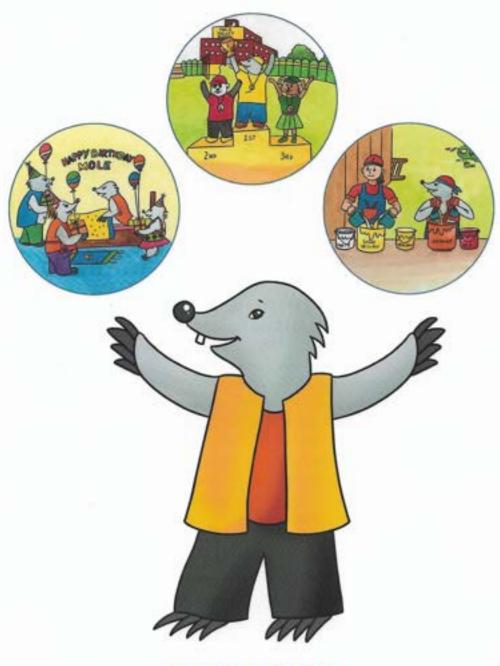


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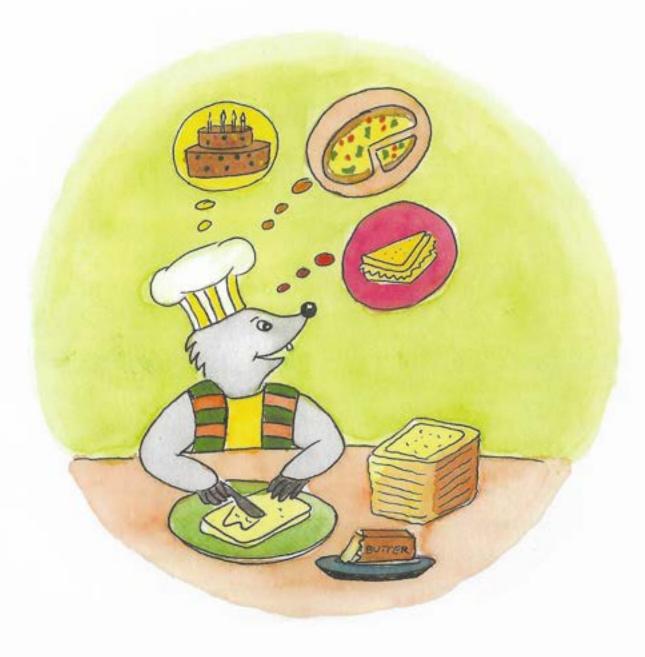
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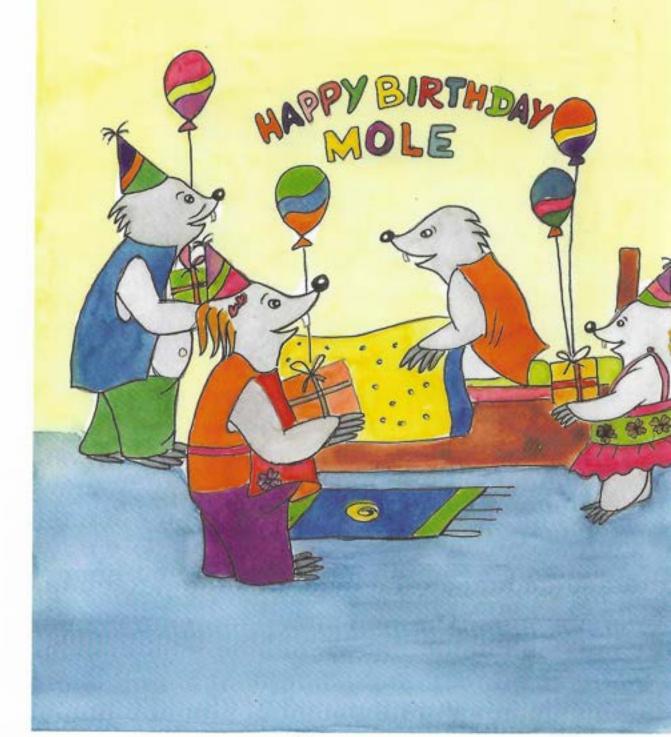
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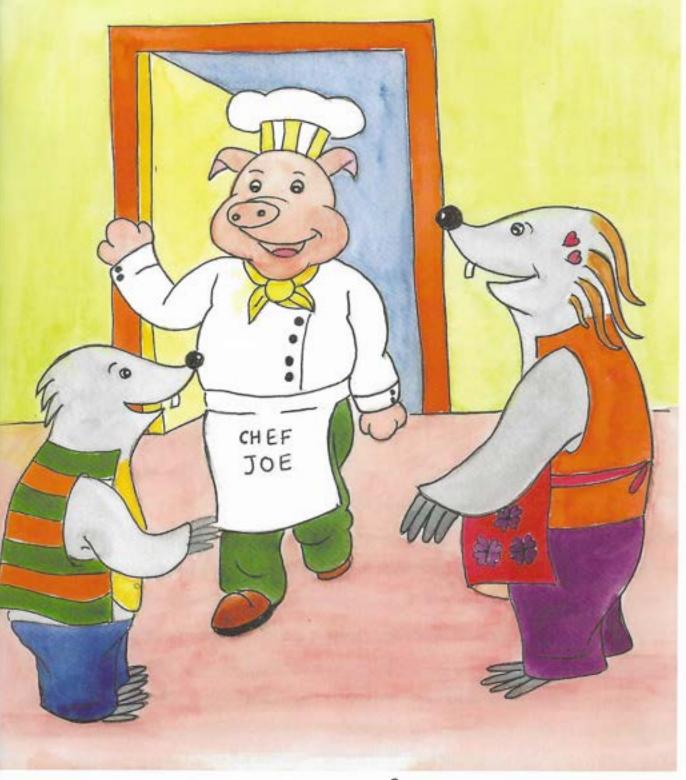
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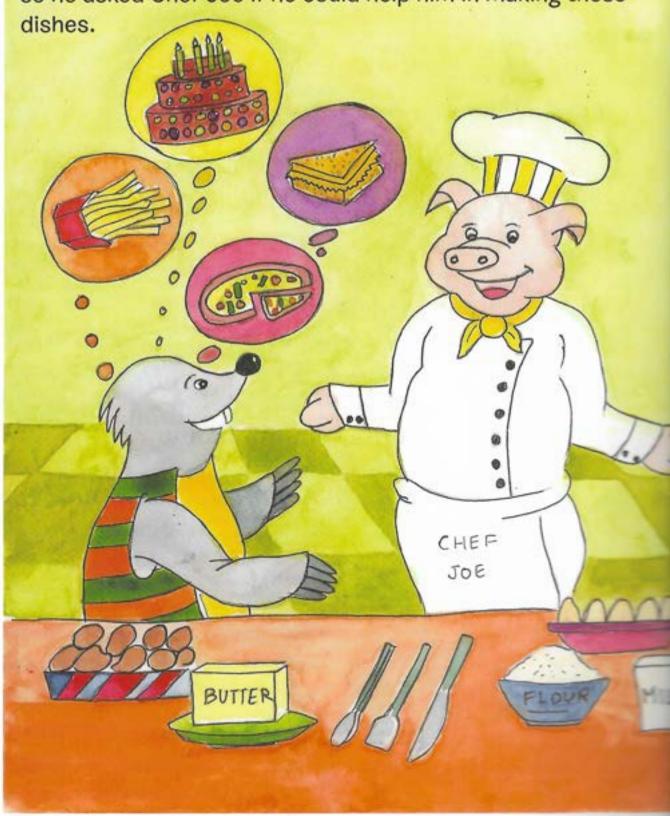
It was Mole's 4th Birthday. He woke up excited to find Mama, Papa and Baby Sister Molie standing around his bed with colourful balloons and presents for him. In the afternoon his friends would come for his Birthday Party.



