



AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

British Section

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Dear Parents,

The children arrived back at school on Monday to discover lots of activity at the front of the school.

Work on our new garden area has begun.

The garden is designed in the shape of a butterfly and has been designed as a learning, sensory reflective space. the new planting will encourage an abundance of insect life to visit. With good weather the work should be complete and then we wait and watch the plants grow and bloom. The Director will be meeting with our Student Council next week to hear their suggestions for naming this special space.

Assembly this week was focussed upon reflection, opportunity and resolutions as we welcomed 2022. The children were all excited to share their stories about the holiday and ways they would like to improve recognising that this takes determination. There was also an interesting discussion about the impact of fireworks upon our pets and other animals. A very thoughtful group!

Swimming: Due to personnel issues the school has been informed that the pool will be unable to offer swimming lessons to children in Y3-Y6 again this year. This is a huge disappointment as following two years of covid restrictions we had hoped to restart the programme this month. Perhaps you or someone you know is a qualified swimming instructor and would be interested in working at the pool on JFC Brunssum. Please contact the British Office and we will pass your name to Mr Bindels who liaises with the pool.

I had a wonderful chat with our latest Rhinestone Reader on Friday who delighted in telling me all about the adventures of Robinson Crusoe. I even learned two new words in Turkish... guzell and yam-yam, though the latter I don't imagine using often!



DATES TO NOTE

JANUARY

- 26 100th Day of School
- 26 1400 Dismissal

FEBRUARY

- 6 Safer Internet Day
- 10 School Governance Spring Meeting
- 21-24 Parent Teacher Conferences

MARCH

Feb 28 –March 4



Bucket Fillers



Ginevra, George, Madeleine, Bonnie, Oliver, Thomas, Mariateresa, Finley, Dalia, Harry, Ilgar, Alice, Sienna, Damira, Cinar, Viki, Ekvira, Yakup, Evita, Matthew,



Revised
Jan 2022

AIS FLOW CHART for COVID-19

Update: 2022.01.04

Pre-screening AT HOME

- Symptoms of feeling unwell— No matter how minor - stay at home.
- AIS student/staff stay at home.
- Notify your National Section

Health screening AT SCHOOL

- Showing symptoms of feeling unwell— no matter how minor, parents need to pick up their child and siblings

COVID 19 Test REQUIRED for other reasons

See box below

- Contact your doctor ,GGD 0800-1202 or 088-8805005 or National Public Health Service for advice regarding a PCR test.

COVID 19 Test REQUIRED

- Anyone in the household/family is being tested, AIS student /staff can not return to school until the results of the COVID Polymerase Chain Reaction Test (PCR) is known.
- Notify your National Section.

Close Contact

- Only those individuals identified by GGD/Public Health Authorities as close contact will be required to self-isolate and follow GGD/Public Health advice.

COVID Test deemed NOT REQUIRED

- AIS student /staff cannot return to school until symptom free for 24 hrs. (without fever reducing medication).
- If medical advice by your doctor ,GGD / Public Health Authorities does not require to take a test, notify your National Section, provide written confirmation.
- AIS student /staff without any symptoms may return back to school/work.

Test outcome NEGATIVE

- AIS student /staff stay at home 24 hrs free of any symptoms (without fever reducing medication) before returning back to school.
- AIS Siblings/staff without any symptoms may come back to school/work.
- Notify your National Section, provide written confirmation.

Test outcome POSITIVE

- Go into 10 day quarantine.
- Follow instructions from GGD or your Public Health Authorities
- AIS student/staff can not return to school until symptom free for 24 hrs (without fever reducing medication)
- Notify your National Section.

Close Contact AIS Family Member/Siblings

- Siblings / AIS family members who are close contacts must follow AIS requirement and quarantine rules. From day 5 a PCR test can be requested
- Test outcome Positive, quarantine continue to maintain the full 10 days
- Test outcome Negative PCR test, student may come back to school, notify your National Section, provide written documentation.
- Not tested, the quarantine will be continued until minimum of 10 days for this student/staff, notify your National Section.
- In all cases above AIS student/staff will need to be symptom-free for 24 hours without medication before a return to face-to-face schooling.



Attendance

Parents are required to notify the school of absences or late arrivals and ensure current contact information is on file at their child's school at all times.

Planned Absences: Parents are required to complete a "Request for Leave" form and return this to the British Office for approval by the Headteacher.

Unplanned Absences: (e.g. illness) Parents are asked to notify the school before 9:30 on the day of the absence.

Late Arrivals should report to the British Office before going to class.

