



AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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22 September 2023

Dear Parents,

Terry Fox Run Thank you for your support of the Terry Fox Run both in your donations and participation in the run today. We were so lucky to have such beautiful weather as we walked or ran around the track in memory of family or friends. Coming together as a school community we are lending our support to Cancer Research.



A friendly reminder that children should not be dropped off at school prior to 0845. Please also note that there should be **NO PARKING** in the Drop Off Zone. K-Mar have received numerous complaints from the neighbourhood. This is also creating an unsafe area and as a result anyone parking in this zone will be issued with a fine.

Reception -Year 6

School Day 0900-1530

Drop off from 0845

Please note there is no supervision prior to this time.

Pick Up at Main Gate

Reception/Year 1 1525 Year 2-6 1530

DATES TO NOTE

September

25 Monday Clubs start

26 Christmas Fayre Meeting
1900

October

2 1630 PTO Meeting

10 1415 Parent Reps
Meeting

13 PTO FUN RUN



There was great excitement last Tuesday with the start of after school clubs for Y3-Y6. We very much appreciate the time which staff and our parent volunteers give to make this possible. Monday Clubs will begin next week. A reminder that the following Clubs will run in groups: Lego, Cooking, Pilates, Robotics, Coding and Nature Club

	Monday	Tuesday
Group 1	25 September to 16 October	19 Sept to 17 October
Group 2	30 October to 27 November	31 Oct to 28 November
Group 3	8 January to 22 January (THIS WILL BE PARENT PICK UP)	



Well Done Mariateresa
Zwem Diploma A&B



Bucket Fillers



Jenson, Rory, Balkan, Sebastien, Evita, Klara, Matthew,
Rosie, Joseph, Grace, Martin

Terry Fox







FALL



FUN RUN

AFNORTH Elementary PTO

- Wear your Halloween costume
- Run for candy and other treats
- Play games
- Eat good food
- Support your school!!



3 \$/€ per runner



10/13 | 17:00-20:00

Track & Field at AFNORTH
afnorth.is.es.pto@gmail.com



Forest School Training



CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to our Forest School students who completed and successfully passed their course this week.

We will all benefit from your hard work creating wonderful new areas in our Forest School.



THANK YOU

Following our appeal for gardening equipment, the words "Thank You" seemed so insignificant when we received this most generous donation from parents. This is going to make a significant difference to our gardens!



Sunbeams

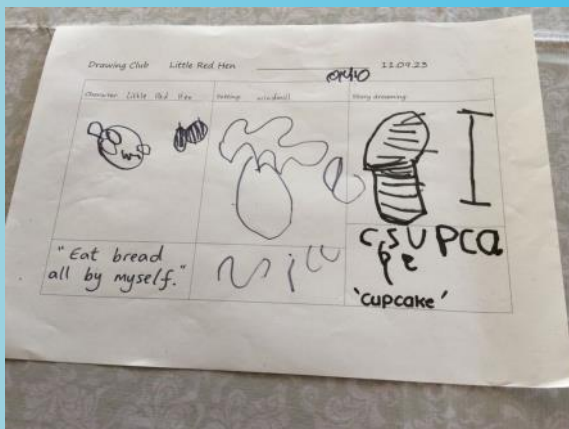
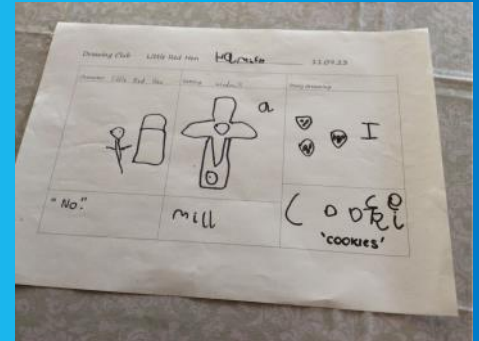
This week our super Sunbeams have been doing lots of investigating, using tools to dissect and explore what's inside. We had a bucketload of tomatoes that had been picked a little too early, they began to change colour so we decided to investigate how similar or different they were.

