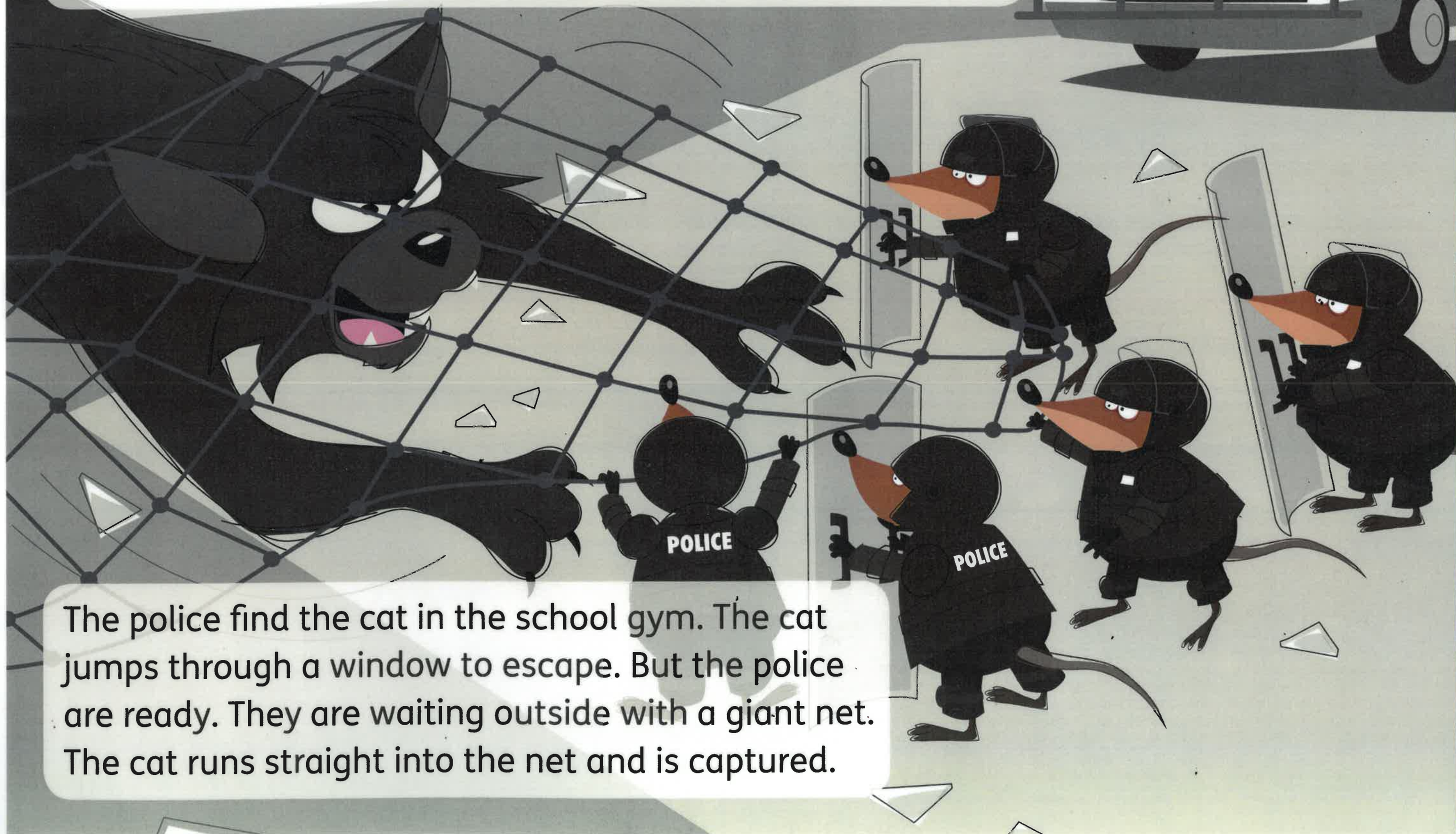
It is Tom and Sophie who have been hurt.  
Tom has claw marks on his leg that are bleeding.  
Sophie has scratches on her arm.



Miss Johnson helps Tom first. She tells him everything will be OK. She uses her scarf to press on the scratches and stop them bleeding.



