



AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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21st April 2023

"Look...That's my picture"

"Friends Without Borders" display.



Dear Parents,

As you will see from the class pages it has certainly been a "jam-packed" week!

Year 6 had the privilege of hearing from a survivor of the Holocaust on Monday. A rich opportunity like this helps provide both a face and a real connection to history as they learn from an individual's perspective.

On Monday and Tuesday, AFNORTH welcomed a team from the RAF Youth STEM team from Cranwell. who ran a series of exciting sessions for Yr5. Through a variety of scenarios the children worked in groups to develop ideas and solutions when creating robots and rescue vehicles. There was lots of creativity, collaboration and problem solving fun evident. Thank you to the RAF team; we very much look forward to their next visit to Brunssum. <https://rafyouthstem.org.uk/>

Tuesday was an incredibly special day as we celebrated AFNORTH's rich and diverse community with Culture Day. Classes, along with the help of their parent volunteers, created wonderful displays throughout the school including delicious treats to enjoy. We learned many new things about the many countries our friends come from. Well done to our Student Council and the representatives from Türkiye who led the Assembly in the morning. There was great excitement when Col Kadir announced the winners of the drawing contest "Friends Without Borders".

We feel very fortunate to have had the talented Turkish flutist, Lelya Bayramoğullari perform for us. The children were captivated by the beautiful sound of the flute and enjoyed singing along as she played a familiar song. A very special thank you and Well Done to Adi (Y3) who was very brave and joined her Mum and big sister on stage to perform a Fijian dance for us....just gorgeous!

Have a wonderful weekend

DATES TO NOTE

April

30 Closing Date for Scholastic

May

- 2 Year 5 Brussels Trip
- 2 1430 Class Reps Meeting
- 5 Year 2 Water Aid Bake Sale
- 8 BRITISH SECTION CLOSED
King Charles III Coronation
- 8-12 Year 6 Assessment Week
- 9 Year 3 AquaZoo
- 17 1400 Dismissal
- 15 SCHOOL CLOSED INSET
- 25 Year 1 Farm Visit
- 29 SCHOOL CLOSED
Pentecost

June

- 1 Year4-5 Bokrijk Trip
- 2 Year 2 Trip
- 9 Year 4 Multiplication Check
- 12 Year 1 Phonics Screening
- 14 End of Year BBQ Lunch



Bucket Fillers



Reception Class, Grace, Ginevra, Finley, Adi, Matthew, Mihnea, John, Sebastien, Ilgar, Oguz, Ada, Ilgar, Charles, Freya, Silvia

BAKE SALE!

Time: 0930-1030



We are raising money
for Water Aid.

When: Friday 5th May

Where: Outside year
2 classroom All.13



£1 Per cake

CULTURE DAY 2023





Mr Rowland Bucknill – Assistant Chief Education Officer, DCS



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Dear Parents,

Re: Education Review March 2023

On the 8 and 9 March 2023, I visited AFNORTH to conduct a school review of the quality of education and school provision. To do this, I visited lessons, looked at books, pupil progress data, school improvement plans and talked with children, staff, SGC and school leaders.

The British Section, AFNORTH International School provides high-quality education and care for the children. The committed leadership, teachers and support staff have created a positive vision, ethos and curriculum which ensures the children make good progress from their relative starting points. The school is focussed on ensuring that the children thrive in their learning, their personal development and good use is made of the international context of the school to enhance this educational provision.

There is a clear curriculum in place, which adheres to the objectives of the National and Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. There are well-structured whole school timetables in place and the teaching sequences are planned and delivered to ensure that learning builds on prior knowledge and skills. The teachers are dedicated to ensuring that the children flourish and achieve and skilled at ensuring that the children engage in their learning and make progress.

As with all schools, there are always further improvements and refinements to make. To achieve this, the school has effective school improvement plans in place with which they are making impressive progress. It is establishing effective and sustainable systems and processes to monitor and evaluate the curriculum coverage and the progress of the pupils across all subjects. The School Governance Committee (SGC) are supportive, are developing good systems to monitor the work of the school and this will continue to have positive impact over time.

The children were highly positive about the school, their daily lived experience, the progress they were making and they behaved impeccably during the visit.

Thank you for your ongoing support of your children in their learning journey.

Best wishes,

Rowland Bucknill

Assistant Chief Education Officer

Governor's Corner

Hello Parents, Pupils, Staff and Friends of AFNorth British Section!

I just wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself to those who don't know me. My name is Dr Shona Johnston and I have the privilege of being the governor for safeguarding for the SGC (School Governors Committee) for the British Section at AFNorth.

I have a background as a paediatric doctor in the UK and I also have two children who are in the British Section. I have so far really enjoyed my role as governor. I have been working with Miss Macleod and Mr Brown to review a number of policies. I am ensuring that we as the SGC are up to date with all our safeguarding training. I have also had a chance to meet with the children – they opened my eyes to the world of the internet and e-safety for children! Please do make use of the brilliant resources on e-safety for parents which have been shared by the school – Miss Trout shared them with me and I (as a parent) found them very useful.

Please note if you have concerns about individual children you should bring these concerns up with the school in the first instance. However, if you have any questions or comments or anything you wish to discuss with me, you are most welcome to email me on:

safeguarding.british@afnorth-is.com.

With very best wishes,

Shona



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

Sunbeams

What a busy week Sunbeams have had! On Monday we prepared for culture day, by building the Titanic and sharing stories about London. Then on Culture Day we travelled the world finding out about and tasting foods from different countries. On Wednesday we had Superhero day with the American Section, we took part in cape making, superhero snacks, stories and games.



