

Mister Twister





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Key Facts

- Mister Twister Season 1, 24 x 25'
- Mister Twister at the Pitch, 1 x 75'
- Mister Twister Season 2, 24 x 25'
- Mister Twister in the Clouds, 1 x 75'
- Target group: 8 - 12+ / family
- Genre: Live Action

USPs

- A classroom full of fun
- An unconventional and amusing method of teaching
- Mister Twister and his class are truly one for all and all for one





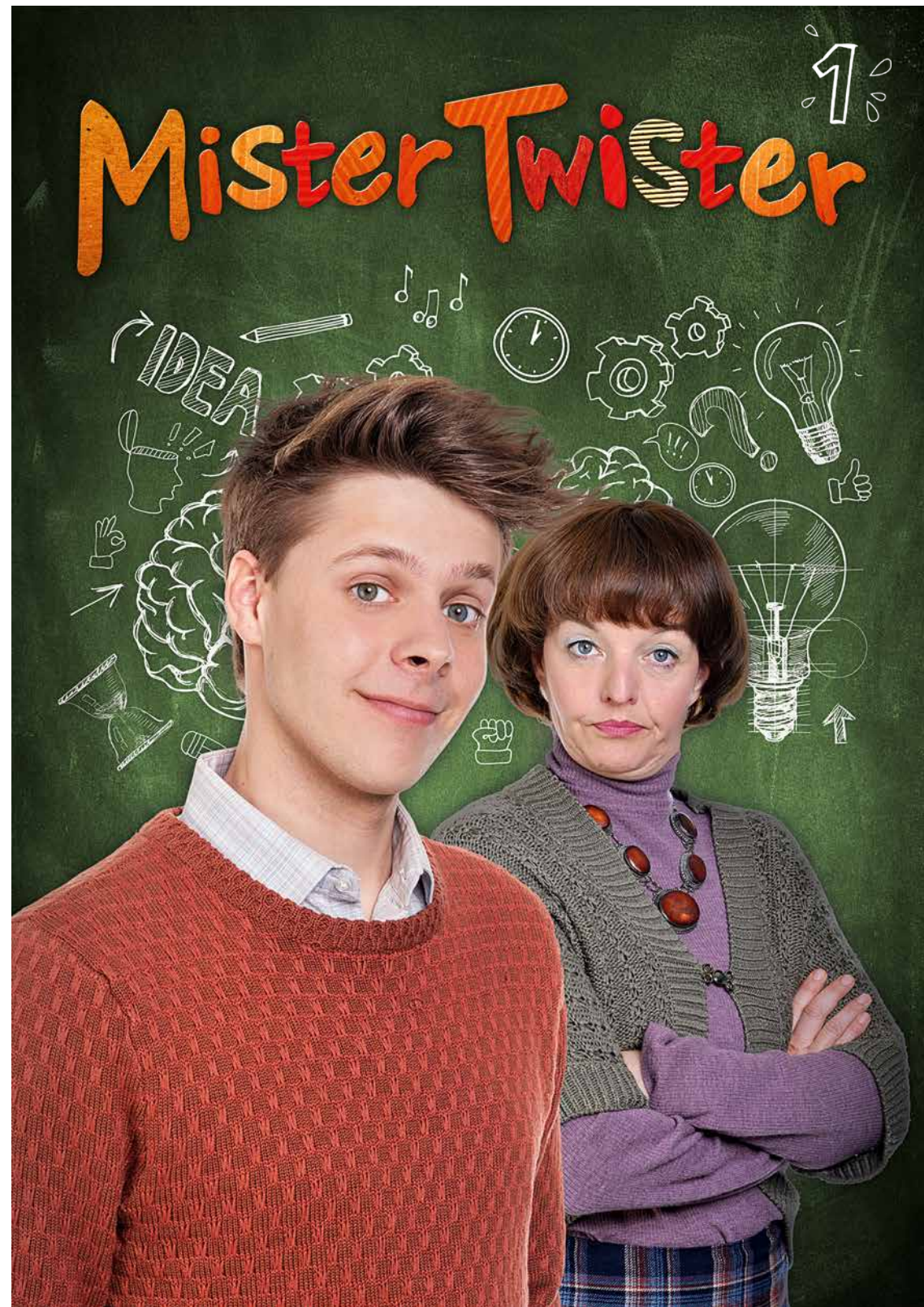
Program Info

MISTER TWISTER is a family entertainment program based on the adventures of the highly likeable Mister Twister, found in the series of popular children books that inspire and entertain audiences worldwide. The feel good program is directed at children aged between eight and twelve, but is a pleasure for the whole family. MISTER TWISTER is positive, light-hearted, creative, open-minded, encourages team spirit and uses universal humour.

