



AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

British Section

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10th March 2023

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week with lots of exciting learning taking place including the Sunbeams and Reception trip to Ireland for their latest adventure on their Tour Around the World and Year 4-5 were on a trip to the Discovery Museum in Kerkrade.

We were delighted to welcome Rowley Bucknill (Assistant Chief Education Officer) to AFNORTH for a two day visit this week. During his time with us he took a close look at how the school is progressing with our key priorities for school improvement. He spent time in all classrooms observing teaching and learning of Phonics, Writing and Humanities. He was accompanied by Miss Robertson (English Subject Lead) and Mrs Siedhoff (Humanities Subject Lead) in the quality assurance activities. The outcome of the visit was very positive and Mr Bucknill will be writing to parents in due course to share his findings.

School Governance Committee: I would like to thank Gp Capt Matt Roberts for his commitment and enthusiasm during his time as Chair of Governors. In his short time with us Matt's vision, drive and support made a significant difference which has been very much appreciated by the school community.

Gp Capt Roberts has been replaced by Sqn Ldr Michael Roberts. Please see page 2 for his introduction.

Have a lovely weekend

Is your family due to leave Afnorth at the end of the school year?
If so, please notify us via british.office@afnorth-is.com



Bucket Fillers



Alice, Milian, Thue, Primrose, Elsie, Stepan, Jenson, Eva, Michal,
Javier, Matthew, Yusuf, Deniz, Arian,

DATES TO NOTE

March

- 13-17 Parent Consultations
- 14 1430 Class Rep Meeting
- 15 Class Photographs
1400 Dismissal
- 24-25 Junie B Jones Musical
- 27-31 Music Spirit Week
- 28 Year 4-6 Waxworks
- 31 Sunbeams to Year 2 Easter Singalong

April

- 3-15 SCHOOL CLOSED
- 24 RAF STEM Team working with Year 5
- 25 Culture Day

May

- 8 BRITISH SECTION CLOSED
King Charles III Coronation
- 8-12 Year 6 Assessment Week

Your Picture Day is on:
14th-16th March, 2023

AFNORTH International School

Sign up for Spring Photos:

- ✓ Fun flag backdrop and poses
- ✓ Class photo with teacher
- ✓ Print packages & digitals start at €25
- ✓ Cash payment option
- ✓ Free postage & packaging!

How It Works:

- 1 Wear your best smile for Spring photo day! Individual & class photos!
- 2 One week later, log on to order your prints & digitals using your student ID #
- 3 Digitals are sent out directly to your email address!
- 4 Prints will be delivered to school 2-3 weeks after cut off date!



Governor's Corner

Hello parents, pupils, staff and friends of AFNORTH,

Having recently taken over from Group Captain Matt Roberts as the Chair of your School Governors' Committee (SGC) I would like to take the opportunity in the brilliant AFNORTH British Section Newsletter to say a few words by way of introduction.

I have been part of the SGC for 18 months and have supported you as the Secretary and the Finance Member. Gp Capt Matt, as the previous Chair, has worked tirelessly to get the SGC back to a 'normal' footing after the COVID pandemic - getting governors back into the school, helping to reinvigorate the sports programme, supporting teachers by getting more governors into the team and also overhauling a lot of the foundation documents that enable us to help every pupil. I hope to build on this and continue to encourage the SGC Team members to be critical friends to the school, supporting where we best can whilst also offering constructive feedback to the things we see in the classrooms and hear from you as parents.

In order to make sure that we, as an SGC, can support the school as much as possible we are always interested to hear from our community and welcome new members to the team. Whatever skillset or background you have we have plenty of areas where we can use your support that will make things even better.

Equally, there is also a lively Parent Teacher Organisation (PTO) in place in the Primary Sections. Having supported the PTO for some of the Senior School activities I can heartedly recommend it! I really want to get more British Section parents involved. I will keep you updated on the progress we are making but please feel free to contact the School Office, me or any of the other Governors should you wish to get involved.

