



AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Our school community was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Queen Elizabeth II (1926-2022). As our Queen she set an extraordinary example to us all and was a reassuring presence through many turbulent times. She lived out many of the values that we try to encourage in our children including her kindness to others, a deep sense of responsibility...right to the end, her tolerance of and respect for so many, and her outstanding resilience



through many challenging times. This morning we came together from Sunbeams to Year 6 to remember and honour a remarkable life and to acknowledge this significant moment in history. We were very touched by the messages we received from our International families today...thank you. A simple display has been set up outside the British Office and we have opened a Book Of Condolences.

DATES TO NOTE

September

- 13 1430 Class Parent Reps Meeting
- 14 Early finish 14:00
Used Book Sale
- 28 Parent Meeting: Building Resilience and Making Sense of Mental Health (Page 11)
- 29 Terry Fox Run

TERRY FOX RUN

A highlight of the AFNORTH calendar is the Terry Fox Run.

For new families, Terry Fox was a young cancer survivor who ran over 5000km across Canada on an artificial leg to raise money and awareness for Cancer Research. While his run was cut short when the cancer returned, people around the world continue his journey in the annual Terry Run.

We are delighted to be able to once again invite parents to join us on September 29th at 1345. Please note no strollers/pushchairs on the track.



BUS ROUTINE DROP OFF

I wish to highlight the following from the AFNORTH transportation guidelines issued to you when registering your child to ride the school bus. (Attached to this email)

Reception and Year 1: A parent or other designated adult must be at the bus stop to meet children in Reception and Year 1. Monitors **will not** discharge the younger children from the bus unless there is an adult to meet them.

Year 2-Year 6: Your child **will be** let off the bus at the designated time.

Please always plan to be at your bus stop 10 minutes early.

Bucket Fillers



Miguel, Rosie, Thue, Primrose, Manuel, Samuel, Henry, Jenson
Yakup, Luka, Arian, Teo, Harry, Indi, Oguz, Charles



AFNORTH ELEMENTARY PTO INVITES YOU TO OUR

USED BOOK SALE!

Do you have gently used books that you'd like to donate? Send them with your child on September 14th to our first monthly used book sale! Your child will also have the opportunity to shop previously donated books.

From 9:30 till 14:30

1 book = 0.50 or 3 books = 1.00

Many different genres, reading levels and languages available!



THE NURSE'S OFFICE IS LOOKING FOR

DONATIONS

Can You Help?



VISIT THE LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO MAKE A DONATION
TO RESTOCK EXTRA CLOTHES IN THE NURSE'S OFFICE

[HTTPS://WWW.AMAZON.DE/HZ/WISHLIST/LS/2ECFMDUL3GZTS?REF_=WL_SHARE](https://www.amazon.de/hz/wishlist/ls/2ECFMDUL3GZTS?ref_=wl_share)

Sunbeams

Sunbeams have had a fantastic week with our first trip to our Forest School. We explored the shed, outer perimeter and the campsite area, listening to the trees and looking out for interesting leaves and sounds.

Our children have also started their morning writing challenge and blew us away with their pencil grip and attention to detail as they traced over each letter!

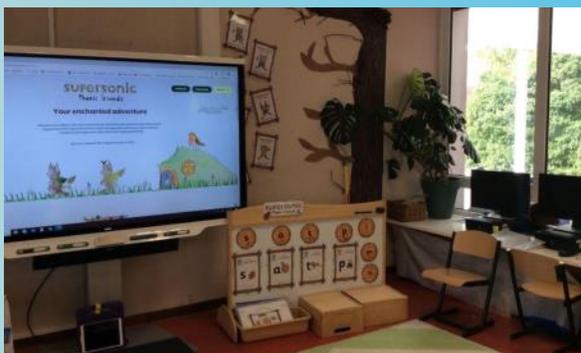
Our engineers have been out in force again this week, connecting lots of pipes to create a pathway for the water, lots of negotiation and excitement took place.

Finally, our class mascots, Gloria and Trevor went home for their first weekend sleepover, the children were incredibly excited and cannot wait to hear all about their adventures with Hamish and Kilian.