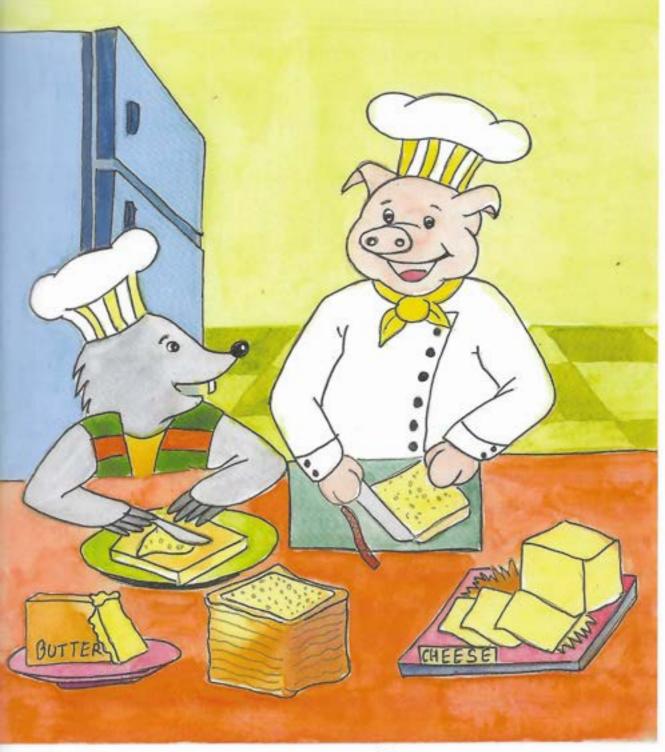
Mama Mole had asked Chef Joe to come and help in cooking Mole's favourite dishes for the party. A Chef is a Community Helper who helps us to cook or bake delicious dishes.



Chef Joe asked Mole what dishes he wished to have for his party. Mole said he wished to have Pizza, Cheese Sandwiches, French fries and a yummy Chocolate Cake decorated with colourful gem candy. Mole loved to cook, so he asked Chef Joe if he could help him in making these



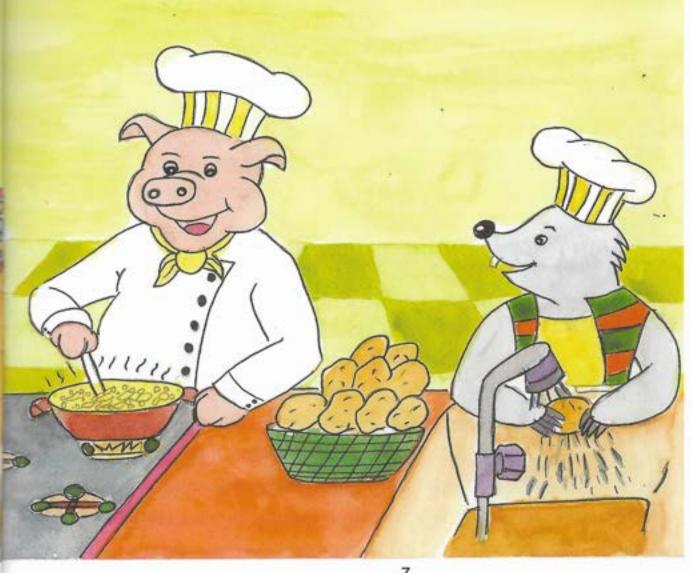
As it was Mole's Birthday Chef Joe allowed Mole to help him in the kitchen. For the sandwiches Mole was allowed to spread the butter on the breads and put cheese on top. Chef Joe then cut off the crusts and made them triangle shaped. Then he wrapped them into a cloth and put them into the refrigerator for later.



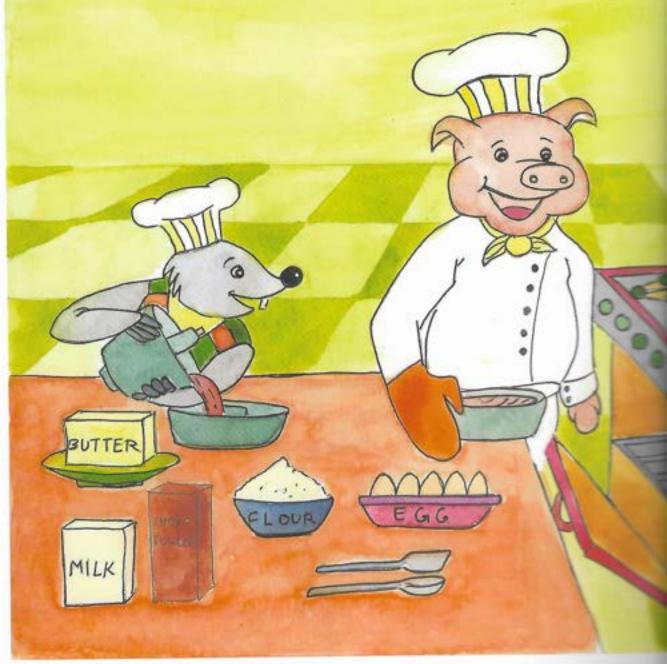
Next for the Pizza, Chef Joe asked Mole to help him in spreading out the red pizza sauce on the round pizza bread base and sprinkle mozzarella cheese on top. Chef Joe then put the pizza in the oven for baking.



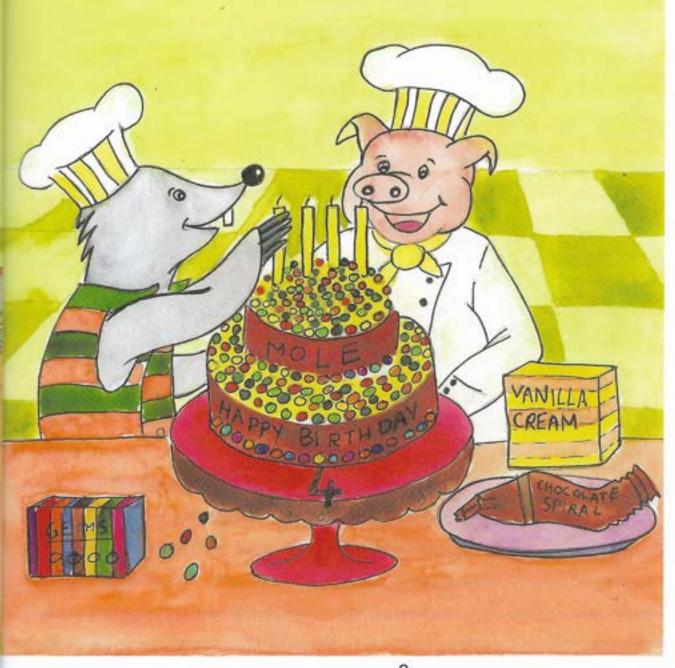
For the French Fries, Chef Joe asked Mole to first nicely wash the potatoes in water. Chef Joe then peeled the potatoes, cut them into finger shapes and fried them in hot oil. Chef Joe asked Mole to stay away from the hot oil.



