



LOREBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Your children may have come home scratching on Wednesday after my talk at assembly about nits and head lice!

It is an ongoing problem and, as I was at great pains to let them know, it is not a sign of being dirty. Lice jump from head to head and shiny, clean hair is just as likely to get them as greasy hair.

I have suggested that girls keep long hair tied back as this reduces the likelihood of hair contact with another person. However boys and girls with short hair get them as well so short hair is not a deterrent to these pests.

While they are nits they are usually found round the base of the hairline at the back of necks and look a lot like sugar granules. It can be tricky to spot on fair / blonde hair!

Once they hatch you can see the lice looking like midges running through the scalp. I'm itching as I write this!!

It is really important that **all** children have their hair checked weekly to get on top of this problem as it is most annoying to parents who do check and treat their child's hair to find that that they are infested again shortly afterwards.

It only takes minutes to look!

Dumfries Civic Pride Competition

This year the P4 – P7 have been asked to do slightly different things to enter the competition.

P4 and P5 are invited to paint, draw, photograph or use computer graphics etc to capture an image which they think is beautiful about Dumfries and write a few lines to explain why they think so.

P6 and P7 have to imagine that they have been whisked forward in time to Dumfries where the year is now 2054. Using pictures or words they must describe what Dumfries may look like. Will there be helipads on rooftops? Will there be a flood defence? This has limitless scope for the imagination but can only be presented on one piece of paper!

As children may need to have time to look around Dumfries and consider their entry I am setting it as a homework task for any children who would like to enter.

Entries should be sent to school by Friday 21st February. It might be a good project to do during the Non Pupil days on the 18th and 19th February. If you need a loan of any paints, pens etc please ask your child to let his/her teacher know.

Out of School Achievements

Well done to:

Nerissa Tung who has passed her Grade 1 violin exam.

Maya Zanna who is making very speedy progress through the levels at her ice skating. Just before Christmas she passed her Grade 10 and moved up to Bronze and after only 4 more lessons passed her Bronze Star and is now on to Silver level.

Yours sincerely,