Early Departure Parents are required to sign out their child at the British Office if they are being collected need to leave before 15:30

In the event that the child does not have a planned absence from school and is reported by the classroom teacher to be absent, the British Office will contact the parent by 10 AM to report the child's absence. If the school is unable to contact the parent they will begin contacting all the names on the contact list.

By following the above steps we can work together for the safety of your child.

Sunbeams

Sunbeams have had a wonderful first week back exploring our classroom alongside our 4 new Sunbeams friends. The children have loved getting outside into the fresh air to zoom around on the big park, investigate the ice and give the plants a lovely water.

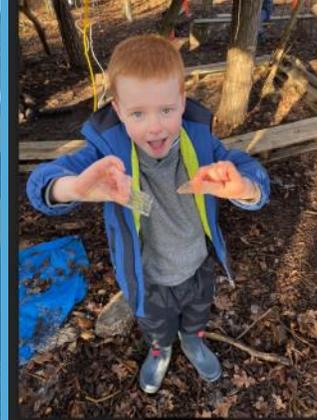
We got all sensory by playing with shaving foam and getting all sticky trying to bring our playdough back to life! We loved the new marbles in EDC and trialled lots of ways of trying to get them to whizz down the tracks even faster.

Our cereal for snack was a big winner this week with the children scooping it out and then pouring the milk on so very carefully. Great skills team!



Year 1

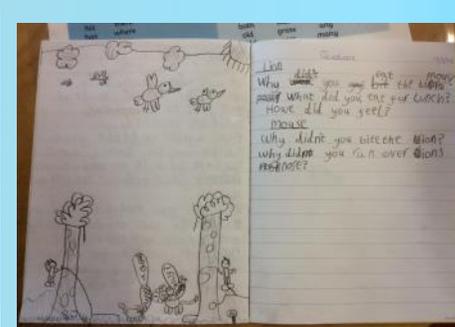
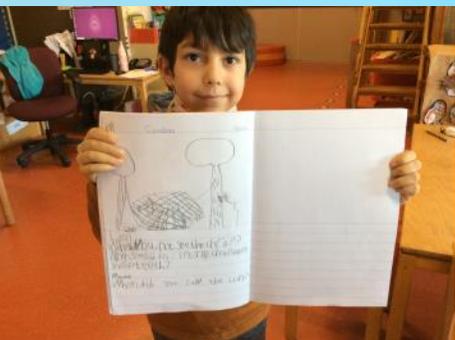
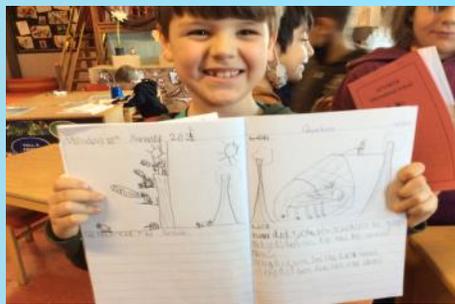
Year 1 have enjoyed exploring the ice this week. Having found out about Ernest Shackleton, we have been looking at the globe to see where the hot and cold areas are. We went outside to experience the ice, how it looks, feels and changes. The children were able to see the effect of the sun on the icy grass and how some areas of the school were still icy later in the afternoon as they were in the shade. At forest school we found lots of puddles and pools of water that had frozen over and this prompted lots of discussion about the ice and how it changes back to water. We used this to help us think about animals and their habitats. What kind of animals live in the polar regions?



Year 2

Year 2 are having some great discussions about some old fable stories. They have been learning the moral behind different ones, but are looking in depth at the 'Lion and the Mouse'. There has been some excellent written questions that the children have recorded.

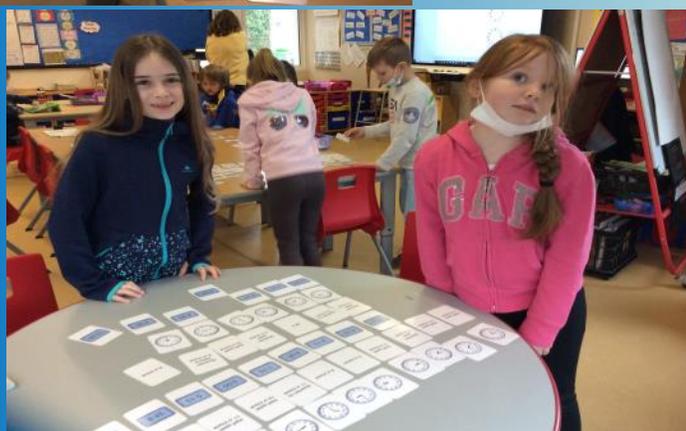
We have been out, getting some fresh air in forest school. The cold temperatures didn't put them off and all children were happy to be out! We looked for natural vs. man-made materials for our science work about the different properties of materials. It has been so good to be back.



