



# AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## British Section

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11 November 2022

Dear Parents,

Throughout this week, classes have been engaged in poetry and art activities as they reflected on the significance of November 11th and the symbolism of the poppy. Today the whole school came together, wearing our poppies with pride, to commemorate Remembrance Day. We were extremely proud of our Year 6 pupils, supported by Year 5 in leading a very poignant assembly through music, poetry and peace quotations helping us mark the occasion so thoughtfully and respectfully.

Special thanks to our guest speaker, Group Capt. Roberts for sharing his story and powerful messages about service, the diamond bond of teamwork and the best gift of all...freedom.

It's been very busy outdoors this week with lots of learning taking place in Forest School. Miss Trout, Mr Castillo Garcia and Mrs Roberts along with Canadian colleagues have been receiving training from Dave Church of Little Acorns Forest School. The training was excellent and it is always good to put yourself in the shoes of the children. There were very happy, though exhausted staff by the end of the week! [Click here for more information on Forest Schools](#)

Please Note I will be out of school next week attending the Head Teacher Conference. Although I will continue to access e-mail, Mr Brown will assume Head Teacher responsibility during my absence.

*Have a lovely weekend*



Bucket Fillers



Alice, Gokce, Jaxon, Ginevra, Jekope, Naglis, Yakup, Javier, Anders, Deniz, Samuele, Amelia, All of Year 5/6



### DATES TO NOTE

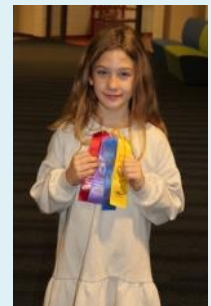
#### November

- 14 1215 Year 2 Design Technology afternoon  
Moon Buggy
- 23 SCHOOL CLOSED  
Staff Training Day
- 26 1100-1400  
Christmas Fayre

#### December

- 12 Last day for Monday Clubs
- 13 Last day for Tuesday Clubs
- 21 Christmas Lunch
- 22 Class Christmas Parties  
Last Day of Term

Well done Indi on all your achievements last weekend with the Orcas!



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## BUS PASSES

Dear Parent (s) / Guardian (s) of Elementary enrolled children,

AFNORTH provides a bus service for the children attending our school. The use of this bus service is a privilege and not a right. Most of our children use this bus service and AIS does its utmost to make the service safe, effective, and as punctual as possible. Our policies and procedures regarding this service can be found on the school website (afnorth-is.com). When registering your child at school or on receipt of the student bus pass for your child(ren) you should receive an information package about the busing system. When informing yourself about the conditions of the bus service you can read that our youngest children (Reception and Year 1) have a special bus pass which prevents these children to leave the bus at their bus stop if none of the parents/guardians are present (unless other arrangements have been made and communicated with the respective national office). In case nobody is present to pick up the child(ren), they will be brought back to school. The parents will be contacted, and you are expected to pick up your child.

In recent weeks the Directorate has received information that some parents have concerns about their (older than 6 years old) children being dropped off at a bus stop without the need of a parent/guardian to be present. According to the parents the policies and procedures do not inform parents clearly enough about this situation. We are taking this feedback seriously and would like to make the following options available:

1. Parents of ES children may request a yellow student card for their child(ren). This means that their children will not be left off the bus unless a parent/guardian is at the bus stop. The parent/guardian will have to be present 10 minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival time. The bus will depart the bus stop at the indicated/scheduled time. Children carrying a yellow card will be brought back to school. Parents will be contacted (by their national section) to pick up the child(ren) from school.

**2. For children in Years 2-6, to obtain a yellow student card, a parental request needs to be made at the beginning of the school year or upon registering the child(ren) in their national office. This card will be valid for the current school year and cannot be exchanged for a regular student card throughout the course of that year.**

3. Without a parental request for a yellow card all children will automatically receive a regular student card. This implies that the parents have read and accept the school bus policies and procedures.

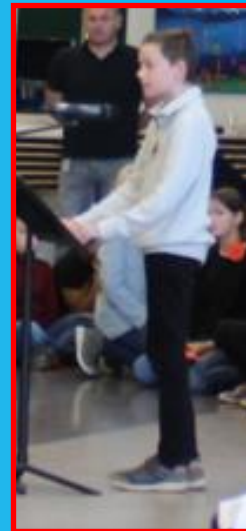
4. If parents frequently (three or more times) fail to meet their child(ren), carrying a yellow student card, at the bus stop, AIS will inform the parents that the use of the bus service will no longer be possible.