We tried stabbing, slicing, cutting, chopping and even using tweezers to find a way to get inside and see what was waiting there! It was a challenge and a half and we relished



Reception

Reception Class children had a visit from The Little Red Hen! She told them the story of how she baked some bread but nobody helped. The children retold her story in Drawing Club and suggested what she could cook next. The Little Red Hen challenged us to vote for our favourite types of bread after a very enthusiastic tasting session. Can you see the winner?



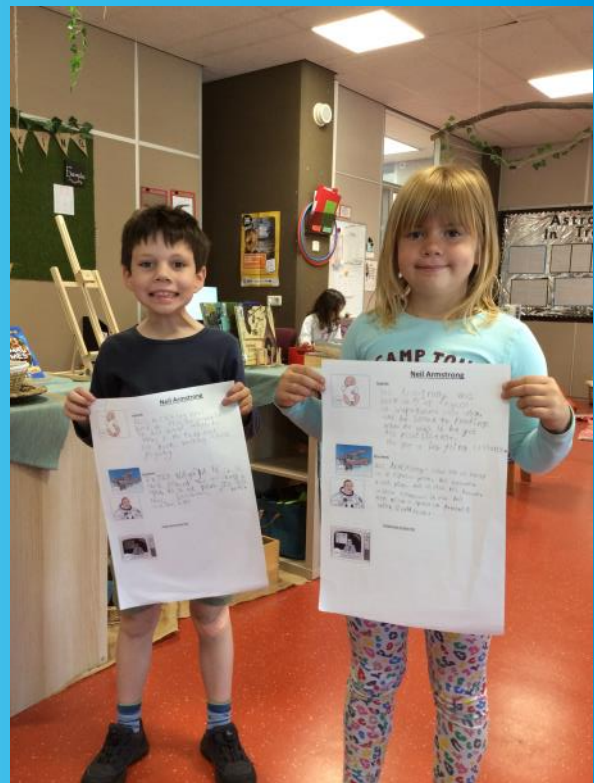
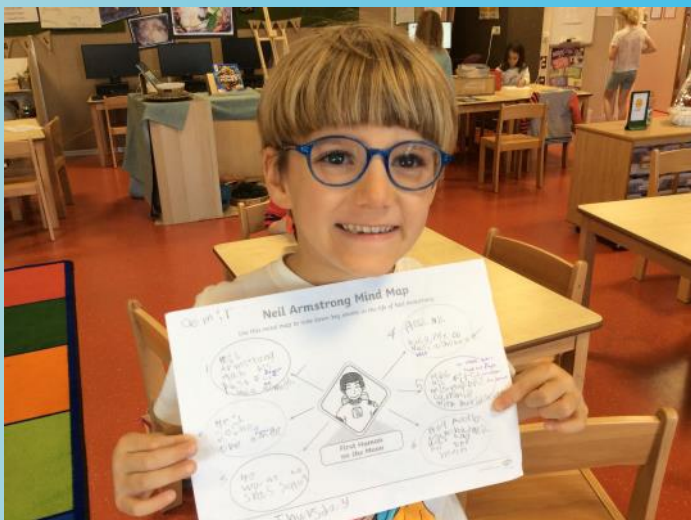
Year 1

Year 1 have continued enjoying the story of the gingerbread man and are getting much more confident at retelling the story. Next week we will begin making our own version of the story. We have also begun a design and technology (D&T) project - we will show you more when it is finished but so far the children have been learning how to sew a simple stitch around the edge of their canvas. We had a fabulous time at forest school despite the rain. The children enjoyed puddle jumping, exploring the mud kitchen and learning to use secateurs to cut up some sticks ready to have a little camp fire in a few weeks.