Year 3

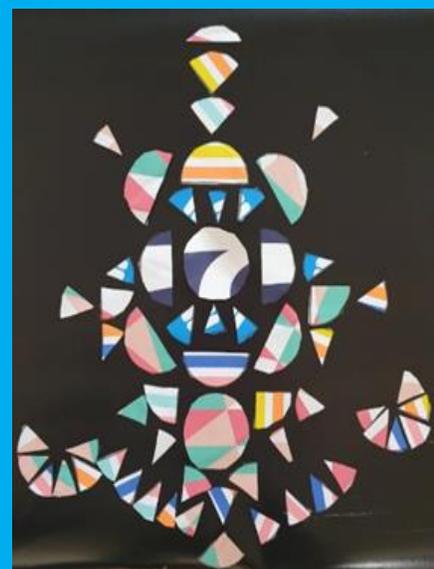
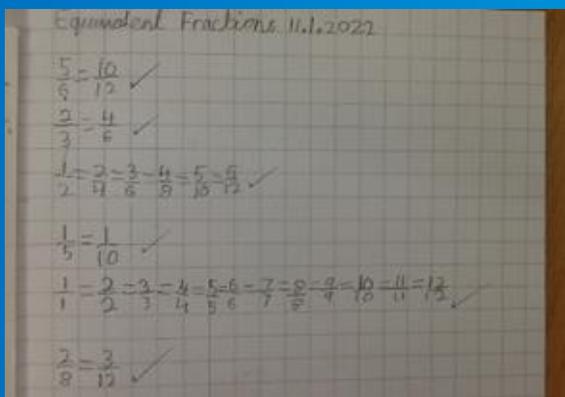
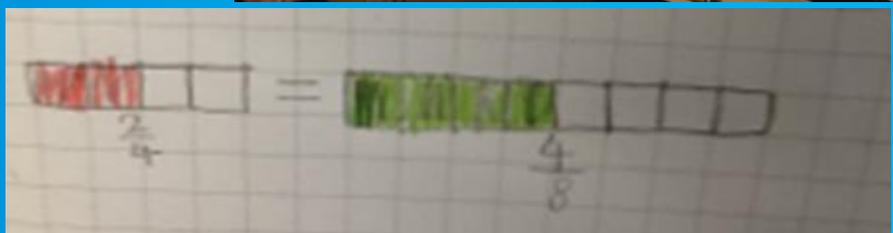
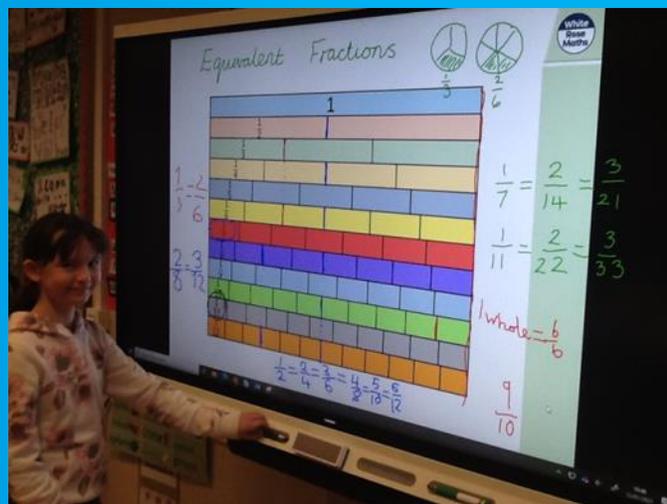
Year 3 have come back to school with wonderful smiles. They are working hard on thinking about goals, dreams and challenges, linking this to all areas of work and considering our key question. "How can we use our voices to help others? At the end of this month in the UK there will be a count of garden birds that the public can participate in, so in Forest School this week we did some bird watching; we saw quite a number of different species on our quiet walk including a heron, robin and magpie. Later some of us even spotted a bird of prey, possibly a kestrel but it moved too quickly to be sure.

We have started learning about Ancient Greece and find this fascinating, already discovering that things were not always fair or equal in this time. The children have also been using their wonderful imaginations to write our 'Magic Box' poems. This week we have explored telling the time, a mini unit, and are hoping to keep looking at clocks all around us.