Reception

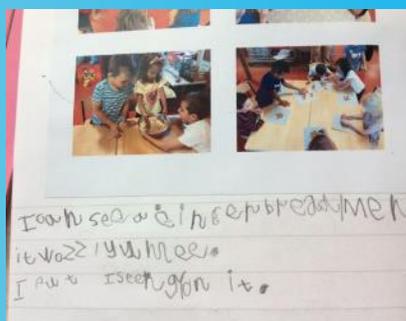
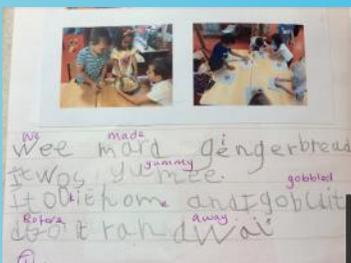
We love learning outdoors! This week we have been strengthening our arm muscles in Forest School to help us with our writing. We like to write indoors and out, and are starting to use our new Supersonic Phonics skills.



Year 1

This week Year 1 have begun a new story.

We started with some clues - a basket of ingredients. The children soon worked out we were making gingerbread men. We measured, mixed and made our own gingerbread men and loved eating them too. Finally we wrote about making them in our writing books!

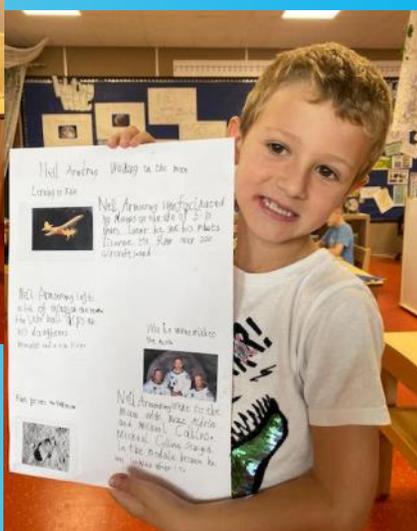
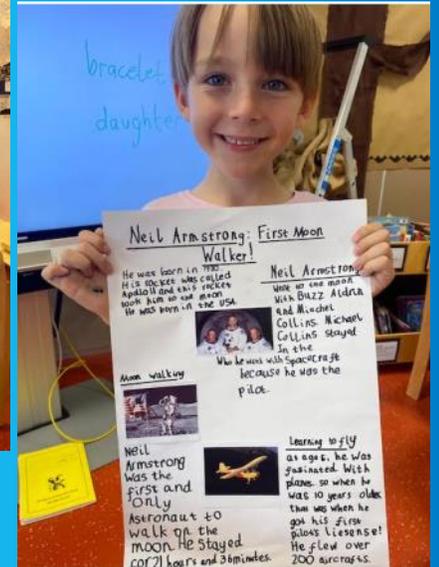
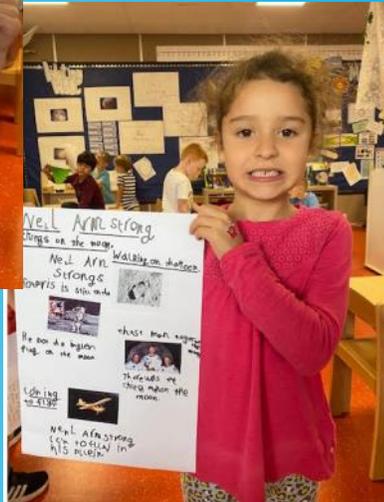
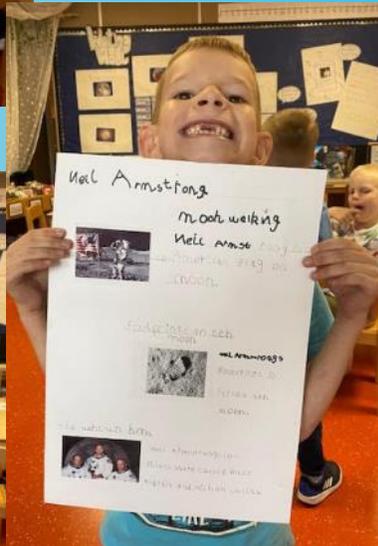
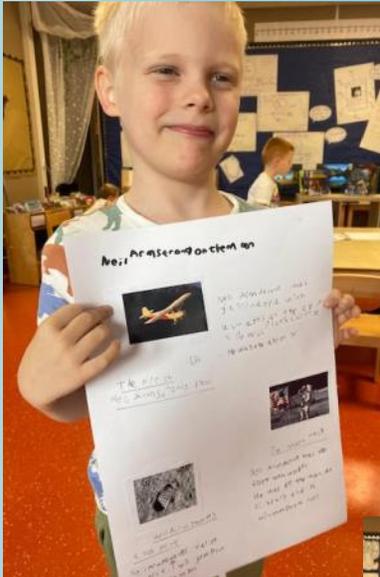
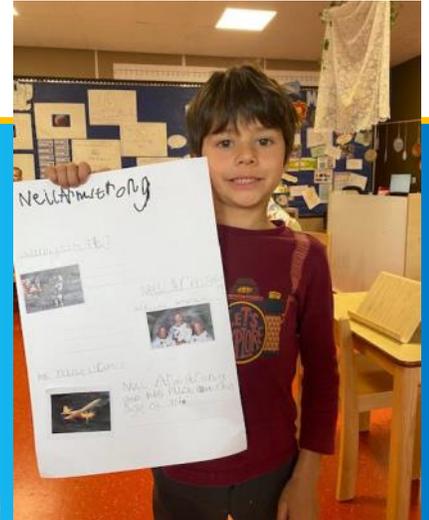
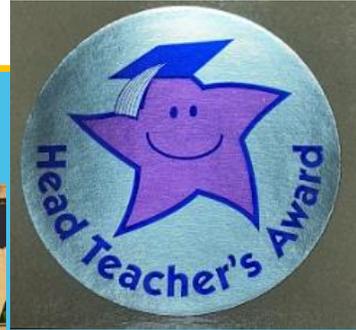
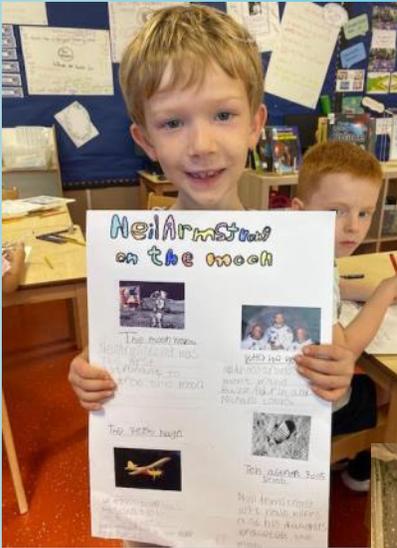


