

~ The magic school for wizards – Lesespurgeschichte (1) ~

Every wizard has to go to a magic school for wizards. Little wizard James started going there last year and he is really happy because he sleeps in one bedroom with his best friend William. One day James gets a letter from his grandfather who also went to his school about 60 years ago. James is excited and starts reading.

If you want to know what Grandpa Jack wrote, start reading at number 1.

- 1** Grandpa Jack sends James an old map of the school and explains that he will find something special if he finds all the places on the map. James shouts, "William, come over! We have to find a treasure. Can you help me?" William answers, "Oh yes, of course! Mhhh, I think the first place where we have to go is the fireplace room downstairs."
- 2** The boys are now in the little chamber where all the students can pick up their letters and parcels. But as the map does not start speaking, please go back to the last place.
- 3** This is the magic forest outside the castle. Many magic creatures live there and as some of them are dangerous, students are not allowed to go into the forest on their own. Please go back.
- 4** This must be the wrong place. The boys stand in the girls' living room and James holds the map in his hands, but it doesn't say anything. They check the map again and leave. So please go back to the last room.
- 5** Back in their bedroom, James and William show their treasure to the other three boys who also sleep in their bedroom. Everyone is excited and they all agree, "We have to keep these magic potions for a very special occasion."
- 6** James and William stand in the classroom of their Geography teacher Mr Mills. There are lots of old maps and pictures of foreign countries on the walls. They look at the map, but nothing happens. This must be the wrong place, so please go back to the last one.
- 7** This is the office of the headmaster of the magic school for wizards. Students are not allowed to enter!
- 8** You have found the exit of the castle. You will not find anything here because students are not allowed to exit the castle during normal school days. Please go back to the last place.
- 9** This is the kitchen of the castle where Mrs McBell prepares magical dishes for the students. She is a very nice lady, but the kitchen is her territory, so students are not allowed to come in. Please go back to the last place.
- 10** James remarks, "Oh no, this is difficult. William, where can we find pictures of the headmasters?" William directly answers, "I know it! Do you remember? In the dining hall there are portraits of all headmasters on the wall." They enter the dining hall, find the picture of the third headmaster and take it. The map starts to speak again, "Very good, now please go and get your brooms."
- 11** You have just entered the teachers' room of the magic school. James and William see all their teachers who sit together and eat cake. "This must be Mrs Archer's birthday. But maybe we should leave before they see us" William whispers. "Yes, let's go!" James agrees. So please go back.
- 12** James and William put everything in front of the cupboard and ... yes, it opens! They look into the cupboard and find an old box. Inside the box they see four little bottles with signs on them saying "being invisible", "flying", "being strong" and "being smart". "Woow, we have to show that to the other boys!" William shouts.

13 When they arrive at the hut, the map starts speaking, "Congratulations boys! Now put all the things that you collected on the way in front of the cupboard in the hut and it will be yours!"

14 This is not the place where Mrs Archer grows the herbs in the garden, but here she keeps a few animals in a big shed. She has chickens, cows and two pigs. The chickens produce eggs, and the cows give a lot of milk that Mrs McBell can use for the student's breakfast.

15 "Let's go to the school garden!" William shouts. The boys search for the magic herb. Luckily, they find it quickly because Mrs Archer, the Potions teacher, put little signs next to each herb. The map explains, "Perfect! You have found it, boys. Now the last thing you have to find is ... a picture of the third headmaster of our school."

16 This is not the place where the students keep their brooms. In here, the caretaker of the castle keeps everything for the garden. Go on searching.

17 When the boys reach the fireplace room, a voice comes out of the map, "Congratulations, you have found the first place." James and William are shocked. The map starts to talk again, "Find an old book about Scottish history in the next room."

18 The brooms of the students stand in the room next to the post office. Brooms need love like a pet! James and William get their brooms and look at the map, "James, there is only one place left on the map. It looks like the little hut behind the castle." The boys fly to the hut.

19 The boys look at the map and think the next place must be the library. In the library, there are soooo many books! After a long search, they finally find a book about Scottish history. The map is happy, "Well done, boys! Now go to the next place where you have to find the magic herb against fear. Check the map and let's go!"

20 Oh no, this is not the library. It is the laundry room of the castle where students can bring their laundry and their school uniforms.

My reading trail:

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Vocabulary

treasure	Schatz	potions	Zaubertränke
herb	Kraut	broom	Besen
fear	Angst	office	Büro
parcel	Päckchen, Paket	hut	Hütte
foreign	ausländisch	occasion	Gelegenheit
headmaster	Schulleiter	caretaker	Hausmeister
to prepare	zubereiten	laundry	Wäsche