



AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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18 November 2022

Dear Parents,

This week we have been thinking about **Friendship** and **Kindness** in recognition of Anti-Bullying Week. In assemblies and in classes, children have discussed ways to help and support each other. We have looked at who to go to and how to **Reach Out**.



Classes have been busy elves this week working on their **Christmas Craft** for the Fayre. During Design and Technology and Art sessions children have developed and created individual masterpieces ready for the Craft stall.

Entries have been coming into the Office for the **Fayre Programme Front Cover Competition**. Don't forget that Monday is the last day for submissions. Thank you for all the donations for the Secret Room and Toy Shop, we will continue to accept these next week. To support the Café at the fayre we will welcome donations of cakes and cookies on Friday next week. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to help on the day with the running of one of the school stalls / activities please contact the British Office next week.

Our **festive school lunch** information has been distributed, see the information later in the newsletter. Please use the link [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up by December 7th. Children may also opt to bring their own lunch. Parents may attend the lunch with their child. Please note that your child's lunch card will be used to purchase their ticket and any parent lunches requested. If your child does not have a lunch card, please send the money to the British Office.

On November 23rd the **Staff Training Day** will be used for teachers to review school data, assessment and curriculum planning.

DATES TO NOTE

November

23 SCHOOL CLOSED
Staff Training Day
26 100-1400 Christmas Fayre

December

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



Have a lovely weekend



Bucket Fillers



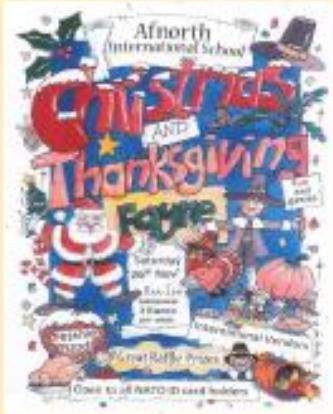
Justine, Milian, Rosie, David, Demir, Mete, Poyraz, Georgie, Balkan, Leo, Lila, Julia, Archie



Dear all,

It's that time of year again! 🎅

Each year we have a **Front Cover* Competition** for* the Christmas / Thanksgiving Fayre Programme.



All children in Yr2–Yr6 are encouraged to participate .

Ideally drawings (Seasonal, Christmas and Thanksgiving) should be completed on A4 paper and entries from Year2 up should have the following key information included:

- AFNORTH School Fayre
- Saturday 26 November 2022
- 11am to 2pm

Student's name and their class should be written on the back and submitted to the British Office no later than Monday 21st November.

Thank you 🎅



Afnorth
International School

Christmas AND Thanksgiving Fayre

Saturday
26th Nov'

11 AM - 2 PM
Admission:
2 Euros
per adult.

Festive
Food

Great Raffle Prizes

International Vendors

Open to all NATO ID card holders

Fun
and
games

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Dear Parents and Students

Sodexo is delighted to be able to serve the traditional AIS Christmas luncheon this year again in the cafeteria of our school.

We invite all parents and family to join their children for our special Christmas luncheon.

Elementary students

Parents can pre-order the Christmas luncheon tickets for their Elementary students and their family by using the google link before Wednesday 7 December.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-Iq7LJcy2ZsTNJnqCeebPi5KfVILD_qIkJuRKWJZKfU-PhA/viewform

All pre-ordered Christmas Luncheon(s) tickets, €4.05 EL and €4.55 adults will be charged from the students' lunch card on the 14 December. Please make sure the lunch card has enough balance. The Christmas Luncheon will be identified on your account as a separate meal. The Christmas Luncheon tickets will be distributed through the student class teacher. The National office will communicate the regular grade/year level lunch times.

The Christmas luncheon will be served in the regular way on Wednesday 21 December.

Middle/High school students

A Christmas Luncheon ticket €4.55 can be pre-purchased during the regular lunchtimes at the Sodexo cash deck until the Wednesday 7 December. The Christmas Luncheon will take place at the regular lunchtime on Wednesday 21 December in exchange for this special ticket.

Without this Christmas Luncheon ticket the Christmas Luncheon cannot be served.

It is important to purchase a ticket before Wednesday 7th December at the latest as pre-ordering has to be undertaken.

Please know that there will be no other menus served by Sodexo on 21 December.

Children who usually bring a packed lunch from home will have the opportunity to bring in their own Christmas themed lunch on Wednesday 21 December.



Menu Stuffed Turkey Roulade–Potato Gratin –Cranberry sauce

Forgotten Luxury Vegetables–

Parsnip–celeriac–carrot–artichoke–pumpkin–onion

Christmas Coupe–Custard–Forest fruit trifle

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.