5. Parents always have the option to not use the provided bus service and provide their own transportation.

**Parents who would like to obtain a yellow student card for their child(ren) can contact the bus coordinator's office: [buscoordinator@afnorth-is.com](mailto:buscoordinator@afnorth-is.com)**

# Remembrance Day

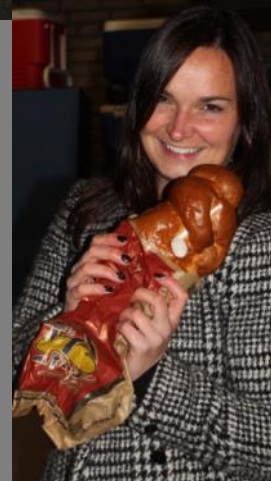
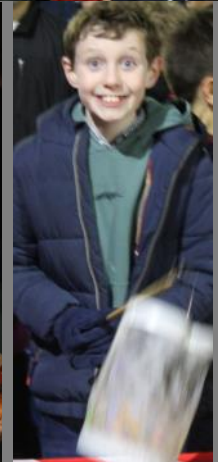
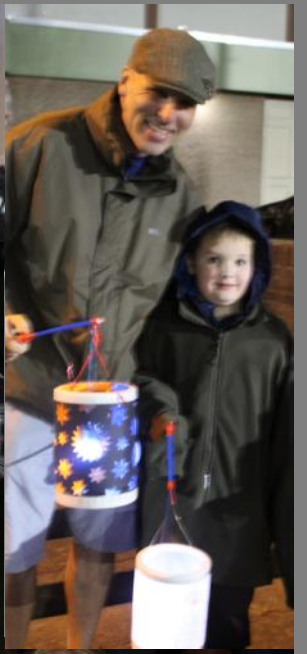
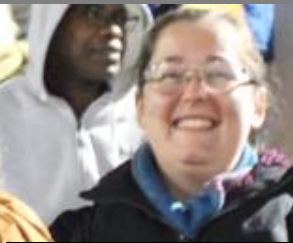
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## St Martin's Lantern Parade 2022





# LIBRARY 30 DAY BOOK CHALLENGE

# November

ENJOY 30 WONDERFUL PICTURE BOOKS THIS MONTH!  
CLICK ON A BOOK, LOGIN TO **MACKINVIA**, AND  
EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF READING.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

AFNORTH Elementary Lions Library

[Click Here](#)

