

# My First Day at School Ever

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I wented to school today. 'Cos I'm big. I have a big bag for school. My mum she put my lunch box in my bag and said ' Don't forget to eat it.' But I won't eat my lunch box. That's silly.

I have a school hat. It's big. It goes down to my nose. And I have to put my head back, right back, to see things. And I falled over my bag. But you've gotta have to wear your hat because 'otherwise you're dead.' That's what my sister says. But the teacher's they don't wear hats. They'll be dead soon.

When we gotted to school my mum wouldn't let go of my hand. Ami from my kinder was crying. But I'm big. I can do big jumps. I can do wrestling. I can punch dragons. I can. My sister. She's Grade Free. She says ya can't punch dragons 'cos they will barbecue you with one breath. But you can punch dragons. When they're asleep.

My school is called St Hello Wishes. And it's big. It's more bigger than Africa. But my school hasn't got lions because they eat people. But teachers think there is lions. Because that's what the teacher says when you go to school. She says 'Get in a lion boys and girls.'

I waved to mum. She waved back. I had to wave again. And again. And we wented inside. At school you have your own hook. Your very own hook. To hook things on. School bags go on hooks. My hook has a picture of a rocket on it. Ryan, he's my bestest friend from kinder, he has a picture of a fairy. Ha! Ha! Fairies are crap. But you shouldn't oughta say crap. It's a rude word. I know rude words. 'Cos I'm big.

The teacher she said 'Sit down boys and girls'. And I sat on Ryan. Ha! Ha! But the teacher she said ' We don't sit on people. That's a rooooool.'

My teacher's got big holes in her teeth. I can see them when she says things. They are big black holes. She doesn't clean her teeth proper.

My teacher is named Mrs Macdonald because she is the sister of Ronald Macdonald. That's what Ryan said. But she's old. She's got cracks on her face like my Nanna.

Then our teacher told us lots of things about our school. There is a room to be sick. Just specially to be sick in. Then Ryan pretended to be sick. And I pretended to punch him like a dragon.

Then our teacher took us to show us things. We saw the box, if you lose things, that's where you put them. And the room where the Principal lives with Bill and Ben the goldfish. She's the boss of the school. And the Stuff Room where the teachers put stuff and have their play lunch. And we sawed the Ovaltine where the biggies play football. I'm big.

And at school you get lots of fun things to do. Like going to the toilet. You have to ought ta take a friend. It's fun. You can talk. You can look at ants. You can have wee races. Ryan said he can wee over the wall. But I stood outside and he didn't.

And we do craft. I know craft. It's cheese. And we do maps. I know maps. I can count to twenty one hundred.

And at school you do sitting down and standing up. And we have our own libr-ar-ary bag. It's for putting in libr-ar-ary books. But you mustn't ever open it 'cos the book will get dirty.

We do big words at school like spelling. And liter-at-ure. Our teacher said. And when you finish lunch you put your liter-at-ure in the bin. But one girl, Holly she stood on her yoghurt and it splotted all over me and Con made footprints. And the teacher she said 'Don't move anybody.' Freeze is a good game. But

Ryan can't freeze. He has to jump around. And he knocked his drink over. And the teacher she ran around and around.

Tomorrow we get our own grade sixer. That's what my teacher said. Our very own cross aged tooter. The teacher read us The Valvoline Rabbit, but I knewed it already from kinder. And the teacher she said, perhaps, she could read the story to everybody else. And I said OK.

Then the teacher said ' You can go home now. Your mums and dads are here.' And my mum she asked ' How was school? How was school?' She needn'ta oughta have worried. It's funny.