

AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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9th June 2023



DATES TO NOTE

June

- 12 Year 1 Phonics Screening
- 13 Farewell Assembly
- 14 End of Year BBQ Lunch
- 15 Transition Visits to next class including Y6 to CDN MS
- 15 Reports go home
- 16 Final Day of School
1230 Dismissal

Sunbeams dismiss at 1200

Families leaving in June

- Pupil Records will be available for collection from Thursday 15 June
- Ensure library books and school reading books have been returned
- CHECK LOST PROPERTY
- Close down Lunch Accounts- page 13

Dear Parents,

We had a very special morning on Thursday when HM Ambassador Joanna Roper came to visit. Key Stage 1 sang beautifully as they welcomed the Ambassador at the entrance. Around the corner she met Reception who shared their display of the United Kingdom ...peek inside Buckingham Palace to see her with our very own King. Scarlett presented her with flowers and when she told sunbeams that she was going to see the King next week...there was a big gasp! Key Stage 2 shared their experiences of AFNORTH and living in the Netherlands prior to Year 6 having tea with HMA Roper and our other special guests, General Pullen and the British Defence Attache to the Netherlands., Colonel Strudwick. We were incredibly proud of all the children and they received high praise from our guests. HMA Roper presented all the children with a commemorative coin marking the coronation of King Charles 111. Finally we were treated to a rousing performance from the Waterloo Band and Bugles of the Rifles.

Thank you to Coach Guest and all the parent volunteers who c-ordinated a fantastic day of fun at Sports Day on Tuesday. It was great to see so many of our parents at both sessions.

Next week will be a difficult one as we say goodbye to so many of our friends.

We have much to celebrate this year but top of the list is relationships and

the bonds that have been created. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Hayes, Mrs Kerrigan and Mrs Smith. who have each played a huge part in the development of the children they have worked with and also in the life of the school. THANK YOU.



Bucket Fillers



All of Reception Class, Orla, Manuel, Jenson, Anders, Michal, Adi, Neo, Alexander, Amelia, Dalila, Freya, Ilgar, Ingrid, Richard, Ada, Oguz, Lexi, Julia, Charles, Ekvira, Silvia

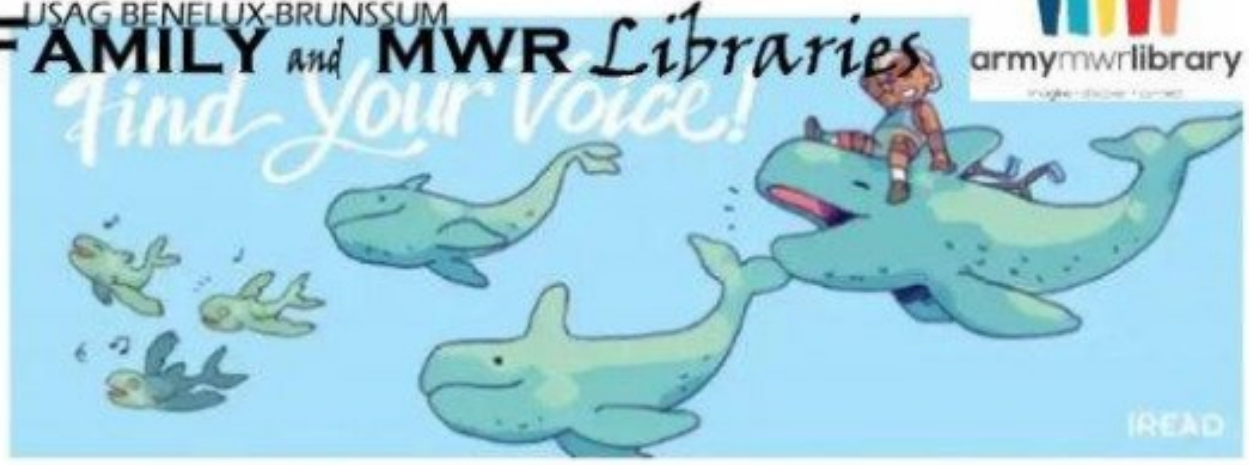
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SPORTS DAY 2023





HM Ambassador to the Netherlands



Sunbeams

Sunbeams have had a wonderfully busy week filled with joy and new experiences.

