



Arnold Mill Weekly Newsletter - 16th December 2022



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the last Newsletter of 2022! I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our last day is Wednesday 21st December and we return on Wednesday 4th January

2023. The last day of term will be the usual times (8.50am-3.30pm) and children should wear uniform, unless in years 3-6, who can come in party clothes ready for their Christmas party.

It's been a very busy week, with amazing school performances from Foundation and Key Stage 1. We're looking forward to the Key Stage 2 Carol Concert on Monday (details below).

We don't charge for any of these performances, as we want to make sure everyone can attend, but if you would like to make a donation to the defibrillator collection ([Link to Just Giving Page](#)) or treat the school to something from our Amazon Wish List ([Link to Amazon Wish List](#)) we would be very grateful.

I look forward to see you all in the New Year!

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Key Stage 2 - Outdoor Winter Carol Concert - All welcome - Tickets not needed



Monday 19th December 2.30-3.15pm

We would like to invite parents/carers to join us for this performance. Due to the number of children/adults attending the performance it will be held on the playground (weather permitting) and therefore tickets are not needed – just turn up. Please note that seats won't be provided for this performance. If you have mobility issues and require a seat, please let us know. If we have inclement weather on the day, we will rearrange for performance for Tuesday 20th or Wednesday 21st December. Keep an eye on your emails or our website and Facebook page for updates.

We would like to clarify the arrangements for the day as follows:

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- *The pedestrian gate on Cross Street will be opened approximately ten minutes before the performance start time.*
 - *Please note that the pedestrian gate on Bestwood Avenue will remain locked until 3.15pm so **the only access will be via the main entrance on Cross Street.***
 - *The main vehicular access gates leading to the staff car park generally remain closed during the day, if the gate happens to be open please do not park in the car park as you risk being locked in (the gates will remain locked between 3.00 & 3.50pm).*
 - *Drinks and biscuits will be available after the performance and children can then be collected from their classes at 3.30pm as usual.*
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REMINDER - in line with our Safeguarding Policy and Social Media Parental Agreement, there should be no phones out during the performance. Don't worry - we will post some photos onto your child's TEAMS account.

At the end of this performance there will be a collection bucket should you wish to make a cash donation to our chosen charity, which this year we are raising funds to purchase and install a community defibrillator in memory of Erica Taylor. Alternatively, you can donate via our JustGiving page [Click here to donate](#)

If the defibrillator saves one life, it will be worth every penny!

Christmas Parties



Information about our remaining Christmas parties can be found below. Tap on the images below until you come to the relevant Key Stage and then click on the 'Expand' icon to open the relevant letter.

Key Stage 1 (Class 1a, 1b, 1c) Christmas Party

Monday 19th December

This year Class 1a, 1b and 1c will have their Christmas party on **19th December**. Your child may come to school in their party clothes (please ensure that they are wearing sensible footwear to avoid accidents at playtime). The plan for the day is:

Morning – Christmas activities in their classroom

Lunch time – (normal dinner arrangements apply).

Afternoon – Christmas Party activities. During the party there will be light party food/nibbles.

This year we are asking each child to bring a **cash donation of £1 towards the purchase of party food**. Your child's teacher will collect the money, donations are requested **by 15th December please**. Any change left over from the purchase of the food will be donated to the collection to buy a defibrillator for the local community.

If your child has any food allergies you are welcome, if you would prefer, to send them to school with their own named, small plate of light party food/nibbles from home instead of a donation.

Key Stage 2 (Class 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f) Christmas Party

Wednesday 21st December 2022

This year Key Stage 2 will have their Christmas party on **Wednesday 21st December 2022**. Your child may come to school in their party clothes (please ensure that they are wearing sensible footwear to avoid accidents at playtime). The plan for the day is:

Morning – Christmas activities in their classroom

Lunch time – (normal dinner arrangements apply).