*On a final note – we are here to help make the school all it can be. We don't get involved in the day-to-day running of the school: that is very much the job of the Leadership Team but we as governors are the Head's Critical Friend and will help by: supporting the direction, vision, values, and objectives for the school; ensuring accountability; and providing financial probity. The bottom line is that we will always ask the question **“What difference will this make to the pupils in the School?”** I will visit the school as much as I can and I hope to get to meet many of you whilst I remain in this privileged position.*

Best wishes,

*Michael Roberts
SGC Chair
Michael.roberts@jfcbs.nato.int*



School Governance Committee

(Mike Roberts, Paul Hooker, Shona Johnston, Onur Yetkin, Astrid Aunli, Verity Duncan, Colleen Brown, Iain Church-Taylor, Emma Ruddock, Jenny Brown, Pam Robertson, Peter Brown)

Lead Governor

Safeguarding	Dr Shona Johnston
Finance	Sqn Ldr Colleen Brown
Quality of Education	Iain Church-Taylor
Early Years	Verity Duncan
Learning Support	Astrid Aunli
Community Liaison	Emma Ruddock

If you would like to make contact with someone from the committee, please email British.SGC@afnorth-is.com

Thank you to our Governor, Onur Yetkin, for once again giving our children this wonderful opportunity to demonstrate their creativity.

Sponsored by the Turkish Delegation

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY DRAWING CONTEST & CELEBRATIONS

THEME: FRIENDS WITHOUT BORDERS

AFNORTH International School is organizing a Drawing Contest as part of the World Children's Day celebrations. All students of AFNORTH & JFCBS Community in the Elementary Grade are encouraged to take part in this event.

RULES FOR PARTICIPATION

Open to all Elementary students & Children of JFCBS members

Two Categories (Sunbeams-Year 3/Pre-K - Grade 2) and Year 4-6/Grade 3-5)

A3 Size Paper should be used.

One person with one drawing only

Drawings should be submitted to the British Office no later than **19 April 2023**

Name, Nationality, Section and Grade of the participant to be written on the back of the drawing. (The children of JFCBS members from other schools, please send your info & screenshot of the picture to british.office@afnorth-is.com)

Exhibition at AFNORTH open to ALL JFCBS COMMUNITY on **April the 24th (16:30-17:30)**

Winners announced at AFNORTH Culture Day Assembly on **April the 25th (09:15)**

FREE ROUND
THE WORLD
TOUR AT
AFNORTH

PRIZES IN BOTH CATEGORIES

1st: NINTENDO Switch Lite

2nd: JBL Wireless Bluetooth Speaker

3rd: JBL Wireless Bluetooth Headphone

The Children's Day has been celebrated by Türkiye since 1927 and was declared as "International Year of the Child" by United Nations in 1979.



CLOSING DATE
19 APRIL 2023

Can you help?

CULTURE DAY



Hello AFNORTH families!

On April 25th, we will be celebrating cultures in our school. All elementary classes have been assigned a country to learn about and present to other classes. Here is the list of the countries that will be represented.

Azerbaijan	Fiji	Netherlands	South Korea
Belgium	Germany	Norway	Spain
Brazil	Haiti	Philippines	Sweden
Canada	Hungary	Puerto Rico	Thailand
Colombia	Italy	Poland	Turkey
Czech	Lithuania	Portugal	UK
Denmark	Latvia	Romania	Ukraine
Estonia	Mexico	Russia	USA
France	Morocco	Slovakia	

We are looking for parent input to share traditional costumes, music, customs, artifacts, foods, and talent from their home country (ie. dancing, etc).

If you wish to participate by being present at the country table, demonstrating a skill or activity, lending us materials, or if you have an idea to represent your nation, please send me an email stating which country you are from and what you would like to contribute.

While the classes will do their part to research the countries, to be fully successful we need community involvement from the various nation delegations.

We would be so appreciative if you are willing to help us celebrate this special day and the many cultures and countries we have represented at AFNorth International School.

