AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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10 February 2023

Dear Parents,

Türkiye Appeal

CLICK HERE

Last week, we heard the devastating news about the destruction caused by the series of earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria. We would like to extend our support and kind wishes to all who are affected with this terrible situation. Staff have been responding to pupils sensitively and appropriately answering their questions if any ask about the earthquakes or anything that worries them in the news.

As a school community, we would like to show our support to the victims of this devastating tragedy by raising money for those in need. Therefore, on **February 15th and 16th**, Student Council representatives will be collecting cash donations in all national offices and at the front entrance of the school before classes begin. This money will then be donated to the **Turkish Ministry of Interior Disaster and Emergency Management Agency** on behalf of AFNorth International School.

We really appreciate our families' support with this worthwhile cause and trust that you will all keep the people of Turkey and Syria in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you in advance for supporting this endeavour.

DATES TO NOTE

February

13-17 Carnival Spirit Week

Monday Silly Sock Day

Tuesday Wear red or pink

Wednesday Hilarious Hair Day

Thursday Carnival Flag Day- wear red, yellow, green

Friday Carnival Parade

14 Bake Sale to support Y6 Residential Week

14 Reception Phonics Session

20-24 SCHOOL CLOSED

March

24-25 Junie B Jones Musical

27-31 Music Spirit Week

May

8 BRITISH SECTION will be CLOSED for King Charles III Coronation

8-12 Year 6 Assessment Week

INTERNET SAFETY

Thank you Ms Trout and Mr Brown for your helpful presentation for parents on Tuesday. For tips on how to help keep your children safe follow this link:

Safer Internet Tips

Bucket Fillers

Miguesl, Alyssia, Gokce, David, Manuel, Stepan, Adi, James, Kaan, Joris, Lexi, Dalila, Finlay

Community Team Sports Opportunities

Our focus in assembly has been Team Work and the children have been thinking about the skills and behaviours necessary to be a team player. Respect, commitment, responsibility, focus were some of the words the children used. Consideration and regard for others are important values that can be displayed in all areas of life. We focus equally on the personal, social, and academic development of all our children. We support children to be confident and highly motivated independent learners who are caring and positive citizens.

We heard from several of the children about the clubs they belong to. Taking advantage and having interests outside of school is an important part of enjoying our time while being located here. There are many community team-based sports for children to take advantage of. We would like to hear from you as to what organised team sports the children are involved in out of school. This will enable us to build up knowledge and understanding of what is on offer out in the community which we can share with others.

If your children are involved in Community team-based sports please could you share the contact details on the Google form using the link below

https://forms.gle/m2KfbpZgD4YkZ6xt9

Gymnastics is good fun, we work together. We go on the high beams and bars .

I really like **Rugby**. It is a great way to exercise with friends outside school.

Taekondo is a brilliant way to get moving and interact with people from

Football is the best team game. People help us with different skills.

Swimming: We swim as part of the Ocre swim team. We get to travel and compete against other schools.

Taking part in **badminton, basketball, Handball, tennis and cheerleading** are the best!

Reading

One of my favourite moments this week was when Charles and Finlay popped in to see me. Finlay wanted to share with me that Charles had introduced him to a series of books, had showed him where they were in the library and now he was reading one too.

It was lovely to see so many parents participating in the Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics session on Friday. We hope this gave you a flavour of how the children are building their skills and adding to their toolbox for reading and writing. We can't stress enough the importance of children being read to and also regular practice of their new skills. Our English Lead, Miss Robertson has been interviewing the children about their reading experiences. Here are some of their responses…

"Mr Brown reads us the pigeon books. They are so funny and now I am collecting them"

"I love Fairy Tales like Cinderella."

"I get lost in a book. It is like entering another world!"