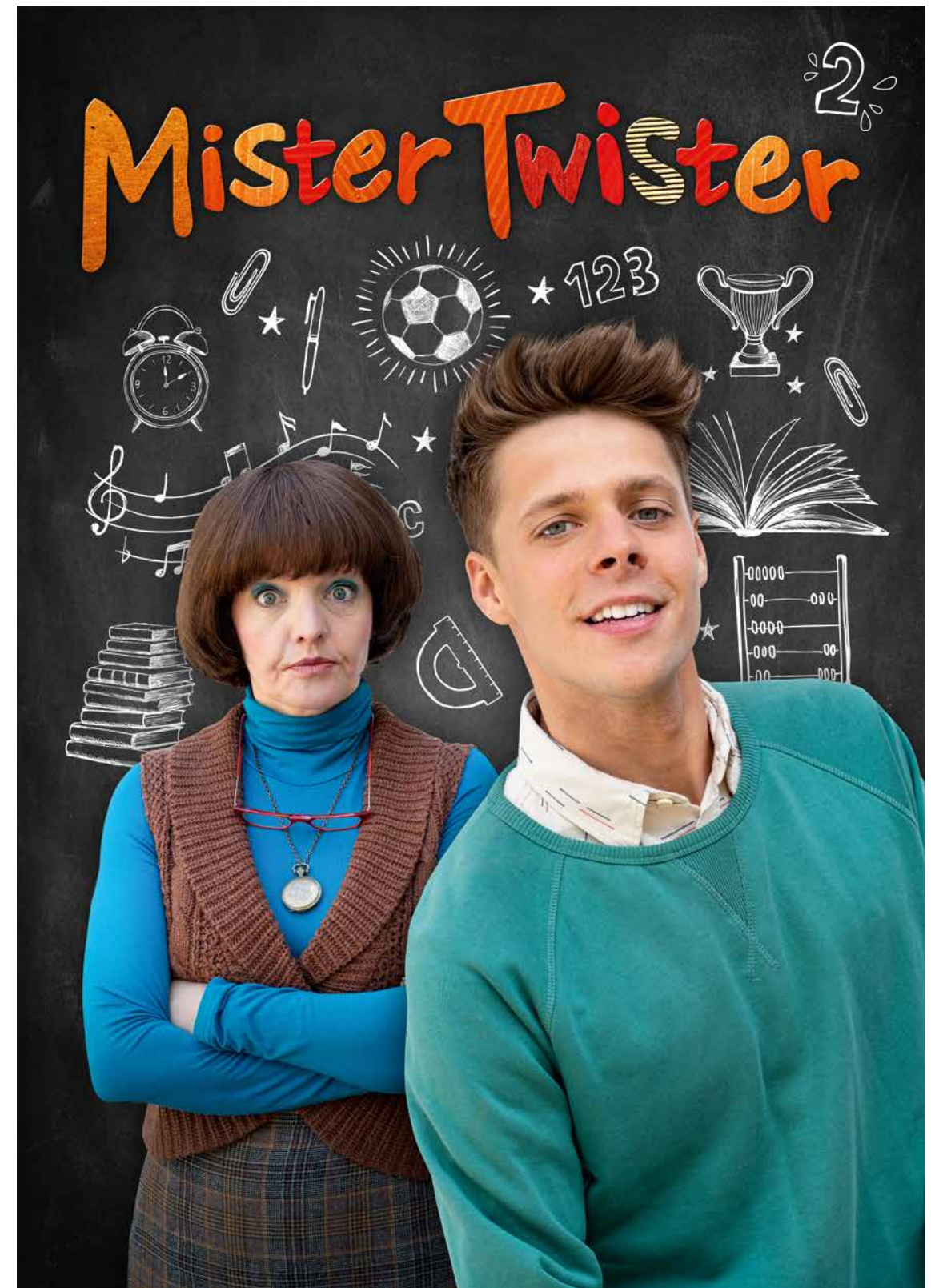
The main character is Casey Brown, a substitute teacher who is still learning the ropes and goes by the nickname Mister Twister. Lacking the experience to teach and guide a class of kids, every new situation brings with it a new challenge. While he seems a bit shy at first, he always finds a creative way to live up to his responsibilities. His class loves his imaginative and fun way of teaching. But Mrs Dreus, the stern principal who seems to have an obsession with rules and regulations, does not. She's constantly got her eye keenly fixed on Mister Twister, so he and the kids must find ways to work around her. Thankfully, whenever Mister Twister's special way of dealing with things gets him in trouble with Mrs Dreus, the kids of class 6b always help him to save the day...

