

BE AN AUTHOR!

A SHORT STORY COMPETITION for YEAR 6 CHILDREN

Winners will have an opportunity to see their stories published by the Diocese of Leeds



The Adventures of MAX and DROOGO

You are writing ONE short story about Max (the mischievous monkey) and Droogo (the 'droopy' dragon). You can choose the title for your story

1. The story should be SHORT (no more than 500 words).
2. The story **MAY** be illustrated (but this is not essential).
3. The story should be written to be read by younger children (in Year 3) as they prepare for their First Reconciliation.
4. The story should include:

ONE example of dragon training Max gives to Droogo (with the aim of causing as much mischief as possible). Droogo is fully aware that he will be causing mischief.

Droogo succeeds in putting the training into practice (though he may not practise the dragon-skill very well) and causes some - or much - mischief.

5. At the end of the story, the characters should do most of the following stages of Reconciliation:
 - (a) Droogo may acknowledge wrong-doing [Confession]
 - (b) Droogo may express sorrow for wrong-doing [Contrition]
 - (c) There may be an expression of forgiveness of the wrong-doing [Absolution]
 - (d) There may be a suggestion of something that can be done to make up for the wrong-doing and for Droogo (and Max) to make a new start [Penance]

BUT note:

Max *never* (well, hardly ever) admits to wrong-doing!
See the next page to set the scene.....

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Max is a monkey – the most mischievous monkey ever.

Max has an alias – in fact, many aliases. Some of these are:
Monkey Max, Marvellous Max, and (of course) Mischief Max

Max is so cunning, so clever, so devious: Max can out-smart anyone, anytime.

Now, there's nothing Max enjoys more than causing maximum mischief, maximum mayhem, maximum hullabaloo.

One day Max makes an amazing discovery. Max stumbles across a school – a school for dragons!

"Ah! What fantastic mischief I can make - if only I had a tame dragon," ponders Max.

Unfortunately, all the young dragons are too big and too fearsome – and they chase Max away. Max wonders what to do.

Then Max notices one lonely young dragon sitting in the corner of the dragons' playground crying: enormous dragon-tears tumble down the dragon's snout and splash in great cascades to the tarmac...

This dragon is Droogo, a rather timid, rather clumsy Trainee-Dragon. Droogo is always making mistakes and can never get anything right. For example: Droogo still can't produce even the teeniest-weeniest of flames from his dragon-nostrils.

The other young dragons tease Droogo:
"Dippy, Drippy, Dreary - Droopy Droogo," they taunt – and 'Droopy Droogo' is the name that sticks!

Max, however, thinks, "Surely I can train this Droopy Dragon. And with a powerful dragon by my side - aha! what mischief I could make!"

So Max takes time to befriend Droogo that Droopy Dragon ...

These are the adventures of Max and Droogo - as Max works to make Droogo 'The Most Dastardly Dragon' that the world has ever seen.