" Reading helps me with my career"

"Horrible Histories are my favourite as they teach you about the past in a fun way waith humour"

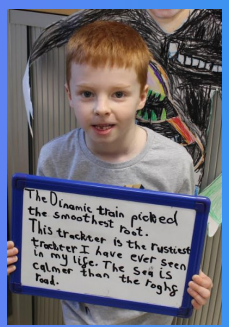
I would like us to have a reading book club where good readers meet in the pods"

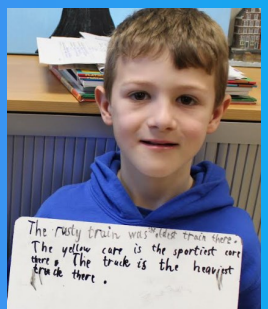
" I love when my Dad reads to me every night"

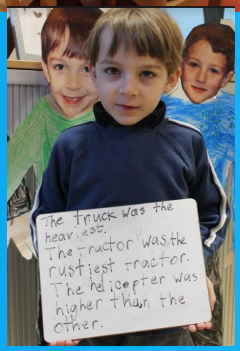
"Reading makes my brain ore confident."

"Reading helps me to get smarter…I want to build robots when I grow up"

Congratulations boys on joining Rhinestone Readers 2022-2023.







Bake Sale For Arnhem

Tuesday February 14

8:30AM

Bring 1 Euro To the Well

All proceeds support the 5th grade trip to Arnhem

CARNIVAL PARTY

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We would like to inform you about our international Carnival event on February 17th .

Carnival is a traditional celebration in the southern provinces of the Netherlands and a large area of Germany, to start the season of Lent. To celebrate Carnival the right way, the children need to wear a carnival costume or bring it in a suitable bag to school so that they can change when they arrive.

Please leave any props (such as wands etc.) at home, as they tend to get lost.

We can't wait to see all the colorful outfits and experience a great celebration with your children!

The Partner Language Team

LIGHTS • MUSIC • LAUGHTER

FEBRUARY 17TH	9.15-10.30	CAFETERIA

A great carnival costume shop is the Karnevalswierts in Heerlen: http://www.karnevalswierts.com/, but any costume or decoration is great to join in the fun!

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD

SOLIHULL APPROACH

Suitable for parents of children aged 0-11

Date: Starting Monday 6th March for 12 weeks

Face to Face and Online options available. Open to all EJSU and Sennelager locations

Face to Face: SHAPE House 12:30 - 14:30

Online via Microsoft teams: 14:30 - 16:30

Sessions include: How your child develops; Understanding how your child is feeling; Tuning into what your child needs; Responding to how your child is feeling; Different styles of parenting; Having fun together;The rhythm of interaction; Why is sleep important? Self-regulation and anger; Communication and tuning in and Looking back and looking forwards.

To sign up or for further information please email

Jayne.Cauldwell102@mod.gov.uk

please indicate FtoF or Online

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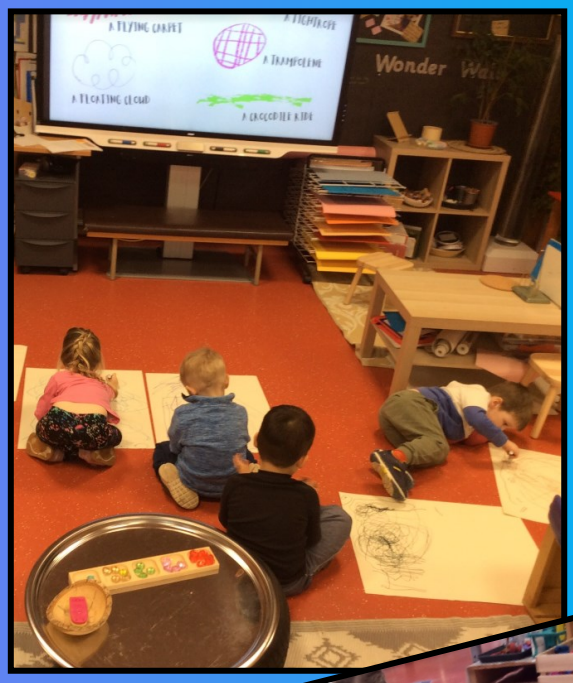
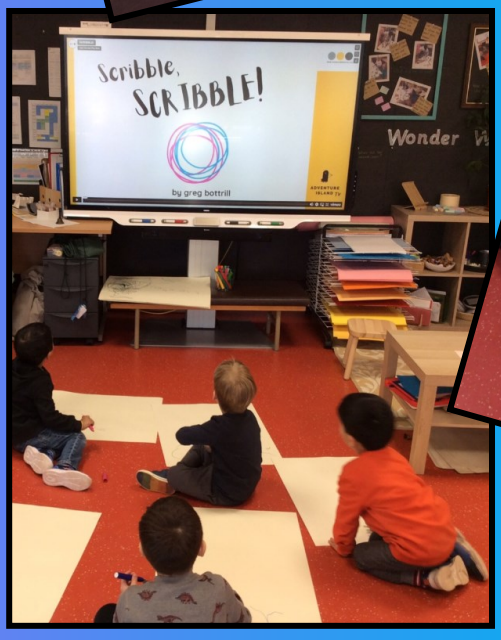
Sunbeams

