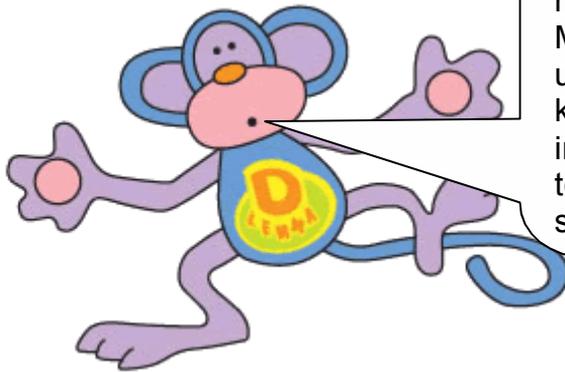


## Di Lemma helps his neighbour



Hi everyone, Di Lemma here again. My neighbour is very upset as someone keeps making a mess in our street. I am going to try and help him to stop it.

Di Lemma was out riding his bike one day with his friend, when all of a sudden he heard a pop. He looked down and realised his tyre had burst. He stopped cycling and called to his friend "Stop! Jake something has happened to my bike"

Jake cycled back and said "Oh no, you've cycled through all that broken glass over there."

### **How do you think Di Lemma felt? What other dangers could the broken glass pose?**

"Wow that's really dangerous" said Di Lemma crossly. "I'm going to have to push my bike home now, my mum will be really angry."

As Di Lemma walked home he saw his neighbour, Mr Peters, doing his gardening, "What's wrong Di Lemma? You don't look happy" he said.

Di Lemma explained what had happened, "it's not your fault" said his Mr Peters, "there is always glass or dog mess around these days, it's getting very difficult to walk and avoid all this mess."

### **Whose fault is it? Why do you think someone has left this mess to be a danger to other people?**

"It looks horrible too," said Di Lemma. "It does and imagine how much it costs to clean it all up!!" said Mr Peters

Who do you think cleans up mess in the street? Do you think its fair for others to leave mess that can be dangerous lying around? What could people do to make it better?

Di Lemma and Mr Peters decided that if they could make people realise that it was a bad thing to do, then maybe it would stop.

“Why don’t we make a poster, to keep the area tidy” said Di Lemma “I could ask at school if they could help!”

“That’s a great idea,” said Mr Peters “If you can get some posters made we can ask people to put them up for us.”

**Where should they put the posters? Who could help them to stop the anti social behaviour that is going on in their street?**

A week later Di Lemma’s teacher and his class had helped to make some really good posters, saying stop dropping litter, don’t let dogs foul on the pavement, broken glass is dangerous, please keep dogs on leads in the parks. They looked really good and the class were really pleased with them.

Mr Peters got in touch with the local Police Community Support Officers and the local councillor to tell them what a good job the school had done by making the stop anti social behaviour posters. They were so impressed they came to the school with the local newspaper to do an article that would go into the local paper.

**Do you think it is better to have lots of different people working together to stop the problem behaviour? Would Di Lemma and Mr Peter’s ideas have reached the paper if he hadn’t complained or asked people for help?**

After a few weeks of the posters being up all around the area and the story in the local paper, Di Lemma and Mr Peters noticed that it was getting cleaner. They also thought that the people who were causing the problems now knew that the police, council and neighbours might catch them!

Di Lemma says bye until next time.....