.....And now for the most yummy part....the Chocolate Cake! Mole was allowed to mix the dough! Chef Joe told Mole to mix the Flour, eggs, butter, sugar, cocoa powder and a pinch of baking powder and pour the dough into the baking dish. Chef Joe then put the cake dough into the oven for baking!.....yum! thought Mole it already smells so delicious!



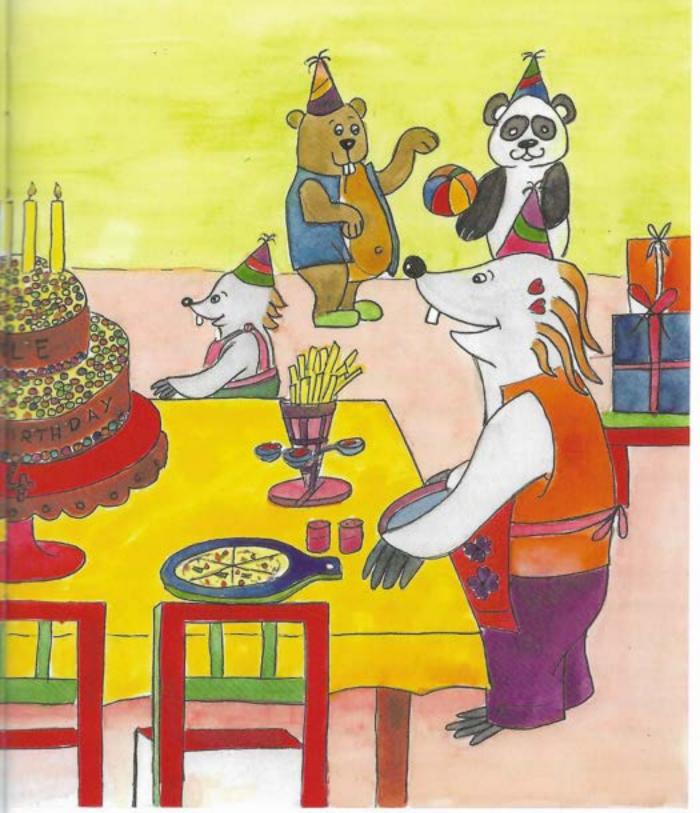
When the cake was ready Chef Joe put chocolate icing on it. After that Mole enjoyed decorating his Birthday Cake with colourful Gem Candy. Finally Mole put four candles on the top......WOW! his birthday cake looked delicious! Mole couldn't wait to eat it!



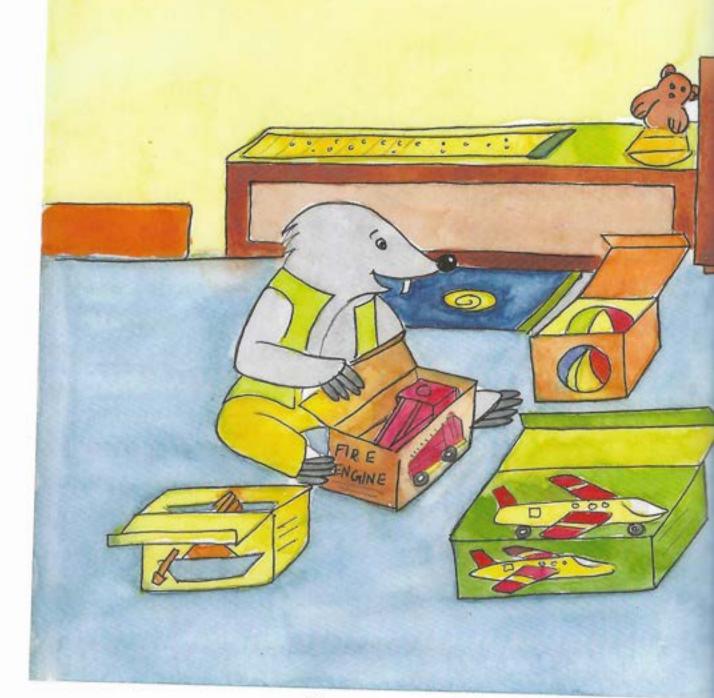
Along with his mama, Mole laid out the table for his birthday party. All the dishes of Pizza, French Fries, Sandwiches were put on the table. Mama Mole put the beautiful chocolate cake right in the centre of the table.



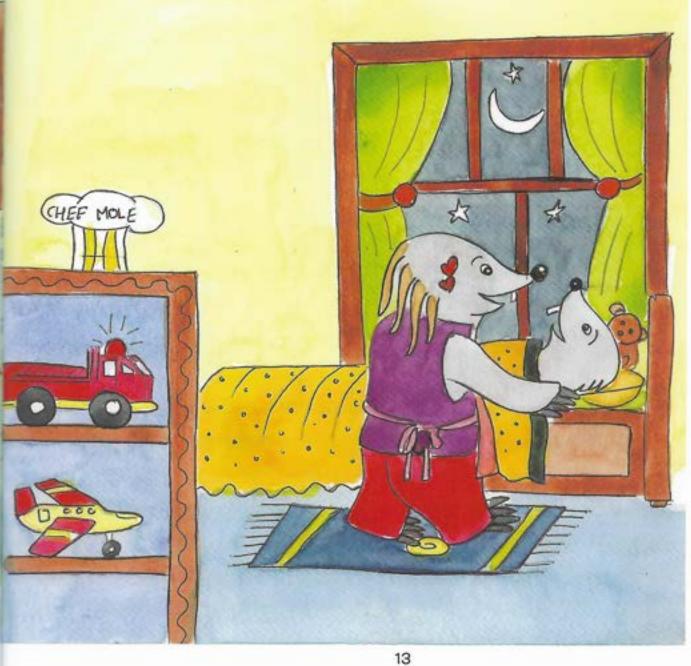
Panda, Beaver, Bear and Mittens arrived with gifts for Mole. They played fun games and at cake cutting they sang Happy Birthday for Mole! Everyone loved the delicious food that Mole had helped Chef Joe to make!



After his friends left that evening, Mole opened all his presents. He was so excited to see that his friends had gifted him all his favourite toys!



When Mama Mole tucked him into bed that night, he hugged his mama tight and said "You are the best mama in the world! Thank you for such a wonderful Birthday party!"

