

# AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## British Section

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**12th May 2023**

Dear Parents,

A huge well done to our Year 6 children who have worked so hard this week completing the Year 6 SAT tests. They have shown such maturity and resilience throughout the week. We are very proud of them all. Thank you to Miss Robertson and Mrs Roberts for ensuring the children felt prepared and confident in attempting each paper. Tests have now been sent to the UK to be marked and results will be published in early July. Parents will be notified of the outcomes at this point.

### Parent Survey

In support of ongoing school development we would very much appreciate parents taking a few minutes to complete our annual survey. Please click on the following link. If you experience any problems please email the British Office.



### PARENT SURVEY 2023

We have had such mixed weather, please ensure that all children have a coat with them every day - waterproof if possible, as we do try to get outside as much as possible.

On behalf of all the staff **THANK YOU** to the PTO for the delicious Teacher Appreciation lunch which was provided today.

*Have a wonderful weekend*



**Bucket Fillers**



Rosie, Alyssia, Ewan, Elsie, Frantisek, Henry, James, Anders, Joris, Teo, Chloe, Ingrid, All of Year 6

### DATES TO NOTE

#### May

- 17 1400 Dismissal
- 18 SCHOOL CLOSED INSET
- 22-26 Year 6 Residential
- 25 Year 1 Farm Visit
- 29 SCHOOL CLOSED Pentecost

#### June

- 1 Year4-5 Bokrijk Trip
- 2 Year 2 Trip
- 6 SPORTS DAY (Parents Welcome)
- 9 Year 4 Multiplication Check
- 12 Year 1 Phonics Screening
- 14 End of Year BBQ Lunch
- 15 Reports go home
- 16 Final Day of School  
1230 Dismissal

### **Congratulations to this week's Rhinestone Readers**



# AFNORTH Elementary Sport's Day 2023

Hello AFNORTH Community!

This year's AFNORTH Elementary Sports Day will be Tuesday, June 6, 2023. Here is our Sports Day schedule as well as pertinent information about the day.

Sunbeams/Reception/Pre-Kindergarten, Year 1/Kindergarten and Year 2/First grade will meet at the track and field area at 0930. Students and teachers must find their assigned station/numbered cone by 0935, so we can begin promptly at 0940. Students will rotate through 12 different stations from 0940-1110.

Year 3/Second grade, Year4/Third grade, Year5/Fourth grade, and Year6/Fifth grade will walk to the track and field area at 1335. Students and teachers must find their assigned station/numbered cone by 1340, so we can begin promptly at 1345. Students will rotate through 15 stations from 1345-1520.

## Things to remember for Sport's/Field Day:

-If it rains the event will be cancelled and students and staff will follow their regular school schedule.

-Students should wear athletic attire and wear outdoor shoes which can get dirty. Please make sure they do not wear their indoor P.E. shoes for Sport's Day. For sun protection, it is recommended that students apply sunscreen and wear hats. I am also asking students to bring a bottle of water from home to prevent dehydration and multiple trips inside the gymnasium.

-We will have a first aid station located near the Forest School shed as a precaution to take care of any injuries which could occur during the event. Water stations will be located next to the first aid station so students can refill their water bottles.

## Sport's Day volunteers:

If you are willing to volunteer, please see the times listed below: Morning session for volunteers will be 0845-1130 grades Pre-K, Kindergarten and first. Afternoon session for volunteers will be 1300-1545 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grades. Stations will be assigned when you arrive at the track. If you are interested in volunteering, please email me at [Christopher.Guest@dodea.edu](mailto:Christopher.Guest@dodea.edu). In the subject line, please type Sport's Day Volunteer and note what session you would like to volunteer for. You can volunteer for both sessions! The last day to send me a volunteer email will be the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, so I have time to compile a list prior to the event.

I look forward to having a great day with you and your children. Thank you for your support.

Christopher Guest

AFNorth Elementary Physical Education

# KS2 Wednesday Sports –Tennis Skills



## Story Teller

It is always a pleasure to welcome the very talented Niall de Burca to AFNORTH. His entertaining and engaging storytelling is always a big hit with the children, who thoroughly enjoyed listening to his stories. A big thank you to Niall for entertaining us all.



