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It's Pet Day at school, and Leo is excited to show Rishi, his pet rat, to the class. But everyone thinks Rishi is dirty and smelly! How can Leo show them that rats rule?!

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Leo was so excited as his mum dropped him off at school. It was Pet Day and today was the first time he'd ever had a pet to take and show. And Rishi was the best pet ever!



Leo felt so proud as he carried Rishi's travel cage into the playground.

"Hey, Leo! What's in there?" asked Amir. Other children crowded round.

"Yeah, let's see!" cried Sally. And then, she screamed.



“Shhh!” said Leo, backing away. “You’ll frighten Rishi!”

“But I saw a long tail!” gasped Sally.

“It’s... it’s a rat!”

“Yuck!” said Amir. “Rats are gross!”

“He isn’t gross!” Leo retorted. “Rats are brilliant and really intelligent. Rats rule!”

“Oh yeah?” laughed Amir.

“Yeah,” said Leo. “For example, he can...”

But his words were drowned out by the bell and everyone hurried inside.



Sally rushed into the classroom ahead of Leo.
“Watch out! Leo’s got a nasty, vicious, smelly rat!” she cried.



Some children shrieked, so Leo quickly opened the cage door and reached in to stroke poor, frightened Rishi.