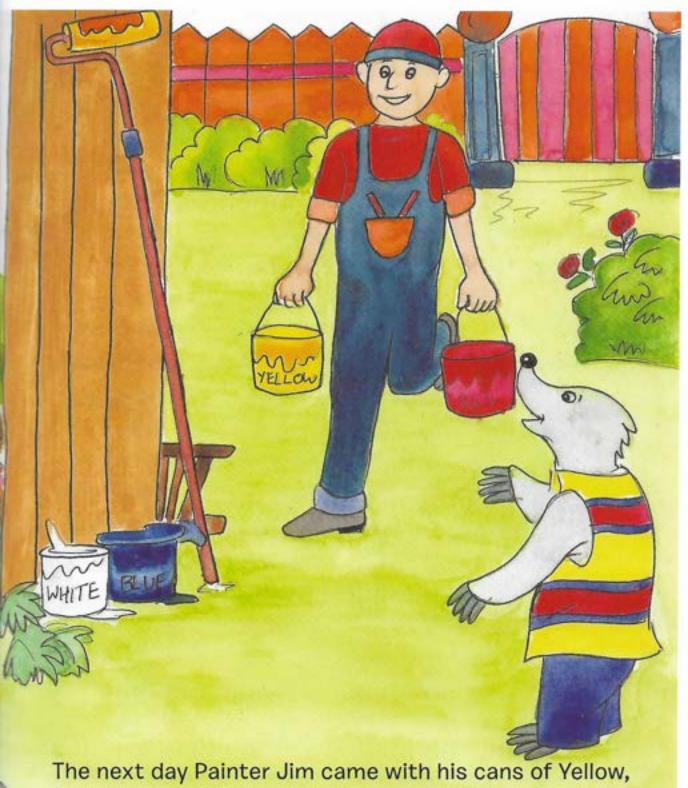


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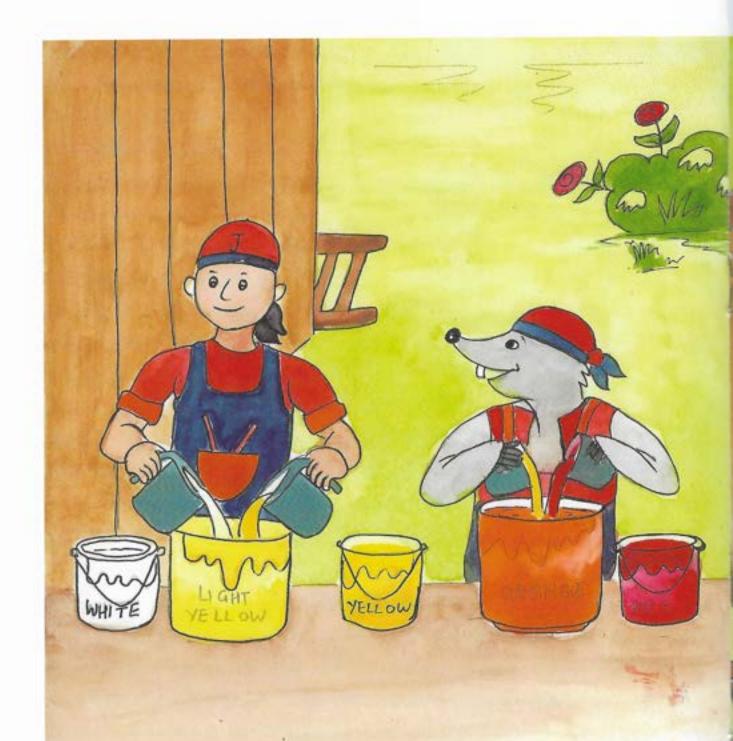


Mama Mole had allowed Mole and Molie to draw on the walls of their garden shed as the next day the Painter was to come to paint the garden shed in fresh bright colours. A Painter is a community helper, who helps us in painting the walls and ceilings of our homes.

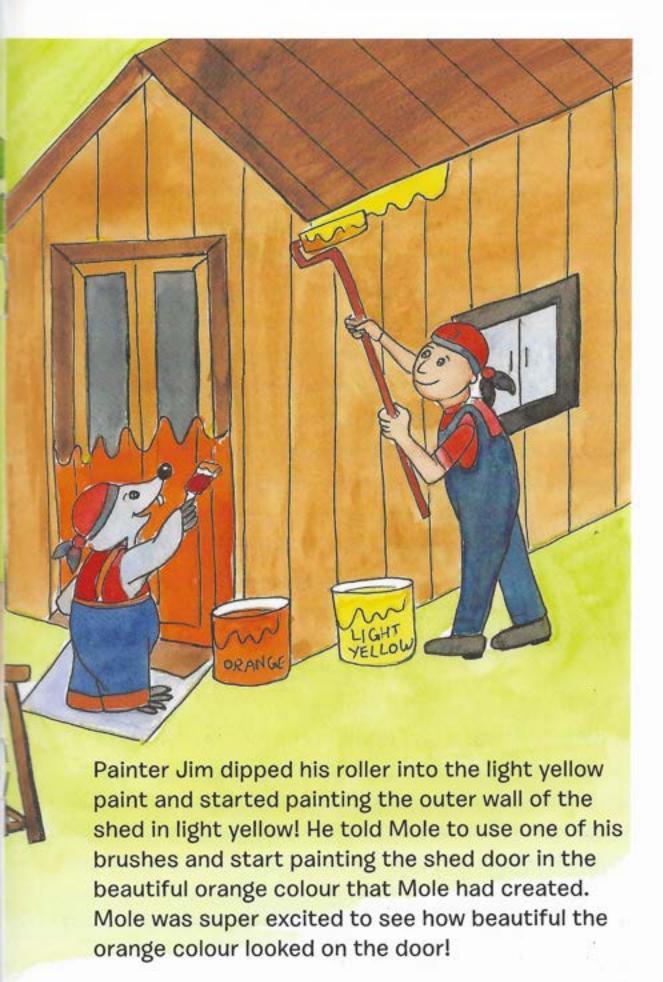


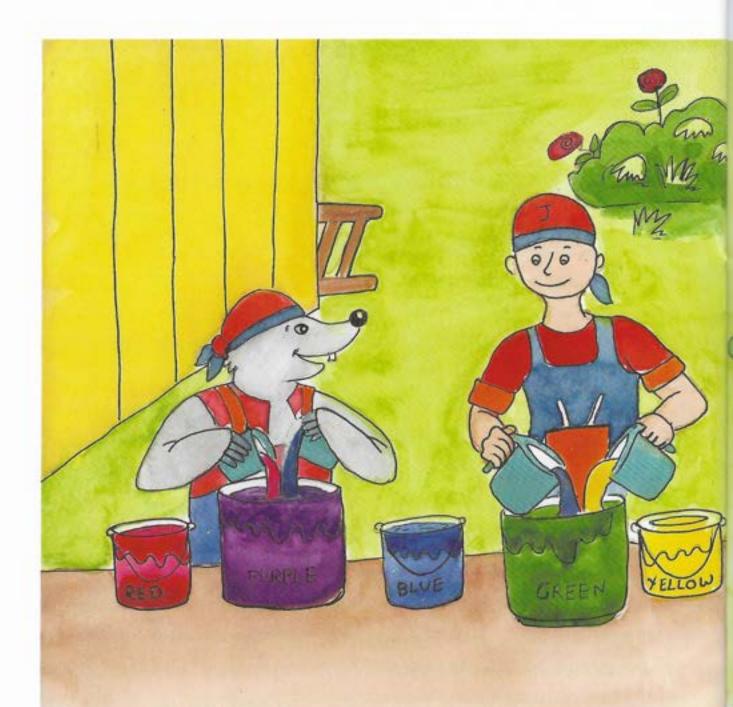


The next day Painter Jim came with his cans of Yellow, Red, Blue and White paint. He bought his paint brushes and Rollers too. Painter Jim explained to Mole that Red, Yellow and Blue are the primary colours from which all other colours can be made! Mole loved painting so he asked "Please can I help you to paint?" Jim said "Sure you can Mole!".