# FOREST SCHOOL TRAINING



# Sunbeams

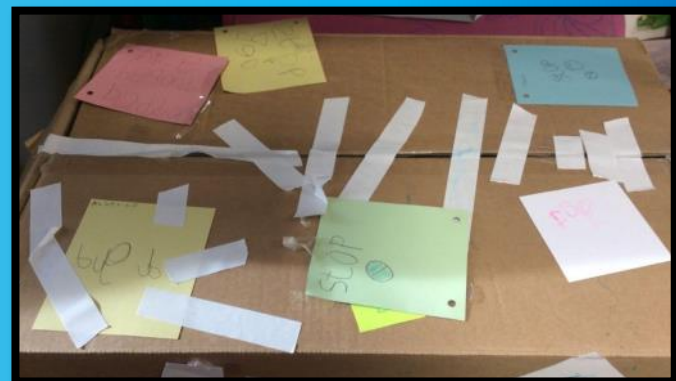
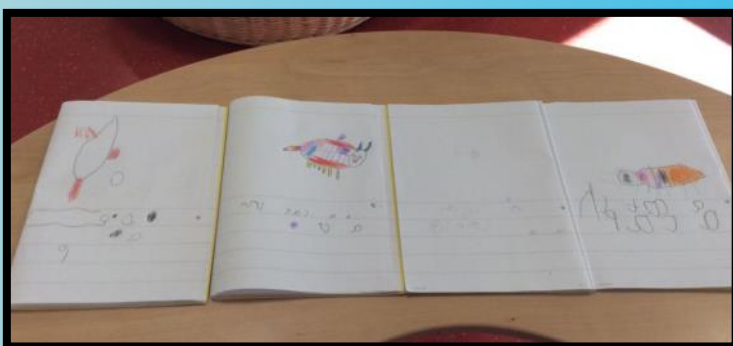
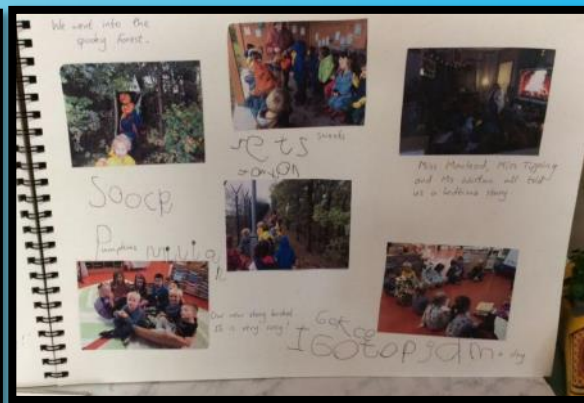
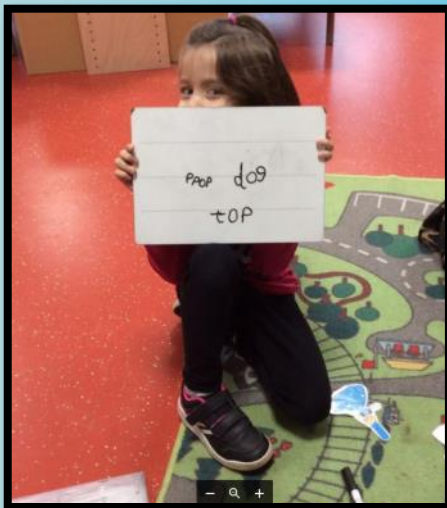
We have had a wonderful week in Sunbeams using our hands to explore and create. We started off with a giant pumpkin and thoroughly enjoyed hammering into them with all our might. Then we moved onto some leftover pumpkins and painted them then rolled them around to create patterns as many had lots of lumps and bumps on them! We then created some very beautiful poppies for remembrance day, making the shapes of the petals using our very own hand prints.



# Reception

What does writing look like in Reception Class?

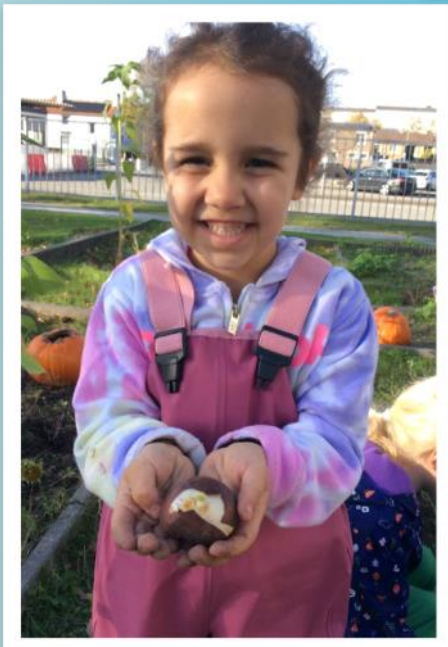
Sometimes we use our Supersonic Phonic Friends programme to learn letter sounds to spell into words. Sometimes we say a caption and try to write it. Sometimes we have a very exciting reason to write on our own, such as when we needed to tell the toy dragon to be good. Sometimes we write in our Remembering Book to think about what has happened during the week. Sometimes we try to spell long words. Sometimes we make marks for pleasure.





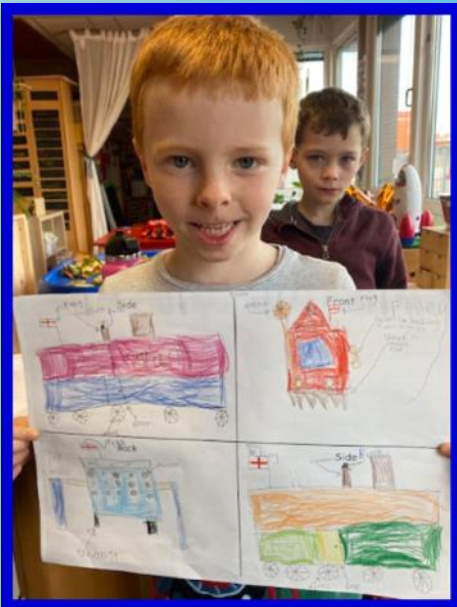
# Year 1

This week we have been learning about remembrance, making poppies and a wreath. In forest school we have planted some bulbs ready for spring, and we have even had to do some weeding too! In Literacy, we have been writing our alternative Three Little Pigs stories.



