



# AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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**29 April 2022**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer term! We hope that you have enjoyed a lovely break helped by the spring sunshine. Many congratulations to Mr and Mrs dell' Aglio on the occasion of their marriage.

It was a strange start to term with the King's Day Holiday midweek but we still managed to pack in plenty learning and fun. This week was a real indication that life at school is pretty much back to normal routines with whole year levels getting together and whole school events back in evidence. Long may this continue!

Our new friendship garden Atalanta was officially opened on Thursday. We were immensely proud of Student Council President, Eneli for the significant role she played.

Another example of "normality" was Year 1 meeting up with High School students who had created beautiful alphabet letters in their Visual Arts lessons. It is wonderful to watch the interaction between two quite different age groups.

The summer term is always a busy one and before we know it the end of another school year is upon us. Plans are underway for the first school trips in two years. We hope these will be finalised next week as we are awaiting confirmation of bus transportation. The proposed dates are listed on the right. As they are authorised you will receive permission forms for your child to attend.

We are delighted to welcome Emily Witkiewicz who was successful at interview this week in securing the role of Office Admin Assistant.

Class photographs were sent home today. Details for how to order are on the envelopes. Please note the final day to order is Friday 13th May.

I would like to commend our Year 6 children who have been working hard towards their end of Primary School Assessments (SATs) which take place in two weeks' time.

*We wish all of our Muslim pupils and families Eid Mubarak.*

Congratulations to Alicia who was a runner up in the Children's Day Drawing Contest sponsored by the Turkish Delegation. We were delighted to welcome Colonel Kadir Özyürek along with our School Governor, Major Yetkin to present the prizes. Children's Day is a very meaningful event and we look forward to this becoming an annual collaboration as we celebrate our amazing children.



### DATES TO NOTE

#### MAY

- 2 PTO Meeting
- 9-12 Year 6 National Assessments
- 12 Sunbeams Reception Trip
- 13 Year 2 Trip
- 19or20 Year 1 Trip
- 24 Y6 to CDN MS Parent Transition
- 25 Year 5-6 Trip
- 26 SCHOOL CLOSED
- 27 International Sports Day
- 31 Year 5-6 Trip

#### JUNE

- 1 Platinum Jubilee Celebration
- 2 Year 5-6 Trip
- 3 Sunbeams Reception Trip
- 3 Irish Storyteller Visit
- 7 Year 1 Phonics Screening
- 8 Year 4 Multiplication Check
- 15 End of Year Barbeque Lunch
- 17 Last Day of School



**Bucket Fillers**



*Abigel, Primrose, Martin, Isaac, Yakup, Klara, Chloe, Tabitha, Imogen, Neo Grace, Richard, Deniz, Eneli, Sienna, Damira, Mariateresa, Naglis*

# Atalanta-Our Friendship Garden Opening Ceremony



# PTO

The next meeting on May 2, at 16:30, will be to vote on our new board for the 2022-2023 school year.

AFNORTH ELEMENTARY PTO

BECOME A VOLUNTEER



## JOIN YOUR PTO

16:30

**2  
MAY**

**VOTING SOON!**

POSITIONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE,  
JUST ASK US!

Everyone is welcome!  
Be involved with your school!!

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## VIRTUAL PTO MEETING

When:  
2 May at 16:30

[https://meet.google.com/  
Code: ixc-sbtr-nvi](https://meet.google.com/ixc-sbtr-nvi)

Voting on the  
new PTO  
board!

Come and see  
what we have  
been up to!

# AFNORTH Elementary Sport's Day 2022

Hello AFNORTH Community!

This year's AFNORTH Elementary Sports Day will be Friday, May 27, 2022. Here is our Sports Day schedule as well as pertinent information about the day.

Reception/Pre-Kindergarten, Year 1/Kindergarten and Year 2/First grade will meet at the track and field area at 0930. Students and teachers must find their assigned station/numbered cone by 0935, so we can begin promptly at 0940. Students will rotate through 13 different stations from 0940-1110.