# Sunbeams

This week has been all about new life! We were kindly invited to visit our friends in the German Kindergarten to meet their newest class members, 8 baby chicks. We showed amazing respect and consideration for the chicks, sneaking in quietly, sitting calmly and using lowered voices to ensure they didn't get scared. We then had the opportunity to stroke them and even hold them. We were very careful and used both hands to make sure the baby chick felt safe. Finally we let 3 chicks run free in our circle and talked about how they were moving and the sounds they made.



# Reception

This week in Reception has been all about critical thinking, inventing, testing out ideas and explaining; higher-level skills as we almost reach the end of the year. We had a story about a bubble-making machine and decided to invent our own, after using the internet for research and thinking about how to get the air into the bubbles. To make our 3D pond pictures, we thought about how to fold paper to prop up our drawings. We visited chicks in the German Kindergarten and explained to others where chicks and eggs come from and their lifecycle.



# Year 1

Year One have enjoyed their trip to the Brunsummerheide. We loved seeing how green everything is now the weather is a little warmer. The children spotted new leaves emerging and baby pine cones growing too! We climbed up a steep hill where we got an amazing view across the Brunsummerheide. We also found a stream and lots of puddles which the children loved jumping in too. On the way back to school we had take a different path as it was closed because the mummy frogs were having their babies!



# Year 2

This week year 2 have been working hard on their final piece of writing for our 'WATER AID' Unit. We have done some amazing non fiction writing that informs others of this global issue.

We have also been busy continuing growing our class garden. It is really coming on nicely and we are nearly ready to make a full salad!

We have been looking at the life cycle of plants and it has been great to observe this first hand in class.

Water Information

Too many people in our world live in water poverty. About two billion people don't have clean, good water in our world. Many many people in this world don't have taps like us so they have to walk a long way to collect good clean water to cook, clean, wash and drink. Some people don't go to school because they spend the day walking to the well and back again.

Ways we can help

There are many ways to help with this situation. I am going to share some ways with you. You can do a fundraiser or any other events to raise money for charities so they can give water to other people. Another way to help is to learn ways to save water like taking a shower instead of a bath. If you now ways to save water, it would be very helpful to the world. You can inform other people about the problem. This means that other people can help with the problem too.

1 Seeds

growing plant

Sun flower

Saving Precious Water

As many as 2,000,000,000 people live in water poverty. This means that they don't have any water in the area they live in so they have to walk to collect clean water. After they have collected the water they can cook, clean and drink. Some people can't even go to school because they have to walk daily to collect water. Some people have to walk to the river or well to get water because they don't have a tap in their house.

Ways We Can Help

There are many ways to help with this global issue and I'm going to tell you some. Here is a list of ways to save water. Don't water your garden with a hosepipe but instead harvest rainwater. Have a shower instead of a bath, don't ignore leaking pipes, don't use a toilet as a bin and turn off the tap when soaping your hands. This is six of many ways to save water. If you write one of these texts you can inform other people. This means that you can give people information to other people and then they know about it too. We are raising money for water aid. The money is going towards building wells and tap-taps for people who don't have clean fresh water.

What Water Aid Does

Water aid helps people by teaching them how to build wells, tap-taps and pumps. If we don't have water we wouldn't be alive today. A child dies every day because they don't have good hygiene which means

1 Seeds

Shoot

I want

Sunflower

Growing plant

1 seed

2 Henry

petal

dirt

3

sunflower

petal

leaves

stem

dirt

4

WaterAid World

Some people do not have clean fresh water in the world. They have to walk a long long way to collect water to drink.

ways we can help

We can help by raising money by having bake sales, book sales or make donations.

What WaterAid does?

WaterAid helps and teaches people to build wells to keep the water clean.

1 Seed

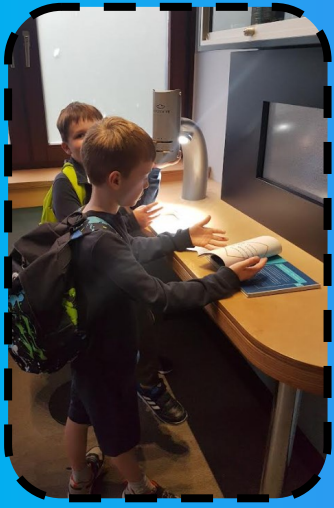
2 Shoot

3 Sun flower

4 growing Plant

# Year 3

This week Year 3 have been working on their knowledge of forces in science. We have thought about our knowledge of pushes, pulls, friction, gravity and so many other things. It is wonderful to hear all their scientific thinking. We used this knowledge to conduct, record and evaluate our thinking about how friction and gravity work to move a toy car on a ramp. The children adjusted the height of the ramp using textbooks to see how much resistance a range of fabrics gave. They have also started to think about magnets work, we'll be conducting some more fair tests on the magnets soon. In other news our stories are coming along well and we are learning lots of new angle and direction vocabulary in maths.