Thank you,
Lise Gauvreau

Lise.gauvreau@afnorth-is.com



Decorate an Egg

2023



As part of our end of term celebrations we invite the children to demonstrate their imagination and creativity by taking part in a "Decorate an Egg" activity.

The children can choose which type of egg they decorate; it can be hard-boiled, blown or polystyrene. The egg can be decorated however you like. You might want to turn an egg into an animal, a character or just put a pattern on it.

Each child who participates will be entered into a lucky draw

The only rule is that names must be attached to the egg creation to enter the draw. So, get thinking and bring your creation to school on Thursday 30th March.

We are looking forward to seeing all the "eggciting" creations!



Friday 31st March,
Sunbeams, Reception, Year 1 and 2 will join with the US and CDN classes for an Easter Singalong where we hope the Easter Bunny will make an appearance!

We encourage all the children to wear their special Easter Bonnet which they can create at home.

Sunbeams/Reception parents are invited to a "Stay and Make" session during that week where the children can create their

MARCH Read across America

CELEBRATE READING WITH READ ACROSS AMERICA
CLICK ON A BOOK, LOGIN TO **MACKINVIA**, AND EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF READING.

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
Celebrating A Nation Of Diverse Readers

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
READ	READ	READ	READ	READ	READ	READ
1 BLUE	2 WOULD YOU?	3 NARWHAL	4 DRAGONS LOVE TACOS	5 THE CAT IN THE HAT	6 LITTLE WOODS	7 Finding Winnie
8 CHAS & MATEO	9 GOODNIGHT, BUTTERFLY!	10 BELONG BELONG GIRL	11 THE BIRTH OF SCHOOL	12 Sharks	13 TRUMPER!	14 SONG OF FRUITAS
15 PONYES	16 THE TRUCK	17 SHEILA BEARS FAMILY	18 THE LITTLE HOUSE	19 Bunbuns	20 BEST VOICE EVER	21 My City Speaks!
22 HAPPY AND WELCOME	23 BLUNDERBUSS FOR ALL	24 KITTY CORN	25 5 O'CLOCK BANG	26 Horton Hatches	27 ROALD DAHL	

AFNORTH Elementary Lions Library

READ



Well Done Oliver!
Our latest Rhinestone Reader.



AFNorth Elementary

Music in our Schools Month Celebrations

2023

[Quaver's March Music Madness - Feb 27 - March 31](#)

quavered.com/musicmadness

Vote for your favorites!

[Musician of the Day - All Month](#)

Spotify Playlist - The track number in the library coincides with the musician's birthday.

[Bring Your Parent to Music - March 6-10 \(Year 2-Year 6\)](#)

Attend music class with your child! Be prepared to play, sing, dance, and have fun learning music with your child! No strollers allowed. Check with your child's teacher about their music time.

[Spring Musical - March 24-25](#)

Junie B. Jones, Jr. Friday March 24, 6:30 and Saturday March 25, 2:00

[Music Spirit Week - March 27-31](#)

Mozart Monday - Dress like a Classical Musician, Performer, or Opera Singer

Blues Day Tuesday - Wear Blue

Wednesday - Rock Star - Dress Like a Rock Star!!

Thursday - HipHop Day (Bright Colors, Rap, Backwards hat)

Sunbeams

Sunbeams had an amazing week this week thinking about all things Irish from food to dancing, folktales and building projects! We travelled round the world on Thursday and landed in Ireland. We were lucky enough to be booked in for lots of excursions to an Irish dancing class where Mrs Worton impressed us with her high kicks! Next we headed into the mini-gym to learn all about Finn MacCool and how he built the Giant's Causeway from Ireland to Scotland, working as a team to see if we could get to the middle before the other team. We then learned all about a magical creature called Leprechauns. We hunted high and low to see if we could find any with their illusive pot of gold! Finally we took a rest in an Irish cafe, chomping on soda bread, potato bread and delicious Irish stew. We loved learning all about Ireland and would like to thank the lovely Mrs Whitehead (Stanley's mummy) for her Irish intelligence and tips!



