



AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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2 December 2022



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support in making last Saturday such a huge success. From the moment General Miglietta arrived and opened the Fayre there was such a special atmosphere and a great range of activities for everyone to enjoy; Father Christmas, Secret Room, Gingerbread House, Fijian Dancers, Elementary Choir, HS Band, Face Painting and don't forget the snow. A big THANK YOU to Penny Smees and

the hard-working committee, staff and parents who put in many hours of work behind the scenes to ensure the success of the day. We would also like to thank everyone who so generously provided donations and prizes for the Raffle and the spectacular class baskets. There was great excitement when Gp Capt. Roberts drew the lucky tickets for the Grand Raffle! Huge congratulations to all the lucky winners but the biggest winners of all are our children whose experiences and opportunities at AFNORTH are greatly enriched as a result of the money raised on Saturday. The final count is not complete but we believe we have raised around €7000 which is incredible! A donation of €500 will be made to CliniClowns. Our first project is to purchase small equipment and storage for the playground.

We were thrilled to welcome Anna Lucas and Emma Carey from Supersonic Phonic Friends to school this week. Anna and Emma provided workshops for staff where they observed the programme in action with our children. In addition to a parent meeting they also helped staff re-organise our reading materials according to phonic progression stages.

Weather permitting, the school in collaboration with JFC HQ Brunssum, will be participating in an Evacuation Drill on Tuesday 13 December. This involves walking to JFC HQ Brunssum. Please note that you will not be able to access the school between 0915 and 1100 on this date. Children in Sunbeams will be taken to their location on the HQ by bus.

Have a lovely weekend.



Bucket Fillers



Norah, Miguel, Callum, Adele, Naglis, Mete, Yusuf, Neo, Thomas, Alfie, Charles

DATES TO NOTE

December

- 5 Year 4-6 Lunch with parents
- 6 Class Parent Rep Mtg
- 7 Final day to sign up for Christmas Lunch
- 12 Last day Monday Clubs
- 13 Evacuation
- 13 Last day Tuesday Clubs
- 21 Christmas Lunch
- 22 Class Christmas Parties
- 22 Last Day of Term

**23 December to 6 January
SCHOOL CLOSED**

January

- 6 School Reopens



Rhinestone Reader Club



AFNorth Elementary PTO presents

Family Holiday Party

BASKET RAFFLES

• CRAFTS, GAMES, MUSIC, FUN & SNACKS •

**5 PM
to 7 PM**
9 DEC 2022

Family fun night with crafts, games, spirit wear, raffles, hot cocoa and lots of smiles!

RSVP BY 6 DEC . €5 per child
A sign up form will be sent home with each child.

AFNorth Cafeteria





Elementary Student Council

Thinking of Others

At this time of year celebrations of Thanksgiving and Harvest take place around the world. It is a time to reflect upon all that we have to be thankful for and think about others who are less fortunate.

In keeping with AIS tradition, we would like to once again support those in our community who may be struggling at this time.

During the weeks of Dec 5-16, we will hold our annual Food Drive Collection for the Limburg Food Bank; a local organisation providing food for over 700 families where there is a family member under 18.

<https://www.voedselbanklimburg-zuid.nl/>

Students may place their donations directly into the boxes by the front entrance. The following week a representative from Voedselbank will collect our donations.

You



help...



Suggestions for donations-cans packets

canned meat/fish/fruit/vegetables, soups

pasta, rice, breakfast cereals, tea, coffee, sugar

Thank you in advance for your support in helping us to help others.





