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Dear Opal Class,

I was lucky enough to open the post this morning and find your letter. Thank you so much for writing to us, your words and support mean a lot. I managed to find a few minutes to write a reply to you to say thank you!

You guys asked some very good questions... I'll do my best to answer them! Here goes:

- 1) We have blue lights on our cars so that we can warn other drivers and people who might be crossing the road that we are coming. Along with the sirens on our cars, they help to keep us, and everyone else on the road safe. We have to do lots of training courses in order to drive police cars safely.
- 2) To Esa, Tom and Polly. I can't give you an exact answer on how you will become police officers because it might change by the time you are old enough (you will have to be at least 18). The only advice I can give you is that you try your hardest at school, and be a kind and helpful person.
- 3) We catch baddies in lots of different ways. In the police you can choose to do lots of different jobs. There are detectives who have to do smart things and look for clues to find baddies. There are dog handlers who work with their amazing dogs who follow their noses to find people, or find things that people shouldn't have. There are officers who fly in helicopters, and there are other officers who drive very fast cars, and so many other different kinds of police officers.
- 4) My favourite thing about being a police officer is that every day is different. I see lots of different things, some are very sad, some are very happy. Every day I just try my best to help somebody who needs it, and try to make their day better. You don't have to be a police officer to do that... you guys can do it to!

You've really put a smile on my face today Opal Class. Thank you again for your amazing letter. Keep working hard and you can grow up to be whatever you want to be... even a Police Officer. Have an amazing day!

PC McFarlane
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