Which bread was your favourite.

<u>Potato</u>	<u>Soda</u>
✓ Red	Green ✓
✓ Yellow	Blue ✓



Reception

What does Physical Development look like in Reception Class? We work on gross motor skills such as balancing, climbing, dancing and using large construction materials. We also focus on fine motor skills like pencil control, placing small objects, using craft materials and using tools with control.

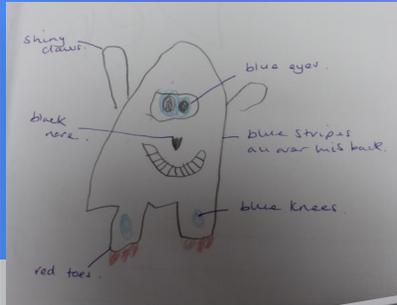
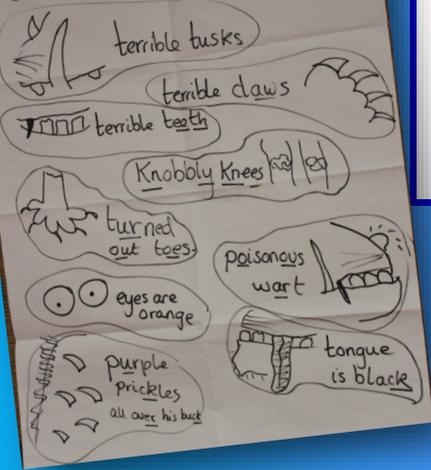


Year 1

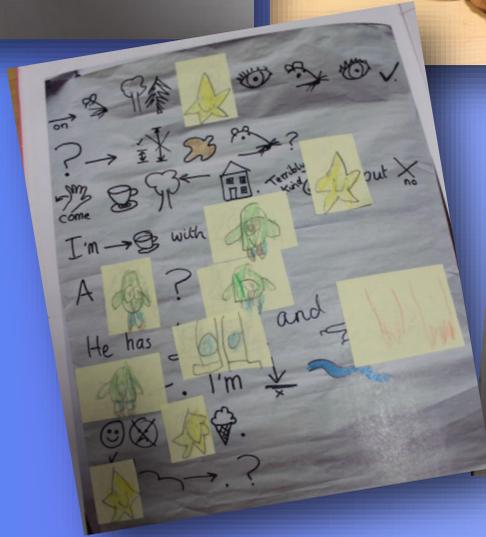
Year One have been busy with writing, exploring and innovating the story of the Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson. They have read and learnt to retell the story of the journey of the animals using a class story map and descriptive words. The children created their own amazing ideas of a creature and then drew their own story maps. Using these to help, they then started to innovate and write their own stories based on the sequence of events.

In Forest School this week the children started to use their compass skills to work out where different places were in the woods. Working out the direction of North, they orientated themselves and went on a journey to discover the animals hiding in the North, East, South and West of the school field.

Describing the Gruffalo



on the went sairri throo the lake
 a sea spider saw the
 sairri. and the sairri lookt
 good. where are you going
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 and have tea in my under
 water house.



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^{saw} the melon and the
 melon looked gurl. wiv are you
 going iellta ^{little} green and red melon?
 i'm going to hav tee wiv a
 hamstrol. A hamstrol was
 a hamstrol he has pink
 wheels and black eyes and a tiler

On went the mermaid
 into the deep dark waters,
 she looked for the
 mermaid looked good.

