

Whodunnit? The Mystery of the Missing Medals

It was a hot afternoon and Detective Dunit had been called to Six Oaks Primary School. Earlier that day, the headteacher, Ms Porter, had discovered that the Sports Day medals had gone missing.

When Dunit arrived, she could hear loud cheers coming from the field; the whole school was outside celebrating Sports Day. Dunit remembered her old Sports Days and smiled. Getting to spend the whole afternoon out in the sun was always a lot of fun.

After signing in at reception, Dunit was shown into the office where Ms Porter was waiting. "Thank goodness you're here, Dunit!" she exclaimed.

"No need to worry, Ms Porter," calmed Dunit. "Tell me what happened and I'm sure that we'll get to the bottom of this."

"Thank you," she smiled. "The medals were in the top drawer of my desk," she said, pointing at an empty drawer. "I've only been out of my office today between 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. so they must have been taken then. The whole school has been outside since 12:00 p.m. so it's been easy to work out who was in the building at that time. In total, I have four suspects."

"Interesting," said Dunit. "Can you bring those four people in? I'd like to talk to each of them."

The first person to be interviewed was Mr Khan. "I don't know why I'm being interviewed," he complained. "It was obviously Mrs Marsh. She's jealous because my class win Sports Day every year. I was in the medical room with Trevor between 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. as he fell during the relay race and needed a plaster."

The second person to be interviewed was Mrs Marsh. "I was inside because I was taking my lunch break," she said. "Lots of people saw me; just ask them. I hope that Mr Khan didn't think that it was me. I would never do a thing like this."

The third person to be interviewed was Mr Begum. "I was inside teaching year three at the time," he explained. "Between 12:00 p.m. and 13:00 p.m., I take the whole class for lessons in the computer room. Feel free to check my timetable; it's written on there."

Finally, Dunit called in the school's receptionist, Miss Goodwin. "Have you not seen how busy I am?" she asked. "I've been sat at the front desk all day either filling out paperwork or answering the phone. Even if I had wanted to take the medals, I wouldn't have had the time to."

After the interviews had finished, Dunit called in Ms Porter and said, "One of these stories just doesn't make sense. I know who took the medals."

Who does Dunit suspect and why?