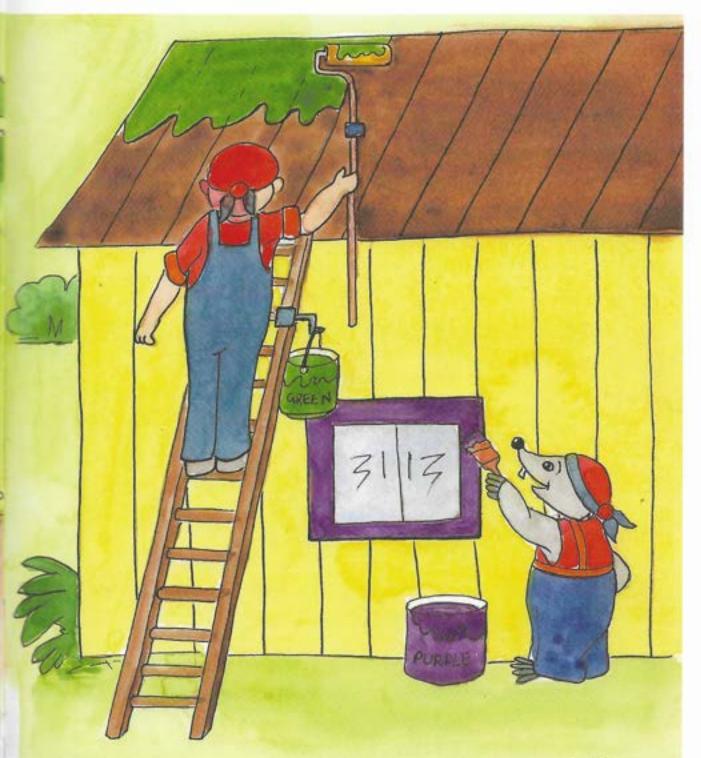


First Painter Jim mixed the Bright yellow paint with a little White paint to get a tint of Light Yellow paint. He asked Mole to mix a little Red paint with the bright Yellow paint and Mole got very excited to see that he had created a beautiful Orange paint! Mole loved mixing colours to get new colours!

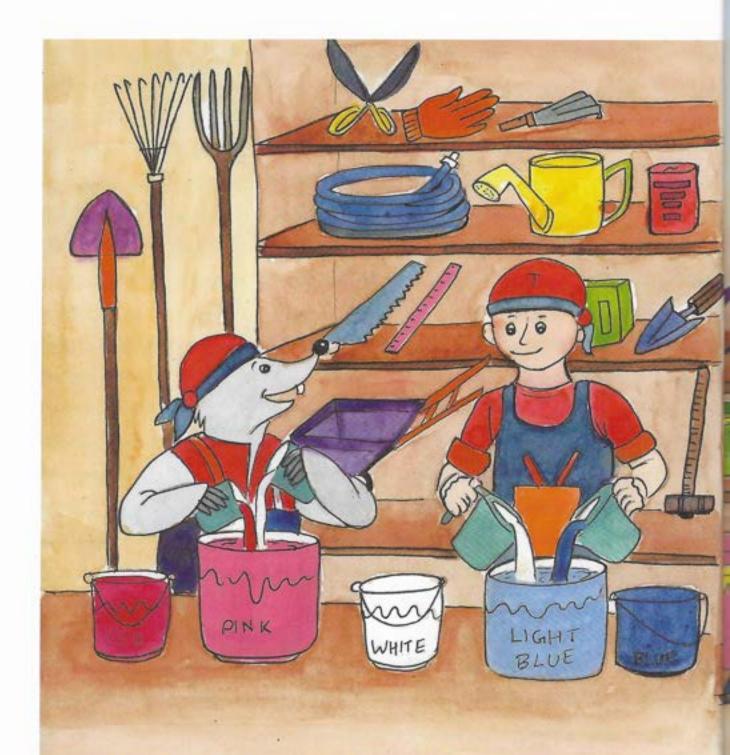




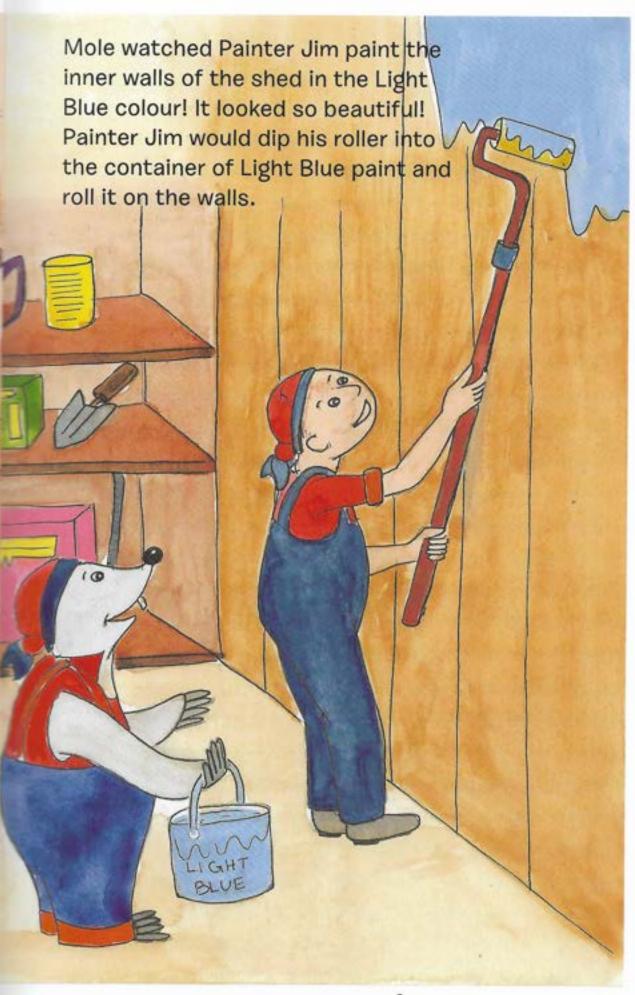
The outer wall of the shed was now glowing in beautiful light yellow colour and the door was shinning in a bright orange! Now Painter Jim mixed the Blue and Yellow paints to get a bright Green colour. He asked Mole to mix the Red and Blue colour paints and Mole was super excited to get a bright Purple colour! Mole was having so much fun helping Painter Jim in mixing the paints to get new colours!

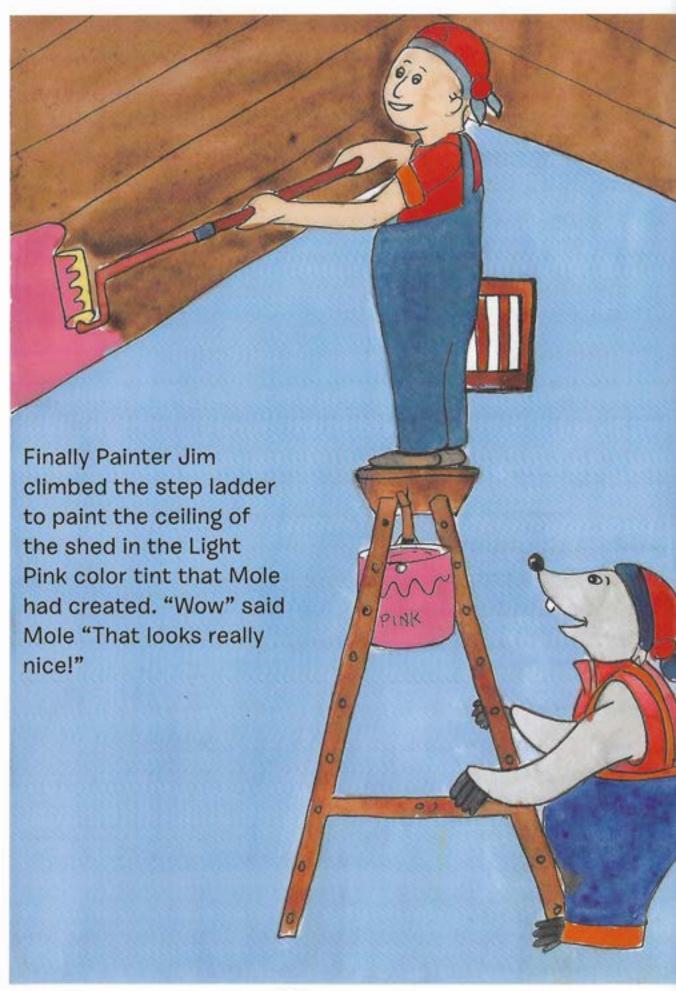


Painter Jim climbed the ladder to reach the roof of the shed and with his roller he started to paint the roof in the bright green colour he had created. He asked Mole to paint the window panes in the beautiful Purple colour paint that Mole had created.