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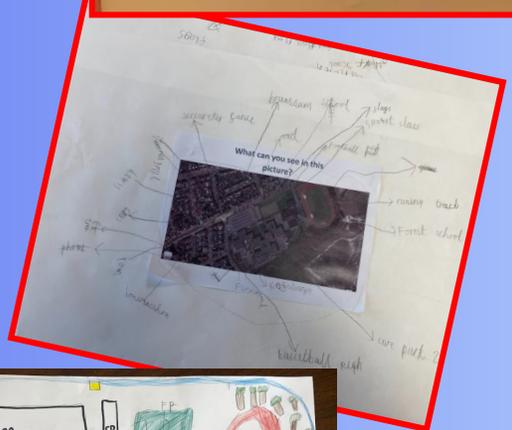
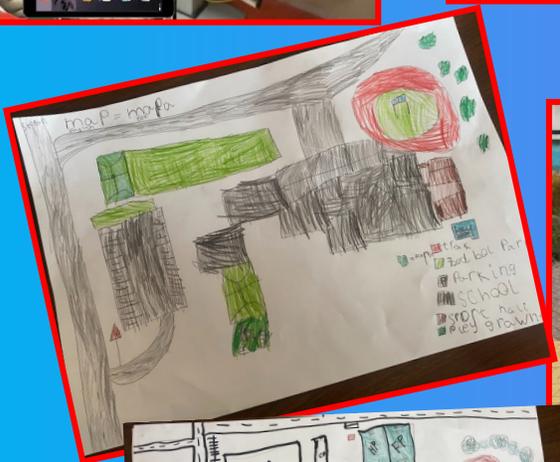
you bird really bad



Year 2

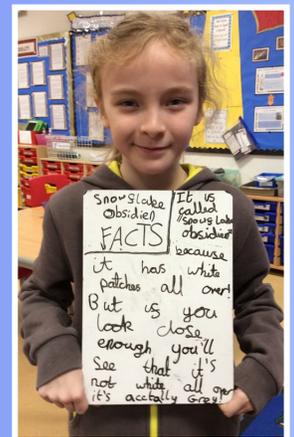
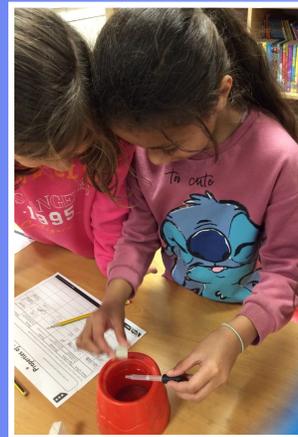
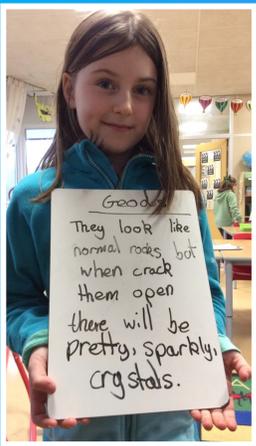
This week we have been focussing on our Geography skills of mapping. We have had some serious problems in our quest of catching the BBW. He has been appearing all over our school grounds and the Security Team has been getting worried! We have drawn maps with keys that show the different sightings of the BBW so that everyone knows where to watch out for him!

We have also written some absolutely amazing stories featuring the BBW. They are seriously impressive and we've had so much enthusiasm for our learning.