# Year 2

This week we have been designing our own space buggies for our DT project. We have also been looking at instruction writing in order to get us ready to write instructions for our space buggy construction. We have been looking at various designs and all the features and parts of a buggy. Our reading has been based around the 'Luna Moon Buggy' used in the Apollo Missions and we are looking forward to our parents coming in to help us to make the buggies on Monday.



What I need

- box
- scissors
- hot glue
- paint
- dowling
- wooden wheels
- elastic bands
- foil
- umbrella
- tyres
- staple
- lolly sticks

Finley

+ JJB  
What we need

- Sellotape
- Hot glue
- scissors
- dowling
- wooden wheels
- lolly sticks
- paint
- kula pens
- foil
- soil box
- wooden lolly sticks
- wooden sticks

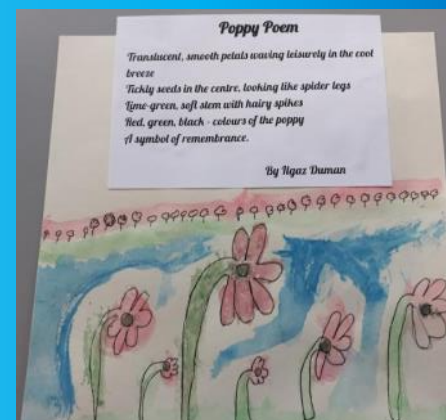
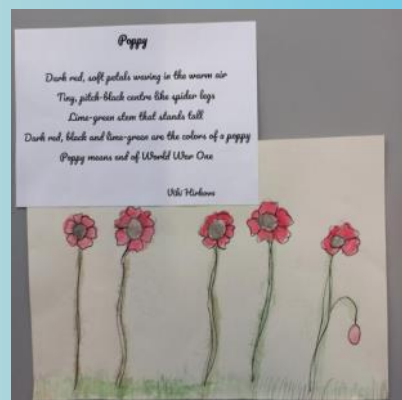
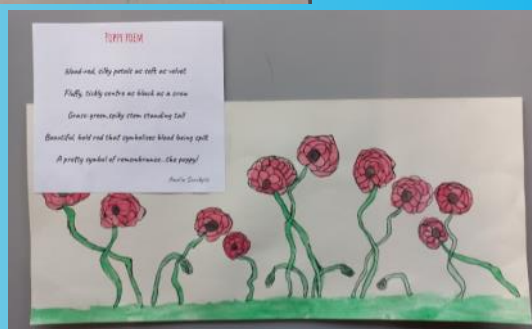
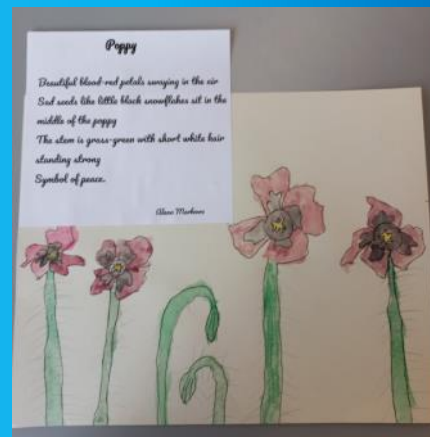
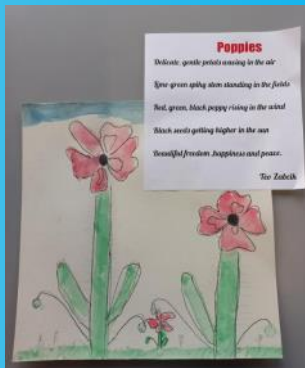
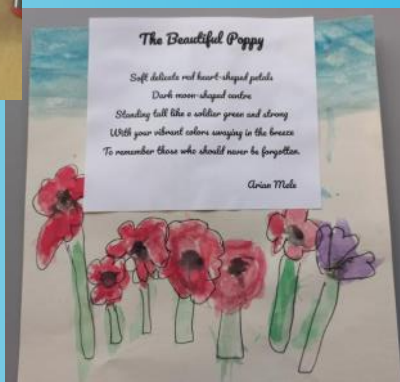
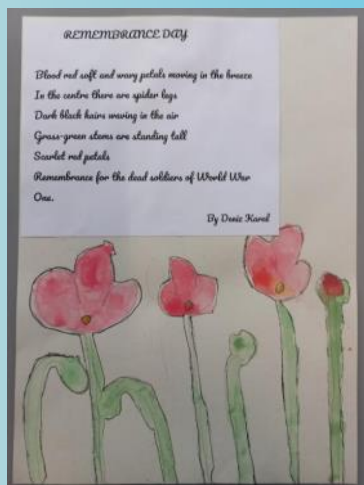
# Year 3