Year 4

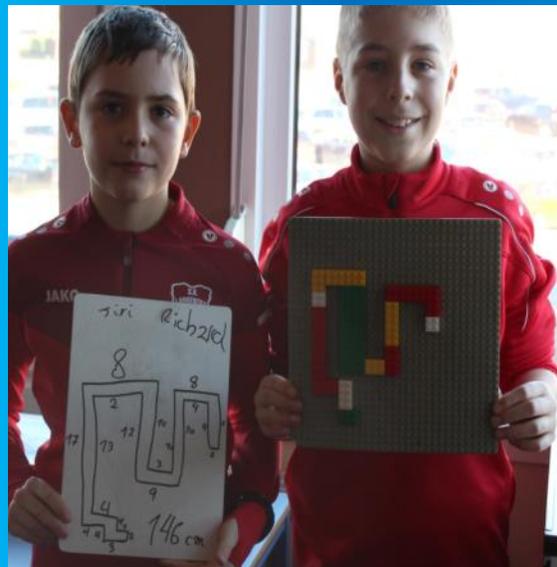
Year 4 have been deepening their understanding of fractions in Maths this week. They investigated equivalent fractions using a fraction wall to find relationships between different parts of a whole. The children were quick to identify patterns with the equivalent fractions and explored a variety of questions such as... Can a fraction have more than one equivalent fraction? What fractions do not have any equivalent fractions? Lots of great discussion and very impressive Fraction Art too!



Year 5/6

Year 5/6 revised the concept of working out perimeter by using Lego and Numicon. We loved working in pairs where we designed and then drew shapes and worked out the perimeter. Next will be working out the area!

The children continued with their home learning and have written their own wonderful poems in the style of Benjamin Zephania. The poems have been written in the format of a recipe; we are really proud with what the children feel 'makes their school'. A truly special place indeed!



Afnorth School: A Recipe

Take some 1970's fashion, think about 1980's music, and don't forget 1990's political movements (Nelson Mandela). Add to a bowl.

Now we are in 2022, we need to think about our future. So, add a splash of dreams and ambition.

Now take some Turkish and stir in some justice. Add in some Italians along with some Spanish, Norwegians and Czech.

Add some British, Canadians, Germans, Americans and Dutch. Stir gently until all have mixed together.

Put them all in a perfect temperature oven. Allow time to bake together.

Now sprinkle every other nationality across the cake.

Enjoy!

Note: All the ingredients have to join together in friendship and unity.

Warning: All ingredients are really important; treat them equally.

By Ilgar and Alice
Year 5/6 British Section



Afnorth School: A Recipe

Take the 6 Cs of our school: collaboration, creativity, character, communication, citizenship and critical thinking. Plop them into a mixing bowl. Add the respect of the community and whisk both together until soft and creamy.

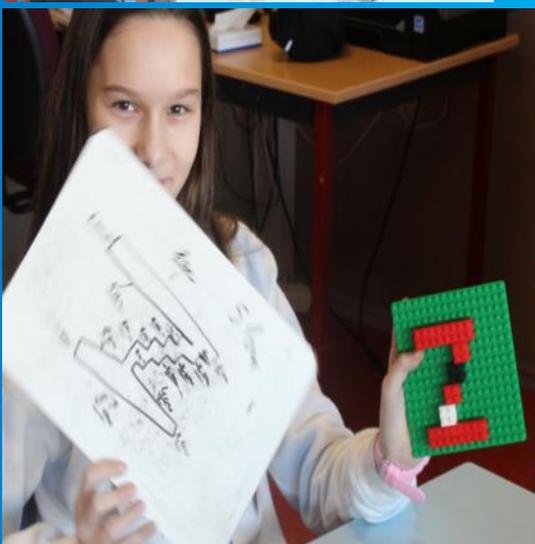
In a separate bowl, sprinkle some Italians, fresh Canadians, sweet Turkish and a wonderful mixture of all other nationalities. Combine both mixing bowls into a cake tin and slide it carefully into a pre-heated, perfect temperature of cosiness oven.

Watch as the cake-batter bubbles and rises with the friendship and happiness of the students.

NOTE: Not treating each ingredient with respect and dignity will give the cake a sour unpleasant taste.

WARNING: Not following the 6 Cs will make the cake flat and raw.

By Eneli and Mollie
Year 5/6, British Section



Afnorth: A Recipe

(Serves approximately 1,000)

Take some friends, teachers, and a range of nationalities from America, British, Canadians and Germany and let them settle.

Next, take a blend of Romanian, Turkish, Italian, Hungarians, Czech, and Norwegians. Mix every other nation in, and you will get an international school. Combine with some smart teachers and some curious students and turn up the heat! Sprinkle some with fresh minds.

