



# AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## British Section

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**20 January 2023**

### Reminder

Pictures taken at school events should not be placed on social media if they include other children. Thank you

Dear Parents,

**"So disappointing - but getting to space is hard and valuable lessons will be learned."** Tim Peake (Tweet after failed UK Launch)

Potential and Perseverance was the theme for assemblies this week. In the Early Years assembly the children listened to the story 'Jabari Jumps' and talked about new challenges being exciting and a little bit scary too. In KS2 we linked this to the UK rocket attempt that took place last week. Although it was not a success there are lessons of perseverance for us to learn about as I am sure there will be further attempts, they won't be giving up!

The children demonstrating perseverance on Friday afternoon.



### DATES TO NOTE

#### January

- 25 1400 Dismissal**
- 26 Y6 Arnhem Parent Meeting
- 27 Closing Date  
BFPS Competition

#### February

- 7 Safer Internet Day  
1700 Parent Session
- 7 Class Parent Reps Mtg
- 10 Closing Date  
Yearbook Cover Contest
- 20-24 SCHOOL CLOSED

#### March-Music In Our Schools Month

- 24-25 Junie B Jones Musical
- 27-31 Music Spirit Week

**LABEL LABEL LABEL** Please remember to write your child's name on clothing. This helps us to quickly reunite the children with lost items.

### Parent Drop Off and Pick Up Times

#### Year 1-6

School Day 0900-1530

Drop off from 0845.

**Please note there is no supervision prior to this time.**

Pick Up at Main Gate

Year 1 1525 Year 2-6 1530

#### Sunbeams

Session 0900-1200

**Drop off from 0855**

**Pick up at 1200**

Location for Drop Off and Pick Up is at the Flagpoles.

During periods of inclement weather please wait inside the main entrance (in the well area under the stairs or when this area is in use please wait outside the British Office). Staff will collect/deliver the children to you. There is no need to sign in

**EDC Pick Up 1500 or 1525**-Children will be brought to the gate.

Times and locations are according to supervision and to avoid congestion outside of Sunbeams. Thank you for your co-operation



**Bucket Fillers**



Justine, Milian, Demir, David, Jenson, Mariateresa, Mete, Eva, Evita, Yakup, Viki, Balkan, Kaan, Thomas, Samuele, Ilgaz, All of Year 5/6



Congratulations and Well done to **Archie, Ilgaz, Kaan, Samuele** and **Thomas** who were amongst the 21 finalists in this year's AFNORTH Spelling Bee Final. They were all incredibly brave to stand up in front of so many people. It was clear that they had all

put so much work into learning the spellings which included some very tricky and challenging vocabulary!

Boys, your spelling prowess and the way in which you conducted yourselves on the day demonstrated true AFNORTH values. You are fabulous role models and we are very proud of all of you.



# SPELLING BEE 2023

# Sunbeams

We started our week with a focus of continuing our teamwork and collaboration with our friends. We worked on some differing building projects including constructing tracks for our cars and structures using our new bamboo house pieces, and digging trenches in the sand with our vehicles. We ended with the absolute pleasure that snow brings. We ran out onto the fresh snow where ours were the only footprints and loved zooming, catching, throwing and laughing with our friends. Snow is awesome (even if it was only a little bit)!



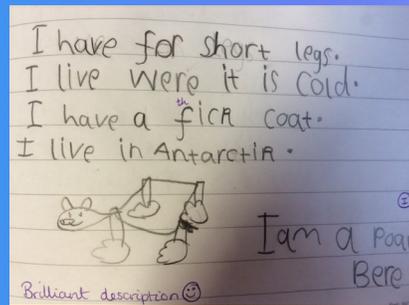
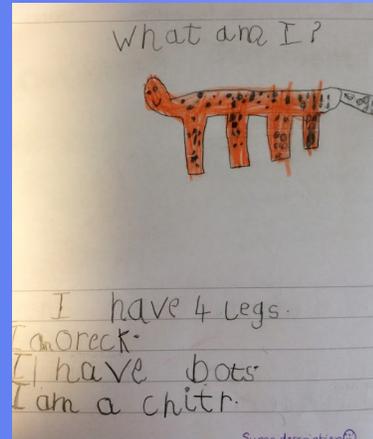
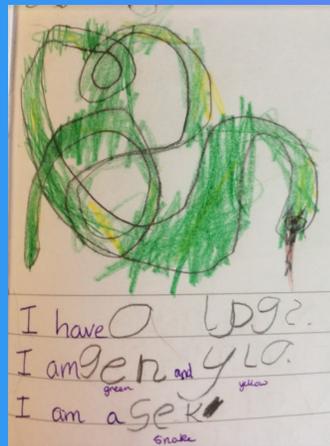
# Reception

Once upon a time, Stick Man sent an email to us. We thought he needed rescuing from the deep snow so we set off. We found lots of clues on the way. Suddenly we saw Stick Man stuck by a tree with broken legs! We carried him to safety. Finally, we took him back with us. He was very heavy but we persevered. The End.