This week in Sunbeams we met a new character called Scribble. She goes on lots of adventures and draws ALL the illustrations herself! We joined her on a hunt to find her lost dog, Jackson and ended up meeting lions, snakes and tree trolls, and finding our way over tall trees and through freezing rivers. Our challenge was to have a go at scribbling and we did not disappoint! The children enthusiastically threw themselves into creating their own individual artwork for the story demonstrating a strong grip and good sense of shape and position. We are looking forward to seeing where scribble takes us next!





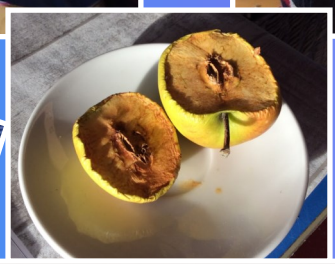
Reception

The dragon quest continues! The dragon sent us another email. We had to search for the lost dragon eggs and make nests for them to keep safe! At Forest School, we collected lots of eggs and got to work. Some nests even had toilets and ovens! Ms Worton was the baby dragon in the biggest nest and all the children fed her, gave her toys and even an icicle lolly!

Year 1

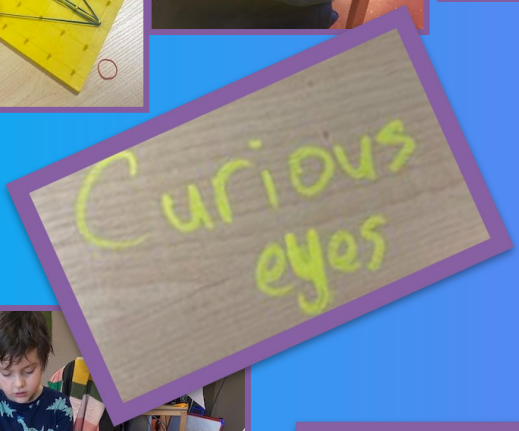
Year one have been learning about the explorer Ernest Shackleton. We have been discovering why fruit would not be a good food to take on a long expedition 100 years ago. So we made our own ships biscuits! We discovered they were terribly hard and salty and we really wouldn't have liked to survive by eating them.

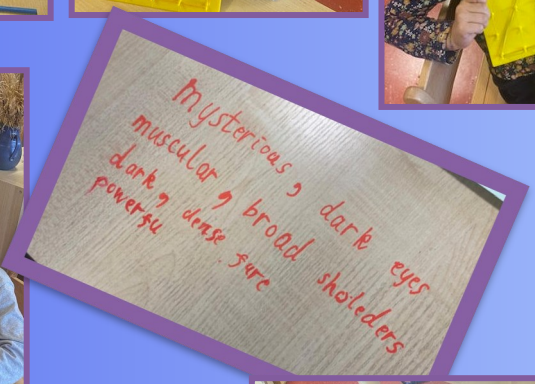
In our literacy we have been focusing on a story about a polar bear who went fishing. This week the children have innovated their stories to include a different animal and we have been looking at the verbs in the story and coming up with some of our own. In one story a Seal put on his bikini before dancing outside. In another the penguin put on his sunglasses before fishing for a killer whale!