Year 3/Second grade, Year4/Third grade, Year5/Fourth grade, and Year6/Fifth grade will walk to the track and field area at 1335. Students and teachers must find their assigned station/numbered cone by 1340, so we can begin promptly at 1345. Students will rotate through 14 stations from 1345-1515.

## Things to remember for Sport's/Field Day:

-If it rains the event will be cancelled and students and staff will follow their regular school schedule.

-Students should wear athletic attire and wear outdoor shoes which can get dirty. Please make sure they do not wear their indoor P.E. shoes for Sport's Day. For sun protection, it is recommended that students apply sunscreen and wear hats. I am also asking students to bring a bottle of water from home to prevent dehydration and multiple trips inside the gymnasium.

-We will have a first aid station located near the Forest School shed as a precaution to take care of any injuries which could occur during the event. Water stations will be located next to the first aid station so students can refill their water bottles.

## Sport's Day volunteers:

If you are willing to volunteer, please see the times listed below: Morning session for volunteers will be 0845-1130 grades Pre-K, Kindergarten and first. Afternoon session for volunteers will be 1300-1530 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grades. Stations will be assigned when you arrive at the track. If you are interested in volunteering, please email me at [Christopher.Guest@dodea.edu](mailto:Christopher.Guest@dodea.edu). In the subject line, please type Sport's Day Volunteer and note what session you would like to volunteer for. You can volunteer for both sessions! The last day to send me a volunteer email will be the 20<sup>th</sup> of May, so I have time to compile a list prior to the event.

I look forward to having a great day with your children and thank you for your support.

Christopher Guest

AFNorth Elementary Physical Education

# Sunbeams

We have had a wonderful first week back after the Easter break made even better as we welcomed some new friends into our lovely class. We loved travelling to the Netherlands to celebrate King's Day this week as part of our Round the World Tour, learning about traditional Dutch games, drip painting tulips and celebrating by decorating cakes and making crowns. We rounded off the week by collaborating with our friends in Reception and the American Pre-K and kindergarten classes for International Children's Day. The children were incredibly confident as they shared their garden with new friends and teachers.



# Reception

Our main focus this week has been on Kings Day. We dressed up, played street games, made orange cakes and crowns and painted tulip pictures. At Forest School we had a focus on embellishing sticks by tying them together or wrapping wool around them. In maths, we have been busy finding the missing numbers in addition problems.



# Year 1

Another busy week in Year 1! We began finding out about earth day. We made our own earth using coffee filter paper, colouring pens and water sprays. Then we went on a cleanup mission around school and filled two big bags. We also had fun learning about King's Day. The children then tried out various traditional Dutch games too.



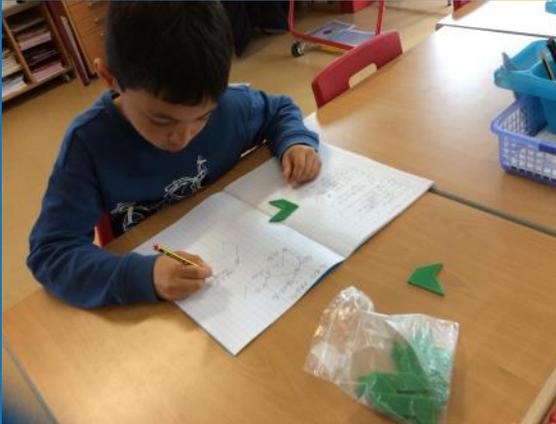
# Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been looking at how the lives of other children are different to their own. We looked at the importance of water, sanitation and how these can affect health. We also learned that it took a long time for people to discover that diseases are caused by things we cannot even see with our eyes (microscopic organisms). An introduction to the 'Great Plague' was a little overwhelming, but very interesting for most of the children. As you can see, our fish project is finished, just in time for our international collaboration for Earth Day. The children spoke to the other nations about our plastic project and then, in turn, heard from others about their classrooms activities. It was an informative and special day.



