

## The Power of Water Narrative—lesson 1—Explore WaterAid and Blogs

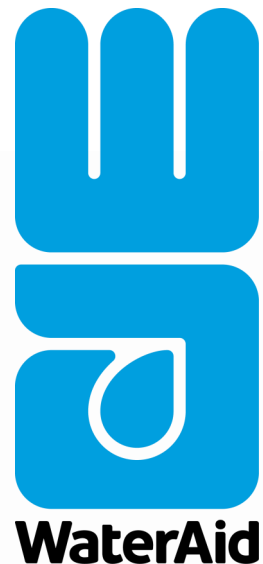
Read the information below about Pa from his blog. And answer the questions about his life.



Credit: WaterAid/ Ernest Randrianimalala

Six year old Pa lives in a country called Madagascar. He describes what daily life was like at his school before they had taps and decent toilets.

"In school, we learn to read, write and pray. During break time, I play football with my friend using a ball that we make with plastic bags. At my school there was no clean water and nowhere for us to wash our hands. Every day I suffered because there was no clean water to drink. I would be in school for six hours a day, starting from 7 am to 1 pm. Without water to drink, I couldn't concentrate on the lesson. Sometimes I was sleepy because I was thirsty. I like going to school because all my friends are there. We do stuff together and play together. When I am older I would like to work. I would love to work in Antananarivo (the capital of Madagascar) because I've never been there."



Where does Pa live?

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What didn't his school have before WaterAid helped out?

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List how this situation would effect you if your school didn't have taps, running water and decent toilets?

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How would it make you feel?

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Now read the selection of blogs

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They are all online diaries!

With thanks to author, Tom Palmer who visited last week. Tom is a man singularly present in the moment. His work, his wisdom and his generosity towards young readers is a blessing. Tom, thanks for working with our students, for giving them a writing masterclass and for your feedback. I passed on your comment 'In USH children, there is a thread of empathy and kindness'. Thanks too for the preview sample of your new book 'After The War: From Auschwitz to Ambleside.

From USH website—Mr Woods' Blog

<http://uppershirleyhigh.org/headteachers-blog>

Today for the starter it was the rejects of the carrot and parsnip salad from yesterday. For the main meal we had some kind of meat, vegetable and rice mixture which got a zero for presentation but it was edible. Then the best part of the meal was a strawberry tart that was delicious so for me it got a 10/10! But overall it doesn't exactly look appetising does it?

Look out for the next post on Thursday as we only have the morning at school on Wednesday so thankfully I won't have to go through that again!

<https://myschooldinners.wordpress.com/2012/06/19/lunch-19th-june-2012/>

Hey everyone

Sorry I haven't posted in a while; I have been away.

So for me its back to school in 8 days. NOOOOOOO! where has the summer gone?! I decided because its only 8 days to go I would do a back to school post. Here are a few things you might need for going back to school:

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| * Pens        | * Glue          |
| * Pencils     | * Rubber/Eraser |
| * Ruler       | * Calculator    |
| * Pencil Case | * Maths Set     |
| * Backpack    | * Notepads      |

These are some of the things I like to have for school, what do you take to school?

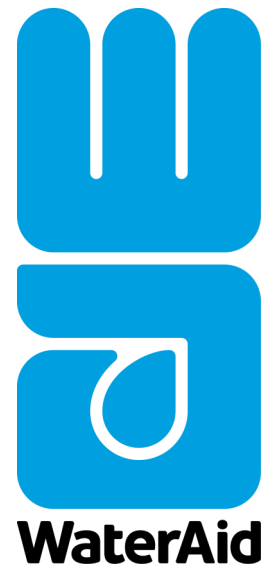
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<https://millenniummacy.wordpress.com/>



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# Cartoon capers

Hello all – and sorry this is so late. I've been having trouble accessing my site to-day. Touch wood, it seems back to normal now, so ...

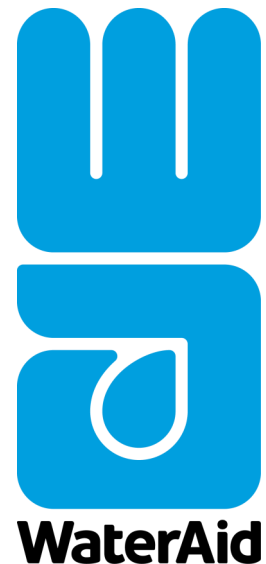
**Happy Wednesday!**

I thought it was time to have a bit of crazy fun now it's midweek and one of the best ways of doing this with pen/pencil and paper is to have a go at creating cartoons or comics. These are among the most popular books borrowed in the library and I can see why. Who doesn't like sitting down with something that can entertain so easily?

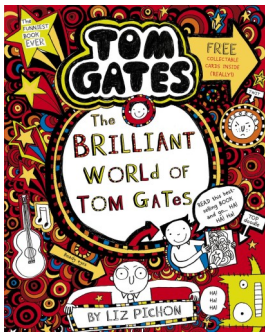
Two of the most popular 'comic'-style series we have in the library are Tom Gates and Wimpy Kid. I say 'style' because comics traditionally are more picture-based and then have small boxes of writing or dialogue accompanying them. In both Tom Gates and Wimpy Kid, we have a mixture of both writing and drawing so they are, really, more like illustrated books – like a picture book, I suppose, but with more words!

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### TOM GATES



The Tom Gates series by Liz Pichon is incredibly popular – our copies are falling apart in the library, and I bought new ones not that long ago. In these videos, Liz talks about creating her famous character, her inspiration, and advice for writing and illustrating. It's so interesting that she writes and illustrates the draft copies in plain exercise books. It shows you that you don't need to spend lots of money to create books – just a cheap book and a pen or pencil.

<https://childtasticbooks.wordpress.com/>

This is a good one to look at for book recommendations!

What is the same about them? \_\_\_\_\_

What is different? \_\_\_\_\_

What features do they have? \_\_\_\_\_

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