Remove all negative vibes and replace with positive vibes, then stir them all together. Leave the negative vibes in deepest history and allow the positive vibes to commence from 1967.

As they mix and blend, allow their languages to flourish. Bind together with English, French, German and other languages. Add some bright colours for the future.

Add some colourful equipment.

Serve with Justice; preparing a wonderful life for our future adults.

Note: Treat our school like a blessing.

Warning: Treat everybody how you want to be treated; what ever happens in the dark always comes to light one way or another!

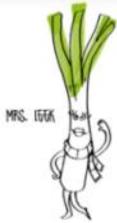
By Damira And Sienna



Bucket Fillers



LUNCH



Week 2 Menu 17-1 tm 21-1-2022

MONDAY

Veggie roll, potato & vintage vegetables (veggie)



"German menu"

Smoked sausage (pork)



Potato & Onions

Vintage Vegetable Mix

Mustardsauce

TUESDAY

Soya Roti with curry beans (veggie)



"Surinamese menu"

Crispy chicken (chicken)



Roti (savoury pancake)

Curry beans

WEDNESDAY

Spaghetti with tomato vegetable sauce (veggie)



"Italian menu"

Spaghetti with basil

Tomato Beefragout (beef)



Rocket salad

THURSDAY

Empenada (soya) with Spanish rice

(veggie)



"Spanish menu"

Spanish Meatballs & spicy sauce

(beef)



Spanish rice

Snack tomato

FRIDAY

veggie burger , potato , carrots

(veggie)



"UK menu"

Fishfilet with sauce

(fish)



Fries

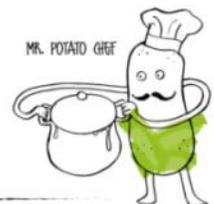
Carrots & dill



LISTED PRODUCTS AND DISHES CAN CONTAIN TRACES OF ALLERGENS.



NUT free meals



Looking for suggestions for your child's lunchbox...

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

AFNORTH Calendar 2021-2022

Autumn Term

August 16 School Opens

September 8 STAFF DAY-NO SCHOOL for Children

September 15 1400 Dismissal

October 15 1400 Dismissal

October 18 to October 22 SCHOOL CLOSED

October 25 School Opens

October 27-29 1230 Dismissals (Parent Conferences)

November 3 1400 Dismissal

November 24 STAFF DAY NO SCHOOL for Children

December 20-31 SCHOOL CLOSED

Spring Term

January 3 STAFF DAY NO SCHOOL for Children

January 4 School Open

January 26 1400 Dismissal

February 28 –March 4 SCHOOL CLOSED

March 7 School Opens

March 16 1400 Dismissal

April 11-22 SCHOOL CLOSED

Summer Term

April 25 Back to School

April 27 SCHOOL CLOSED

May 11 1400 Dismissal

May 26 STAFF DAY NO SCHOOL for Children

June 6 SCHOOL CLOSED

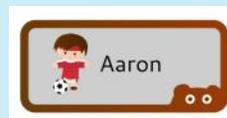
June 17 LAST DAY 1230 Dismissal

REMINDERS



NO NUTS

We have a number of children with a nut allergy and we therefore ask for no nuts or products containing nuts to be brought into the school. Thank you for your cooperation.



LABEL LABEL LABEL

Please assist us in preventing items being lost or misplaced by labelling your child's belongings e.g. items of clothing, footwear, bags, packed lunch boxes/containers. Please also impress on your child that they should take responsibility for their own items.



PE SHOES (Y2-Y6)

Please ensure your child has a separate pair of shoes for PE/Gym lessons with Coach Guest. Shoes should have non-marking soles.

WATER BOTTLES



Children are encouraged to bring a filled water bottle to school every day and to keep hydrated during lessons. The children have access to chilled water fountains to top up their bottles. Children should take their bottle home each night to be washed. permitted. Cans and bottles of carbonated drinks, including energy drinks, are not permitted in school.

PERSONAL ITEMS

At this time children should NOT be bringing anything to school other than essential items or requested by the teacher to support their learning. Please ensure unnecessary items do not slip into bags e.g. toys, pokemon cards.

BIRTHDAYS

Under the current restrictions we are unable to hand out cakes or other treats for children's birthdays.



END OF THE DAY CHANGES

If you are making changes to your child's routine e.g. Parent Pick Up rather than the bus we request that these changes are sent via email to:

TO: british.office@afnorth-is.com

CC: class teacher

CC: firstname.lastname@afnorth-is.com (teacher)