

Say No to Coffee

Dear Mr Faruq,

I am writing to let you know that I think coffee should be banned at Twinklton Primary School. I really don't think it is good for you or your teachers to be drinking so much. In fact, I think it's the number one cause of teacher grumpiness!

Think about it, Mr Faruq. Mrs Painter has a coffee every morning. We see it in her sparkly pink flask when she opens the school gates at 8:45 a.m. She doesn't say it's coffee, but we know it is. We can see the steam. Well, Mrs Painter always looks so tired and miserable while she's drinking it.

Mr McBruce has a coffee while he's doing the register. His mug says 'World's Bestest Teacher' on it, which I don't even think makes sense! But he's always too busy frowning at that disgusting brown liquid to notice. He spilt a drop of it on poor Rebecca's name once - he hasn't pronounced it correctly ever since!

And Miss Charlton — don't even get me started on Miss Charlton. She can't even speak to us on the playground at break until she's had her coffee in that strange tin flask of hers. She hates it so much, she

has to really concentrate on it to drink it. Poor thing!

Now, what I have noticed (and what I think will solve the grumpy teacher epidemic at this school) is that Mrs Painter, Mr McBruce and Miss Charlton are all completely changed once they have finally got rid of that last drop of coffee. They are smiley and full of energy. Imagine what would happen if you didn't force them to drink coffee - they would come in smiling and full of energy right away.

Unfortunately, Mr Faruq, I know that you have a coffee problem too. I noticed it in assembly last week and now I can't un-notice it. Your problem is a bit different to the rest. You're not grumpy or tired or miserable. But — and I'm sorry to say it — your coffee breath is out of this world! Which I'm sure doesn't do much for your teachers' moods when they have to share a staff room.

Please think very carefully about what I have written in this letter. I hope to see some changes in your staff very soon. Perhaps you could switch to a nice cup of tea instead?

Thank you,
Cindy (year 2)

Questions

1.

What is the aim of this letter?

2.

Match the people to the statements.

Cindy

the letter's recipient

Mr Faruq

opens the school gates

Mr McBruce

takes the register

Miss Charlton

does break duty

Mrs Painter

the letter's sender

3.

But he's always too busy frowning at that disgusting brown liquid to notice.

Circle the word that the author could have used instead of disgusting.

delicious

revolting

tasteless

4.

What two things happen to the teachers when they have finished drinking their coffee?

1. _____

2. _____

5.

Complete these sentences using information from the text.

Mrs Painter drinks coffee from a _____.

Mr McBruce drinks coffee from a _____.

Miss Charlton drinks coffee from a _____.

6.

Do you agree with Cindy that coffee should be banned? Why or why not?



What do you think Mr Faruq will write back to Cindy?

Answers

1. What is the aim of this letter?

To persuade Mr Faruq to ban coffee from Twinklton Primary School.

2. Match the people to the statements.

Cindy	the letter's recipient
Mr Faruq	opens the school gates
Mr McBruce	takes the register
Miss Charlton	does break duty
Mrs Painter	the letter's sender

3. But he's always too busy frowning at that disgusting brown liquid to notice. Circle the word that the author could have used instead of disgusting.

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4. What happens to the teachers when they have finished drinking their coffee?

1. They become smiley.
2. They get full of energy.

5. Complete these sentences using information from the text.

Mrs Painter drinks coffee from a sparkly pink flask.

Mr McBruce drinks coffee from a mug that says 'World's Bestest Teacher'.

Miss Charlton drinks coffee from a strange tin flask.

6. Do you agree with Cindy that coffee should be banned? Why or why not?

Child's own answer.

7. What do you think Mr Faruq will write back to Cindy?

Child's own answer.