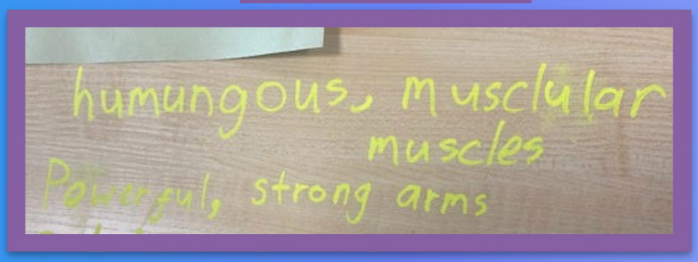


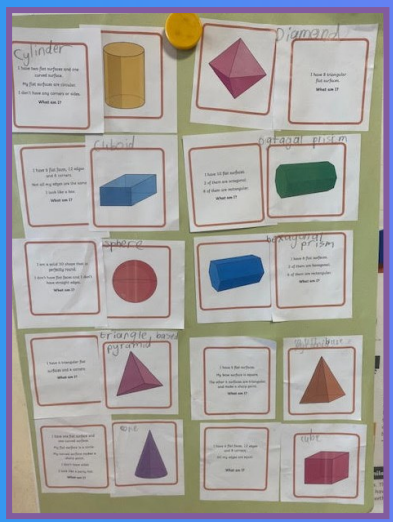
Year 2

This week year 2 have been writing and maths superstars. We've learn new vocabulary such as vertices, vertex, edges and named shapes, some of which as complex as a hexagonal prisms. We've also conquered new grammar such as expanded noun phrases, In forest school we built houses for our forest fairies and next week we're clearing the forest of rubbish so they have a clean habitat!