The stories always focus on Mister Twister (aka Casey Brown), who serves as inspiration or even a role model for his students. We see his troublesome relationship with principal Mrs Dreus and his special bond with his students. The diversity in culture, emotion and background of each child, means they all have their own original stories to tell. Love, jealousy, fights, bullying, and troubles at home: the students offer a treasure trove of stories that take us to a variety of locations. There are recurring elements of light drama, but it is told with speed, humour and charm, and dramatic conflicts are addressed as challenges that can and will be overcome.





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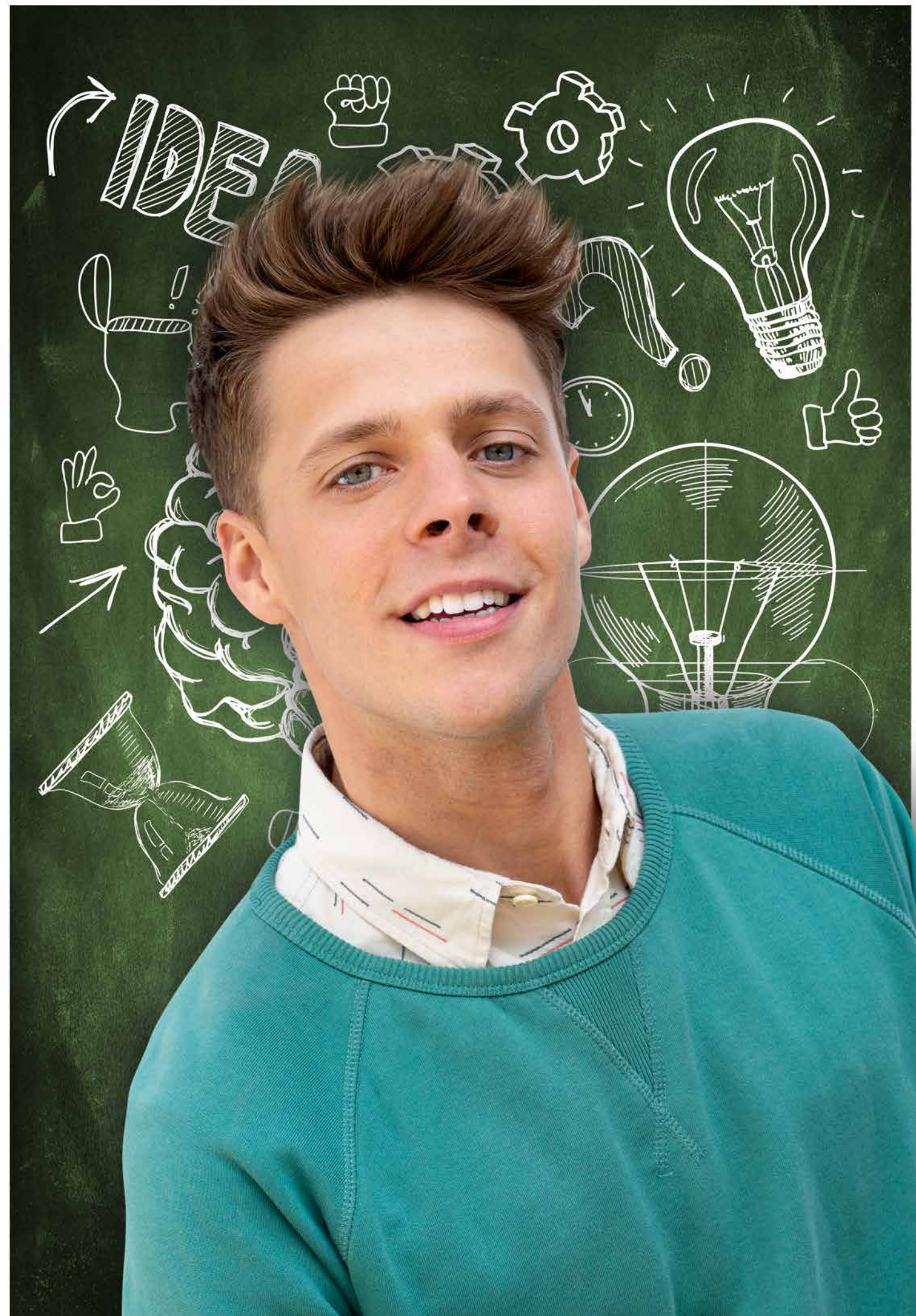
MISTER TWISTER

