



AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

British Section

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2 September 2022

Dear Parents,

There were lots of additional smiles in evidence today as the children had their pictures taken. For those who were ill today there will be another opportunity later in the year. Danielle is wonderful with the children and she even manages to capture the most "camera shy".

We are excited to welcome the following new members of staff to our Learning Support team: Penny Smees, Anne Church-Taylor and Charlotte Georgiou.

TERRY FOX RUN

A highlight of the September calendar at AFNORTH is the Terry Fox Run. For our 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.

More information next week.

JFCBS Family Day September 9th

Families attached to JFC Brunssum who wish to participate in the Family Day next Friday may collect their children early from school at 1415. This will avoid issues with accessing the car park during bus times. Please notify the British Office if there is to be a change to your child's end of day routine next Friday.

We are finalising our after school programme for children in Years 3-6 and plan to have sign up sheets to the children next week.

Have a lovely weekend



Bucket Fillers



Joseph, Alberto, Maria, Martin, Callum, Javier, Anders, Neo, Yusuf, Leo, Finlay

DATES TO NOTE

September

5	1630 PTO Meeting
6	1900 Christmas Fayre Meeting
7	Staff Day , NO Students
14	Early finish 14:00
28	Parent Meeting: Building Resilience and Making Sense of Mental Health
29	Terry Fox Run

CLASSES

School Year 2022-2023

Sunbeams	Mrs Mclean helen.mclean@afnorth-is.com
Reception	Mrs Worton amanda.worton@afnorth-is.com
Year 1	Miss Trout vicky.trout@afnorth-is.com
Year 2	Mrs Eaton Bell penny.eatonbell@afnorth-is.com
Year 3	Miss Forrest sally.forrest@afnorth-is.com
Year 4-5	Mrs Siedhoff joanne.siedhoff@afnorth-is.com
Year 5-6	Miss Robertson pam.robertson@afnorth-is.com

Join Us For The First

PTO MEETING

Of The New School Year

MONDAY, 5 SEPT 2022

16:30

AFNORTH LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

All National Sections Encouraged



Become A PARENT REPRESENTATIVE



DID YOU KNOW???

The AFNORTH International Elementary PTO serves *all four sections* of our wonderful school. We are looking for volunteers from each section to become parent representatives to provide powerful input.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR TO VOLUNTEER, EMAIL
US AT AFNORTH.IS.ES.PTO@GMAIL.COM



Sunbeams

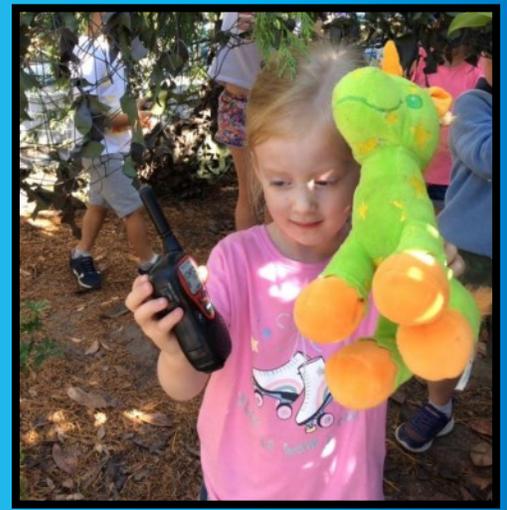
Our sparkly Sunbeams have had a wonderful week exploring, investigating and getting into every nook and cranny of our wonderful setting! We have seen lots of construction and teamwork and building of friendships with transporting in the water, hunting for treasure in the digging pit, den building in the large construction area, taking each other for little rides in the wagon, designing and building train tracks, roads and airports and even opening a car wash to service all our dirty bikes.

We also had a chance to collaborate with our Reception friends in some muscle building squiggle while you wiggle and disco dough!



Reception

Reception Class children have been working hard on literacy skills indoors and out. They made up stories about dragon eggs and magic wands, used their mini me's in the construction area and practised writing letters and tricky words. They listened to a story about potato people and made their own.



Year 1

In year 1 this week we have been talking about our families and where we are from. The children each made a house to show who they live with. In maths we have been working on comparing. The children have been learning to use they language of less than, greater than and equal to. They then learnt which symbol to us and practiced with lots of different pairs of numbers. We have also begun learning about our senses, the children decorated some fun glasses and we went around our school looking at all the different things which we could see.