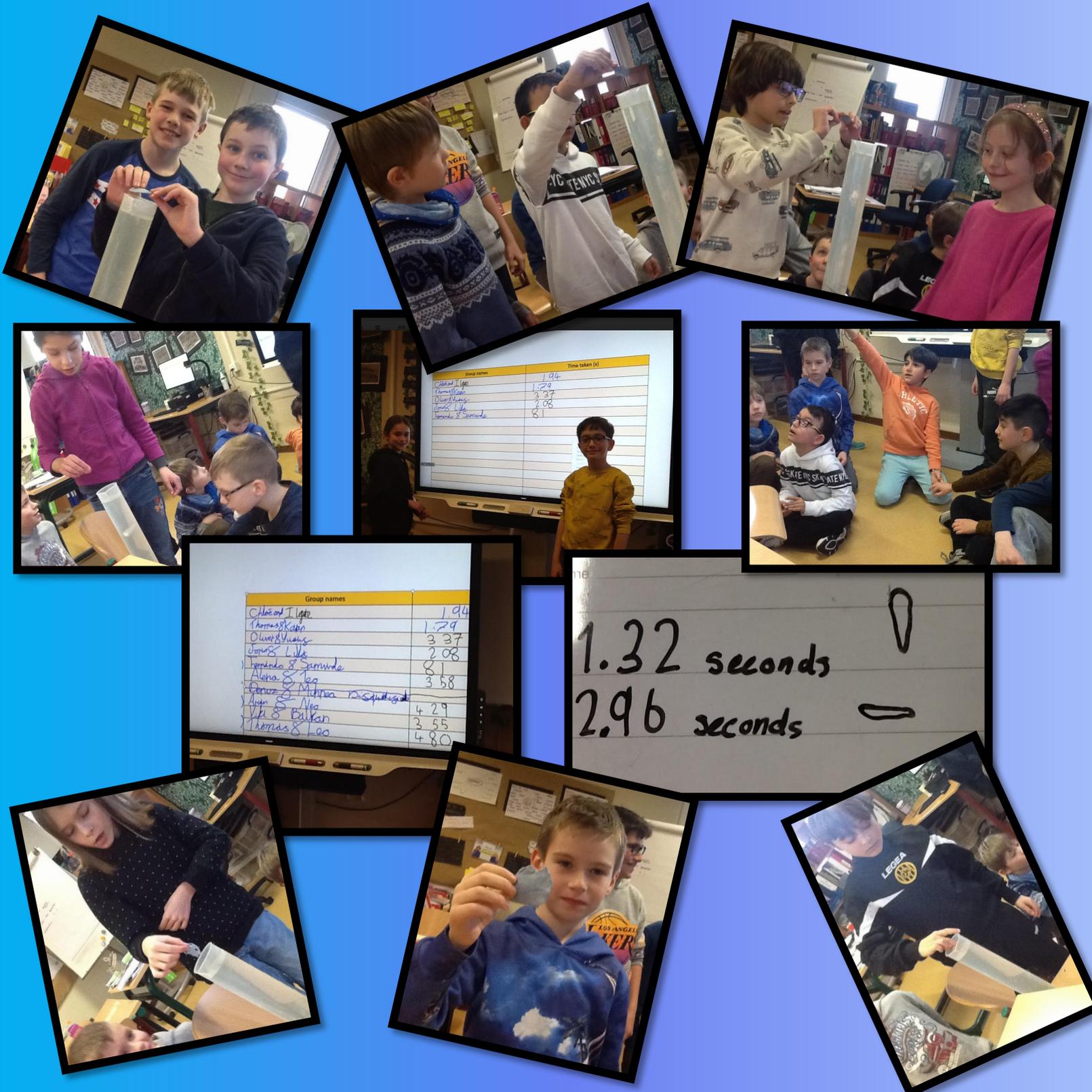
Year 3

We are rock crazy in Year 3! This week we have had a wonderful time looking at some of the very special and more unusual rocks that we have in class. We have been thinking about their colour, texture, durability, and permeability. In science we conducted an experiment to test 8 different types of rocks and learn about their properties. Some of our observations were our personal interpretations and others were part of our experiment. Things we tested for were buoyancy, permeability and strength. We also identified what type of rock they were igneous, sedimentary or metamorphic.



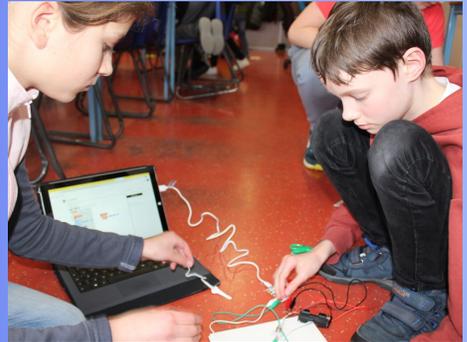
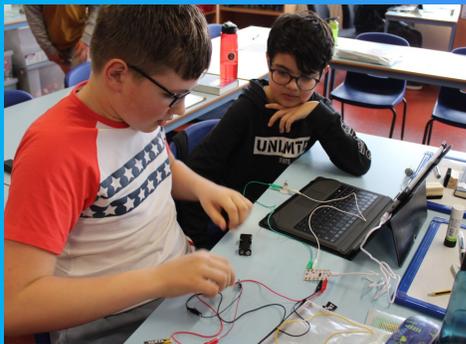
Year 4-5