Reception

What a super time we had at Culture Day! After working so hard last week on our United Kingdom display, we loved seeing all the other children enjoying it. We explored the displays of the home countries in our class - Norway, Denmark, Italy, the USA, Spain, Turkiye and the UK. Altogether we visited thirty-two country displays, recorded 'fun facts' in pictures, tried many different foods and found most of the passport pages ourselves. The children behaved politely and respectfully all day.



Year 1

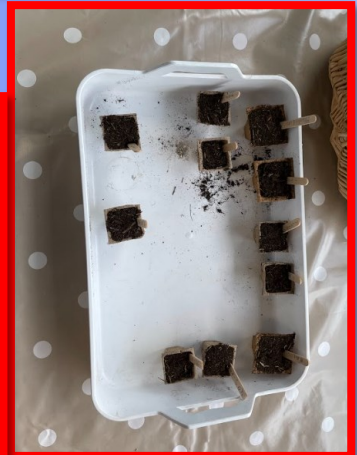
Year 1 have loved learning about Norway. They enjoyed making flags, researching on the internet to find pictures, listening to Norwegian fairytales and even the opportunity to try waffles, reindeer, moose and cod flakes! The children have loved their journey around the world on culture day.



Year 2

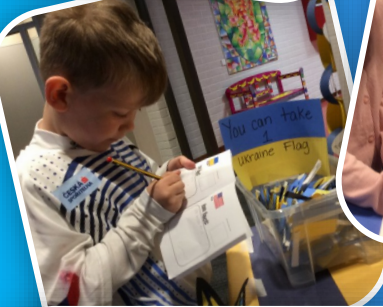
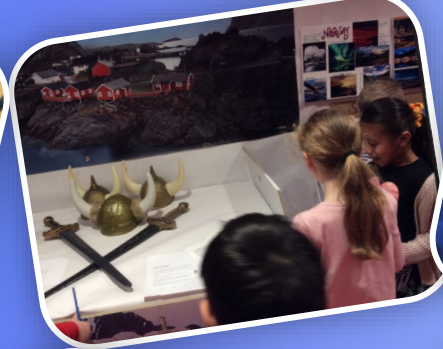
This week Year 2 have been starting their growing projects. We have planted a variety of different plants to observe them grow and learn about the process of the plant life cycle. We are very lucky to have Mrs Hayes in class who is very green fingered and is teaching us lots about the variety of plants we are growing.

Next week we have our WATER AID talk alongside finishing our how to save water Non Fiction texts. As a heads up: our bake sale will be on Friday and we are raising money to send to this charity.



Year 3

This week has flown past! We all thoroughly enjoyed our amazing cultural experience on Tuesday. The children really enjoyed looking at artefacts, using their passports, tasting different foods, watching and listening to the amazing performances that they were treated to. It was definitely a day to remember.



Year 4-5



I was happy when I saw our Czech display! - Alena

I enjoyed finding facts about countries—Viki



I loved the Turkish dessert! - William



I loved Germany because of the food! - Alex



I liked exploring! - John



I loved trying new foods from different countries—Chloe



I enjoyed learning about new countries — Mihnea



Year 5-6

What a busy week! (Time of writing this is only Wednesday!)

Year 6 were privileged to attend a talk by Jack Aldewerld to mark the Holocaust Day of Remembrance. We heard of the atrocities faced by Jewish parents and children during WW2 and the kindness shown by the people of Brunssum in saving these children. Brunssum had a record of absolutely nobody reporting hidden children. They worked together for their survival. We feel this says so much about the people of Brunssum.

Year 6 took part in bicycle training and assessments before going to Arnhem . We were most impressed that ALL children involved arrived at school with the correct equipment and well-functioning bikes! Thanks must go to parents for supporting in this. The children completed a series of bike challenges and we were really impressed by their ability and confidence. This bodes well for our trip to Arnhem!

Our international day of the child was truly impressive. We enjoyed a tour of the world where we met many people of all nationalities. We enjoyed reading information for fabulous facts and exploring and tasting the numerous delights. Thank you to all of you who supported in this by contributing time, information, artefacts and tasty treats!

Year 5 students had an exciting morning with the UK RAF STEM team. STEM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering and maths; these four fields share an emphasis on innovation, problem-solving and critical thinking. Students had the opportunity to build unique Lego robots before creating code on their iPads to make the robots perform different tasks. The session finished with a challenge - well done to Alfie whose robot was the first to complete the mission. Use the QR code to see videos of the robots in action.



LUNCH



Week 18 01-05 t/m 05-05-2023

MONDAY

Veggie Balls, Mashed Potato, Cauliflower	1, 2, 3, 4
Beef Meat Balls	3, 10
Mashed Potato	1
Cauliflower	1, 3

TUESDAY

Veggie Stew, Rice, Mixed Vegetables	1, 3, 4, 9
Chicken Pilaf	1, 3, 6
Rice	3
Mixed Vegetables	9

WEDNESDAY

Veggie Tomato Sauce, Pasta, Snack Tomato	3, 4
Beef Stew	3, 10
Pasta	3
Snack Tomato	

THURSDAY

Soy Snack, Baked Potato, Green Beans & Onions	1, 3
Chicken Schnitzel	1, 2, 3, 6
Baked Potato	3
Green Beans & Onions	
Bell Pepper Sauce	3

FRIDAY

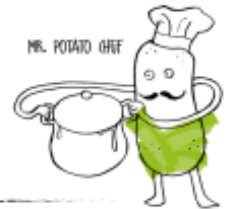
Veggie Burger, Fries, Carrots	1, 2, 3, 4, 8
Fish Filet or Hot Dog Sausage	2, 3, 5, 7
Fries	
Carrots	
Tartar Sauce	2, 3

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

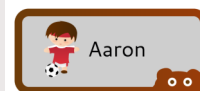


NO NUTS

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.