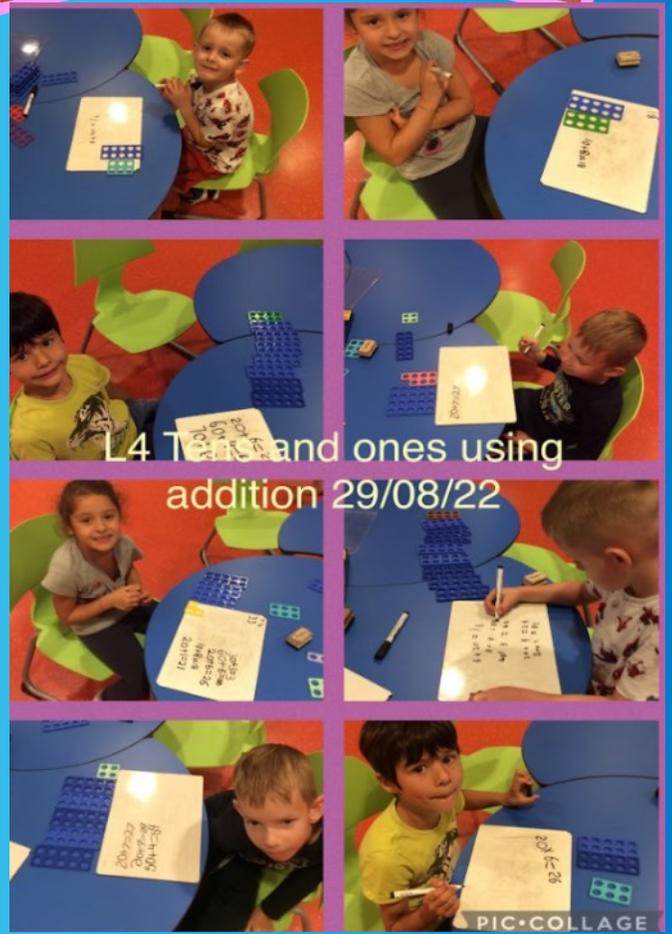
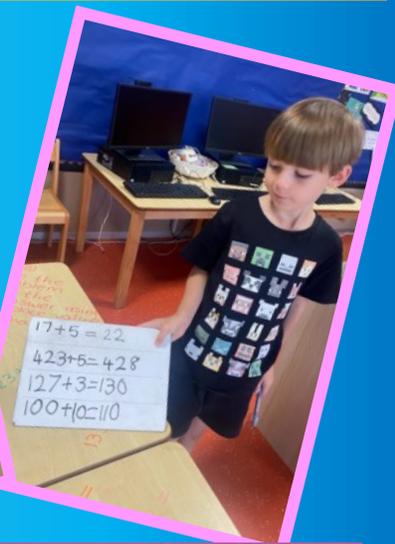
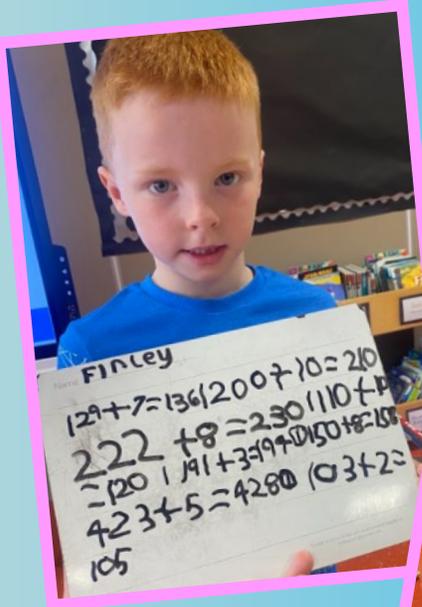


Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been learning all about Neil Armstrong and the Moon Landing in 1969.

We have been focussing our writing around the moon again and we will move onto the life of a significant person: Neil Armstrong.

We have been learning about place value in maths and using the 'greater than' and 'less than' symbol'. We are all very happy and settled in class and having a lovely time.



Year 3

Year 3 have continued to learn about 'Animals including Humans'.

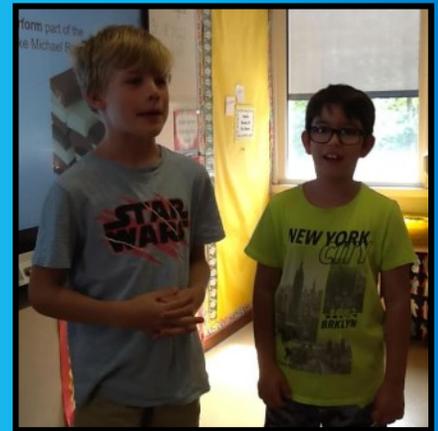
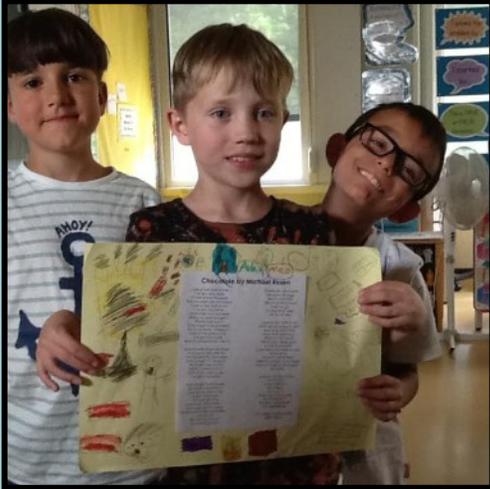
We have been thinking about our bone structure and the purpose of the bones in our bodies. How they help us move, what sorts of joints we have and what is attached to our bones to help them move. We will be thinking about some of the scientific names of the bones and identify where they are in our bodies.