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Christmas Henna Tattoos - Years 1 & 2 only

During the last week of term Key Stage 1 children are invited to have a Christmassy henna tattoo on their hand. We will be using ready made henna which can take up to 10 days to fade away. For this reason, we are asking for parents to indicate if they give permission for their child to be involved.

If you are happy for your child to be part in this activity please send £1 cash to class and complete a permission form either click on this link [Henna permission form \(link to form\)](#) or write a note in your child's Reading Diary. All funds raised will be used for school trips. Children that do not receive permission will not be able to take part in this activity.

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Children's Work

We are going to use this section of the newsletter to share some of the nice things the children have done in school.

To start us off, we have two Festive Yule Logs made by Roman and Chloe with help from Mrs Hopewell. We also have some of our display boards which are full of your children's work and a piece of writing by Harry.





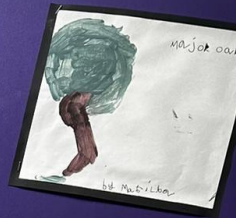
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It is very old!



Robin Hood's
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Robin Hood



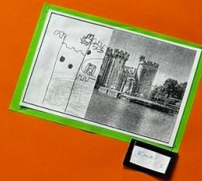
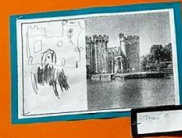
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- be surrounded
by moats

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Castles have big
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protected the people who
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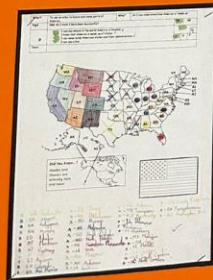
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We learned about
Nottingham Castle



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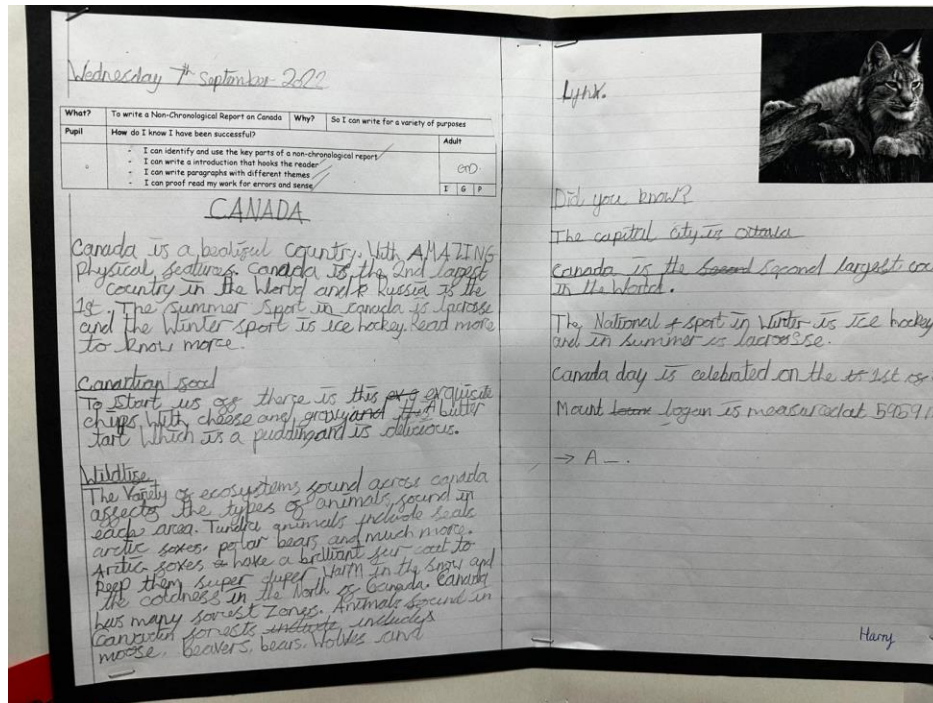




Costa Rica







Unclaimed Raffle Prizes

Prizes for the following winning tickets have still not been claimed:

- Green 382
- Green 396

If you have either of these tickets, please pop to the office to claim your prize.