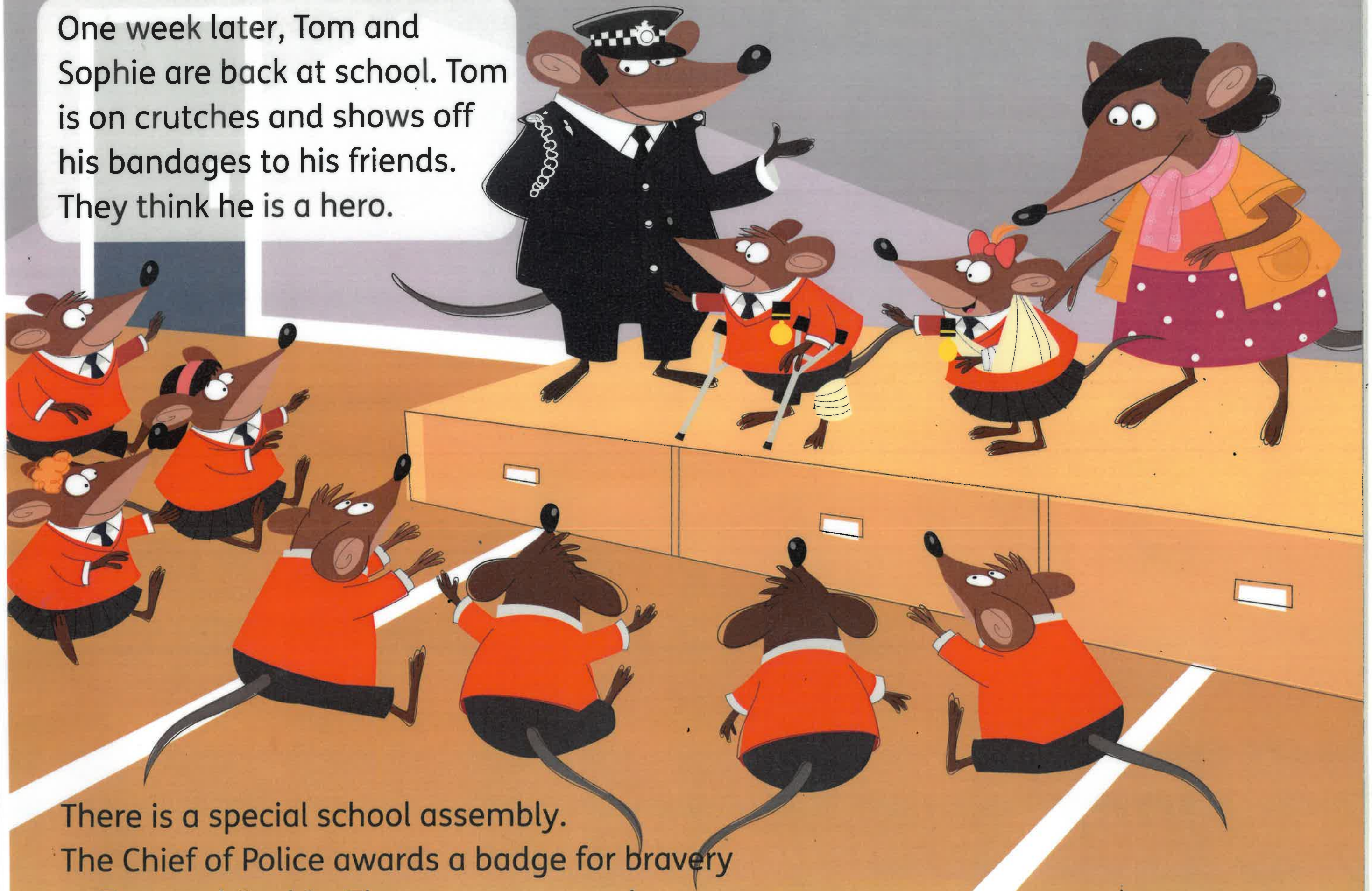
The police arrive very quickly in cars and a van. They are wearing helmets and carrying shields to protect themselves. The police walk together through the main corridor in search of the cat. They check every room.



The police find the cat in the school gym. The cat jumps through a window to escape. But the police are ready. They are waiting outside with a giant net. The cat runs straight into the net and is captured.



