

Friday December 4th , 2009

HEALTH UPDATE: Head Lice

Dear Parents,

Please be informed that we have seven cases of head lice in our Galileo class and one in Da Vinci class.

All children in K2 were checked for lice and/or nits (eggs) this morning.

Please do not panic, this is a normal childhood occurrence. To help control the spread of lice, please check your child(ren)'s hair this evening. A good place to start is at the nape of the neck and work your way up. Check the hair for live lice or nits on the hair shaft. Lice are very small wingless bugs which scurry about on the scalp. Nits look like dandruff but are difficult to remove with the fingernail.

The treatment usually consists of a special medicated shampoo available at most pharmacies. If you find lice or nits, please keep your child at home for the day while completing the treatment and combing the hair with a very fine nit/head lice comb.

For further information please see:

<http://kidshealth.org/parent/infections/common/lice.html>

Please do not feel embarrassed to try to blame. Having lice is common, and just needs to be controlled by taking the time to regularly check your child's head, treat accordingly and inform the school immediately so that we can keep everyone informed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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