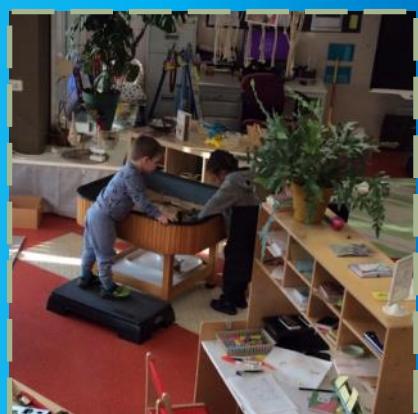
In recent weeks the Directorate has received information that some parents have concerns about their (older than 6 years old) children being dropped off at a bus stop without the need of a parent/guardian to be present. According to the parents the policies and procedures do not inform parents clearly 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

Sunbeams

Sunbeams have had a wonderful time exploring some new spaces this week. We different parts of the Foundation Stage Setting for our explore and learn time. We loved finding new areas to play; sieving sand, hunting through the story den and investigating the phonics resources with the magnets. On Thursday we visited the IVN gardens with our Reception friends. We loved finding lots of little spaces for animals to hide and listening to the wind rustling through the trees.



Reception

It was World Nursery Rhyme Week and the worldwide challenge was to join in with ten rhymes. Reception Class completed the challenge with favourites like Twinkle Twinkle and Little Miss Muffet, and ones new to us like The Big Ship Sails Down The Ally Ally O. Children who can sing or say rhymes, and hear rhyming words, make better readers and writers. We made our own rhymes such as hack and sack and pack and back. We acted out rhymes using home-made objects, tunnels, chairs and our whole body. We even wrote rhyming spells.



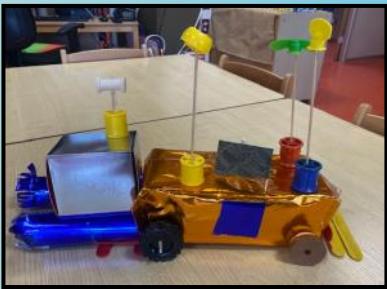
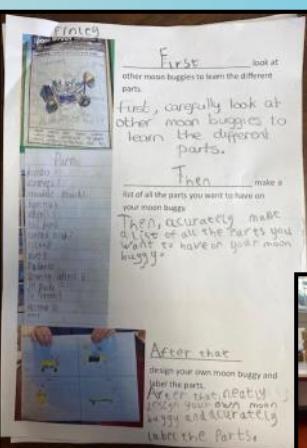
Year 1

This week year 1 have been exploring the number 10 and all the different ways to make it. They enjoyed collecting acorns to count with too. They have also been learning to use a hammer and nails, it took some perseverance and has enabled them to work on their fine motor skills. They are enjoying creating some beautiful things to sell at the Christmas Faye. They have also learnt how to safely make holes in card and attach split pins to make moving characters.



Year 2

This week we had a lovely visit from the Year 2 parents. We made space buggies for our DT project this term. We have been very busy designing them and planning all the features we wanted to include. We are now writing instructions on how to make the space buggies. We are learning about time connectives and adverbs. We learnt that adverbs tell us HOW to do something and time connectives tell us WHEN. We think our buggies are quite impressive. Do you agree?



Year 3



Year 3 has had a wonderful week! They have been working really hard on their writing about the stone age boy using lots of description and putting in great word choices. We have learnt that the Bronze Age people created tools from...bronze! Our discussions about how a bronze axe was made have been fascinating. We have thought about how different things melt, oxidise and can be recycled. Now we are beginning to think about some of the henges that there are. It is wonderful to be making all these different links. In maths we have started to multiply 2 digit numbers, we have used partitioning and manipulatives to support our work.