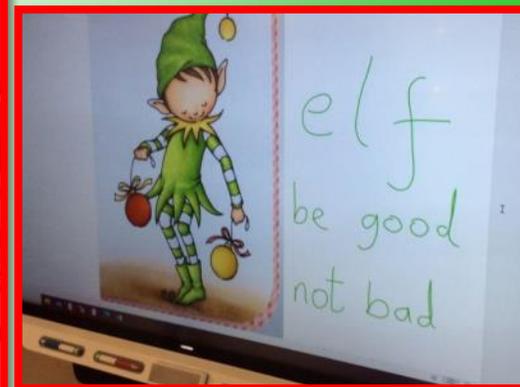
Sunbeams

Sunbeams have had a wonderful week welcoming Christmas into our lovely little class. We started with a search around the school to look for signs that Christmas was coming then moved onto setting up our Christmas tree and opening our advent calendar for the first time. The children have been having lots of conversations about Christmas, Santa and all things wintry. Our communication skills are on fire at the moment with so much language being used. This demonstrates the children's developing level of understanding of the shared conversations they are choosing to have with their peers.



Reception

Christmas has arrived in Reception Class! With great excitement we all helped to decorate the tree, choosing where to place the baubles carefully. We have been making playdough cookies, exploring bells and making up jingly music and using the Santa's Wardrobe area to dress up to deliver presents. We practised drawing snow people too. An elf sent us an email and then he played tricks on us. We had to write letters telling him to be good!



Year 1

This week Year 1 have been learning about the Dutch tradition of Sinterklaas. We have seen how he arrives on a boat and then visits the children on his white horse. We have also learnt that the Dutch children leave their shoes out for him and hope for a tasty treat if they have been good. So each child has been busy decorating their own wooden clog ready to leave out on Monday. We have also continued exploring materials having learnt about the Three Pigs and their houses. We've been exploring what might be a good material to use for a house boat as there are lots of them in the Netherlands. The children have all designed their own boat and we will be making our own soon from recycled junk modelling materials

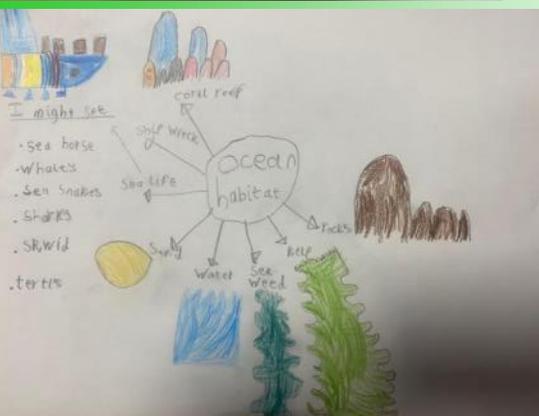
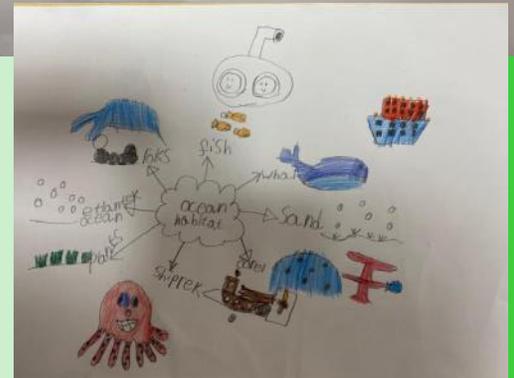
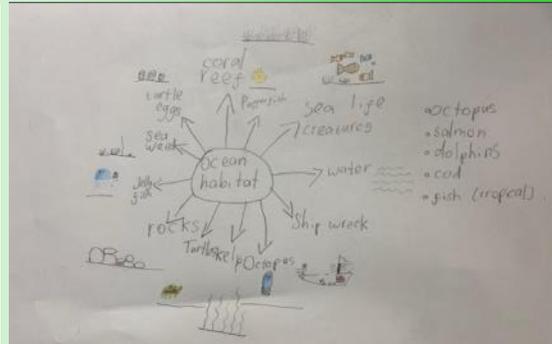


Year 2

This week we have been continuing our learning about plastics and the problem of plastics in our ocean habitats. We have been learning about using commas in a list and applying this to our writing about the oceans. You can see some examples of this in our pictures of our writing.



1.12.22
 Introduction here
 Rubbish gets to the oceans because people throw it into the sea, because fishermen drop nets and lines, people flush wetwires down the toilets, people drop plastic into the sea from boats and people drop plastic bottles on to the street.
 Fishermen drop nets that are made of plastic into the oceans then fish come and eat it, it gets caught on coral reefs and animals get tangled up in it.