One week later, Tom and Sophie are back at school. Tom is on crutches and shows off his bandages to his friends. They think he is a hero.

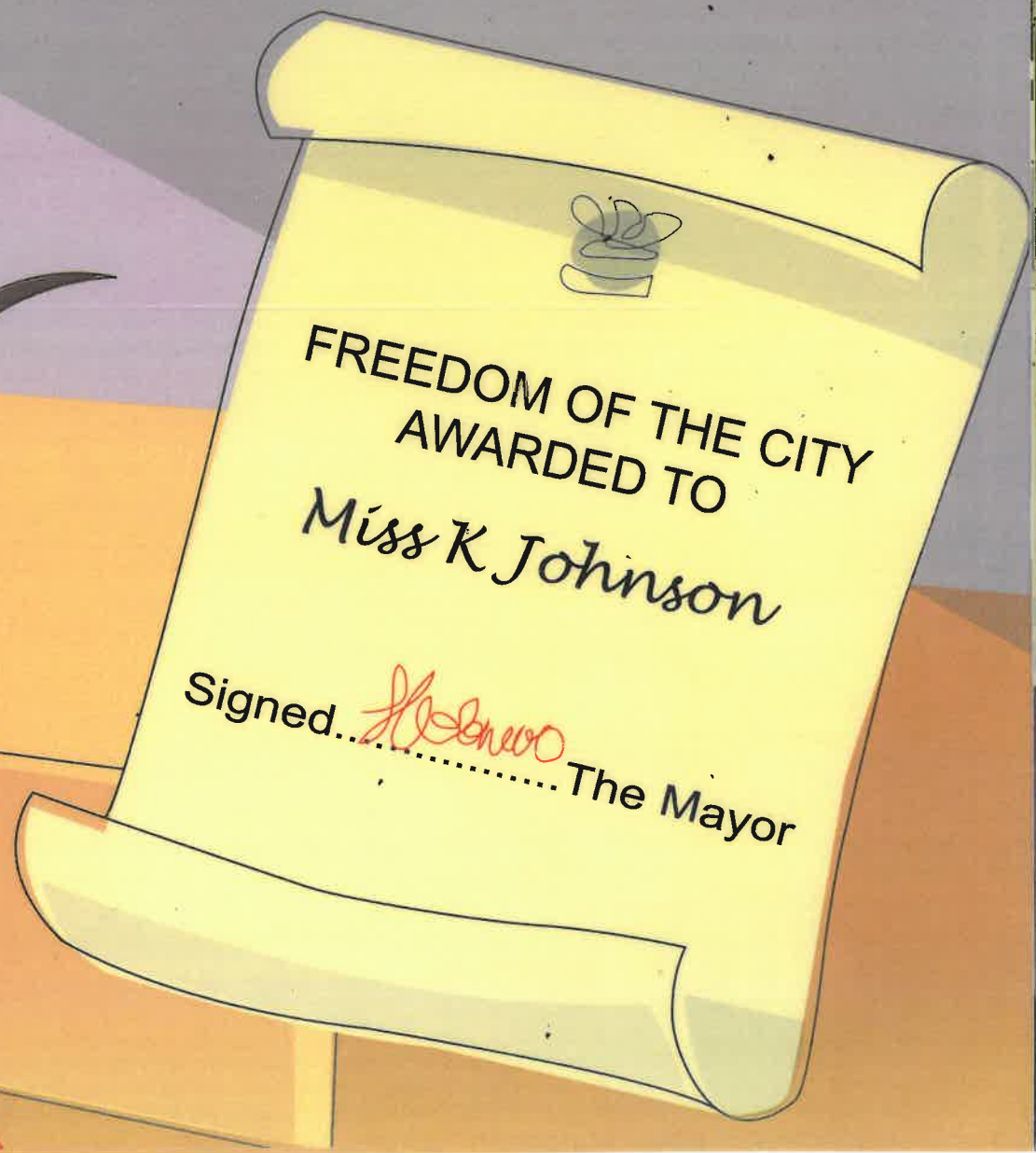


There is a special school assembly. The Chief of Police awards a badge for bravery to Tom and Sophie. They are very proud.