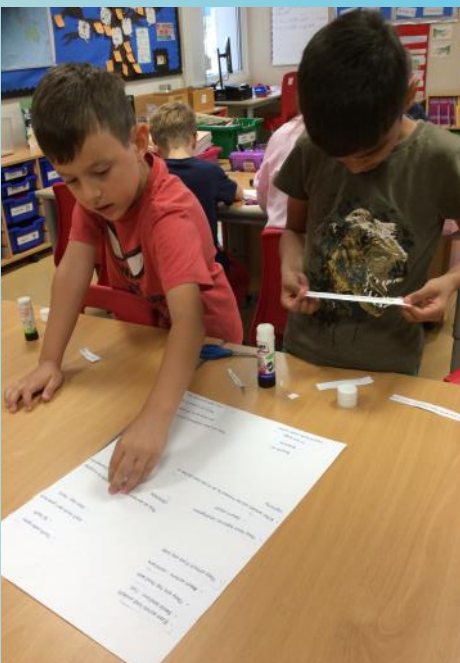
Year 2

In maths this week, Year 2 have been working on number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 and we enjoyed using numicon to help us visualise these bonds. We have continued learning about Neil Armstrong and started working on our biographies, starting with details of his early life through to his exploration of the moon, which we are finding so interesting! Continuing our 'life processes' project in science, we took a walk outside to find objects that were living, dead or had never been alive.



Year 3

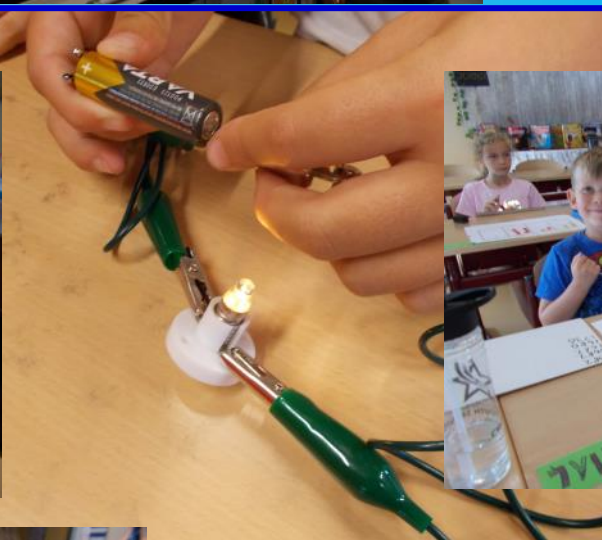
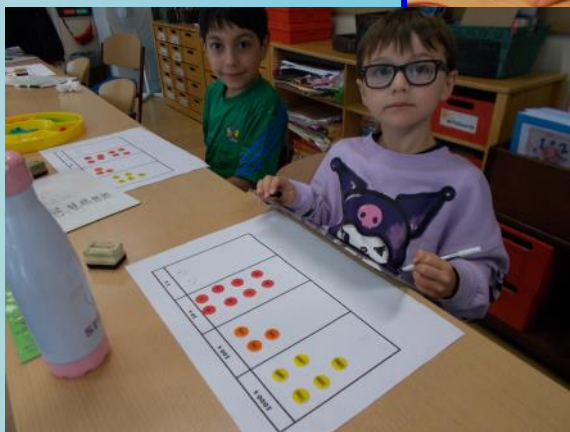
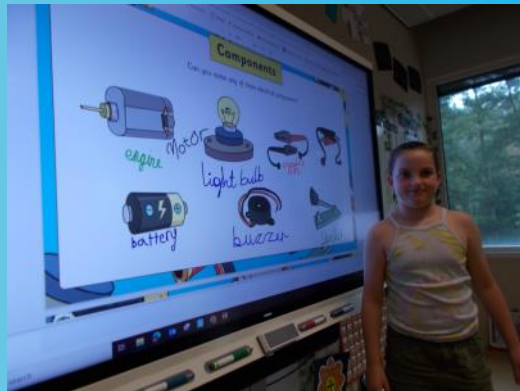
This week we have been working hard to finish up our work about bones and muscles. We have also started looking at the "Who Would Win?" books by Jerry Pallotta. The children have made great predictions and have been using the text to research facts about killer whales. They have identified features that link to our science work on bones and muscles. We were interested to know that a killer whale brain is 3 times the size of ours! Some of our wonderings about the animal proved true, others weren't. In maths we have started to work on using formal methods of addition.