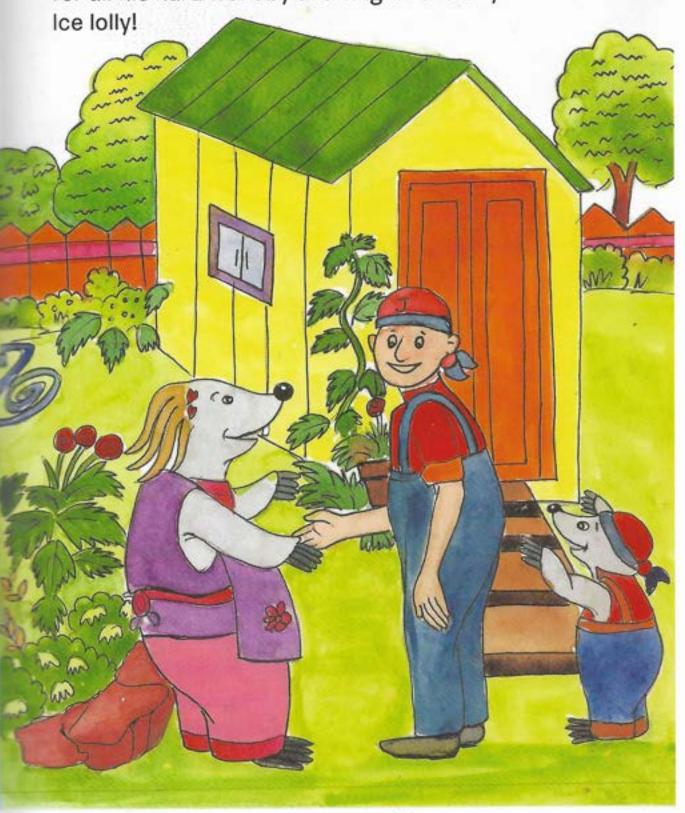


After the roof was painted Green and the window pane Purple, Painter Jim and Mole started to mix paints for the inner walls of the shed. Painter Jim mixed a some bright Blue paint into the White paint to get a tint of soft Light Blue paint! He asked Mole to mix some Red paint with the White paint and Mole was surprised to find that he had created a tint of soft Pink paint!





The once old dull Garden Shed now looked really colourful and beautiful! Mole mama thanked Painter Jim. Mole was very proud that he had helped painter Jim in making their garden shed look so grand! Mama Mole rewarded Mole for all his hard work by allowing him to buy his favourite



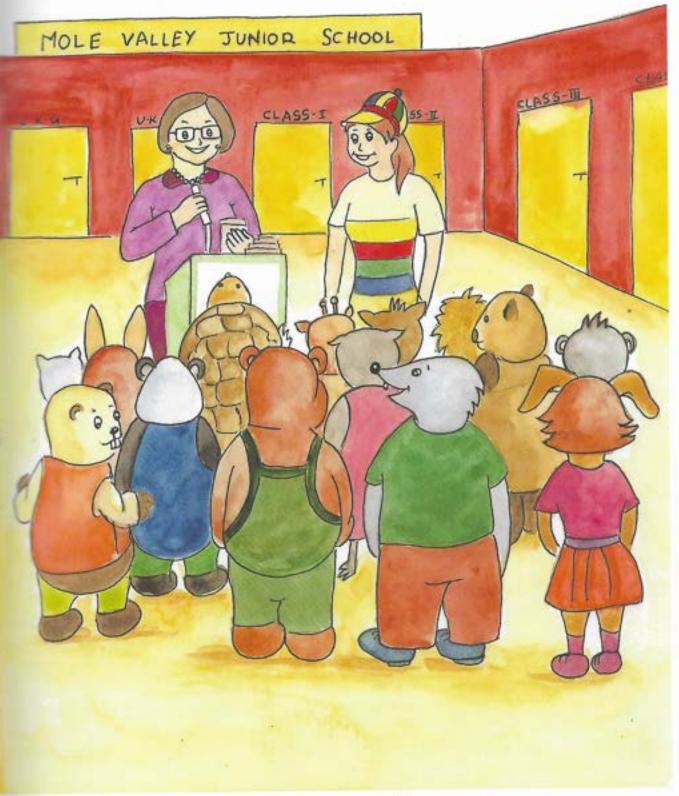
THE TRACK RACE AT MOLE VALLEY



It was a bright sunny morning as Mama Mole walked Mole to school. Mole valley was the finest school in Mole Town. Mole was very proud of his school and happy that his friends Panda, Mittens and Bear also went to the same



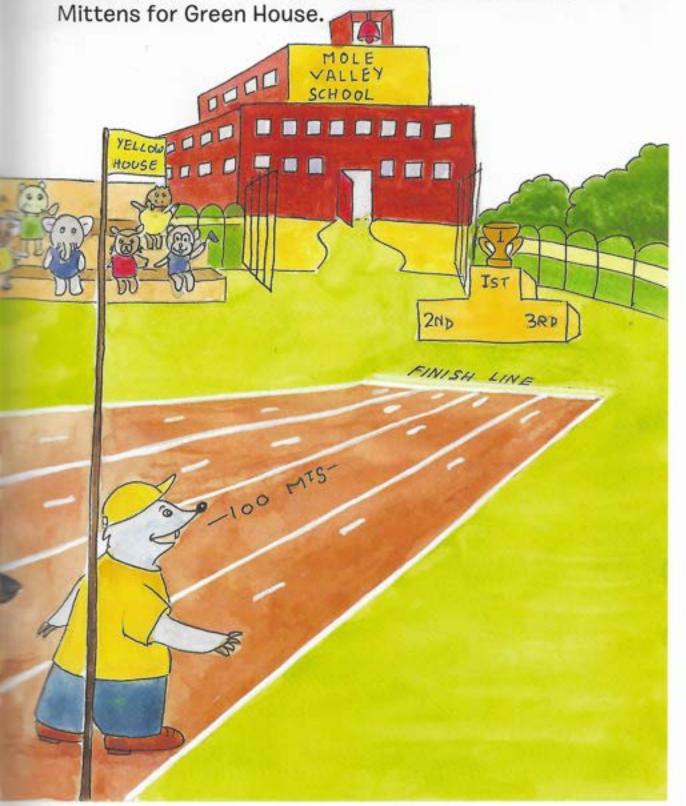
At the morning assembly there was a lot of excitement as the Principal, Mrs Moleshi announced that the Inter House Track Race would take place on that day. A Principal of a school is a community helper, who is the head of a school.