30/11/22 How plastic rubbish ends up in our oceans
 Rubbish often ends up in our oceans and endangers plants, sea life, seagulls and coral.
 Plastic gets in the ocean when people throw it near to rivers, and the wind blows the plastic into the river, the river leads it to a beach, the tide will come in and gets the plastic.
 Let's think! How can you think of your own rubbish stories?
 You have found lots of your rubbish already.
 Some other ways are when the rain pushes plastic into drains, leads it to underground rivers, and leads the plastic to the ocean.
 Fishermen drop nets in our oceans, the rubbish get caught in those nets, it wrap around plants.



Single Use Plastic
 Some examples of single use plastic are drink bottles, food wrapping, plastic cups, shampoo bottles and crisp bags.
 Some examples of single use plastic are cotton buds, straws, plastic cutlery, balloons and plastic bags.
 To biodegrade a plastic bottle takes 500 years, a toothbrush takes 500 years, a plastic bag takes 100 years, plastic cutlery takes 100 years and a drinking straw takes 200 years.
 5 things in my classroom made out of plastic are chalk, marker, rockery, plastic lid, dice, toys, counters and tea square.
 Good Friday Well done

Year 4-5

"In Maths this week, we have been solving problems with perimeter, estimating answers and practising our multiplication facts.

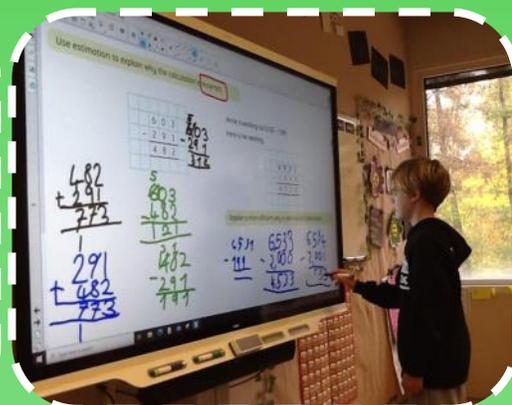
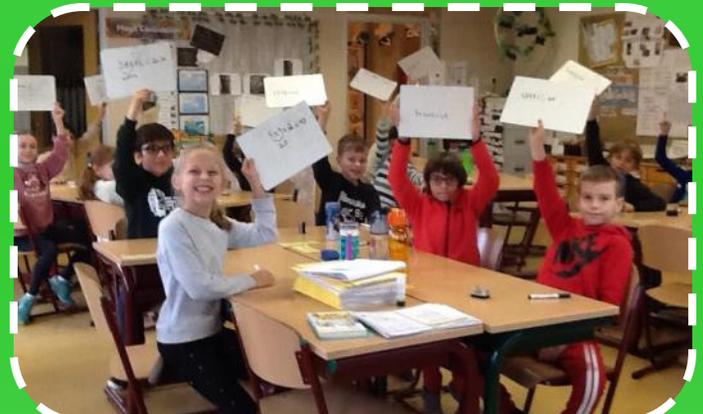
We learned about the cacao plantations in Ghana and watched a video about the children working on these farms. It made us feel sad because they worked so hard in the hot, humid weather in unhealthy conditions. They had to use sharp knives called machetes and often had no shoes to wear. We researched the top ten cacao-producing countries. It turned out that they were all between the Tropic of Cancer and Tropic of Capricorn so they have tropical climates.

Coming soon...our persuasive letters and some Fairtrade facts!"

Reported by Chloe and Oliver

What are the 'top ten cacao-producing countries' in 2022?