School Dinner and Tuck Shop Payments



Please ensure that you bring all school dinner and tuck shop payments up to date before we return in January. A quick reminder that these should always be paid for in advance.

School Clubs - Applications now closed



If you applied for a place in a club for the Spring term, emails were sent out this week to confirm whether or not a place was allocated. If you applied and haven't received the email, please contact the school office.

Another club has now been added for year 1/2 children on a Tuesday. This can be applied for by clicking this [link](#). We will let parents know whether a place has been allocated on this club on Wednesday 21st December.

We have also extended the French club to include Year 4 children and this can be applied for by clicking this [link](#). We would ask that if your child has already been allocated onto a club on a Tuesday, that you don't apply for this club. Again, we will let parents know whether a place has been allocated on this club on Wednesday 21st December.

The new set of clubs will run in 2 separate, 4 week blocks as follows (apart from Gardening and Netball – see below):

Spring 1: w/c 9th January – w/c 30th January

Spring 2: w/c 27th February – w/c 20th March

We would emphasise that if you have signed your child up to a club, they should attend every week unless there are exceptional circumstances. Regular non-attendance may mean we offer the place to someone else. We always have children dropping out of the clubs which is very disappointing when other children have missed out. If your child can't make it for any reason, you should let the office know. If, for any reason, the school needs to cancel a club, e.g. staff absence, we will email and text the relevant parents.

School Clubs – Spring Term 2022/23

Day:	Club:	Organiser:	Times of club:	Year Group:	Number of places:	Parents to collect from:
Monday	Homework Club*	Mr Robinson	12.30-1.00pm	Y5/6	N/A	N/A
	Photography Club	Mr Hewlett	3.30-4.15pm	Y1-Y6	15	2F
	Dodgeball Club	Mrs Greentree	3.30-4.30pm	Y3/4/6	20	Main entrance
	Gardening (from after February half term because of dark nights)	Mrs Hopewell, Mrs Humphrey, Miss Joynt and Ms Rose	3.30-4.30pm	Y3-6	15	School Library (off the playground)
	Netball (from after February half term because of dark nights)	Mrs Keeton	3.30-4.15pm	Y5/6	15	Main entrance
Tuesday	SATs Booster Y6 Reading*	Mr Hewlett	8.15-8.50am	Y6	N/A	N/A
	TTRS*	Mr Booth	12.30-1.00pm	Y4	N/A	2E
	Choir	Mrs Oldfield & Mrs Monaghan	3.30-4.15pm	Y3-6	30	2E
	Board Games Club	Mrs Rathore	3.30-4.15pm	Y1/2	12	2C
	French Club	Mrs Bennett & Mrs Nicholls	3.30-4.15pm	Y3	12	2F
	Running Club	Mrs Greentree & Mrs Stones	3.30-4.30pm	Y5/6	25	Main entrance
Wednesday	TTRS*	Miss Dibley	12.30-1.00pm	Y3	N/A	N/A
	Boccia	Mr Knight and Mrs Greentree	3.30-4.15pm	By invitation		Main entrance
Thursday	SATs Booster Y6 Maths*	Mr Hewlett & Mrs Nicholls	8.15-8.50am	Y6	N/A	N/A
	Homework Club*	Mr Robinson	12.30-1.00pm	Y5/6	N/A	N/A
	Book club	Mrs Oldfield & Mrs Stones	3.30-4.15pm	Y1-6	20	2f
	Kapla Club	Mr Phillips	3.30-4.30pm	Y1/2	12	2E
	Dodgeball	Mrs Greentree	3.30-4.30pm	Y5/6	20	Main entrance
Friday	Homework Club*	Mr Robinson	12.30-1.00pm	Y5/6	N/A	N/A
There are no after school clubs on a Friday						

*No need to book

SATS Booster Sessions (year 6 children only) - Starting in January



We would like to invite children in year 6 to a SATS booster class. This will happen every Tuesday and Thursday starting promptly at 8.15am in 2F (please wait outside the classroom and a member of staff will let you in).