Year 4-5

"In Science we are learning about electricity. It was fun this week! First we had to name electrical components on the board - crocodile clips, switch, motor, battery etc. Hazel managed to get two right! Then we got these components in lots of red boxes and had to try and light up a lightbulb. We connected the crocodile clips to the battery and made a circuit to the lightbulb. Most of us succeeded! We felt so happy when we completed the challenge. In Maths, we are working on addition and subtraction. We played a game using a place value chart and counters to build a number. Then we were given instructions to add and take away counters to find the end number. Some of us got a bit confused but at least we tried!"

Written by Charlotte and Adi



Year 5 Maths

This week Year 5 have started to look at Addition and Subtraction strategies when working with large numbers. We have used different equipment to help us set out our methods to show our thinking process. We have also started to round and estimate to check our working out



Year 6

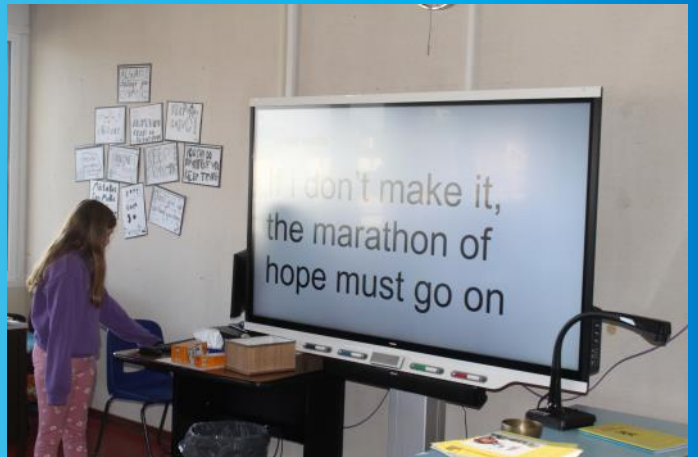
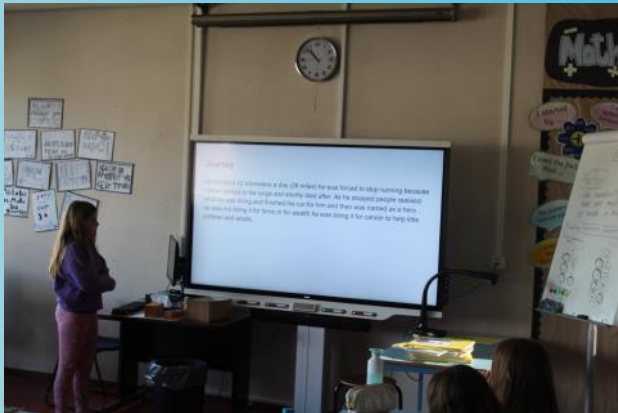
We have had another very quick yet busy week. In maths, we revisited factors, and learned how and why we might need to find Common Factors. We enjoyed representing factors of numbers by using concrete (real things like counters and Lego bricks), pictorial (drawings of arrays, and diagrams) and abstract (written lists using a systematic approach).

We had the opportunity to visit our wonderful library where Mr Berlin gave us a guided tour and reminded us about how to book out and return books.

In Science, we learned about different ways to categorise plants. One way was to categorise into vascular and non-vascular. This led to us creating an experiment to show a 'vascular' plant in action. We used our scientific skills and planned an experiment around a specific question linked to celery and food dye. We had to make sure that the activity we planned would actually answer the question we were asking (such as does position to direct light affect the plant's uptake of liquid). We had to make sure to build in 'controls' to our experiments so we could compare findings.



Year 6 cont'd



LUNCH

Please note the price for lunch is now €3.75



Week 39 25-09 t/m 29-09-2023

MONDAY

Omelet ,Italian Rice , Coleslaw, Tomato Sauce	1, 2, 3, 9
"Italian Menu"	
Omelet with Tomato Sauce	1, 2, 3
Italian Rice with Onions & Peas	3, 9
Coleslaw	

TUESDAY

Soy Roti, Curry Beans	3, 4
"Surinamese Menu"	
Crispy Chicken	3, 4, 6
Roti (Savoury Pancake)	3
Curry Beans	3

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Vegetable Stew, Couscous, Pita Bread	1, 2, 3, 4
"Moroccan Menu"	
Moroccan Meat Balls	2, 3, 4, 10
Couscous	3
Pita Bread	1, 3
Yoghurt Garlic Sauce	1, 2, 3

FRIDAY

Veggie Burger, Fries, Peas	1,2,3,4,8,9
"UK Menu"	
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>



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2023

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FOR MORE DETAILS

Limit one entry per person, per day. Ends 10/30.



