

# AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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**19th May 2023**

Dear Parents,

Our Year 6 pupils were bursting with excitement as they left this afternoon knowing there are just 3 sleeps until they set off on their residential next week. We will certainly miss them in the building and look forward to daily updates on their adventures.

Year 2 have started their national assessments (SATs) this week. At AFNORTH we keep this very much part of their everyday learning and the children are typically unaware of the fact that they are having a test. These assessments will take place over the next two weeks and parents will be notified of the outcomes before school closes. It is important to note that the assessments are just one indicator of the child's attainment and that the teacher assessment is the key judgement.

### 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

It is hard to believe we are in the closing weeks of this year. As the library begins for end of year inventory we request that all library books are returned to school by May 31st.

*Have a wonderful weekend*



**Bucket Fillers**



Alice, Maria, Joseph, Mrs Georgiou,, Callum, Primrose, Javier,  
Elise, Ilgaz, Samuele, Lilla, Julia, Ada, Ingrid, Silvia, Elvira, Freya

### DATES TO NOTE

#### May

22-26 Year 6 Residential

23 Year 3 Musical

25 Year 1 Farm Visit

25 Year 2 Musical

29 SCHOOL CLOSED  
Pentecost

#### June

1 Year4-5 Bokrijk Trip

2 Year 2 Zoo 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



So lovely to see Elvira dressed in her National costume for Norwegian Day on Wednesday



# SCHOOL MUSICAL!



**WHO?** 2nd Grade/Year 3

**WHEN?** May 23, 2023 10:00-10:30

**WHERE?** AFNorth Cafeteria



# SCHOOL MUSICAL!



**WHO?** 1st Grade-Year 2

**WHEN?** May 25 - 2:45 - 3:15

**WHERE?** AFNorth Cafeteria

# 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

# Sunbeams

Our week in Sunbeams has been filled with lots of experimenting and creating. The mud kitchen was well stocked this week allowing us to get stuck in to mixing and creating delicious, muddy food again! We also shared our culinary skills in the camp site kitchen, creating a very interesting soup of mushrooms, broccoli, marshmallows, herbs, stock and lots more natural ingredients.



# Reception

Reception Class children had a super adventure on Wednesday - they went fishing! Using nets carefully and safely, they caught tadpoles and water snails to bring back to class to study. The children had a peaceful picnic by the pond and also found time to climb Sand Mountain, sliding back down on their bottoms! They discussed different habitats and observed what grows and lives in ponds, forests, bogs and heath.



# Year 1

Year One have enjoyed seeing how much their sunflowers have grown already. This week we have written instructions for how to plant a sunflower seed. The children have also transplanted their sunflowers into one of the new flower beds outside to give their tiny plants more room to grow. We have been counting the leaves and measuring the height in centimetres and will be adding this information to our sunflower diaries each week.



## Planting the sunflower seed

First I put the soil in the pot.  
Next I made a hole  
in the soil. After that  
I put the seed in.  
Finally I watered it.

## Planting the sunflower seed

First, I put the soil in the pot because it has to grow. Next I made a hole. After that I put the seeds in.

## Planting the sunflower seed

First I put the soil in the pot.  
Next I made a hole in the soil.  
After that I put the seed in the hole and covered it up.



## Planting the sunflower seed

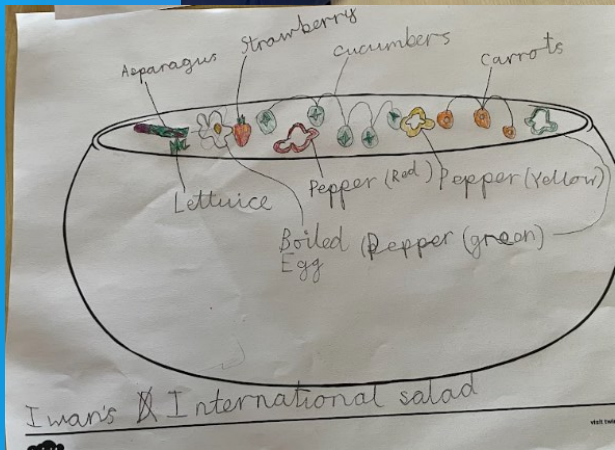
First I put soil in the pot. Next I put my finger in the soil because my finger stood out. After that I put the seed in the pot. Finally I put the pot in the sun and water.



# Year 2

This week, year 2 has reaped the reward of our hard work growing plants in our classroom. We made salads with the lettuce and tomatoes we have grown and we shared it with other members of the school community. We have been learning about the plant life cycle in science and this has supported us greatly to be able to observe first hand what happens at each stage.