1. Cote d'Ivoire (Africa)
2. Ghana (Africa)
3. Indonesia (Asia)
4. Nigeria (Africa)
5. Ecuador (South America)
6. Cameroon (Africa)
7. Brazil (South America)
8. Sierra Leone (Africa)
9. Peru (South America)
10. Dominican Republic (North America)

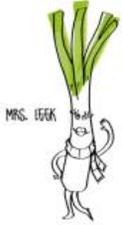


Year 5-6

In science we investigated how to use different processes to separate mixtures such as: sand and water; paper clips and rice; raisins and flour; salt and water. Processes we used include filtration, magnetism, sieving and evaporation. We have linked this learning with our theme of Planet Rescue- looking at how we can make our use and disposal of materials more environmentally friendly. We were amazed (and rather disgusted) when finding out about how much garbage the average person in a country such as America can produce in one month. We took part in a lesson where we watched a man named Rob Greenfield wear his garbage created over one month. It has really started us thinking about our own use and disposal of the world's resources. One question that came up in class was 'What is the difference between an activist and a demonstrator?'



LUNCH



Week 4 Menu 05-12 tm 09-12-2022

MONDAY

Veggie Sausage, Mashed Potato, Red Cabbage	(veggie)	GLUTEN EGG MILK
Sausage & Gravy	(pork)	GLUTEN EGG
Mashed Potato		
Red Cabbage		

TUESDAY

Veggie Stew, Rice, Carrot Salad	(veggie)	GLUTEN EGG MILK
Chicken Ragout	(chicken)	GLUTEN MILK
Rice		
Carrot Salad		

WEDNESDAY

Veggie Balls, Potato, Green Beans	(veggie)	SOYA GLUTEN MILK
Meat Ball	(beef)	GLUTEN MILK
Potato		
Green Beans		



THURSDAY

Soya Bites, Macaroni, Rocket Salad	(veggie)	GLUTEN EGG MILK
Beef Stew	(beef)	GLUTEN EGG MILK
Macaroni		
Vegetable Tomato Sauce		

FRIDAY

Empanada, Chips, Carrots	(veggie)	MILK GLUTEN
Fish & Chips	(fish)	FISH EGG MILK
Carrots		
Tartar Sauce		

LISTED PRODUCTS AND DISHES CAN CONTAIN TRACES OF ALLERGENS.

PEANUTS

NUT free meals



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

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

Bucket Fillers



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

The Directorate

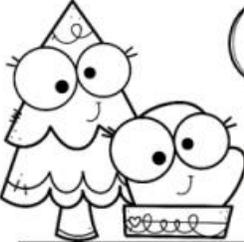
Please contact the British Office
if you have any questions

December Library Challenge



[Click here for interactive link](#)

Name: _____



BOOK BINGO

December

Complete a square and color it in with your family. Five squares in a row (horizontal, vertical or diagonal) means BOOK BINGO!
Complete all squares and return it to Ms. Boggs-Elliott, by January 11th for a prize!

Read a book in your favorite pajamas.	Read a book you have never read. Talk about your favorite part.	Bake a treat with an adult. Read the recipe together.	Listen to an audiobook on MackinVIA.	Draw or paint a winter picture. Make up a story about your picture.
Read a book. Draw and/or write about your favorite part.	Read a nonfiction book about winter or snow.	Go to Read-Along with PBS Kids and watch a read-along!	Bundle up and read a book outside.	Read a book with your favorite stuffed animal or pet.
Read your favorite book and talk about the beginning, middle and end.	Make a fort. Read a book inside of it.	 Free Space	Play a board game with your family. Read the directions before you get started.	Read an eBook on MackinVIA.
Read an eBook or audiobook.	Go for a walk outside. Find a great setting for a book. Take or draw a picture of it.	Read a book about an animal that hibernates in the winter.	Have someone in your family share their favorite book and read it together.	Read a book then drink hot chocolate afterwards. Don't forget the marshmallows!
Read a book by a fireplace (either a real one or on a digital device).	Go to LUNCH DOODLES with Mo Willems! Watch an episode & doodle!	Use LEGOS, blocks, or boxes to create a fun space to sit and read.	Read a book under a cozy blanket.	Read a book with someone on the phone or using an app.

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Child & Youth Services

PRESENTS

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

FREE EVENT

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



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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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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

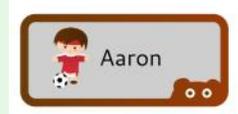
June 16 LAST DAY 1230 Dismissal

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)