# Year 1

Year One have been working on representing numbers up to 50 using tens and ones. We are becoming much more confident at building the different numbers. In Literacy we have been researching polar animals to make our own fact books. We also created 'What Am I?' descriptions of animals for our friends to guess. Can you work out what they are? We also made the most of the snow, it was fluffy and sticky so we rolled it to make big snowballs.



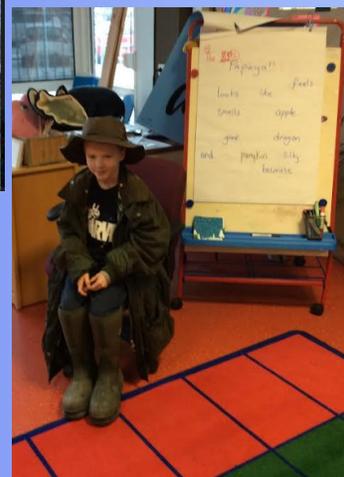
# Year 2

This week, we continued to work on the topics we had started after the holidays.

We particularly enjoyed doing some Drama to help us with our Literacy work. After meeting the farmer last week and talking and thinking more and more about "The Papaya That Spoke", we decided to hold a town hall meeting to get to the bottom of what actually happened and whether papayas, animals and rocking chairs could actually talk. We thought about good questions to ask the different characters and invited them in. During the meeting, we took turns "hot-seating" and being the different characters using props – luckily, the farmer had left behind his jacket, hat and very big boots! The answers not only showed our great understanding of the story, creativity and quick thinking, they also gave us more information for our own writing. Another way that we worked with the story this week, was retelling it using pictures and making our own books.

We also kept working on our Science topic, where we researched and created fact files about endangered animals. We became specialists that know all about their appearance, behaviour, habitat, population and the reasons they are endangered. So, if you want to know more about blue whales, mountain gorillas, Galápagos tortoises or Bengal tigers, just ask us!

Lastly, we again had lots of fun outside at Forest School. We went on Wednesday, when it hadn't snowed yet, but the ground was frosty and the sun shining. This week, we created nature art. Starting off, by really looking at the forest and tried to really see everything; the trees and bushes in winter, the sky, shapes, colours and textures. Trying to be as quiet as possible, we could even hear some birds. Then we went off to collect things we could find in the forest; branches, acorns, leaves, feathers, rocks and even pieces of ice. In groups, we then laid them out to make our forest pictures and created some beautiful compositions. Maybe, we can show you how to do it on our next forest walk?



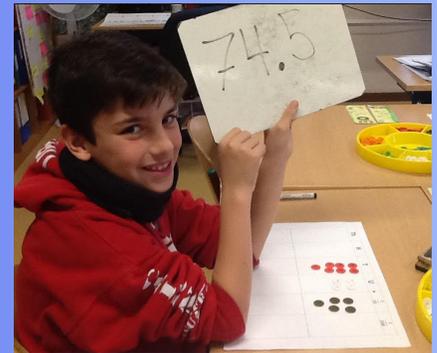
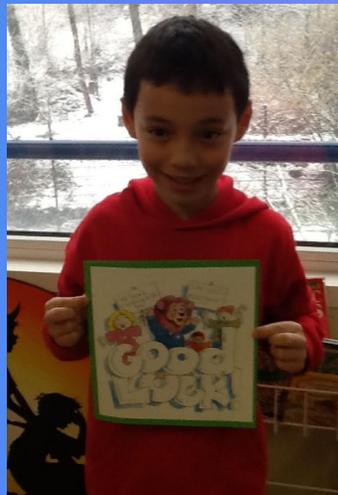
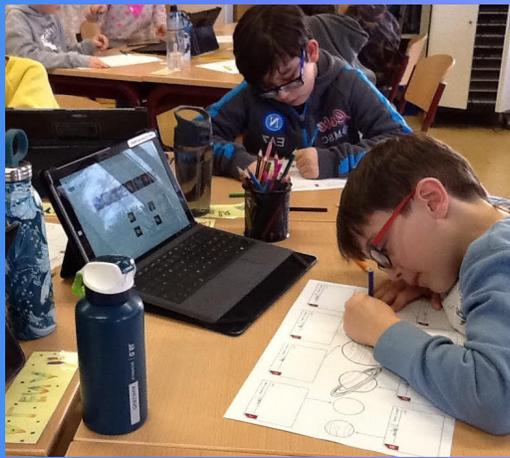
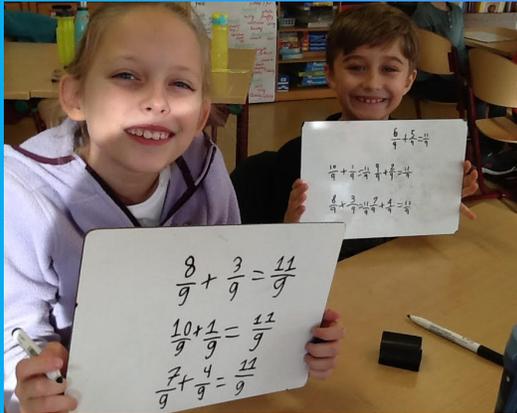