Year 2

This week we have been focussing on the features of a Non Chronological report. First we pulled apart other model texts and learnt the feature names. Next we gathered our facts and grouped them and then we produced our final report.

I am extremely proud of their writing this week. Miss Macleod was so impressed with their wonderful work too!

Well done Year 2



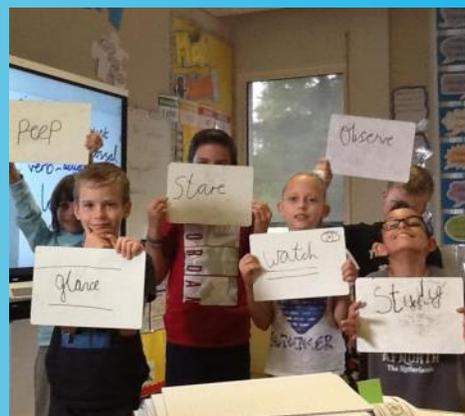
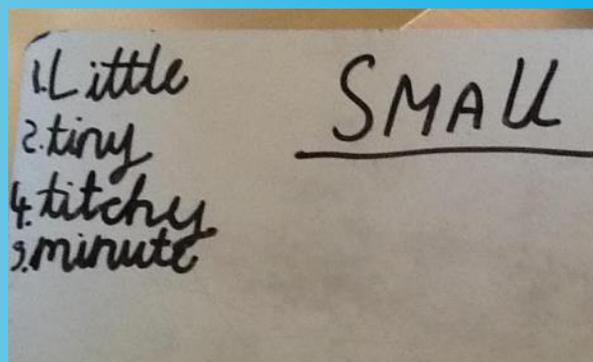
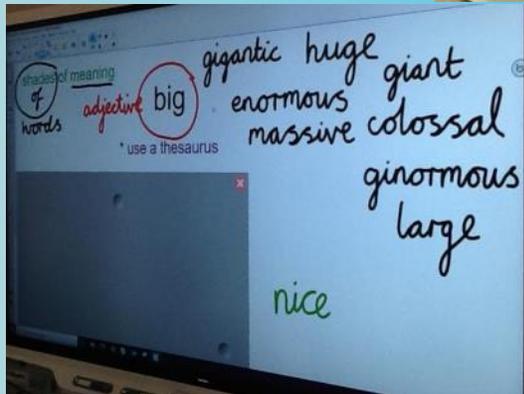
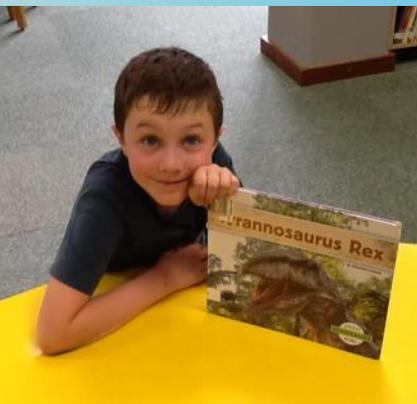
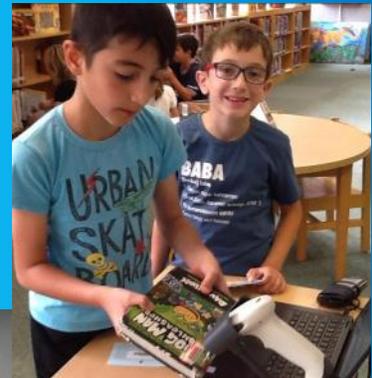
Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about how and why animals are endangered. We have enjoyed using links on Google classroom to explore the idea and are exploring how to take notes and find facts. Together with the whole of Key Stage 2 we have thought about what character traits help us work towards goals and aims for the future.