This week we had a wonderful time learning how to wet felt so that we could make our poppies for remembrance day. The children had the cleanest hands ever! We found that it took a lot of rubbing, rolling and friction to make all of the fibres bond together. We have had some interesting discussions about this involving how the material is made. The children have been curious about how colours or dyes were made in the Stone Age.



# Year 4-5

Year 4/5 used the poppy symbol of remembrance as a focus for their descriptive writing this week. The children collaborated to create an interesting wordbank of descriptive vocabulary which they then used to write thoughtful and poignant 'poppy poems'. Enjoy reading some examples from our class of poets, publishers and artists! Thank you to Samuele and Amelia for sensibly representing our class at the school Remembrance Assembly as they laid our beautiful hand-made class wreath. We are also very proud of our Y5s who participated in a group choir - great effort and wonderful singing everyone!



# Year 5-6



Year 5/6 led our Remembrance assembly with respect today. We are very proud of them - our young leaders. This was another international collaboration between all sections. The assembly truly reflected the reason we are here in this international NATO school - for peace and respect of all; having the ability to work together internationally and move things forwards in the name of Peace.

This week in class, we concluded our lessons on the Shang Dynasty and talked about the downfall of Empires and what causes this. The children were truly impressive when talking about reasons such as Military, Economic and Political issues and as usual, took the lesson further by linking their understanding to modern day. This led us to finally talk about what makes a great leader by using reading research. We finally concluded our ideas and talked about what we would do if we led the world. Here are some responses. We are in good hands, I am sure you will agree:



"If I were to lead the world, I would make more foodbanks and help clear the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, and plant some trees." Archie

"If I were to lead the world, I would manage to stop the war in Ukraine and prevent any war from happening in every part of the world." Dalila

"If I were to lead the world, I would allow every woman to do what they wanted freely." Ada

"If I were to lead the world, I would make endangered animals have safer habitats." Alfie



In language classes, the children have made beautiful lanterns for the St Martin's parade which will take place at school this evening. Again, this is another wonderful aspect of the school - sharing in cultures and traditions. This was further discussed and celebrated in class after the children watched BBC Newsround where they heard about schools that are encouraging integration in Ireland. The children felt lucky that they are in a situation where they can share in so much internationally and culturally.



# Bucket Fillers



# LUNCH



## Week Menu 1 14-11 tm 18-11-2022

### MONDAY

Chili sin Carne, Rice, Bread Roll, Cucumber	(veggie)	GLUTEN EGGS MILK
Beef Stew (Goulash, Bell Pepper, Beef, Onions)	(beef)	GLUTEN EGGS
Rice		
Bread Roll		
Cucumber		

### TUESDAY

Veggie Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables	(veggie)	GLUTEN EGGS MILK
Chicken Filet	(chicken)	EGGS MILK
Mashed Potatoes		
Mixed Vegetables		
Pepper Sauce		

### WEDNESDAY

Soya Snack, Pasta, Pumpkin Sauce, Rocket Salad	(veggie)	SOY GLUTEN MILK
Frankfurter	(pork)	GLUTEN MILK
Pasta		
Pumpkin Sauce		
Rocket Salad		

### THURSDAY

Veggie Balls, Macedoine Dish, Rice, Carrot Salad	(veggie)	GLUTEN EGGS MILK
Meat Balls with Tomato Sauce	(beef)	GLUTEN EGGS MILK
Macedoine Dish		
Rice		
Carrot Salad		

### FRIDAY

Empenada, Fries, Peas	(veggie)	GLUTEN EGGS MILK
Fish Filet	(Fish)	FISH GLUTEN EGGS MILK
Fries		
Peas		
Tartar Sauce		

LISTED PRODUCTS AND DISHES CAN CONTAIN TRACES OF ALLERGENS.



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

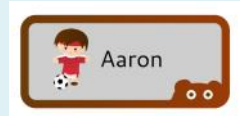


# REMINDERS



## 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](mailto:british.office@afnorth-is.com)

CC: class teacher

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