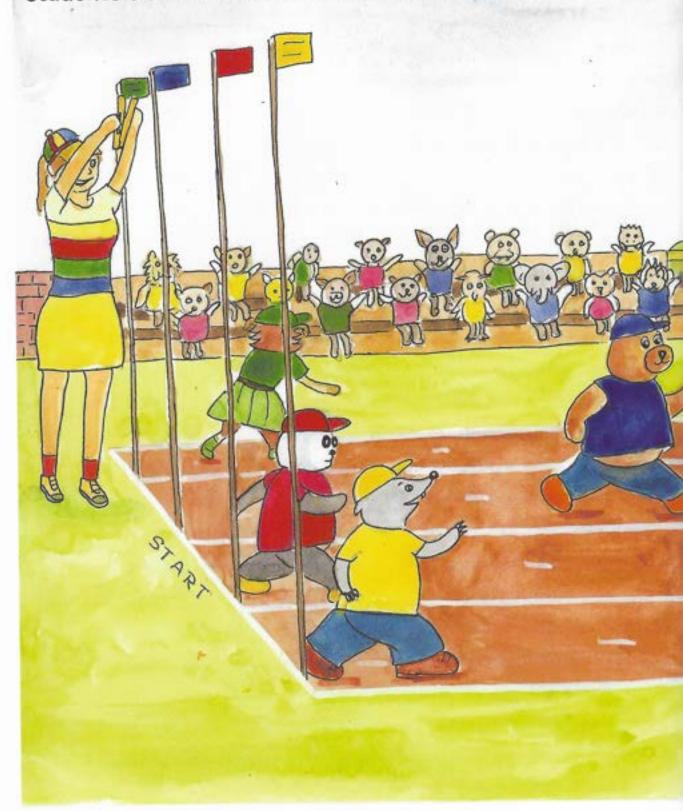
The sports teacher Mrs Paulshi had made the race tracks on the school sports ground. A Sports teacher, also known as a Physical Education Teacher is a community helper who teaches school children sports like Cricket, Tennis, Athletics, Running, Basketball, Soccer and so on.



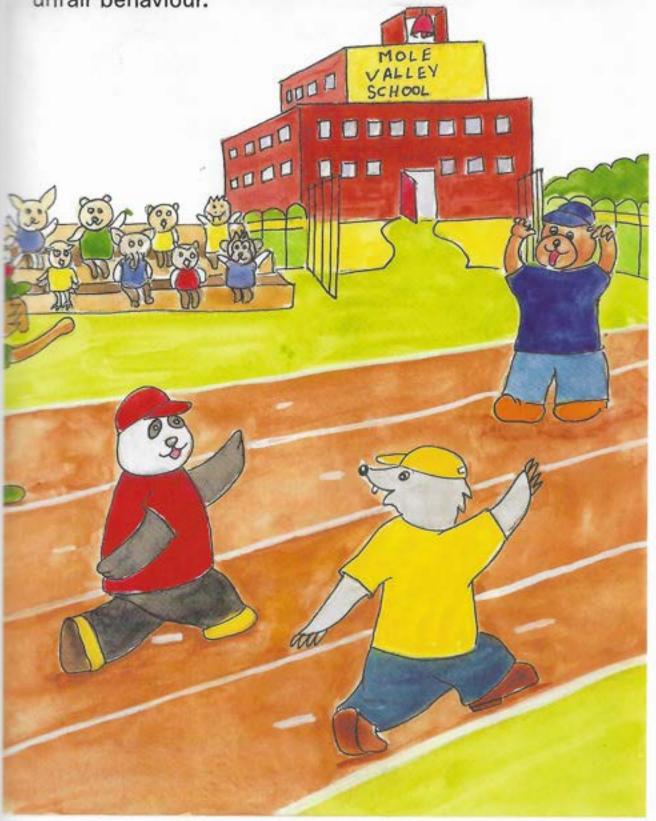
The students who had been selected for the track race had been put into four different house colours. There was Yellow, Red, Blue and Green House. As Mole was in the Yellow House, he was running for Yellow House. Panda was running for Red House, Bear for Blue House and



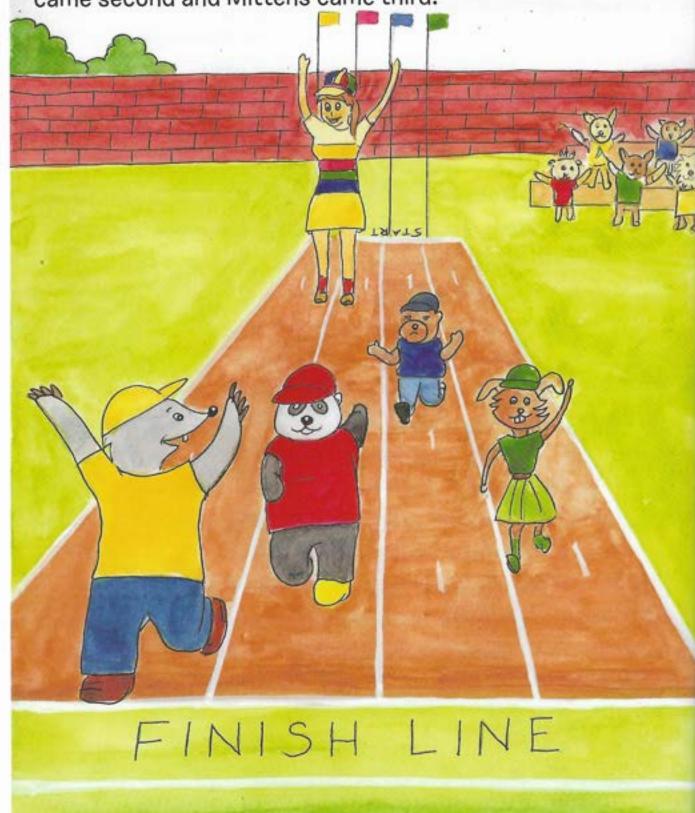
Everyone was ready for the Big race. Mrs Paulshi yelled out "Get Set.....ready.....and Go! She sounded the clapper and the race began. Mole and Mittens took a fast start but right in the beginning Bear overtook them all. The crowd of students cheered for all the contestants.



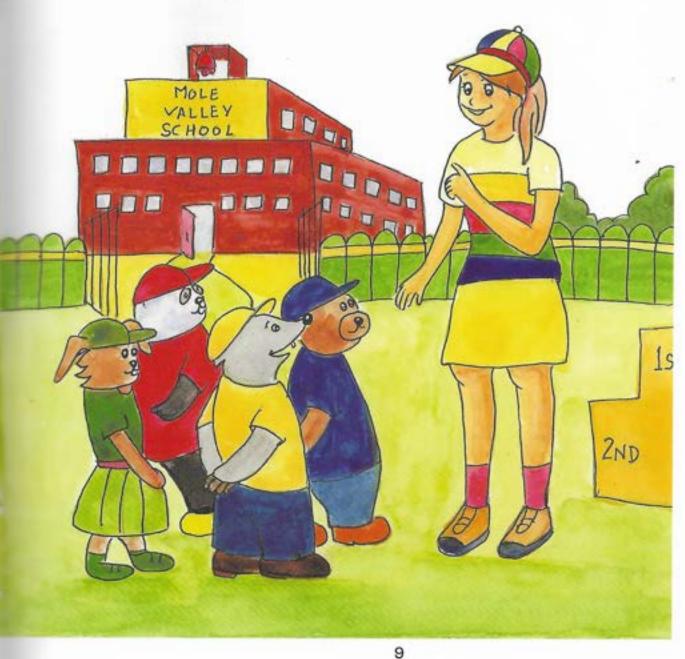
Bear had reached far ahead of the others, and as he felt sure of winning the race, he turned back to make rude faces at the other contestants. This was most unfair to the others who got very distracted and upset at Bear's unfair behaviour.