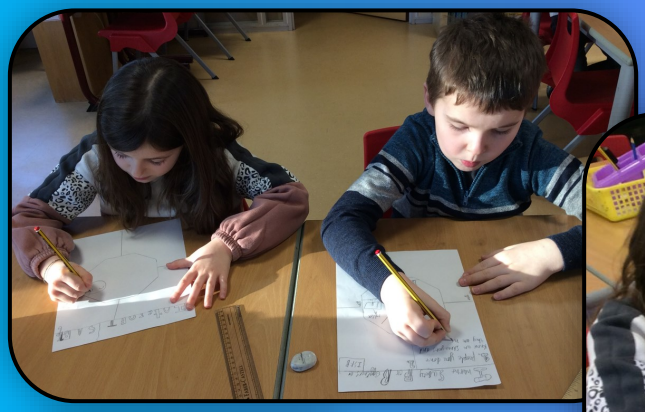


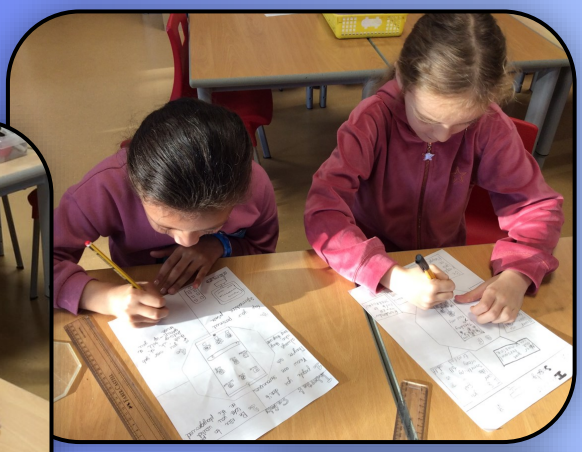


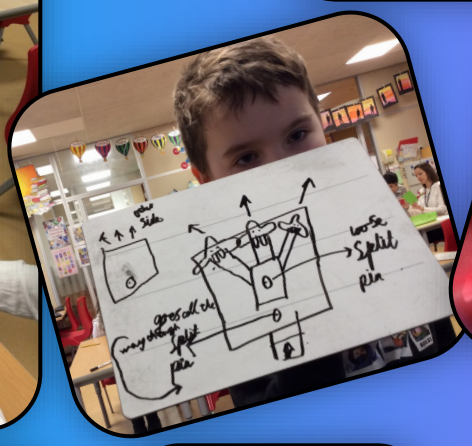


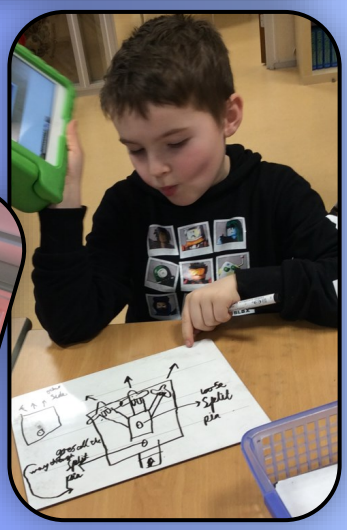
Year 3

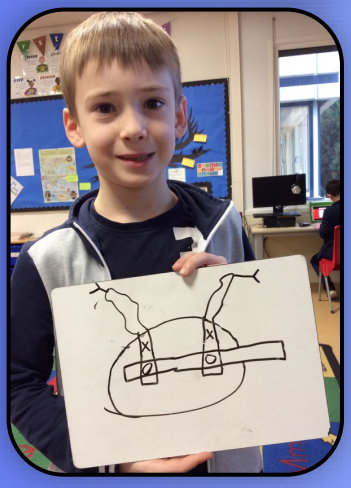
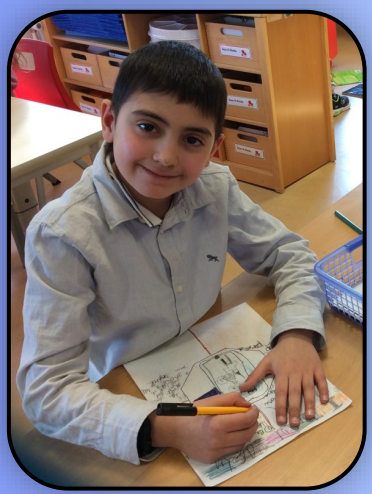
This week we spent time thinking about Internet Safety and creating a set of guidelines to help us stay safe when using the internet. We have also started writing our museum artifact cards that go with our Ancient Greek Stories. The children continue to be fascinated by all sorts of aspects of Ancient Greece from the gods to what the soldiers or people wore, we have been considering whether we'd like to live in Athens or Sparta. We are also beginning to plan for our moving Design Technology mythical creature from Ancient Greece, we will continue with this after the break.