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Dear Families,

Are you looking for a quick and easy way to support our school?

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See a list of participating products at

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Box Tops earnings really add up, and the more people that participate, the bigger the impact we can make. So let's give our teachers the support they need and give more kids the opportunity to succeed. Together, we can help make a big difference.

**DON'T HAVE THE APP
YET? DOWNLOAD IT
TODAY!**



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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

Reception/Year 1 1525 Year 2-6 1530



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.

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.

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

Sunbeams

Session 0900-1200

Drop off from 0855

Pick up at 1200

Location for Drop Off and Pick Up is at the Flagpoles.

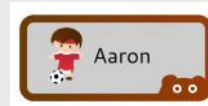
During periods of inclement weather please wait inside the main entrance (in the well area under the stairs or when this area is in use please wait outside the British Office). Staff will collect/deliver the children to you. There is no need to sign in

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.

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



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.



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.

Bus Passes

All children will receive their new bus pass for this school year in September

Dear Parent (s) / Guardian (s) of Elementary enrolled children,

AFNORTH provides a bus service for the children attending our school. The use of this bus service is a privilege and not a right. Most of our children use this bus service and AIS does its utmost to make the service safe, effective, and as punctual as possible. Our policies and procedures regarding this service can be found on the school website (afnorth-is.com). When registering your child at school or on receipt of the student bus pass for your child(ren) you should receive an information package about the busing system. When informing yourself about the conditions of the bus service you can read that our youngest children (Reception and Year 1) have a special bus pass which prevents these children to leave the bus at their bus stop if none of the parents/guardians are present (unless other arrangements have been made and communicated with the respective national office). In case nobody is present to pick up the child(ren), they will be brought back to school. The parents will be contacted, and you are expected to pick up your child.

1. Parents of ES children may request a yellow student card for their child(ren). This means that their children will not be left off the bus unless a parent/guardian is at the bus stop. The parent/guardian will have to be present 10 minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival time. The bus will depart the bus stop at the indicated/scheduled time. Children carrying a yellow card will be brought back to school. Parents will be contacted (by their national section) to pick up the child(ren) from school.

2. For children in Years 2-6, to obtain a yellow student card, a parental request needs to be made at the beginning of the school year or upon registering the child(ren) in their national office. This card will be valid for the current school year and cannot be exchanged for a regular student card throughout the course of that year.

3. Without a parental request for a yellow card all children will automatically receive a regular student card. This implies that the parents have read and accept the school bus policies and procedures.

4. If parents frequently (three or more times) fail to meet their child(ren), carrying a yellow student card, at the bus stop, AIS will inform the parents that the use of the bus service will no longer be possible.

5. Parents always have the option to not use the provided bus service and provide their own transportation.

Parents who would like to obtain a yellow student card for their child(ren) can contact the bus coordinator's office: buscoordinator@afnorth-is.com

AFNORTH Calendar 2023-2024

Autumn Term

August 21 School Opens

September 6 1400 Dismissal

September 18 STAFF DAY-NO SCHOOL for Children

October 23 to October 27 SCHOOL CLOSED

October 30 School Opens

November 1-2 1230 Dismissals (Parent Conferences)

November 29 STAFF DAY NO SCHOOL for Children

December 22-January 5 SCHOOL CLOSED

Spring Term

January 8 School Opens

January 24 1400 Dismissal

January 29 STAFF DAY-NO SCHOOL for Children

February 12-February 16 SCHOOL CLOSED

February 19 School Opens

March 25-April 5 SCHOOL CLOSED

Summer Term

April 8 School Opens

April 17 1400 Dismissal

May 9 STAFF DAY NO SCHOOL for Children

May 20 SCHOOL CLOSED

June 21 LAST DAY 1230 Dismissal