On Monday we travelled to Kasteelpark in Born for our summer educational visit. We started by taking the bus (which was an exciting event in itself) then discovered lots of different animals as we walked around the park, we had a yummy packed lunch, rocket ice lolly and a great zoom around the play area.

On Tuesday we took part in Sports Day and showed our strength and determination by completing all 12 activities including parachute teamwork, obstacle courses, forest runs and target practice with the beanbags.

On Wednesday our beloved butterflies were ready to be released outside. We chose the butterfly garden for our grand exit and were on tenterhooks for the duration as we awaited their very reluctant escape.

On Thursday we were visited by the King's very special messenger, she came to see our wonderful class and children and presented the children with a commemorative coin to mark the King's coronation. Then the Waterloo band and Bugles 7th Rifles performed some very long and jazzy music, what a day of treats for us!

Finally Friday arrived full of excitement and watery anticipation. Our water fun day was awesome, soggy and a complete success as the children splashed and happily soaked everyone and everything in sight!

It has been a privilege to work with our super sunbeams this week!



Reception

Reception Class children went on an adventure to Kasteelpark Born! They met lots of animals - their favourites were the savanna cats, the marmosets, the racoons and peacocks. They found out about habitats and lifecycles. There was a fabulous play-park to explore and we even had time for an ice lolly.



Year 1

Year 1 have had a very sporty week. They had a fabulous time at Sports day on Tuesday and thoroughly enjoyed trying out a whole range of activities. On Thursday morning the children did a fantastic job of singing a welcome song for the British Ambassador on her arrival. On Thursday afternoon they went to visit the Canadian Middle High School students who had prepared a whole host of fun sports activities. It was great to see the children working together with the older students, listening, following instructions and trying their best.



Year 2

Year 2 have been continuing to learn about Brazil.

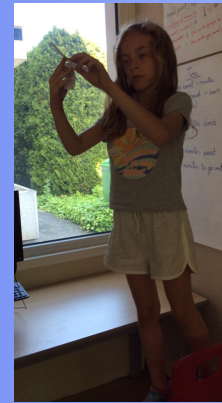
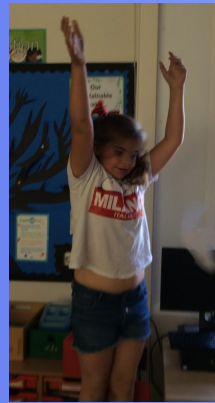
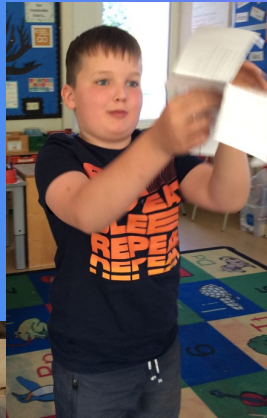
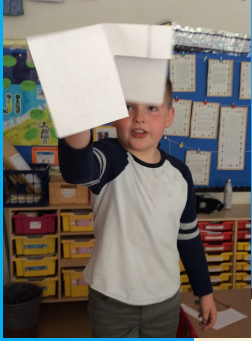
Mariateresa's parents taught us about the people of the Amazon Tribes and we looked at the differences between big rivers in our world.

We finished collecting new data for our bargraphs and independently constructed bar graphs to represent our data. We have been writing instructions on how to make a home-grown salad. We have been learning how to use adverbs, time connectives and imperative verbs.