Then the Mayor gives a certificate to Miss Johnson.  
It is a roll of thick yellow paper tied with a red ribbon.  
“Well done, Miss Johnson” says the Mayor, “I give you  
the Freedom of our wonderful city.”

“Thank you Mr Mayor” says  
Miss Johnson.  
“There is something I want to  
say to the children.”



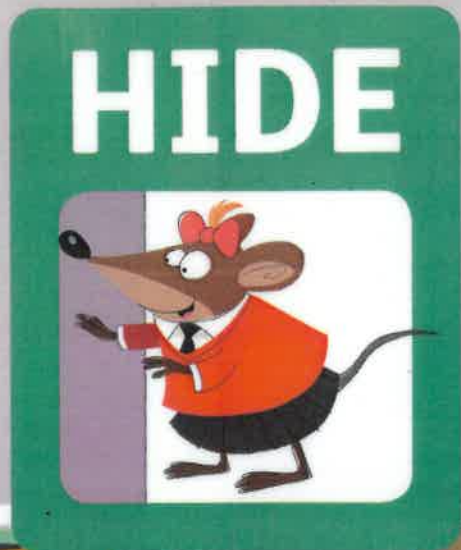


Remember children, if someone  
is trying to hurt you  
**Run if you can ...**





If you cannot run  
Hide if you must ...





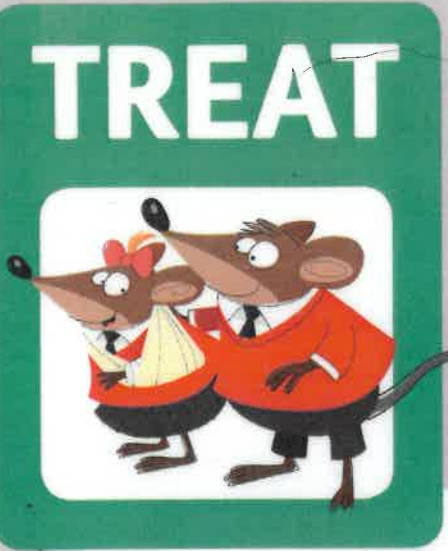
Call 999 and  
Tell the police ...

TELL





When safe to do so  
**Treat those who are hurt!**





***There's no need to be scared,  
When you are prepared!***







The End



# Extras for parents and teachers

Questions you might want to ask, or your children might ask you:

- Where would you hide? Can you think of somewhere safe?
- What is the job of the police?
- Is it OK to make bandages from clothes?
- If this is a school of real children, who is the cat?



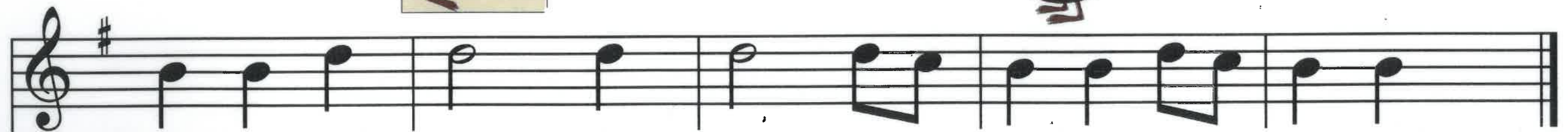


# Moggy's coming

*Sung to the tune of "London's burning"*



Mog-gy's coming Mog-gy's coming, We're in danger, We're in



dan-ger, Run Hide and Tell! Treat the hurt mice! Treat the hurt mice!



# Three smart mice

*Sung to the tune of "Three blind mice"*

Three smart mice

Three smart mice

See how they run

See how they run

They all run like they've been taught to do

To hide from the cat and to keep quiet too

Then call the police and give first aid to you

Three smart mice





# Be prepared, not scared

1

When there is a threat at school,  
Run-Hide-Tell, don't be a fool.  
First remember 'RUN AWAY':  
This might save your life one day.

2

If you're trapped and cannot run,  
From a threat of knife or gun,  
Barricade the room you're in,  
Then stay quiet—don't make a din!

3

When it's safe then treat the hurt,  
With a scarf or sock or shirt,  
You can pack a wound and press,  
To stop the bleeding for success!

4

Take the time to be prepared,  
You can save lives: it beats being scared.  
Run-Hide-Tell-*Treat* is the new rule,  
If there is a threat at school.