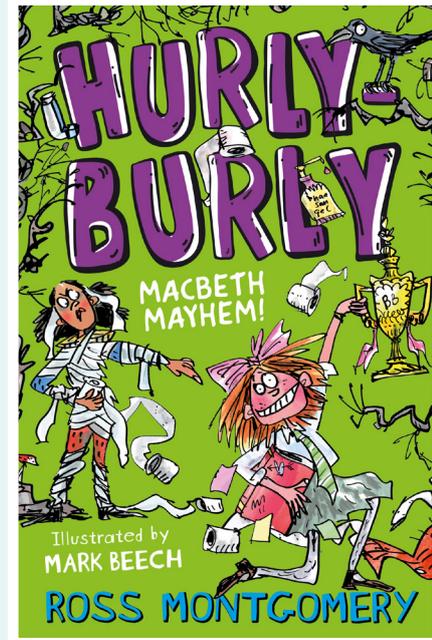


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CLASS ACTIVITY PACK



HURLY BURLY

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INTRODUCTION

Turning the characters from *Macbeth* into hyper-competitive school kids, **Hurly Burly** borrows the key ingredients from Shakespeare's original play and reimagines them in a laugh-out-loud, comedy caper of a school awards ceremony gone wrong.

Fair is foul and foul is fair ... How far would you go to win first place?

Beth has been looking forward to the prize-giving assembly all year. She's won the prize for best-behaved pupil two years in a row and is confident that she'll triumph again for a third time – a school record!

But as preparations continue for the ceremony, Beth finds out that she's been pipped to the post by not one but two of her classmates.

Best-behaved Beth cannot bear to lose, but as she puts her dastardly plans for revenge into action, she realises that villainy comes at a high cost!

This activity pack is designed to provide some inspiration for working with **Hurly Burly** in the classroom and offers fun, interactive activities to enjoy with the whole class.

We hope you enjoy exploring this hilarious book and Shakespeare's bewitching original with your pupils!



WHAT WAS 'MACBETH'?

Written in the early 1600s, *Macbeth* remains one of Shakespeare's most intense and popular plays with many notable adaptations for stage, film, and TV. First performed in a time of great political upheaval and superstition, Shakespeare's violent and bloody play reflects the uncertain future of the country at the time.

The plot for *Macbeth* goes something like this:

Macbeth has led the Scottish army to victory in battle but on their way home, he and friend, Banquo, meet three Witches. They predict that Macbeth will become the Thane of Cawdor and eventually King of Scotland. The Witches vanish and Macbeth receives the news of his first promotion, leaving him to wonder if the Witches' prediction of his coronation will also come true.

Back at home ... The current King, Duncan, is due to stay with the Macbeths and when Lady Macbeth receives news of the Witches' predictions, she intends to make them come true. Macbeth and his wife plan and carry out Duncan's murder and the King's sons flee the country, clearing the way for Macbeth to take the throne.

A King's guilty conscience ... Despite his position as King, Macbeth does not feel secure, especially when he thinks of the Witches' third prediction; that Banquo's descendants will be future kings. With Banquo becoming more suspicious of him, Macbeth arranges the murder of him and his son, but Banquo's son escapes. Later at a banquet, Banquo's blood-stained ghost appears to only Macbeth and the rest of the court begin to wonder if he has gone mad.

The Witches return ... Macbeth returns to the Witches. Their new predictions tell him to beware of Macduff, that he cannot be harmed by anyone born of a woman, and that he is safe until Birnam Wood moves to Dunsinane Hill. As two of the predictions seem impossible, Macbeth begins to feel safe. However, when he learns that Macduff has gone to join Malcolm in England, Macbeth orders Macduff's castle seized and his family killed. Macduff vows revenge and supports Malcolm in regaining the Scottish throne.

Bloody consequences ... Lady Macbeth is plagued by her conscience after Duncan's murder. Slowly going mad, she has taken to sleepwalking and tries incessantly to wash imaginary blood from her hands. She eventually dies but Macbeth seems too preoccupied to notice or care.

The prophecies come true ... As Malcolm and Macduff's invasion begins, Macbeth still believes he is protected by the Witches' impossible predictions, but he is wrong. Macbeth boasts that Macduff cannot harm him but Macduff was not born naturally but by Caesarean section. The two men fight and Macduff kills Macbeth. Malcolm is declared the new King of Scotland.