MISTER TWISTER A trainee teacher. He can be awkward, clumsy and inexperienced, but his instincts are always right and he has a good heart. Mr. Twister loves being one of the kids, but can be a grown-up when he has to. He reacts in a very thoughtful manner: first observing carefully, not letting his feelings get in the way and then forming an unbiased opinion. Mr. Twister doesn't give up easily and is flexible. He can be ironic and an opportunist at times. He has a dog named Harley. All the children call him Mr. Twister, but the adults use this proper name, Mr. Casey or Mr. Brown.

Mr. Twister's motto is: better luck next time, or the time after that. Nearly is good enough and problems are basically no more than "showoff" things, getting in the way causing unnecessary issues. Tackle them together and you'll always find a solution! Mr. Twister doesn't think in terms of winners or losers: to him every child is a winner in his or her own way. Banana candies: they're healthy of course: they've got fruit in them! Because of his optimistic and different viewpoints, he always manages to see a good side to everything. It's not clear whether this is always the right side though!

There are some things Mr. Twister doesn't know about yet, or he pretends he doesn't know. You never really know with Mr. Twister. This is his way of getting the kids involved in class and letting them find out things for themselves. This makes for a fun class and enjoyable teaching methods: children do realize they are at school to be taught. In this way, he manages to teach without too many rules and regulations. Of course it doesn't always work.

His father – who has passed away – also used to be a teacher. This explains his retro clothing style: he wears his dad's old clothes.



MRS. DREUS

MRS. DREUS (PRINCIPLE) Strict, rational, confrontational. She has to have order and rules because that's the way she stays in control and remains in charge. Whenever the children don't follow her rules, Dreus is afraid chaos will ensue and she's afraid of chaos. When that happens, she doesn't like her students, she's even a bit afraid of them. All those dirty sticky little fingers running through the halls.

All this following of rules makes Dreus seem kind of lacking in emotions, but it's when she starts to lose control that her true colors come out, and we see her goal is to prepare the children for the future and teach them as best she can. Her heart is in the right place, but sometimes all her rules get in the way.

Somewhere in Dreus is a child trying to get out. She loves the scouts, medieval times and drama. When she really gets into something, she's all the way in and can lose touch with reality.



MISTER TWISTER'S mom

MISTER TWISTER'S MOM It's no surprise who Mr. Twister got his big heart from... His mom is caring, sweet, involved with Twister, but at the same time she has her own things going on. She's a modern woman who loves life. She likes to paint, work out with her friends and play computer games. She beats Twister at car racing games!