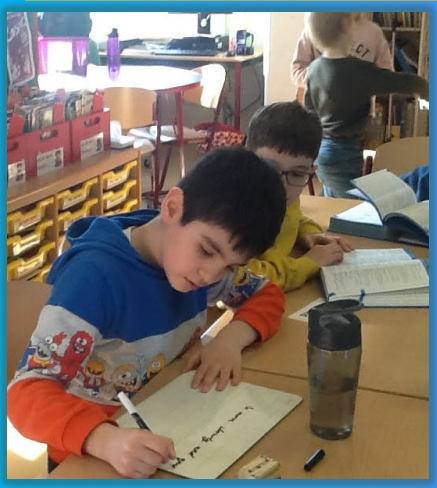



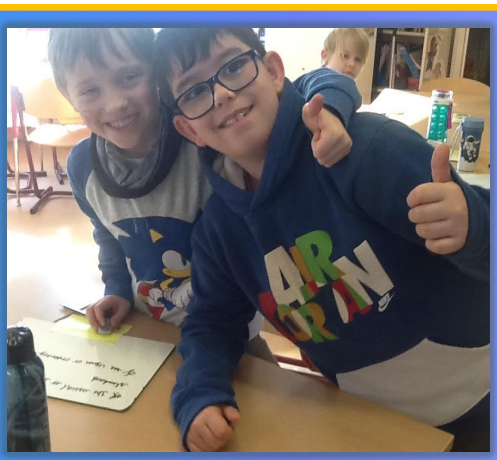
Year 4-5

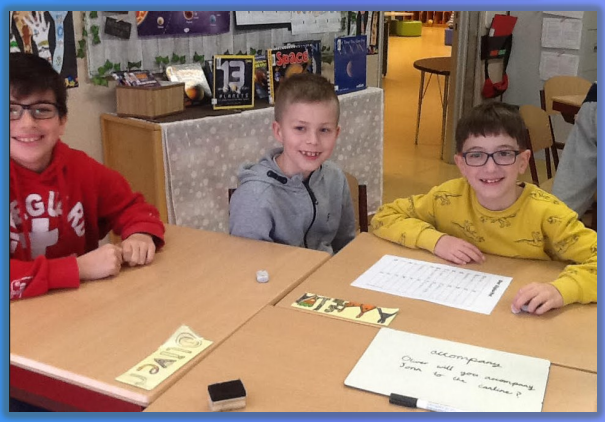
Great team work is happening in Year 4/5!

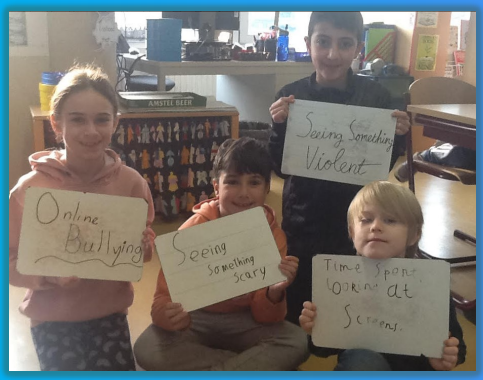
This week we have been working together to find the definitions of new vocabulary in our model text. We had interesting discussions about the word meanings and the class made some good connections. We also investigated synonyms and antonyms using a thesaurus to help us. Mrs Siedhoff is very proud of the way that we are expanding our word choices and using them in our writing!

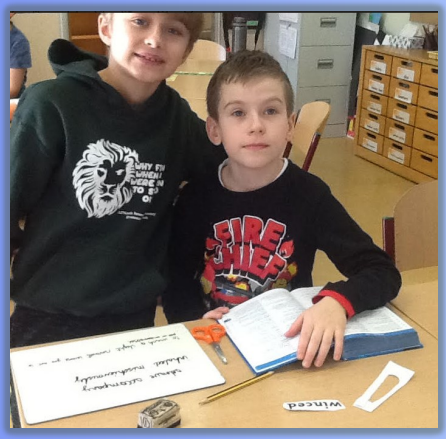
For Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, the class took part in several activities to kickstart our conversations about life online. Everyone had the opportunity to share their experiences of using the internet and speak about online issues that matter most to them. Lots of interesting and relevant experiences were shared! The class also worked in teams to create an Alpha-Net linked to technology. We are looking forward to continuing these conversations to encourage safe and positive use of digital technology.