- Tuesday's booster group is a focus on Reading.*
- Thursday's booster group is a focus on Maths.*

Children are encouraged to bring a breakfast snack if they wish. The first session will be on Tuesday 10th January, and this will run until the end of the Spring term.

SATs will be held week commencing 8th May 2023. You are probably aware that Monday 8th May has now been designated a bank holiday due to the King's Coronation, therefore, the SATs timetable will run from Tuesday to Friday instead of the usual Monday to Thursday. Please ensure that your child is in school for SATs week. Any questions please ask.

Kind Regards,

Shaun Hewlett Deputy Headteacher

Year 3/4 visit to Southwell Minster on Tuesday 28th February 2023

In support of our History topic on 'The Romans' we have arranged a visit to Southwell Minster. Southwell stands on the site of a Roman Villa - one of the largest in the country. Southwell Community Archaeology Group will be supporting us with our day and will be providing three hands-on sessions. These sessions will include archaeology, living history and a site walk.

The cost of the visit is £13.50 (payable on [ParentPay](#)) and includes the coach transport and the guided activities. The visit will take place within our normal school day (the coach will be leaving at 9.30am and returning at approximately 3.00pm). The children will need to wear school uniform and have a warm/waterproof coat, gloves, and hat please.

LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS - The children will need a packed lunch, including a drink (not fizzy or glass bottles please). This can either be home prepared or you can order a school packed lunch for £2.40 (payable on ParentPay [Dinner money account] unless your child is entitled to free school meals).

We will send home hard copy trip permission forms, medical information forms and confirmation of packed lunch arrangements (including how to order a school prepared lunch) for completion nearer the time.

Many thanks

Year 3/4 Team



Fundraising News

Reverse Advent Calendar - Donations by Monday please



We will be dropping all donations off at The Foodbank next week, so we would like all donations by Monday please.

Many thanks

*During December, the PTA are again organising a **Reverse Advent Calendar** in aid of Arnold Foodbank. Each day, the children can bring in an item from the Food Bank's shopping list if they would like to. Any items collected will be passed on to the local food bank to help support people who may be going through a very difficult time in their lives.*

Please don't feel you have to give something every day, but if you would like to bring anything in during the month of December, we will ensure it goes to a good cause. A donation box will be in each classroom.

Items include:

Food Items:

Milk, tea bags, coffee, breakfast cereal, tinned food, cup-a-soups, rice, pasta sauce, beans, biscuits

Baby Essentials:

Disposable nappies, baby wipes, baby milk, sterilising tablets, breast pads, baby oil/cream, nappy rash cream

Toiletries:

Deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, soap, moisturiser, sanitary wear

Home Care:

Washing-up liquid, laundry detergent, antibacterial spray, disinfectant, toilet cleaner, bleach, cleaning cloths/sponges, washing-up brush, dustpan and brush

Thank you for any support you can offer with this.

Defibrillator Fundraising in memory of Erica Taylor

We have currently raised £1,934.84 and are well on our way to being able to purchase the second defibrillator. We have raised £186.84 (plus a few foreign coins) from donations made at the Christmas performances so far. A bucket will also be at the Key Stage 2 performance on Monday.

Use this [Link to JustGiving page](#) if you wish to make an online donation.

Thank you so much for the support.



Next Week's Dinner Menu - week 1

AUTUMN/WINTER 2022/23

WEEK 1

WEEK COMMENCING
5 September, 26 September,
17 October, 7 November,
28 November, 19 December,
9 January, 30 January

MY SCHOOL MENU

TASTE of NATURE

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Vegetarian meals are available upon request.