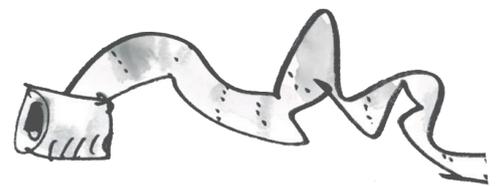
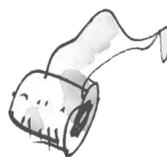
DISCUSSING 'HURLY BURLY'

1. *Hurly Burly* takes the story of *Macbeth* and then mixes it up, taking the plot and turning it into something new. What similarities to the play can you find in the story?
2. *Hurly Burly* is a lot less gory and gruesome than *Macbeth* and there's no warring noblemen in this version of the story. What replaces the power struggle for the throne and what happens to the characters in *Hurly Burly* instead of being killed off?
3. One of the most famous parts of *Macbeth* is Lady Macbeth's creeping madness and the infamous line 'Out, damned spot! Out, I say!'. How does the author reimagine this aspect of the original play in *Hurly Burly*?
4. "Fair is Foul, Foul is Fair" is said by the three Witches at the start of *Macbeth*, setting the scene for the play (you might also spot it as a chapter title in *Hurly Burly*!). What do you think the phrase means and how does it apply to the characters in *Hurly Burly*?

COMIC CHAOS

Using the template below, turn a scene from *Hurly Burly* into your very own comic strip!

Be as creative as you can with different perspectives, text bubbles and character designs – if you like, you could even add a pop of colour too!



WHICH 'HURLY BURLY' CHARACTER ARE YOU?

- 1. Classes have finished for the day and you're in a rush to get home, but the classroom is a mess. What do you do?**
 - A** - Leave – you've got better things to be doing!
 - B** - Quickly tidy up, but only if your teacher and classmates will see you doing it
 - C** - Stay behind and clean until the classroom is spotless, even though nobody will realise it was you

- 2. There's a big test coming up, and you're determined to be top of the class – but it looks like one of your classmates might beat you to it. What will you do?**
 - A** - Sneak into the teacher's desk when they aren't looking and read the answers beforehand
 - B** - Wait until the classroom is empty, then quickly change your classmate's answer
 - C** - Practice hard and do your best – you would rather win properly than cheat

- 3. You've broken an item in your classroom. What now?**
 - A** - Admit it was you, but don't apologise – it wasn't your fault
 - B** - Blame it on someone else. You have a reputation to uphold!
 - C** - Explain to your teacher and say sorry – they will appreciate your honesty

- 4. Your class have been given a task to finish by the end of the day. What's your approach?**
 - A** - Let someone else handle it
 - B** - Complete the whole task yourself, making sure that you get all the credit
 - C** - Work with your classmates in a team



5. Your classmate has accidentally done something to make your teacher really cross. What will you do?

- A - Join in and make it even worse
- B - Quickly escape and leave them to deal with the consequences
- C - Help them apologise to the teacher, explaining that it was an accident

Mostly A: You're the most like ... Robyn! You're definitely the naughtiest in your classroom, but probably the funniest too.

Mostly B: You're the most like ... Beth! You're clever and observant, and mostly well-behaved – until your competitive streak comes out...

Mostly C: You're the most like ... Claire! You are kind and thoughtful, and very forgiving of other people's mistakes. Congratulations – you're the best behaved in your class!



THE WITCHES RIDDLE

The Witches have returned with another prophecy for Macbeth! They love to speak in riddles and have hidden 8 words from *Hurly Burly* in the wordsearch below. Can you find them all?
 (Tip: remember that words could be vertical, horizontal OR diagonal ...)

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MACBETH INK FORTUNE BEHAVIOUR
 BANQUO PRIZE SLEEP DUNCAN

TOP OF THE CLASS

Beth really thinks she deserves the prize of best-behaved girl in school but maybe worst-behaved would suit her better...

If you were to win an award at school what would it be? Are *you* best-behaved? Funniest in class? The best speller?

Create an award just for you and design your very own shiny trophy to match it!

I AM THE _____