Year 4-5

We are becoming a great class of 'word wizards' - continually expanding our knowledge and use of vocabulary. During partner and group work, we used a thesaurus to help us find alternative words - words that mean the same thing but are much more interesting and powerful. We talked about the idea of words having different 'shades of meaning' and how we can choose stronger words for creating greater effect. Mrs Siedhoff will certainly be looking out for some of these words in our writing!

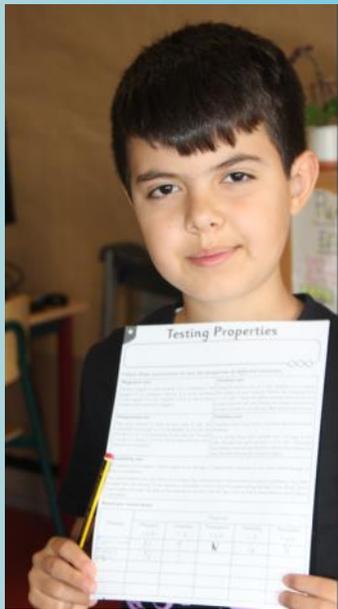


Year 5-6

In **Humanities** this week, we talked about leadership - **What makes a good leader?** We compared this to a description of the founder of the **Shang dynasty, Chen Tang**, and which **actions** and **personal qualities** we felt made him such a **respected** leader. We linked this with the loss of **Queen Elizabeth 11** and what it is that made her such a respected leader. Was it just because she was a **queen**, or what else was it?

We came up with words such as kind, humble, reliable, consistent, committed, truthful, full of grace. We also explored the **line of succession** of the **British Royal family**.

In **Science** we designed and carried out experiments to explore **properties of materials**. Vocabulary we used includes: **magnetism, hardness, transparency, flexibility** and **permeability**.



Bucket Fillers



Parent Meeting

Building Resilience and Making Sense of Mental Health

28/09/2022

Dr Philippa Grace, a Senior Educational Psychologist with Defence Children's Services, will be running a parent meeting at Af North International School on 28/09/2022 for parents of children and young people within our community, including those with children at school in the UK and parents of preschool children. The session will run in the morning from 9.00-10.30 and again in the evening from 17.30-19.00. There is no need to book but if you do hope to come it would be helpful if you could let us know if you plan to attend by dropping us an email to British.office@afnorth-is.com

During the meeting we will run some activities which help children and families to talk about how it feels and what might help to 'get through tough times.'

The session is interesting and good fun, (we hope!). It involves activities including building a living brain and packing a 'resilience rucksack', as well as discussion and opportunities for questions and answers at the end of the presentation.

Parent Consultation Sessions 28/09/2022

In addition to the parent meeting Philippa is offering brief consultations for families who may wish to talk about specific issues or concerns. These 30 minute sessions are entirely confidential (unless of course there are child protection concerns) and can cover concerns at school as well as at home or in the community.

Please contact British.office@afnorth-is.com if you would like to book one of these sessions which we will be running on Wednesday 28th September from 10.30am.