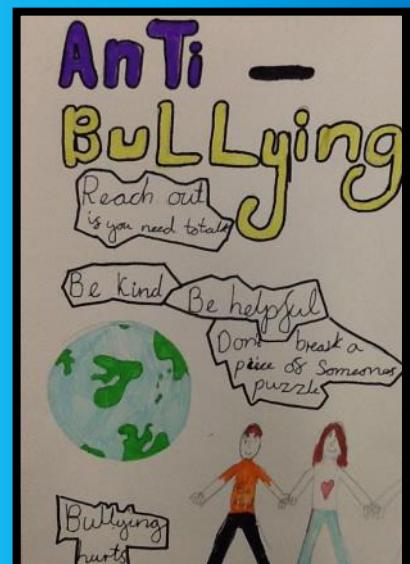
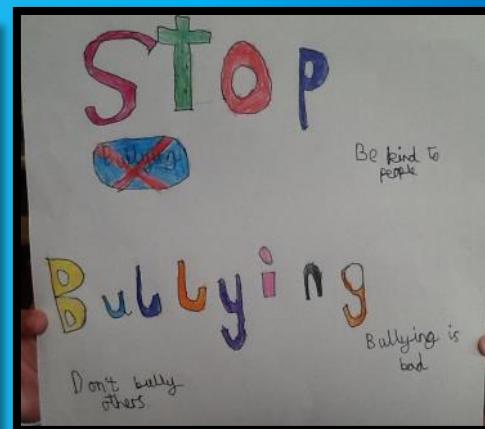
Year 4-5



"This week's assembly was about bullying because it was Anti-bullying Week. We talked about being kind, being respectful to others and reaching out when we needed help. We can talk to teachers, friends and parents - people who we can trust. To share our important messages, we made colourful anti-bullying posters to display around the school.

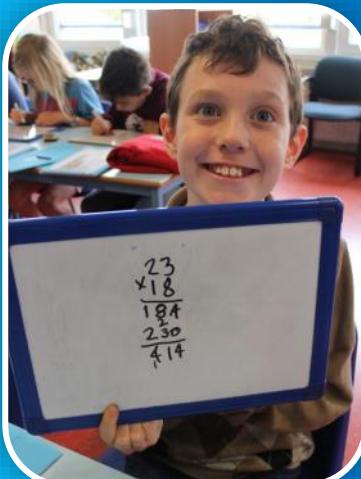
We were also finding out about children as young as four who are mining cobalt in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It made us feel sad, angry and sorry for them because it is dangerous and hard work. We are looking forward to learning more about this next week."

Reported by Amelia and Ilgaz



Year 5-6

The hive of industry has continued in Year 5/6 with preparations for the Christmas Fayre. Please see our pictures for a clue as to what we are making to sell! We'll give you a further clue - they have beautiful and enormous wings, are cute, can be placed on a Christmas tree, might even fly! We have also been polishing our knowledge of multiplication and division facts - completing 'An Ultimate Division Challenge' of 144 questions! I am pleased to report that all who took part scored really highly. Linked with this, we have been exploring how to divide with two-digit numbers by using their factors. Impressive stuff, Year 5/6!



Bucket Fillers



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**](#)

Child & Youth Services

PRESENTS

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

6:30-8 PM • CYS BLDG H-602

December 2 | January 27 | May 19

SAC PROGRAM ONLY

Open to U.S. & NATO ID cardholders

Must be registered with CYS

For more information call Parent Central Services

DSN 597-4266/4267 or CIV +31 (0)45-534-0266/0267

**FREE
EVENT**



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[Brunssum.armymwr.com](#)

Child and Youth Services

Parent Advisory Board

Meeting

Thursday, December 15

12 - 12:45PM

JFC Brunssum Youth Center, Bldg H-602



Open to U.S. & NATO ID cardholders

SAVE on your childcare bill and earn participation points by attending, which count towards a 10% fee reduction.

For more information call Parent Central Services:

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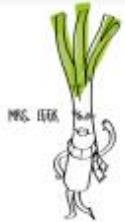


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LUNCH



Week 2 Menu 21-11 tm 25-11-2022

MONDAY

Veggie Roll, Potato & Vegetables	(veggie)	
"German menu"		
Minced Meat Roll	(beef)	
Potato		
Vegetables		
Onion sauce		

THURSDAY

Pasta with Tomato Vegetable Sauce	(veggie)	
"Italian menu"		
Pasta with Basil		
Beef Ragout	(beef)	
Snack Tomato		
Rocket Salad		

TUESDAY

Soya Roti with Curry Beans	(veggie)	
"Surinamese menu"		
Crispy Chicken	(chicken)	
Roti (Savoury Pancake)		
Curry Beans		

FRIDAY

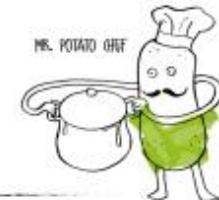
Veggie Burger, Fries, Peas	(veggie)	
"UK menu"		
Fish Fillet	(fish)	
Fries		
Peas		
Tartar Sauce		

LISTED PRODUCTS AND DISHES CAN CONTAIN TRACES OF ALLERGENS.

WEDNESDAY	
No School Today	



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. 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)