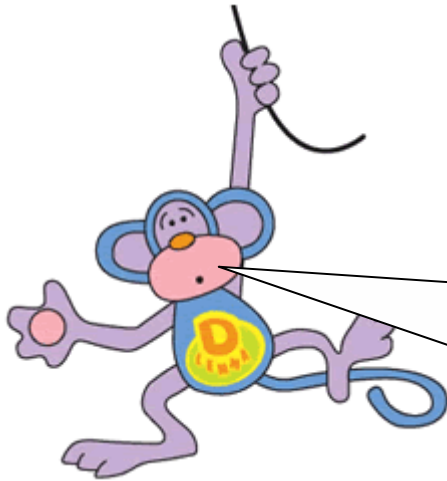


Di Lemma goes to a firework display



Hi just me Di Lemma again, I am so excited today because I am going to a firework display. There will be Catherine wheels and Whizzers and I just can't wait!!!!!!

Di Lemma was sitting around on Saturday morning getting excited about going to the giant firework display at the local sports ground tonight. He couldn't wait to see the fireworks all the bangs and whizzes. He loved all the different colours and noises they made. He was in a world of his own when the door bell went it was his friend Jake. Jake asked Di Lemma if he wanted to come out to play. Di Lemma asked his mum and she said it was fine as long as he didn't go too far and was back by lunch time.

Jake and Di Lemma set off down the road towards the park. They passed the row of local shops. Di Lemma saw all of the fireworks for sale in the window of the shop and wished he could buy them and have his own firework display. He told Jake how he would have the best fireworks when he was old enough and everyone would come to his house for fireworks because he would put on the best and biggest display.

Jake agreed with Di Lemma and said they would have more Whizzers and Catherine wheels than anyone else. Just as Jake and Di Lemma went to turn the corner, some boys who were a couple of years older than them bumped into them. One of the boys dropped the bag he was carrying. The bag spilled all over the floor, all the older boys hurried to pack the bag again. The boys hurried off. Jake and Di Lemma ran round the corner. Di Lemma said "did you see what they had in that bag?" Jake said "yeah loads of fireworks, I saw Whizzers and all sorts!" Di Lemma said "those boys were not old enough to have fireworks don't you have to be 18 to buy fireworks?" "yeah" said Jake.

Jake and Di Lemma talked and talked about what the boys had. Jake said "I wonder how they got them; shop keepers shouldn't sell fireworks to young boys! The shop keeper could get into trouble." Di Lemma said "he should do, the reason that you have to be 18 is because you have to be an adult because fireworks can be dangerous!!!!"

Jake and Di Lemma decided to follow the boys, they knew they would be going to the smaller park on the other side of town. Jake and Di Lemma hurried towards the park. When they got there they climbed a big tree so that they would be hidden. They spotted the boys straight away hidden up in the wooded area at the back of the park. The boys were lighting the fireworks and letting them fly into the trees. Loads of tree branches were falling down and all of the birds were getting scared. Jake and Di Lemma decided the boys were really silly, what if one of them got hurt? “Won’t they get into trouble if someone sees them” Jake asked. “Yeah I think so, my mum says that if you are found with things that you are not supposed to have because you are too young you can get into trouble with the Police and the shop can get into trouble with Trading Standards.” Just as they were about to go home and tell their mums what they had seen, PC Plod turned into the park, the boys had not seen him and they were still letting fireworks off in the trees. They had also just frightened a lady walking her dog. PC Plod went up to the boys and said “ello ello ello what is going on here then?” The boys looked really frightened. PC Plod made them hand over all of the fireworks and he then took each boy home. One of the boys had badly burnt his hand on a firework that he did not light properly. This boy had to go and see the doctor. All of the boys got into loads of trouble with their parents and they were grounded for weeks.

The shop keeper was also in big trouble with Trading Standards and may have to pay some money because he sold fireworks to people under the age of 18.

That evening Di Lemma went to the fireworks display at the sports centre and it was better than ever. His mum had bought him some sparklers and they had candy floss and hot dogs. It was the best night ever.

On the way home in the car Di Lemma started to dream again about being 18 and having the best display ever!!! His Dad asked him what he was thinking about and he said “I really wish I was 18”. His dad said “why?” Di Lemma replied “Because then I will be able to buy fireworks and have the best display ever, you see Dad, you have to be grown up to buy them because otherwise you may hurt yourself or someone else. Only 11 years to go!!!”

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

Before you go, Di Lemma says look at the grid below and find the words underneath it. All of the words are things that you have to be a certain age to buy or do. The words are hidden but you can find them by looking up and down the grid.

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