	MAIN MEAL	DESSERT
MONDAY	Vegan sausage roll baby roast potatoes broccoli & carrots Gluten	Oaty apple crumble & custard OR Fruit Milk Gluten
TUESDAY	Savoury mince & gravy Yorkshire pudding mashed potatoes cauliflower & peas Fish Celery Milk Egg Gluten	Chocolate & orange cookie OR Fruit Gluten
WEDNESDAY	Pasta Americana garlic bread carrot & cucumber sticks Milk Gluten Soya	Magic lemon sponge & custard OR Fruit Gluten Egg Sulphur Dioxide Milk
THURSDAY	Roast gammon & gravy roast potatoes Yorkshire pudding sliced carrots honey roast parsnips Milk Egg Gluten	Fruit flapjack OR Fruit Gluten
FRIDAY	MSC Jumbo fish finger tomato ketchup oven chips sweetcorn & peas Gluten Fish Mustard	Butterscotch tart OR Fruit Milk Gluten

ALSO SERVED DAILY: Best of both bread **gluten** and **soya** Seasonal vegetables available daily **coleslaw** **egg** when served.

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w/c 2nd January Dinner Menu - Change to Planned Menu

Change of Menu
WEEK COMMENCING
2 January

MY SCHOOL MENU

TASTE of NATURE

FOOD FOR LIFE

Vegetarian meals are available upon request

	MAIN MEAL	DESSERT
MONDAY	School is Closed	
TUESDAY	School is Closed	
WEDNESDAY	Cheesy Tomato Pasta Garlic Bread Sweetcorn <small>Milk Fish Gluten</small>	Mixed berry mousse <small>Milk</small>
THURSDAY	Vegan Sausage Rolls Croquette Potatoes Broccoli & Carrots <small>Gluten</small>	Chocolate brownie <small>Gluten</small>
FRIDAY	Jumbo fish finger wrap jacket wedges tomato ketchup peas & sweetcorn <small>Gluten Fish Mustard</small>	Frozen yoghurt <small>Milk</small>

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Important Dates



December

Mon 19th Dec - KS2 Christmas Carols [Link to letter](#)

Mon 19th Dec - KS1 Party [Link to KS1 letter](#)

Weds 21st Dec - KS2 Party [Link to KS2 letter](#)

Weds 21st Dec - Last Day of Term (3.30pm finish)

January

Weds 4th Jan - First day of Spring Term

Mon 16th Jan - Class 2f Visit to Arnold Library

Weds 18th Jan - Class 2e Visit to Arnold Library

Thurs 19th Jan - Foundation stage/KS1 Drama Workshop (details to follow)

Thurs 19th Jan - 1a Assembly with parents (details to follow)

Mon 23rd Jan - 2d Visit to Arnold Library

Thurs 26th Jan - 2c Visit to Arnold Library

Tues 31st Jan - 2b Visit to Arnold Library

February

Fri 3rd Feb - 1c Visit to Arnold Library

Tues 7th Feb - F2b Visit to Arnold library

Tues 7th & Weds 8th Feb - Parents' Evenings

Fri 10th Feb - 1a Visit to Arnold Library

Thurs 9th Feb - 2b Assembly with parents (details to follow)

Mon 13th-Fri 17th Feb - Half Term Holiday

Tues 28th Feb - Year 3/4 Visit to Southwell Minster

Tues 28th Feb - F2a Visit to Arnold Library

March

Thurs 2nd Mar - World Book Day

Fri 3rd Mar - 1b Visit to Arnold Library

Fri 10th Mar - 2a Visit to Arnold Library

Mon 13th Mar - F1am Visit to Arnold Library

Tue 14th Mar - F1pm Visit to Arnold Library

Mon 20th Mar - Y5/6 Greek Workshop [Link to letter](#)

April

Mon 3rd-Fri 14th Apr - Easter Holidays

Thurs 27th Apr - 1b Assembly with parents

May

Mon 1st May - Bank Holiday

Weds 3rd-Fri 5th - Y3/4 Rand Farm Residential

Mon 8th May - Bank Holiday

Tues 8th-Fri 12th May - Y6 SATS week

June

Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd Jun - Half Term Holiday

July

Fri 21st Jul - Last Day in School For Children

Mon 24th & Tues 25th Jul - INSET Days

Useful info:



Click through the sheets below for information about:

- Information Leaflet about Strep A
- Free school meals and milk
- Academic Calendar 2022-23 (including inset days)
- Link to school policies
- ParentPay
- Easyfundraising
- Amazon Smile
- Cost of Living Helpsheets
- Minor Ailment Scheme - help with cost towards medication
- Headlice - how to detect and treat

Just click on the symbol in the top left hand corner of the relevant sheet to find out more information on that subject.



1 - [Click for important information about Strep A](#)



2 - [Click here for information about free school meals and milk](#)

Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2022-23



September 2022 to July 2023

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School Holidays
 Public Holidays
 Administration Day
 Inset day

Autumn Term

Schools Open - morning Wednesday 31 August 2022
 Half Term - Monday 17 October 2022 - Friday 28 October
 Schools close - evening Wednesday 21 December 2022

Spring Term

Schools Open - morning Wednesday 4 January 2023
 Half Term - Monday 13 February 2023 - Friday 17 February 2023
 Spring Break - Monday 3 April 2023 - Friday 14 April 2023

Summer Term



Schools Open - morning Tuesday 17 April 2023
 May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 1 May 2023
 Half Term - Monday 29 May 2023 - Friday 2 June 2023
 Schools Close - evening Tuesday 25 July 2023

*Return date for August/September 2023 TBC

3 - Academic Calendar 2022-23



4 - [Click here to see school policies](#)



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Step 2 - Login at www.parentpay.com

Step 3 - Follow the instructions in your activation letter to activate your account

Step 4 - Select 'Pay for items'



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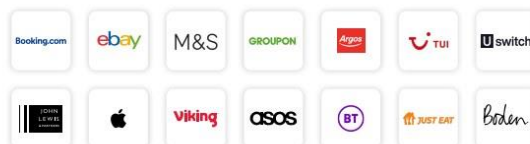
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How to sign up

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Did you know there is a great way to give to Arnold Mill primary School when you shop on Amazon? And it doesn't cost you a single penny extra!

By signing up to Amazon Smile, you still get to browse the same wide selection of products as you do on amazon.co.uk. The difference is that when you do it through Amazon Smile, they give a donation to us based on a percentage (0.5%) of the value of your purchase. It may be a small amount, but if we all do our Amazon shopping on Amazon Smile, it soon adds up.

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 2. Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.co.uk
 3. Select your charity - Arnold Mill Primary School Fund
 4. Start shopping! Remember to checkout at smile.amazon.co.uk to generate donations for your chosen charity.
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1. Open the Amazon Shopping app
2. Navigate to the main menu by clicking on
3. Tap on Settings and then select "AmazonSmile"
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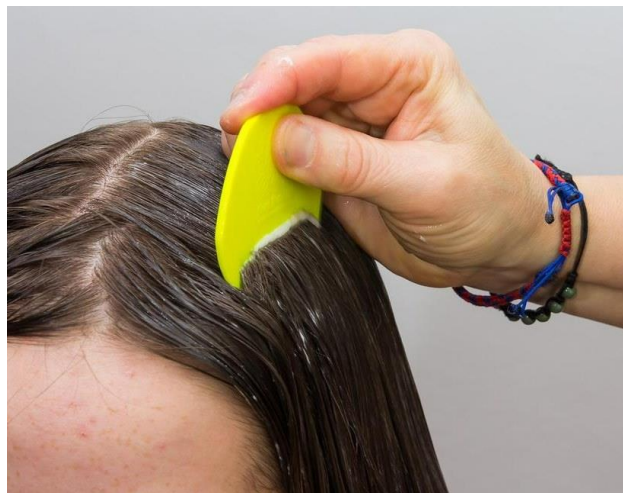
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