

Thursday 7th January

LO: To understand how headlines and opening statements are used

Headlines

DINOSAUR ON TOUR!

Have a guess, what could this newspaper be about?

Have a read of this newspaper article...

Penhill News

to see some pretty kids from the estate. I haven't lost a girl since the incident' he said.

Date : Monday 25th January Written by: Miss R

Dangerous dragon on the rampage in local school!



Yesterday, Seven Fields Primary School, was attacked by a terrifying dragon in the middle of the night, while the caretaker slept soundly.

The vicious dragon left a trail of destruction in its wake. The school field bares the scorch marks of its powerful flames and the walls of the classrooms are smothered in claw marks. Not only that, the classrooms were ransacked and furniture smashed to smithereens.

Chris, the school caretaker, was only roused to the situation when the school alarm sounded to which he rushed to the school immediately, only to be faced with the beast! Chris told Penhill News that he was feeling petrified about the near death experience. 'I never expected to be confronted with that, I was half expecting it

The kitchen fridges were emptied and a fire ripped through the school hall. Mrs McCormick, the school's head teacher, is saddened by the attack and the interruption to the children's learning. She told us earlier today: 'The majority of our children rely on our delicious, hot school meals and now we have nothing to feed them. The children are missing valuable school time but we endeavour to open ASAP.'

Luckily, the caretaker's dog, named Rocky, barked and scared off the dragon which flew away hastily before the police arrived at the scene. CCTV from the school cameras clearly show the dragon, which is believed to be a

Welsh Green, wrecking the outstanding primary school.

The school remains closed while the incident is investigated by the police and the repairs are carried out. Meanwhile, there have been no reported sightings of the dragon but a dragon slayer has been employed to exterminate it before any more havoc is caused.

Newspaper Success Criteria

- Headline
- Paragraphs (5 w's)
- Adjectives to describe
- Witness Testimonies (Quotes from people who saw the event take place!)

Now read back the newspaper article and find the success criteria.

Make a note of what you find 😊

Can you find the opening statement in the newspaper?

Your turn!

Write these headlines in your book and then write an opening statement underneath.

Remember a opening statement should tell the reader what the article is going to be about in a brief paragraph. This gives the reader a chance to read on or not!

- 1) Dangerous Dragon in local school
- 2) Headteacher abducted by aliens!
- 3) Spiderman captures fleeing robbers!
- 4) Naughty Monkey caught stealing