# Year 4-5

Lots of wonderful learning in Y4/5 this week!

In Maths, we continued to develop our knowledge of fractions by adding and subtracting fractions and completing fraction sequences. We were then introduced to the concept of tenths as decimals using place value charts to build the numbers and consolidate our understanding.

We used our research skills in Science to name, order and describe the planets in our Solar System and had interesting thoughts when reading and discussing scientific ideas and evidence for the question - **Is the Earth flat or spherical?**



# Year 5-6

Year 5/6 have to be congratulated on their outstanding work about how to protect our world from how we consume, waste and dispose of resources and materials. The children arrived at school on Thursday morning with 'activist' costumes, ready to share their learning with staff and students throughout the school, having written speeches in the style of Greta Thunberg. To say we were bowled over by each and every child is an understatement. These pictures speak for themselves. Already the impact of their words are being noted and acted upon; at a staff meeting, decisions were being made taking into consideration and planning for no food waste and plastic use in an up and coming event.

***What will your small action to help our planet be?***



# YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

Due by 10 Feb 2023



Submit your design for the Yearbook Cover

email a photo of your submission to [afnorthesyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:afnorthesyearbook@gmail.com)  
with students name, section, and grade

**\*\*reminders\*\***

the yearbook includes the US, British, and Canadian sections  
and the school mascot is a lion

# LUNCH



## Week Menu 3 23-01 tm 27-01-2023

### MONDAY

Korean Rice with Spring Roll	(veggie)	GLUTEN SOYA MILK
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Spring Roll	(veggie)	
Atjar Salad		
Hot Sauce		

### TUESDAY

Pasta Penne with Tomato and Zucchini Sauce	(veggie)	GLUTEN SOYA MILK
Bolognaise Sauce	(beef)	GLUTEN MILK
Pasta Penne with Basil		
Rocket Salad		
Snack Tomato		

### WEDNESDAY

Quiche Potato & Mixed Vegetables	(veggie)	SOYA GLUTEN MILK
Quiche (French Pie with cheese, cream, vegetables)	(veggie)	GLUTEN MILK
Macedoine Vegetable Mix with Potato		
Mustard Sauce with thyme		



### THURSDAY

Soya Bites (Greek Style) Tomato Rice & Cucumber	(veggie)	MILK SOYA GLUTEN
Meat Balls	(beef)	GLUTEN SOYA MILK
Tomato Rice with Zucchini & Eggplant		
Cucumber Salad		
Yoghurt Garlic Sauce		

### FRIDAY

Veggie Burger, Fries, Carrots	(veggie)	MILK SOYA GLUTEN
Fish Filet	(fish)	FISH MILK SOYA
Fries		GLUTEN SOYA MILK
Carrots with Mint & Dill		
Tartar Sauce		GLUTEN

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>

# 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](mailto:buscoordinator@afnorth-is.com)**

The Directorate

Please contact the British Office  
if you have any questions

## How the Talking Teens Parent Group has helped other parents

"I realised that you're really needed as a parent even if your teenager behaves otherwise"

"I'm doing a better job than I

thought I was" "I like the time

for discussion during the sessions"

"It has been really interesting and informative, both leaders great and lovely approach, felt very relaxed"



## The Nurturing Programme Talking Teens Parent Group

### Where:

Online via Microsoft Teams  
(Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis)

### When:

March 2023  
Wednesdays 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> 29<sup>th</sup>  
1000 – 1200h  
(Must be able to attend all 4 sessions)

### Contact details:

Debbie Fallaha – Youth & Community  
Email [deborah.fallaha611@mod.gov.uk](mailto:deborah.fallaha611@mod.gov.uk)  
stating EJSU Location to request a place  
CLOSING DATE FOR ENQUIRIES IS 20<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY 2023

## FAMILY LINKS

The Centre for Emotional Health

## Talking Teens Parent Group

### Information for parents and carers



Check out [familylinks.org.uk/Parents](https://familylinks.org.uk/Parents)

# **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)