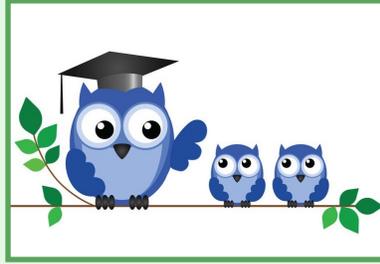
This week, we investigated the question - **Which shapes are the most streamlined?** We created shapes out of blu-tac and tested them in cylinders of water. We discovered that the slowest shape was disc-shaped because it had a lot of water resistance. The torpedo-shaped ones fell faster because they were streamlined. We timed the movements and applied our decimal place knowledge too. It became quite a competition to see whose design went the fastest!



Year 5-6

It has been another action-filled week in Y5/6. We completed our Forces topic in science with a practical lesson on water resistance and were all very excited at the arrival of our new Lego Technic kits. We will be using these kits over coming weeks to bring together the skills we have learned in coding lessons and the knowledge gained in science lessons, to build programmable vehicles. Our next English topic will be linked to the theme of Equality and Diversity - we had some very UNFAIR experiences in class to help us all understand how terrible it must feel to be the victim of discrimination.





Are you are interested in being a...

Supply Classroom Assistant /Lunchtime Supervisor
Supply Teacher

(only open to dependants of British Military/Civilian Personnel)

School Volunteer

(all parents)

For more information please contact Jenny Brown at
jenny.brown@modschoools.org



LUNCH



Week 11 13-03 tm 17-03-2023

MONDAY

Veggie Pie, Mashed Potato, Retro Vegetables	1, 2, 3
Beef Roll	3, 10
Mashed Potato	1
Retro Vegetables	
Pepper Sauce	1, 3

TUESDAY

Veggie Macaroni Dish, Snack Tomato, Rocket Salad	3, 4
Macaroni	3
Ham & Cheese Sauce	1, 2, 3, 5, 9
Rocket Salad	
Snack Tomato	

WEDNESDAY

Veggie Balls, Dollar Chips, Corn-Carrot Salad	3, 4
Chicken Schnitzel	1, 2, 3, 6
Dollar Chips	
Corn-Carrot Salad	
Stroganoff Sauce	1, 3

THURSDAY

Omelet, Sweet Tomato Sauce, Rice, Macedoine Vegetables	1, 2, 9
Omelet	1, 2
Rice	
Macedoine Vegetables	9
Sweet Tomato Sauce	3

FRIDAY

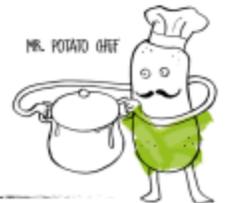
Veggie Burger, Fries, Carrots	1, 2, 3, 4, 8
Fish Filet	1, 2, 3, 7
Fries	
Carrots	
Tartar Sauce	2

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



All meals are nut free



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

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

Bucket Fillers



Just a few of our children that have achieved 5 bucket fillers. They were happy to be able to choose a book as a reward. Keep up the good work!



Easter Fundraising bake sale



*Calling all bakers.... We need your
baked goods.*

*Please come along and help us make
our bake sale a great success.*

Place: Miners Rest entrance

When: Wednesday 29th March 2023

Time: 1000 - 1300

*Cakes can be dropped off at the same location between 0900
and 1000*

Please bring CASH

Take away

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

All monies raised are for the Brunssum Community

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

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 related to supervision and to avoid congestion outside of Sunbeams.

Thank you for your co-operation

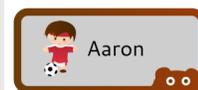


NO NUTS

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.