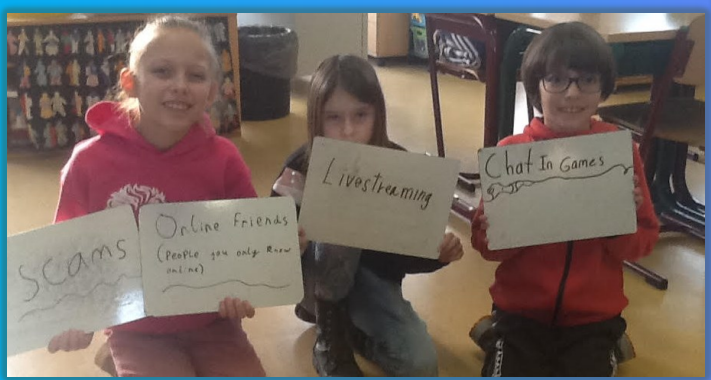


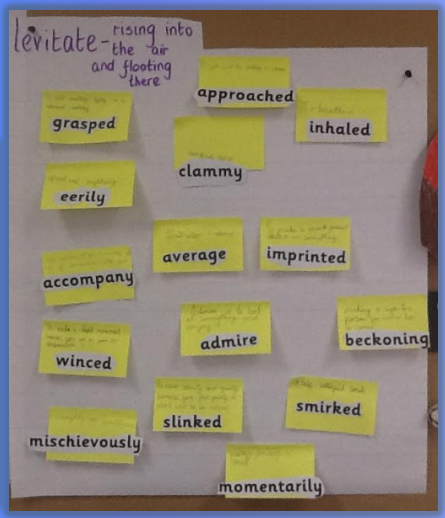


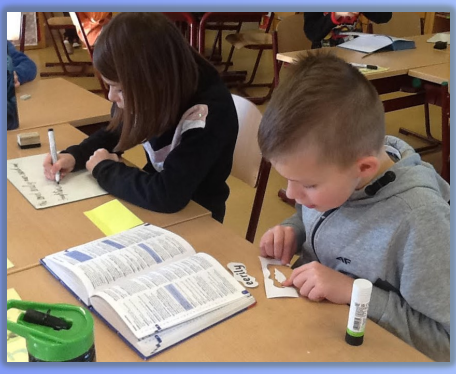






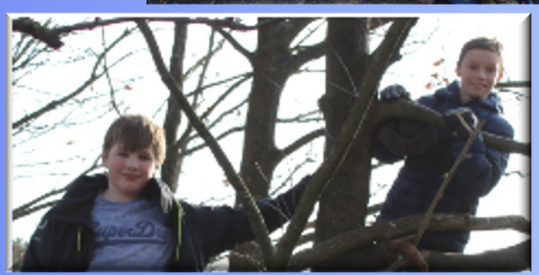






Year 5-6

We have had another active and busy week of learning where we investigated gravity and friction in Science, linked to the topic of Forces. In Forest School, we worked collaboratively to make 'launchers' - tying knots to bind sticks together. We also spent time discussing the issue of internet safety where we completed a rather impressive A-Z of reasons we enjoy being online. We talked about that fact that all of these reasons are wonderful, but should be seen as a window or pathway to the wider and outer world where we must be careful and follow the rules of being safe online.



LUNCH

Week 7 13-02 tm 17-02-2023

MONDAY

Veggie Roll, Mashed Potato, Carrots	1, 2, 3, 4
"German Menu"	
Sausage	3, 5
Mashed Potato	1
Carrots	
Onion Sauce	3

TUESDAY

Soy Roti with Curry Beans	3, 4
"Surinamese Menu"	
Crispy Chicken	3, 4, 6
Roti (Savoury Pancake)	3
Curry Beans	3

WEDNESDAY

Pasta with Tomato Vegetable Sauce	3, 4
"Italian Menu"	
Pasta & Basil	3
Beef Ragout	3, 10
Snack Tomato	
Rocket Salad	

THURSDAY

Vegetable Stew, Couscous, Pita Bread	1, 3, 4
"Moroccan Menu"	
Moroccan Meat Balls	2, 3, 4, 10
Couscous	3
Yoghurt Garlic Sauce	1, 2, 3
Pita Bread	1, 3

FRIDAY

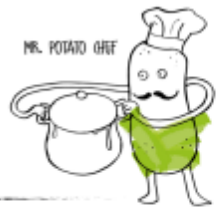
Veggie Burger, Fries, Peas	1,2,3, 4, 8, 9
"UK Menu"	
Fish Filet or Hot Dog Sausage	2, 3, 5, 7
Fries	
Peas	9
Tartar Sauce	2

LISTED PRODUCTS AND DISHES CAN CONTAIN TRACES OF ALLERGENS.

1 = milk
2 = egg
3 = gluten
4 = soy
5 = pork
6 = chicken
7 = fish
8 = sesame
9 = peas
10 = beef

O'GUSTO by sodexo

All meals are nut free



Looking for suggestions for your child's lunchbox…

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

Bucket Fillers

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

April3-14 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

Parent Drop Off and Pick Up Times

Reception –Year6

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

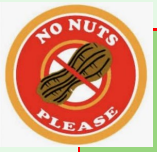
Drop off from 0855 **Pick up at 1200**

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-

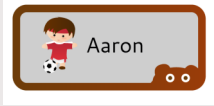


NO NUTS

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.



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.

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.

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)

These changes should be made before 1000

PERSONAL ITEMS

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.