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Important Dates

P7 Burns Night -
2.2.17

Parents' Evening -
8.2.17

In-service Day
10.2.17

February Weekend
School closed -
13.2.17 & 14.2.17

Valentine Disco
16.2.17

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Head Lice

Please read the information overleaf. Headlice is an issue which can affect all families at some point. They are not a sign of unclean hair and in fact anyone can get them. They can be very itchy and uncomfortable for children. Please check your child's hair regularly and seek advice from your pharmacist.

Nursery Garden

We are excited about the renovation work starting in the nursery garden. This should commence on Monday 23 January. The nursery were awarded a grant of £7000 from the Big Lottery to help towards the cost of this. The money the nursery raised from the Christmas Fair will also go towards this. Please keep an eye on the nursery blog for regular updates.

Primary 6 Digital Leaders - Genius Bar

Primary 6 will be putting their excellent technology knowledge and skills to good use next week when they host their own Genius App workshops for the whole school. Each class will be allocated a slot to attend the workshop where P6 pupils will be demonstrating to pupils and teachers the various apps that can be used to enhance learning. This is a very innovative way of the P6 pupils developing their presenting and communication skills. Good luck and well done.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Michelle Zenowah, our new Additional Support Needs Assistant (ASNA). Mrs Zenowah will be working in various classes each morning. The children and staff have given her a warm welcome and we're sure she'll love working at APS.

Progress and Achievement Visits

Mr Carlton, Mrs Nicol and Miss Newlove will be doing two hour visits to every class over the next three weeks. The purpose of the visits is to look at how pupils are progressing across the curriculum, particularly in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing. We will also be looking at behaviour and seeking the children's views on what they think of the learning that they do at Auchenlodment, for example, are they motivated? Do they feel that they are being challenged and supported? Whilst they do this, the teacher will be taking each child out individually to talk about their learning and to set targets.

Pupil Council Meeting

The Pupil Council met with Mr Carlton for the first time on Thursday. It was a very good meeting and the children's attitude to their new role was exemplary. The representatives came to the meeting with suggestions on how to improve the school and we will be looking into these in more depth over the coming months. Feel free to have a look at the Pupil Council big book, which can be found in the school foyer. This will keep you up to date with progress and also contain the minutes from the meetings.

Thank you

Gerry Carlton
Head Teacher

Pupil of the Week

P1

Carly Tobin

For always working hard and trying her best.

P2E

Ella Altunboga

For using good openers in writing and taking great care over the presentation of her work.

P2S

James Jenkins

For making good choices with his learning and behaviour and being a great helper!

P3

Kayden Hepburn
For great questioning in Reciprocal Reading.

P4

Jude Tobin

For working hard in maths and contributing to our class topic discussion.

P5

Amber Campbell

For an interesting and descriptive story in Big Writing.

P6

Maria Skinnider

For always being organised and taking pride in her work.

P7

Abbie Miller

For continuing to make the right choices and always setting a good example.

HEAD LICE INFORMATION

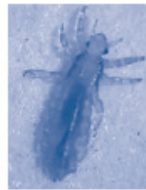
Facts about head lice

- Head lice are small, six-legged, wingless insects that live close to the scalp – not much bigger than a pin head.
- Head lice cannot fly, jump or swim.
- Anyone can catch head lice, but children are most affected because they often have close head to head contact.
- Head lice are not fussy about hair length or condition.
- Nits – are the empty white egg sacs from which lice have hatched out.

Detection

Head lice are well camouflaged and can easily be missed in dry hair. The best detection method is wet combing. Once a week after shampooing, apply conditioner, and use a normal comb to untangle the hair.

Then switch to a fine toothed plastic detection comb (your pharmacist can recommend a suitable one). Slot the comb into the hair at the roots, as close to the scalp as possible, and comb down to the ends of the hair. Thoroughly comb through the whole of the head, checking the comb after every stroke to see if you have found any lice.



Fully grown head louse (not to scale)

If you find any head lice, you should check all family members at the same time, and then arrange treatment.

Treatment

Treatment is necessary only if you find a living moving louse!

There are three treatment options. If you want any help in deciding which method to use, please speak to your local pharmacist, health visitor, school nurse or GP.

Option 1: dimeticone 4% lotion

This lotion works by blocking the holes through which lice breathe and get rid of waste products. It is not an insecticide.

Option 2: insecticide lotion

There are various types of insecticide lotion. Speak to your pharmacist, health visitor, school nurse or GP for help in choosing one.

All lotions

Follow the instructions carefully, and leave the lotion on the hair for the full recommended length of time.

Lotions do not kill all the eggs, so whichever one you are using, it is important to apply it a second time after 7 days to kill any newly hatched baby lice.

Always seek advice – when whoever is being treated with a lotion is under the age of 6 months, suffers from asthma or allergies, or is pregnant or breast feeding.

Option 3: wet combing

This method involves combing through the hair and physically removing any lice found. You can buy a suitable plastic comb from your pharmacist, and follow the instructions above for detection combing.

In order for it to work, you have to repeat the combing every 3 days for up to 3 weeks to make sure that all the lice are removed.

Continue until you no longer find any lice for at least 2 treatments in a row.