Year 4-5

Year 4/5 have 'dived' into chocolate with their class novel 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. The children are expanding their vocabulary, making connections and using various reading skills when discussing the text. There is certainly lots of interest and enjoyment too!

After watching Michael Rosen's amusing performance of his 'Chocolate Cake' poem, the class were given the challenge to perform a whole class 'Chocolate' poem. The children worked in pairs to each perform their part and were so keen to add expression and actions - some even memorised the words! Great teamwork, Year 4/5!



Year 5-6

Year 5/6 have continued with our **learning through Lego!** This week we developed our **systematic thinking** in Maths through making different **sequences** using Lego and other coloured objects before translating this **concept** into number sequences. We also wrote clues for **codes** which was entertaining whilst also allowing us to use our **mathematical language** such as **digits, odd, even, column** in another context. We worked as one big **team** with the **challenge** of building a model of the **Great Wall of China** out of Lego blocks. Finlay was the 'Emperor' in charge and he was most impressed with the level of **cooperation** that he witnessed.

We have also been discussing **when, where and how** do we know about the **Shang dynasty** all those thousands of years ago. Miss Robertson is impressed with our **archaeological skills of questioning and reasoning** when looking at examples of some of the **ancient artefacts** of these times. See the photograph of the Jam board where we captured some of our **predictions and reasons** linked to our **thinking**.



I think this could be an axe because it looks like the kind of object that would chop trees or peoples head. D. Archie

I think that it is a piece from a war axe because it is sharper than a normal axe and has a face and real axes don't really have faces. Ilgar

I think it could be an axe to cut off people's heads. For example, slaves heads because its an axe shape and it has a face shape on it so it gives us a clue. Elvira

I think it could be a field with shapes because it is all green and the white stuff i think is a gates. Dalila

I think this could be an axe head because its creepy and blood curdling and also from here it looks flat and sharp. Harry

I think it is a mask, because it has eyes a nose and a mouth and also I can see two eye brows. Ingrid Kiraly

I think its something warriors wore into battle. Charles

I think this could be a mask for war because it has got holes for eyes and mouth. Freya

I think it is a helmet of an enemy so if a army comes they can frighten them. I think that because it looks like a helmet. Alfie

I think this could be an armour they wore inside an armour because I went to a museum in Czech Republic and there were lots of armour and there were armours inside armours. -Ada

I think it should be mask or part of helmet but it so good idea of axe because in the face you can see holes for eyes and the axe you can see at the bottom sharp part. Richard

I think this could be a torso armour because the Chinese put the faces for scaring at the enemy. -Mario-

I think this could be a weapon for chopping off heads of the enemies and traitors of their own because it looks like the top of a axe or a death mask. Julia

I think this might be a bell because it has the thing on the top to ring it and also to wake up others for battle. Indi



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 4 Menu 5-9 tm 9-9-2022

MONDAY

Veggie Balls, Dollar Chips, Cauliflower	(veggie)	GLUTEN SOYA MILK
Chicken Schnitzel and Mushroom Sauce	(chicken)	GLUTEN EGGS
Dollar Chips		
Cauliflower		

TUESDAY

Sweet & Sour Omelet with Fried Rice & Atjar	(veggie)	GLUTEN EGGS MILK
Chicken Filet Sweet & Sour	(chicken)	GLUTEN MILK
Fried Rice		
Atjar Salad		

WEDNESDAY

No School Today		SOYA GLUTEN MILK
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THURSDAY

Tomato Sauce with Soya and Pasta Penne	(veggie)	MILK EGGS SOYA
Beef Stew	(beef)	GLUTEN EGGS MILK
Pasta Penne		
Rocket Salad		
Snack Tomato		

FRIDAY

Veggie Wrap, Chips & Peas	(veggie)	MILK GLUTEN
Fish & Chips	(fish)	FISH MILK EGGS
Peas		GLUTEN
Tartar Sauce		GLUTEN



LISTED PRODUCTS AND DISHES CAN CONTAIN TRACES OF ALLERGENS.

NUT free meals

O'GUSTO

 by sodexo

MR. POTATO CHEF



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

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



COME AND JOIN US

Girls age 5-10



Your nearest Rainbow/Brownie unit is

1st Brunssum Rainbows & Brownies

When: Mondays 3.30 - 4.45

Where: Mini Gym at Afnorth

For more information contact
brunssumrainbows@outlook.com

Register your interest by visiting

www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

or you can ring

Girlguiding on 0800 169 5901

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)