# Year 3

Year 3 have obviously had a wonderful time over the April break and came back with lots of interesting things to tell their friends about. We have celebrated the opening of our new Butterfly Garden in school and are looking forward to exploring it. We have been working on our science experiments involving friction and magnets before moving onto our work on plants. We had some lovely pictures but they accidentally got deleted, so we will share some of us starting to think about angles in maths. :) As Earth Day happened during the break we started school with our big question of 'How can we work together to help our planet?' As always I am impressed by the thoughtfulness of our children and the amazing connections that they make to the world around them. We look forward to thinking more about this question as the term progresses.



# Year 4

"This week we made a model of the water cycle using a plastic pot and peach and forest green coloured playdough. We had to make a mountain with curvy paths on it and a beach of sand. Mrs Donlin poured hot water into the bottom of each pot - that was the sea! Then we put clingfilm over the top of the pot and waited for evaporation, condensation and precipitation to happen! It was lots of fun - enjoy our photos."

Freya and Elvira



# Year 5/6



The children took some time away from SATS practice to enjoy some calm and quiet time in our beautiful and newly installed butterfly garden. The purpose of the garden is to allow time for personal reflection and contemplation, and to be at one with nature. Already bees have moved into the bee hotel! Using their observation skills to study the range of natural materials they chose key features, looking at colour, shape and texture. Using pencil and watercolours the class produced some very impressive pieces.



# Bucket Fillers



# LUNCH



## Week 2 Menu 2-5 tm 6-5-2022

### MONDAY

Veggie roll, potato & vintage vegetables (veggie)



"German menu"

Smoked sausage (pork)



Potato & Onions

Beetroot & parsley

Mustardsauce

### TUESDAY

Soya Roti with curry beans (veggie)



"Surinamese menu"

Crispy chicken (chicken)



Roti (savoury pancake)

Curry beans

### WEDNESDAY

Macaroni with tomato vegetable sauce (veggie)



"Italian menu"

Pasta penne & basil



Beefragout

(beef)

Snack tomato

### THURSDAY

Vegetable stew, couscous & pita

(veggie)



Tajine (beefstew)

(beef)



Couscous.

Yoghurt garlic sauce.

Pita.

### FRIDAY

veggie burger, potato, carrots

(veggie)



"UK menu"

Fishfilet with sauce

(fish)



Fries

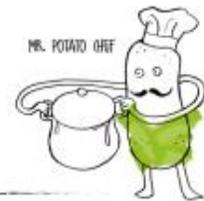
Carrots & dill



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

# AFNORTH Calendar

## SY 2022-2023

Official School Holidays	
Autumn Break:	17 Oct - 23 Oct 2022
Winter/Christmas Break:	26 Dec - 6 Jan 2023
Carnival Break:	20 Feb - 26 Feb 2023
Spring/ Easter Break:	3 April - 16 April 2023
Kingsday	27 April 2023
Ascension Day	18 May 2023
Pentecost	29 May 2023
Summer	19 June -13 August 2023

Total School days	
190 Teacher days	
184 German, UK section school days	
183 CAN ES school days	
180 CAN HS school days	
175 US ES/MS/HS school days	
First day of classes: 15 Aug 2022	
Last day of classes: 16 June 2023	
US section only: 15 June 2022	
CAN MHS section only: 15 June 2022	

No US /CDN Students	
14 October No US Students	
07 November No CAN students	
24 March No US/CAN MHS students	
16 June No US/CAN MHS students	
Please note -	
4 US MHS CCR days (Blue circled days) are still pending	

○ Staff days NO students	
Int: 11/12 Aug-Orientation days, 18 May	
Nat: 7 Sept, 23 Nov, 23 Dec	

### AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL CALENDAR SCHOOL YEAR 2022—2023

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OCTOBER 2022						
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DECEMBER 2022						
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MAY 2023						
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JUNE 2023						
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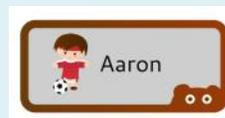
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# REMINDERS



## 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)