Mr. Twister's mom intuition is really good and she has lots of life experience. She notices quickly when something's the matter with Twister, but takes his problems seriously, but always has a light and sometimes ironic approach to his troubles. She once was married to Mr. Twister's father, who also used to be a teacher, but he passed away. This made her into the 'man' of the family, forcing her to take on anything. She can change tires, repair the vacuum cleaner, or even take apart an entire engine. She visits his grave every week and waters the flowers.



MARIE LOUISE

MARIE-LOUISE

She is a cute and friendly young woman, and Mister Twister has a crush on her. She seems to like him, too. A huge problem is her dog, a Great Dane, who is always at her side. Every time Mister Twister and Marie Louise do seem to be getting closer, he succeeds in sabotaging things.

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MISTER HANK

MISTER HANK

The gym teacher. Slightly older teacher colleague. Athletic jovial macho type who always wants to come across as tough and successful. He loves playing practical jokes on Mr. Twister, but they usually backfire. He has a bit of a crush on miss Pauline, but she isn't interested.

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TOBIAS

TOBIAS is a happy and funny kid, especially when he's with his best friend Sep. Tobias's father has passed away and he has a depressed mother. Because of this we often see his serious side: subdued introverted and sometimes with too much responsibility, especially towards his mother. With her he seems a few years older, more mature. He is overjoyed that Mr. Twister has come into his life. Tobias is a good observer and a bridge builder. If there are any tensions in the classroom, Tobias is the one who can calm things down. Simply because he accepts everyone as he or she is, and is therefore fully accepted by them. He sees very well what the qualities of his classmates are.



FRED

FRED is the largest in the class. The guy who doesn't always understand everything but still wants to be macho. He wants to be the strongest and often threatens to pound everyone if he doesn't understand. Fred is often in conflict with Jacky who tells him stories. Fred might bully sometimes, but when it really counts, he always chooses the class. Fred loves his father, who - in his eyes - is very strong. But his father is a trucker and often days away from home with his truck.



HASNA

HASNA is (according to Tobias) the most beautiful girl in the world. In love with Tobias and he with her. Hasna is sensible but a bit aloof. She doesn't show the back of her tongue quickly. On the other hand, Hasna has a very great empathy. As a result, she sometimes cares a little too much about the feelings of her classmates. She supports them but, as it were, goes along with their problems, making them bigger rather than smaller. But when something really is going on, Hasna can suddenly make the decision and take the lead.



AUKJE

AUKJE is the smartest girl in the class. Eager to learn, helpful, which can sometimes make her seem a bit pedantic. Aukje wants to be the best and likes to raise her finger. She is very organized and helps Mr. Twister with things that are difficult. But she is also afraid of doing things wrong and out of step. Then she can suddenly start to hesitate and it is precisely Mr. Twister who helps her over the threshold. Aukje has a grandmother.



MANON

MANON is a sporty, somewhat dreamy nature girl. Manon actually thinks that everyone should be a little more happy for each other. She may come across as a little naive and dreamy, but if she has a goal then she's going all out for it, and she's totally absorbed in it. Manon is a vegetarian and loves nature. She is often working on projects to collect things for animals, forests or the environment. She can be found a lot at the riding school.



WAHED

WAHED is a humorous charmer. He is self-assured, a bit cocky, but he never crosses the line. A bit bad, but never too bad. Wahed is the smartest boy in the class after Tom. The biggest clown after Sep. And the best rapper after Winston. Really, Wahed is second-best at everything, and it's the same at home, where he looks up to his wise big brother, who loves to give him advice.



BEN

BEN loves school and football and Jacky is in love with him. He is clever and not on his mouth. Except when it comes to Jacky.



