



AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring Term. We hope that you all had an enjoyable, restful break and were able to spend time with family and friends. A special welcome to our new children and their families who have joined us this week. **Sunbeams (Adrian, Alfred, Isla, Reggie and Wade) Year 1 (Lainey) Year 5 (Logan)**



With this cold weather, we ask that you send your children in with a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves where possible. We understand some children may be reluctant to wear all items (especially when running around!), but we encourage them to wrap up warm as much as possible

SCHOOL CLOSURE In the event of extreme inclement weather, such as when heavy falls of snow develop overnight or extreme icy conditions occur, a decision will be made by 6.30am if the school is to be closed. A message alert will be sent via ENS informing you of a school closure. The closure will also be announced on the school website, Facebook and Twitter.

Attendance continues to be a key priority for us this term. Children miss out when they are not in school and poor attendance will affect your child's progress. In winter there are more bugs and colds going around. We do ask that you send your child to school unless they are very unwell, have a temperature or an upset stomach. **Congratulations Year 3 who had the best attendance last term with 97%.**

January	
16	Class Reps Meeting
17	Used Book Sale
24	1400 Dismissal
29	STAFF DAY-No School for children
February	
2	Family Carnival Bingo
February 12-February 16 SCHOOL CLOSED	
19-23	Parent Teacher Meetings
Term dates for the next school year 2024-2025 are now available on the school website.	



Our lost property boxes were overflowing at the end of term. All items have been sorted and placed in the well where the children have been having a search for any lost items. If you would like to check the items before they are taken to charity please call at the school after 1600 on Monday. We encourage you to LABEL LABEL LABEL!



Thank you Bade for playing the piano for us at Assembly on Monday.



Our Student Council President and Adi presenting Mrs Kabulevu with flowers on her special birthday.



Congratulations Kaan on joining the Rhinestone Readers Club



Bucket Fillers



Eliza, James Brown, Mattia, Maja, Ruben, Elsie, Orla,, Henry, Iwan, Mariateresa, Anders, Hazel, Javier, Joris, Logan, Lexi, Charles, Fernanado, Freya, Kaan,

AFNORTH ELEMENTARY PTO

USED BOOK SALE

Wednesday, 17 January
09:00 - 14:00



Class Parent Reps

Sunbeams

Alison Brindley

Reception

Jesica Paquin

Year 1

Mel Stanford

Bec Palmer

Year 2

Ozlem Karal

Year 3

Melanie Mandin

Year 4-5

Elaine Whitehead

Year 6

Sally Heatlie

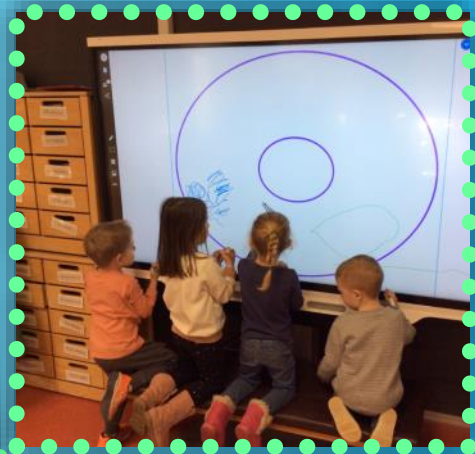


WANTED

We would very much appreciate donations of boxes of tissues for the classrooms.

Sunbeams

Sunbeams first week back has been filled with catching up with old friends and welcoming new friends into our setting. We welcome 5 wonderful new friends in Sunbeams this term. They have visited for short and longer sessions this week, spending exploring our resources and settling in with peers and adults alike. Our older Sunbeams have been the most wonderful hosts this week, showing great care and consideration during play and adult led sessions and ensuring that they were helping friends wherever possible. A great start for our Super Sunbeams!



Reception

The snowy and icy weather has made the perfect backdrop to our learning this week. We have researched polar regions, played with small world polar animals, made icebergs, devised ways to melt ice, transported ice, painted textured pictures and used ambitious vocabulary such as 'minus' and 'degrees' when examining the weather forecast. All the children have been exceptional explorers this week!



Year 1

Year 1 have enjoyed a busy first week of spring term. We started the week with snow and have been discussing the seasons and how we know it is definitely winter! The cold weather meant we could put some plastic toys in water and watch the water slowly turn to ice. The children have loved leaving more pots of water out each night! We have been working on number bonds to 20 in maths, using our knowledge of how to make 10 to enable us to find the right answers. The children were all wrapped up for forest school and so had a lovely afternoon in the woods.



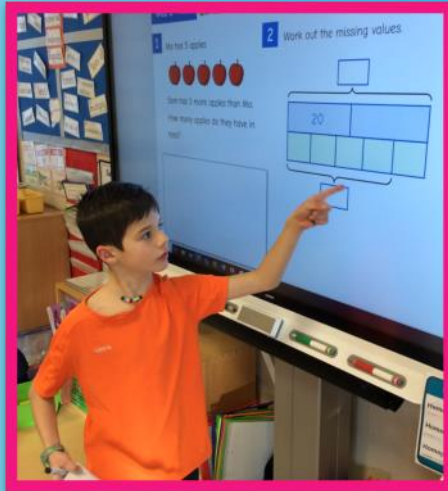
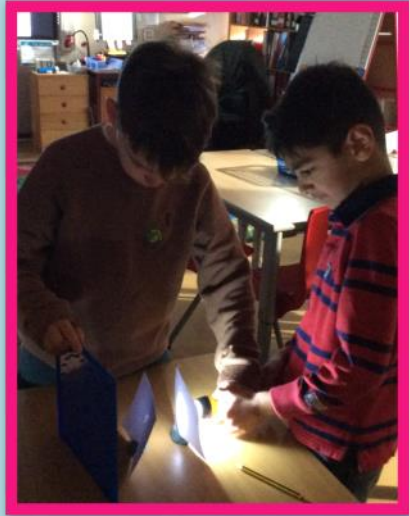
Year 2

Year 2 are really excited about their new topic on endangered animals. They have begun to write descriptions about animals and write what am I? clues to share with each other. In maths they are learning about multiplication, and sharing objects into equal groups. They have also begun to learn about Kenya, and how it is different to where they live.