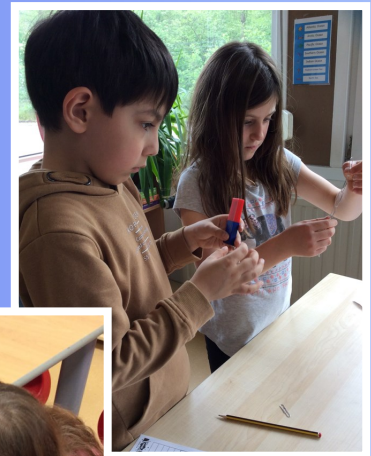
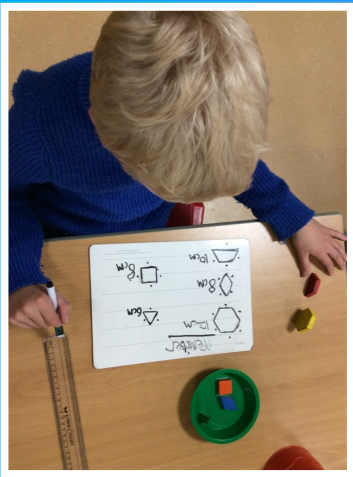
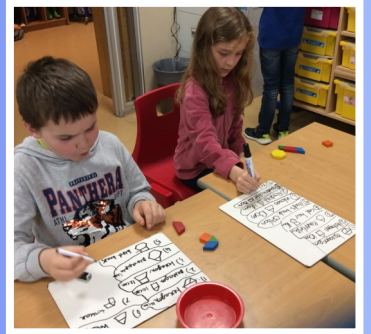
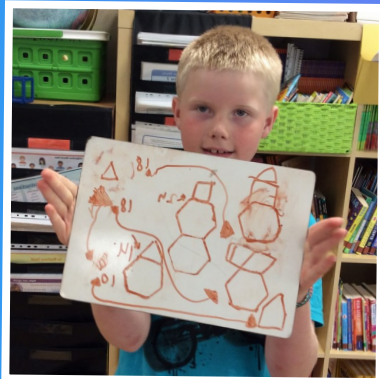
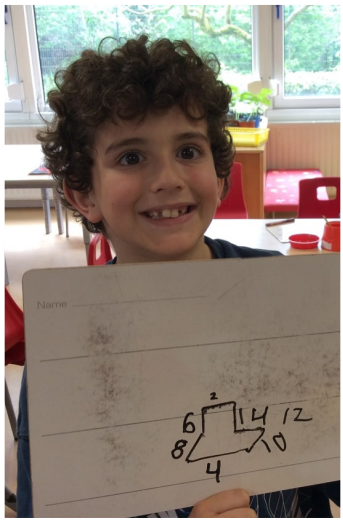
We are real observing scientists!



# Year 3

Last week, Year 3 had a fantastic time at the Aquazoo in Dusseldorf which is surrounded by beautiful gardens. We definitely recommend visiting. Before we even entered the museum we had seen geese, lizards and a heron. The children enjoyed inquiring about the wide range of animals that live below the water. There were also the fascinating naked mole rats, turtles and snakes, among others. Our time flew past. We almost got a whole group picture however going to the restroom before travelling back took longer than expected!

This week we have begun our work on Letter writing linked to the story *The Day the Crayons Quit*. We were all very excited to create crayon characters. We also enjoyed reviewing our perimeter work





# Year 4-5

A variety of 'forest' pictures to share this week!  
Our rainforest biomes are complete - very creative and informative box biomes. There was great teamwork as we built up our designs and added features for detail. It was a challenge to get our trees to stand up straight!

We have also been enjoying our school forest - making discoveries, playing team-building games and finding a good spot for the trail camera to capture any movements whilst we are not there. What will we discover?!

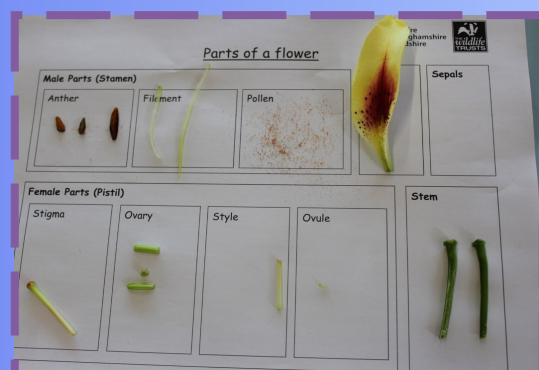


# Year 5-6

We have finished our biomes and are very proud of the final products. We enjoyed having the opportunity to be creative and to work alongside our friends.

In Science we enjoyed dissecting a flower to identify and name all the different parts that are needed for it to reproduce.

Year 6 are excited to be leaving for their residential trip next week. Year 5 will continue their learning - having some Canadian friends join them where they will have a week of writing recipes, planning a recipe and using maths skills to buy ingredients and then make a chosen recipe. Here's to a week of fun learning for all! :)



Linked to the book "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" by Carol McCloud our Bucket Filler Award recognises positive behaviours e.g. kindness, respect, responsibility, resilience as well as hard work and achievement.

Everyone carries an invisible bucket that holds our good thoughts and feelings. When our buckets are full, we feel happy and when our buckets are empty, we feel sad.

Our actions and words can either fill a bucket or dip into it. We fill buckets when we do and say things that are kind, considerate, caring, and respectful. But if we are inconsiderate or disrespectful, we dip into buckets and remove those good feelings.

[Click here for the story.](#)



# LUNCH



Week 21 22-05 t/m 26-05-2023

MONDAY

Korean Rice, Ormelet	1, 2, 3
Korean Rice	3
Chicken Sweet & Sour	3, 6, 9
Atjar Tjampoer	3
Hot Sauce	

TUESDAY

Pasta Penne, Tomato Zucchini Sauce	3, 4
Bolognese Sauce	3, 10
Pasta Penne with Basil	3
Snack Tomato	

WEDNESDAY

Quiche, Macedoine Vegetable Mix & Potato	1, 2, 3, 9
Quiche (French Pie with cheese, cream, vegetables)	1, 2, 3, 9
Macedoine Vegetable Mix & Potato	3, 9
Mustard Sauce with Thyme	3

THURSDAY

Soy Bites, Rice, Bread Roll	1, 3
Goulash	3, 10
Rice	3
Bread Roll	1, 3

FRIDAY

Veggie Snack, Fries, Carrots	1, 2, 3, 4, 8
Fish Filet or Hot Dog Sausage	2, 3, 5, 7
Fries	
Carrots	
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>

# 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

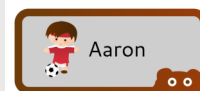


## NO NUTS

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.