

The case of the missing cake!



KS2 have been working hard this week to try and find out who stole the cake from the staffroom on Monday evening. Mrs Baird left it in there for the staff to enjoy and when Miss Burke went to have a slice on Tuesday morning, it had disappeared! Miss Burke was extremely grumpy that morning and called for KS2 to help her to find the culprit.

Meet the suspects:



Mrs Taylor
One of the teachers present on Monday after school.



Mrs Abbate
A teaching assistant who was working late.



Mrs Thompson
A teacher who was also in the building.



Miss Burrows
One of the teachers present on Monday after school.



Mrs Baird
An unlikely suspect- or is she!!

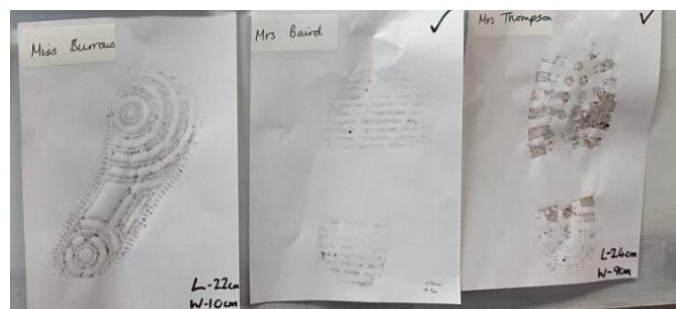
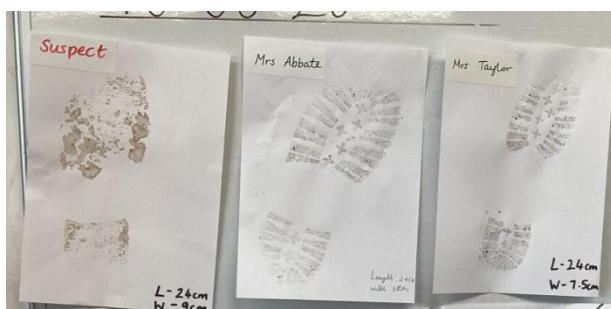
Year 3

Year 3 launched a full forensic investigation after mysterious muddy footprints were discovered on the staffroom floor. Soil samples were collected, prints were photographed and rulers were drawn with great seriousness.

During analysis, two suspects emerged: Mrs Baird and Mrs Thompson, whose footprints matched the size of the unidentified print. However, on closer inspection, the *shape* and *pattern* of Mrs Thompson's footprint were almost an exact match to the culprit's footprint.

Further evidence was considered. Witness reports confirm that Mrs Thompson is frequently spotted with muddy feet, often trailing small clumps of forest floor behind her. Such feet would have *no difficulty at all* leaving a perfect muddy print across the staffroom floor.

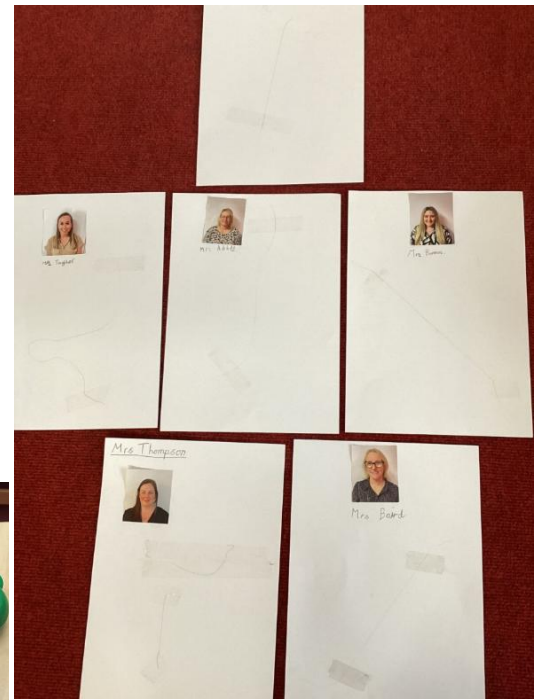
All clues point to... Mrs Thompson!



Year 4

Year 4 were fantastic forensic scientists as they investigated the mystery of the hair left behind at the crime scene. Armed with a microscopes and magnifying glasses, they carefully examined the evidence like true detectives. Mrs Baird's and Mrs Abbate's hair was simply too fair to be the culprit. Case closed for them! Miss Burrow's hair certainly caught everyone's attention because it contained lots of colours. Interesting, but not quite a perfect match. Mrs Taylor's hair looked very similar to the culprit's hair which caused quite a stir, but the excitement grew as we examined Mrs Thompson's hair which looked almost identical to the sample from the crime scene!

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Year 5

Year 5 stepped into full detective mode and after carefully inspecting a fingerprint from the "crime scene," they compared it with prints taken from the suspects. At first, suspicion fell on Mrs Abbate - her fingerprint was about the right size. However, our sharp-eyed investigators quickly noticed the pattern didn't match. The children then discovered that some suspects had arches, others had whorls, but the mysterious print from the crime scene had loops. After a thorough comparison, the loops matched with those of Mrs Thompson.

It looks like the evidence is pointing in her direction... Mrs Thompson may want to start preparing her alibi!



Year 6

Year 6 turned their attention to a suspicious note found at the scene of the crime. The message read simply: 'buy milk.' A normal shopping reminder... or a crucial clue?

Using their impressive chromatography skills, the children investigated which pen had been used to write the note and which suspect it might belong to. As the ink separated into different colours, some suspects were quickly ruled out — their pens clearly didn't match the evidence. However, things became more interesting when Mrs Baird's and Mrs Thompson's pens produced patterns that looked very similar to the ink on the note. The tension in the investigation grew!

After carefully examining the evidence and combining clues gathered by other year groups, the children took an even closer look at Mrs Thompson's pen.

Following a very serious (and extremely professional) investigation, they reached their final conclusion:

The pen used to write the note at the crime scene did in fact belong to Mrs Thompson.



KS2 children confidently concluded that **Mrs Thompson** was guilty of stealing the cake from the staffroom.



CASE CLOSED