Year 3

This week we have been learning about the dispersal of seeds at the end of a plant life cycle. The children have enjoyed exploring how the 'helicopter' shape of seeds helps them to be distributed over a larger area. They learnt how to make a basic shape of a paper 'helicopter' and have been experimenting to see which would be the best design to stay aloft for the longest period of time. We also had a fabulous time at Sports Day. It was great to see you all there and have you join in.



Year 4-5

Another busy week in Year 4/5...

"On Monday, the Year 5 children made their ukuleles. We designed and painted the parts and then we were ready to make them - mums and dads came in to help us too. We had to match up the parts perfectly and that was really challenging!"
Fernando and Yusuf



"On Tuesday, we all enjoyed the sports afternoon. It was burning hot and lots of fun! There were fifteen stations. Neo jumped on the long jump and got sand all over him! Mihnea's favourite station was the parkour one and Samele's favourite was football!" Neo and Arian



"Year 4 enjoyed planting 'Microgreens'. These are little plants that are very healthy and very easy to grow. We put soil on a plate and added a layer of seeds. Then we had to make sure to water them twice a day. They are growing very quickly and we are looking forward to devouring the delicious supergreens very soon! Thank you to Joris's mum for helping us." Ilgaz and Amelia



Year 5-6

Monday saw the Year 5s, led by Mr Brown, work alongside some of their parents to complete their DT project of making ukuleles. When I put my head in to see how everyone was getting on, I was amazed by the calm sense of a true workshop in motion! Well done and thank you to all who helped make this such a success. The ukuleles will make their way home in time for summer camping sing-a-longs! :)

Tuesday was our sports afternoon. Well done to all for your sportsmanship even in the heat of the open field! Thanks must go to Coach Guest for organising this, and all of his volunteers across the field who supported the children in the various activities. It was lovely to see so many of our parents there too.

Wednesday we took part in a Geography field trip into Brunssum where we investigated the question; Brunssum - Accessible for All? The children hugely impressed Mrs Roberts and Miss Robertson with their feedback after the trip, and how it had changed and enhanced their perspectives when thinking about ALL in society. See below for some of the comments that I have captured.

Thursday we received coins from His Majesty's British Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Joanna Roper CMG. Year 6 enjoyed a special tea party with her where they shared in their experiences of life at Afnorth school - including their recent trip to Arnhem. We could not be prouder of the children for their confidence, social abilities in being hosts, and deep observations - all mixed with charm and a wonderful sense of fun. They had dressed up for the occasion, and we are sure James Bond even made an appearance in his very smart suit (Richard!). Thank you to Ilgar too for bringing in some of his very special Turkish black tea in order to share with the Ambassador. After this, we made our way outside in order to enjoy music by the Waterloo Band and Bugles of the Rifles.

Friday - Mr Roberts shared some more survival skills where we made fires (responsibly) . Mrs Duncan further enhanced our understanding of direction and survival in the wilds. Thanks must go to Mr Roberts and Mrs Duncan for giving of their time and expertise to come in and work alongside us.

We have been enjoying Science lessons with Mrs Roberts where we have been finding out about mammals and human reproduction. Next week we will be finding out about puberty and what happens to our bodies and emotions during this time.

Thank you to everyone involved in all of the wonderful learning opportunities that the children have enjoyed this week.

I never paid attention to the bumps in front of the road but now I know what they are for. Elvira

I learnt that there are many elderly peoples in the town and how hard it is to do daily things because there are not many places like Brunssum which is accessible for elderly persons -Oguz

Silvia: It was really interesting to see all of the statues in Brunssum and because I have never been to Brunssum town centre before, it was good to learn more of the history.

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Before when I was in Brunssum centre I thought that everything looked good for me but when I looked from someone other view it totally changed my perspective

For example, that some people could slide on to fountain or there was no ramp for people on wheelchairs or no traffic lights. Richard

Yesterday I learned that there could be a lot of things to pay attention to so this fieldtrip changed my mindset. -Ada

Sebastien: We did a lot of things on Wednesday, like drawing a new design for the park which will be a lot more accessible for all ages.