If you would like to meet at a different time please let the school office know so that we can book you in for a virtual meeting at another time. If you would like to know a little more about this then do please ask the school office for an information leaflet about EP and Family Consultations.

We will share the handouts from the meeting, and the presentation after the event and look forward to welcoming you into school to meet Philippa.



AIS Emergency Notification System (ENS)
Notice for Parents on the Notification of Cancellation of Classes

AFNORTH International School has implemented an Emergency Information System. You need to subscribe at the beginning of each school year if you want to be part of the system. This system ensures we are able to contact you immediately in case of **severe** emergencies or in case we have to send important and urgent message to you.

Definition

An emergency is a situation requiring evacuation, school closure or cancellation, which may be based on, but not restricted to: fire, flood, inclement weather, bomb threats, firearms, chemical spills and terrorist activity.

To sign up now you can use the following link:

[ENS](#)

If both parents sign up, they both need to register with their **own phone number**.

NOTE: *at the end of the school year, all data will be deleted from the ENS, and parents / AIS Staff need to sign up again at the beginning of the new school year.*

The Picasse App is a useful tool *but it is not necessary to subscribe*.

After registering you will receive:

1. A confirmation of registration and
2. A confirmation that your registration has been uploaded.

Notification of cancellation of classes

An announcement is also made on:

- a) Radio: American Forces Network Europe and BFBS
- b) School twitter @AFNORTH_IS, on the web: https://twitter.com/afnorth_is
- c) Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AFNORTHSchool>

Further information on the "notification of cancellation of classes" and ENS can be found on AIS

Website: <http://afnorth-is.com/info-center/parent-support/>

The password is obtained through your National Section.

A TEST of the ENS is scheduled on Thursday 29 September @ 10:30 hrs. Those who registered will receive a notification.

We ask that you sign up to be included in this system as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding this system, please contact the Directorate or your National Section if you require further information after following the guidance in this notification.

LUNCH



Week Menu 1 12-9 tm 16-9-2020

MONDAY

Veggie Pasta Dish, Snack Tomato, Rocket Salad	(veggie)	GLUTEN DAIRY EGG
Pasta		GLUTEN EGG
Ham and Cheese Sauce	(pork)	
Rocket Salad		
Snack Tomato		

TUESDAY

Veggie Pie, Potato Gratin & Retro Vegetables	(veggie)	GLUTEN DAIRY EGG
Chicken Filet with Mushroom Sauce	(chicken)	GLUTEN DAIRY
Potato Gratin		
Retro Vegetables		

WEDNESDAY

Chilli sin Carne, Rice, Bread Roll, Cucumber	(veggie)	SOY GLUTEN EGG
Beef Stew (Goulash, Bell Pepper, Beef & Onions)	(beef)	GLUTEN DAIRY
Rice, Bread Roll		
Cucumber		

THURSDAY

Veggie Balls with Macedoine Dish, Snack Tomato	(veggie)	GLUTEN DAIRY EGG
Meat Balls with Tomato Sauce	(beef)	GLUTEN DAIRY EGG
Macedoine Dish with Potato & Parsley		
Carrot Salad		

FRIDAY

Soya Snack, Fries, Carrots	(veggie)	SOY GLUTEN
Fish Filet	(Fish)	FISH GLUTEN EGG DAIRY
Fries		GLUTEN EGG
Carrots		
Tartar Sauce		GLUTEN

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 2022-2023

Autumn Term

August 15 School Opens

September 7 STAFF DAY-NO SCHOOL for Children

September 14 1400 Dismissal

October 17 to October 21 SCHOOL CLOSED

October 24 School Opens

October 26 1400 Dismissal

November 2-4 1230 Dismissals (Parent Conferences)

November 23 STAFF DAY NO SCHOOL for Children

December 23-January 9 SCHOOL CLOSED

Spring Term

January 9 School Opens

January 25 1400 Dismissal

February 20-February 24 SCHOOL CLOSED

February 27 School Opens

March 15 1400 Dismissal

April 3-14 SCHOOL CLOSED

Summer Term

April 17 School Opens

April 27 SCHOOL CLOSED

May 17 1400 Dismissal

May 18 STAFF DAY NO SCHOOL for Children

May 29 SCHOOL CLOSED

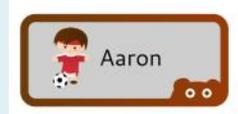
June 16 LAST DAY 1230 Dismissal

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.

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)