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Being at school is boring. It's really boring when you already know what you're going to be. It's really, really boring when you're going to be something cool like a Private Investigator. Until then, Mina's going to practise for her future. By keeping notes on all her classmates, spying on suspicious teachers, noticing every little—

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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## 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.

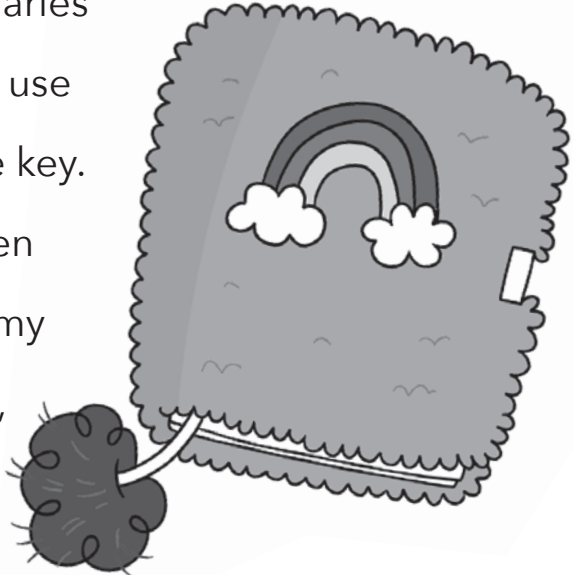
My secret undercover name is my mum's



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!**

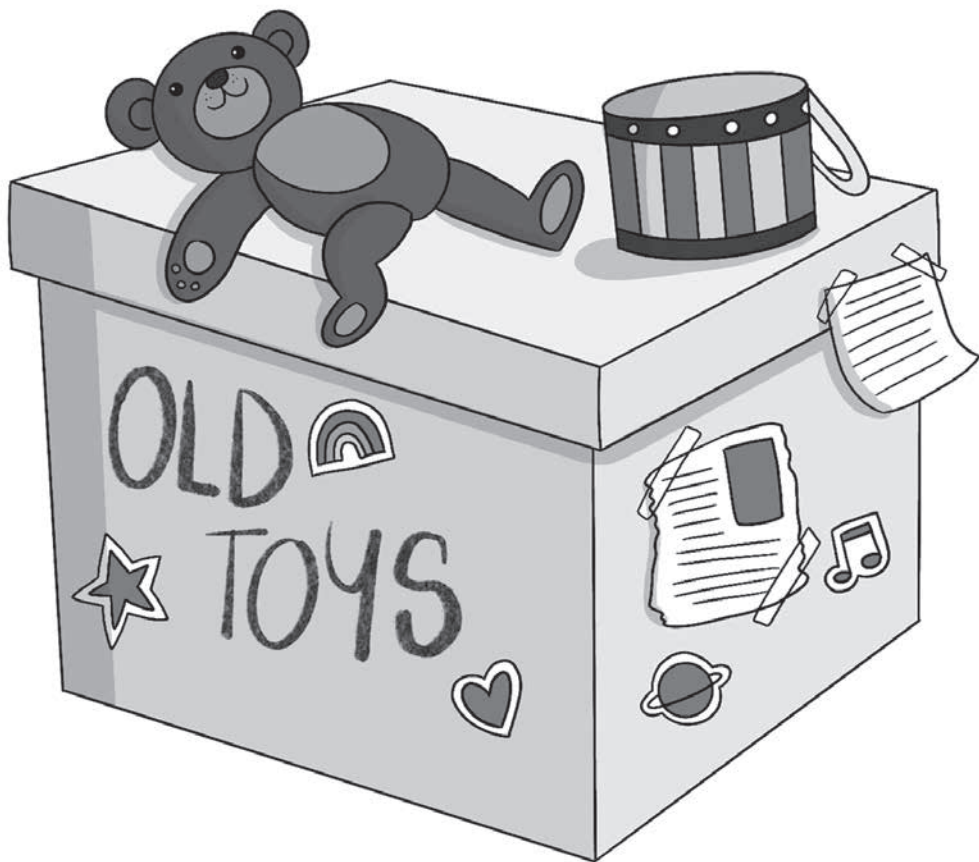
I use the filing cabinet to keep my school work and some old art projects made of dried pasta and glitter. The key is very poorly hidden at the front of my sock drawer.



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.**

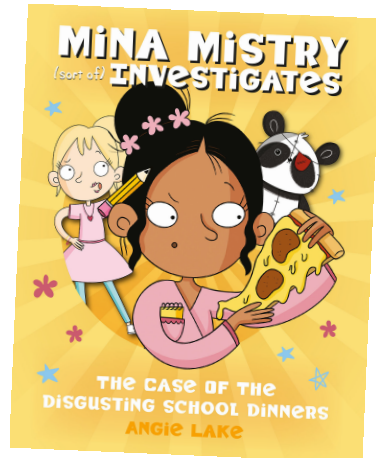


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