I enjoyed walking and then stopping at a fountain to do our little jobs. My favourite job was to draw a map about land use - what is where and the chart of different ages. Ingrid

Silvia: I enjoyed having the opportunity to play with people that I don't normally play with.

I feel like the city centre had pretty good accessibility for everyone, thinking of the bumps would help blind people when about to cross the road. Charles N

I think that Brunssum centre is very nice but they could improve it putting fences or spheres around the fountain for blind people. -Mario- :)

On the chart, we had to count how many people were walking by and if they where: babies, toddlers, school children, adults or seniors. Ingrid K

I think that the field trip really made me see in the shoes of others and how bad blind and wheelchair people might have it. - Archie

I think its bad that there was a ledge by the benches in front off the lake because a blind person could fall down and hurt themselves not knowing there is a ledge. Elvira

I learned a lot of things at Brunssum some good like zebra crossings and some bad like steep steps going down to the lake for elderly people.

I thought there were quite a few entrances for disabled people but there are a few things that could be more accessible, like a slope to get to the view of the lake and wildlife. -Julia V

I have never noticed how hard it would be to be elderly or disabled but this trip helped me to understand how hard it would be and now I will remember to help these people. Ilgar K

Lexi: I learned that there are lots of steps everywhere and these should be replaced with ramps so that people in wheelchairs are able to get through.

I learned a lot of things I probably never pay attention to like the noise of the cross walk and the signs for deaf people. - Finlay G

I also learned how to enjoy myself with little to no resources - Finlay G

I learnt that people with wheelchairs have problems with going in specific places because there aren't ramps everywhere. Elvira

Bucket Fillers



LUNCH



Week 24 12-06 t/m 16-06-2023

MONDAY

Veggie Bites Wrap, Rice, Salad	3, 4
Goulash (Beef Stew)	3, 10
Wrap	3
Rice	3, 9
Salad	

TUESDAY

Pasta, Tomato Vegetable Sauce, Snack Tomato	3, 4
Pasta with Basil	3
Carbonara Sauce	1, 2, 3, 5, 9
Snack Tomato	

WEDNESDAY

BBQ	

THURSDAY

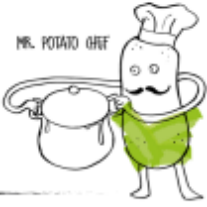
Veggie Sausage, Fries, Carrots	1, 2, 3, 4
Fish Filet or Hot Dog Sausage	2, 3, 5, 7
Fries	
Carrots	
Tartar Sauce	2, 3

FRIDAY



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>

Attention Sodexo Notice

Students leaving AFNORTH SY 22/23

To receive the positive balance from your child(ren)'s lunch card(s), please read these instructions carefully.

Send an email to Sodexo at 814700.afnorth.nl@sodexo.com to make appointment to close your Sodexo AIS lunch account and receive the remaining positive balance on the lunch account with the Sodexo Manager at the school Cafeteria. Sodexo cannot accept appointments during prep/lunch times.

It is possible to close the lunch account early and purchase lunch tickets with the remaining balance on your lunch card(s).

Please make sure to deplete the balance on your child's lunch card.

Inform Sodexo if your combined balance is higher than Euro 50.

It is not possible to close the lunch account after June 16th 2023.

You need to bring your child(ren)'s lunch card(s) to the appointment.

Deactivate the "automatic reload" on your lunch card(s) if you have activated this feature **before** your appointment.

If you have several lunch cards, please combine the balance on one card and bring this card to your appointment.

If you do **not** need to make an appointment with Sodexo (low/no balance on lunch card (s)), you can block your child(ren)'s card(s) on the Sodexo lunch account after the last day attendance at AFNORTH International School.

Do NOT block your lunch cards before your appointment with Sodexo.

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

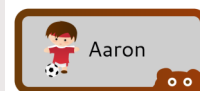


NO NUTS

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.