# Year 4-5

Year 4/5's challenge this week was to design and create a 'Biome in a Box' of a tropical rainforest. The children worked in small teams to plan their ideas, research information and start creating. The Year 4 children were so enthusiastic and had super ideas; Joris and Teo even chose to bring in small stones and greenery from home to add to their creation! The Year 5 children enjoyed working together; a great opportunity to collaborate. As our 'mini-biomes' are currently under construction, we look forward to sharing the finished products next week. Look out for them!



# Year 5-6

We have had a very busy week with the Year 6 children completing their SATs papers. We are very proud of the children - they have completed these assessments with positive good humour and resilience and have absolutely tried their best.

Year 5 children had the opportunity to work alongside the Year 6 children in Mrs Siedhoff's class where they have created biomes in a box. This is after recent humanities work where they have been finding out about South America and the Amazon rainforest.

We were lucky to finish this very busy week with a visit from a storyteller: Niall de Burca, who entertained us with stories of a banshee at a window and a boy being taken by a tribal chief and given to a great white shark. We enjoyed his descriptive language and also the humour in some of his stories!



# LUNCH



Week 20 15-05 t/m 19-05-2023

MONDAY

Veggie Roll, Potato Gratin, Vegetables	2, 3, 4
Chicken Filet	3, 6
Potato Gratin	1, 2, 3
Vegetables	
Pepper Sauce	1, 3

TUESDAY

Pasta, Tomato Vegetable Sauce	3, 4
Pasta & Basil	3
Beef Ragout	10
Snack Tomato	

WEDNESDAY

Vegetable Stew, Couscous, Pita	1, 2, 3, 4
Beef Wrap	3, 10
Couscous	3
Yoghurt Garlic Sauce	1, 2, 3

THURSDAY

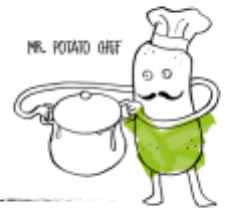
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FRIDAY

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

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>



# THE GREAT AFNORTH GARAGE SALE

Visit any time from  
10:00 to 14:00  
AFNORTH School Cafeteria

MAY  
20TH

RENT A TABLE FOR 10€

BUY OR SELL: CLOTHING | GADGETS | TOYS  
FURNITURE | APPLIANCES | AND MUCH MORE!

For More Information or to rent a table,  
email [Rochelle.Ramsay@afnorth-is.com](mailto:Rochelle.Ramsay@afnorth-is.com)

We are excited to announce the first ever  
**Great AFNORTH Garage Sale**  
Saturday, May 20th  
10:00-14:00

This is an event for everyone, sellers and buyers alike. Sellers can reserve a table for 10€

Admission is FREE to come in and browse the wares.

Tables may be rented by students and parents in the AFNorth community as well as anyone with a NATO ID.

There will also be games and entertainment for children as well as snacks and drinks for sale.

For more information or to rent a table, please contact [rochelle.ramsay@afnorth-is.com](mailto:rochelle.ramsay@afnorth-is.com).  
\*\*\*proceeds will go the PTA (Parent Teacher Association) & Candian Student Council\*\*\*

**To reserve a table, two methods are available:**

**Online:**

Canadian MHS section NL51 ABNA 0523 2610 98  
In the description, please reference:

- **Great AFNorth Garage Sale**
- **Your name (if different than the account holder)**
- **# number of tables requested**

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**At the CDN office:**

**please complete and attach this slip. Place cash in a sealed envelop labelled:  
Great AFNORTH Garage Sale**

- **Your name** \_\_\_\_\_
- **# number of tables requested** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Amount of money enclose in the envelop** \_\_\_\_\_

# 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

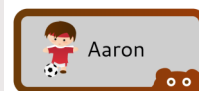


## NO NUTS

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.