Season 1 - Sample Episode 01: **In Love**

Mister Twister wants to ask Marie Louise Smulders out, but her dog pulls her quickly away, twice in a row, and he can barely say hello. The next time, he produces a large bone to distract the dog – and finally he manages to ask her to join him for an ice-cream. After the children catch Mister Twister drawing hearts in class, he quickly responds by saying that ‘unrequited love’ will be the theme for their art class. The pieces will be displayed in a dedicated ‘Museum of Love’. Meanwhile, Wahed, who is in love with Manon, tries to help get her parents back together, but will his plans work out? More importantly: Will Manon agree to be his girlfriend?



Season 1 - Sample Episode 07: **Mars**

After visiting the observatory with her father, Aukje asks Mister Twister if they could do something on spacecraft. She passes her excitement about space travel onto the whole class, along with the idea that one day people will be going to Mars. Suddenly her classmates turn into Martians! Aukje dreams of becoming an astronaut, but she realizes how unlikely it is. Mister Twister, feeling Aukje's disappointment growing, explains that fantasy and reality are not really that far apart. There are no limits to our dreams and many things we enjoy today were once thought impossible. Dream, and maybe it will even come true!



Season 1 - Sample Episode 17: **Bullying**

Aukje is being bullied by Kevin, an older boy. Nobody seems to have noticed except Mister Twister, who has seen how Kevin and his friend clearly have it in for Aukje. Meanwhile, Principal Dreus is busy with preparations for the school line dance and wants everyone to get involved. Poor Mister Twister cannot get the steps right, much to Mister Hank's amusement. When Aukje breaks down in class, Mister Twister comes up with the idea of a protective huddle. Aukje gets her confidence back during the school line dance, and no longer needs others to feel strong. But that doesn't seem to be the case for Mister Twister, when Mister Hank ridicules him in front of the group... And so the class do a protective huddle around him instead!



Movie - **Mister Twister at the Pitch (1x75')**

Synopsis

When Mister Twister suddenly has to take care of his mother during the middle of the school soccer competition, Mrs. Dreus steps in to replace him as coach. Team 6B's results take a massive nosedive, so Tobias decides to think of something to make Mister Twister come back. Thankfully, the class is simply bursting with talent. They help Mister Twister take care of his mother, and he's back on the pitch for the final to be their coach.



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Season 2 - Sample Episode 01: **Sports Day**

Mister Twister arrives at school early. Dreus wants him to draw up a work schedule for the coming month. Mister Hank takes the class to the gymnasium for extra gym classes.

Mister Hank encourages the children very fanatically during gym class. Tom doesn't do so well and that gives Jacky an idea: she proposes they should become Tom's trainers. Mister Twister is trying to draw up a class schedule at home. His mom uses her bingo cards to help Mister Twister. The next day Mister Twister impresses Dreus with his perfectly filled out schedule.



Season 2 - Sample Episode 04: **Forgetting**

Aukje feels bad for her grandma who keeps forgetting things. Mr. Twister offers to help Marie Louise to fix up her grandma's garden. He isn't paying attention when she lists the supplies. At school he runs into Hank looking for his bicycle key.

Mr. Twister is helping the children prepare for a history test but they find it difficult. When Dreus hears about this she teaches Mr. Twister and the class a technique called the 'memory palace'.



Season 2 - Sample Episode 10: **Recharging**

It's sustainability week: Aukje's group is building a giant tread-mill, which works on walking power. Tobias' group is building a draft station that generates power when doors and windows are opened. Lieke's group, however, still haven't got any ideas.

Mr. Twister thinks there should be a charger for people, too. Lieke is enthusiastic. Headphones play relaxing music, there's a sleeping mask for your eyes and a pillow for your head. Lieke is appointed volunteer to test the charger and immediately falls asleep.



Movie - **Mister Twister in the Clouds (1x75')**

Synopsis

A big school dance is approaching fast but Tobias is too shy to ask Hasna as his date. Mister Twister doesn't have time to help him out as he is very busy avoiding Marie Lousie who gave him a hot balloon ride as a present. While Ms Dreus is teaching class 6B the waltz and everybody picks out a suit or dress for Tobias everything seems to go wrong. Fortunately Mister Twister concurs his fear of heights just in time and saves the festive night. Maybe he'll even dare to go in the hot air balloon...



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