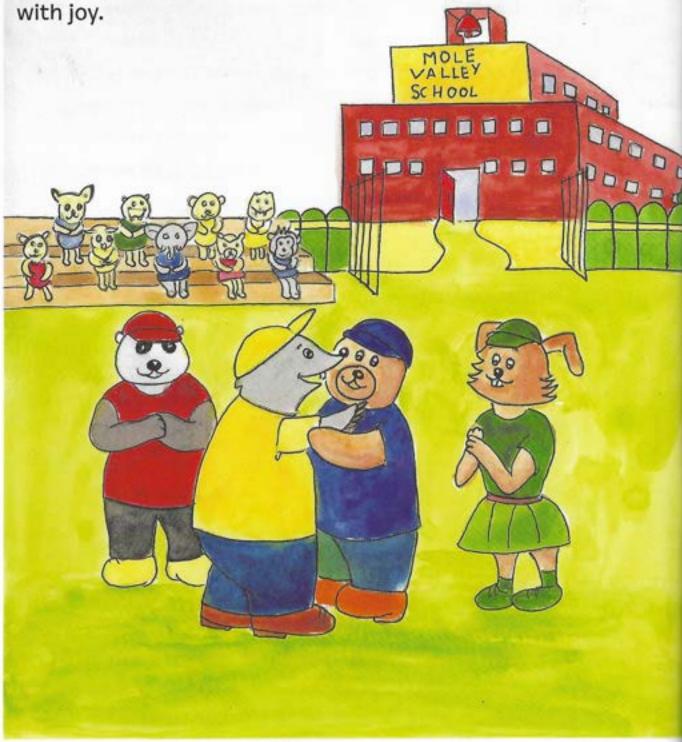
Mole made up his mind to defeat Bear and so increasing his focus and speed, he wizzed way ahead of Bear straight to the finish line! Mole had come first in the race! The crowd cheered madly for him and Yellow House! Panda came second and Mittens came third.



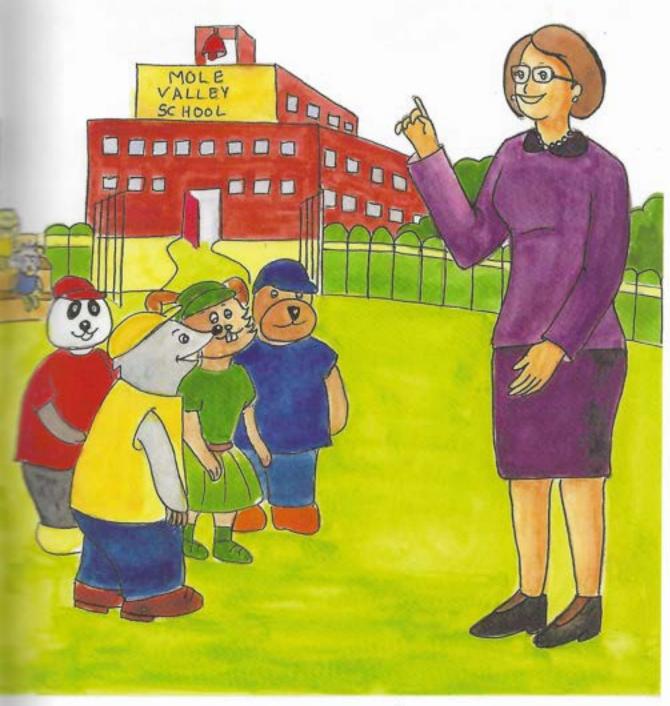
After the race was over, Mrs Paulshi explained to Bear and the rest of the contestants that all sports must always be played fairly and in good sportsman spirit. Everyone must enjoy the sport and do their best to play a fair game and in the end everyone must congratulate the winner too!



Bear came to congratulate Mole, Panda and Mittens and said sorry for being unfair to them during the race. Like a good friend Mole gave Bear a big hug! "Its only a race Bear" said Mole "having a good friend like you is so much more important for all of us". Mittens and Panda clapped with joy



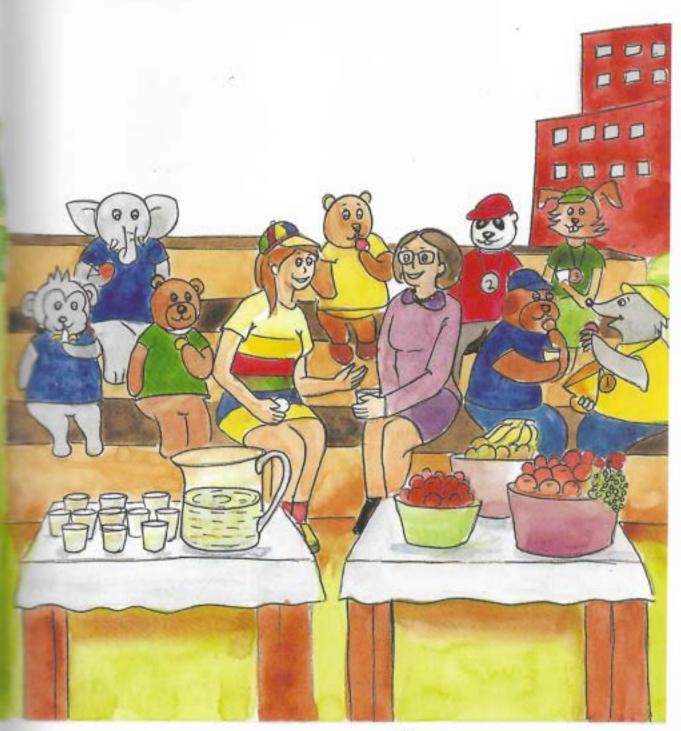
Mrs Moleshi explained to all the students that it is always correct to say sorry to ones friends if one has done anything to hurt them, been unfair to them or made them sad!



It was time for the Prize Distribution ceremony! Mole's name was called out and with great pride he climbed to the top number one position. Panda climbed to position two and Mittens to position three. Mole was awarded the Golden Track Cup and Panda and Mittens were awarded Medals. Everyone cheered for them! Even Bear cheered for his friends like a true sportsman!



After the prize distribution ceremony was over all the students and teachers sat together on the steps of the sports field to eat some fresh fruit, drink cool lemonade, and enjoy talking to each other about the great track race of the day.





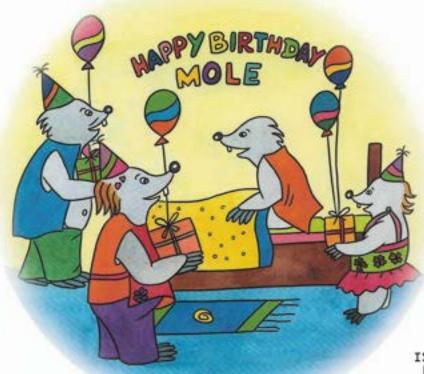
From a Chef, to a Painter, and to the Principal and Physical Education Teacher, Mole Books shares three beautifully illustrated short stories about Mole and his interaction with some important community helpers who young children may then be able to identify independently.

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This picture book for children answers questions little ones may have about the world around them. With colorful illustrations, it offers them insight into a variety of people around us who play important roles in our daily lives.



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