Year 3

Year 3 sounds like they all have had a lovely holiday. In 2024 we have started with a new topic about Ancient Greek, there have been many things that have already caught our attention, including what they may wear. We have begun thinking about patience, perseverance and temptation linked to what Pandora may find in the box - which we haven't opened ...yet. In our class book Bill's New Frock we have also had to think about patience when waiting and predicting what a 'wumpy choo' was. We are also thinking about these words linked to our Personal Social Education.



Year 4-5

"In Year 4/5, we always look forward to our Forest School sessions. We enjoy exploring the outdoors, playing games and being around nature. We have recently been learning how to cut wood safely using a bow-saw. We cut little pieces of wood that were a perfect size for starting fires. We worked with a partner and had to push and pull the saw to cut through the wood. It was really fun but we had to use all our strength!" **Written by Hazel**



Year 6

We started the week with assembly where we talked about friendship and the highs and also the challenges that can sometimes come with this. We spoke about the need for good communication and being able to move forwards from disagreements if they should occur. In class, Year 6 followed this up by writing poems around the theme of friendship, positivity and resolutions (turning over a new leaf and being able to move on - setting new goals and challenges). The advice imparted through these poems has been outstanding - so much so, we held a 'poetry café' where we shared our poems whilst enjoying a hot chocolate along with Miss Macleod. Please enjoy reading these poems below. Our Year 6 children are very wise.



Resolution

Respect towards others,
Expel negativity out of your life,
Smile always,
Only allow happiness and joy into your life,
Loneliness is something you should not have in life,
Understand that sometimes people need space,
Talk about your problems instead of keeping them in,
Inspire others by doing the right choice,
Optimism is better than being pessimistic,
No more fighting and instead agree on something.

By Julia

FRIENDSHIP

Friends are always kind
Respect and smile
I think the best thing is friendship
Every one shows they smile
Now every body is happy
Decide to have a good day
Smile to every body
Help out when it is needed
I love my BFF's
Prize is your friends!

by Bader

Friendship

Forever we shall be friends,
Respect and support,
Increase the time spent together,
Eliminate all loneliness,
Nothing can compare to having a variety of friends,
Decrease the amount of arguments,
Share your interests,
Happiness is the key to a healthy friendship,
Important, your friends are indeed,
Participate in building the friendship.

-By Lexi Year 6

FRIENDSHIP

Friends will always be there for you!
Respect others.
Increase positivity, decrease negativity.
Expel negativity!
Naughtiness won't help anyone.
Decrease sadness, by making smiles.
Smiling will brighten someone day, so smile!
Helping people will help you to make friends.
Interests are cool, so share them, do not be scared!
Prizing people with gifts does not mean you will make friends.

By Silvia

My Friendship Poem

Find the good in people
Resolve issues with a friend or friends
Increase the happiness in the world
Enjoy learning with your friends and classmates
Negotiate when things might be hard
Don't hold a grudge on someone or thing
Share your smile with the planet
Hungry for happiness
Inspire others by showing your kindness
People need your good and kind heart

By William McCaffrey Y6

Positivity

Prepare yourself with joy
Own how you treat others
Support and encourage other people
Increase happiness everywhere
Teach people respect
Inspire kindness in others
Very big smiles every day
Innovate friendship
Talking is better than fighting
You are the best version of yourself if you're positive; be the best version!

By Charles



Friendship

By Leo Heatlie

Find something nice to say

Really be kind

Invite people to play

Enjoy being together

Nice to have friends

Develop nice ways to be friends

Show how much you care

Help other people

Include everyone

Play lots of games

Friendship

Find some common hobbies between the both of you,
Resolve any arguments as kindly as you can,
Inspire others to follow your positive actions,
Expand your relationship with others,
Never leave a friend feeling hurt or sad,
Disagreements are always solved,
Share with others both kind and happy words,
Having a good relationship requires commitment and work,
Interest and questions are never a bad thing to ask about,
Put these things together and friendship is made.

By Alexander



RESOLUTION



Respect each other everyday,
Everyone needs a second chance,
Support anyone in need,
Open you eyes and think today will be great
Look at everyone and say: "Thank you!"
Use friends for positivity and joy,
Tell people great things about them,
Inspire others for fantastic things,
One kind gesture a day is a memory for life,
Never stop being friendly,



By Madalynn

FRIENDSHIP

Forever friends
Respect everyone no matter what they are.
Increase smiles by helping a stranger who might in turn become a friend
Equality to all
No negativity—positive vibes only!
Discussing with your friends about how to inspire others
Sharing kindness with one another
Happiness for all
Imagination is created by friends
Partner up with people to make new friends



By Ella

Positivity

Prepare for the best day of your life.
Own respect.
Support people that need help.
It's the best thing ever to be joyful.
Try to do it till you have reach it.
If you want to be happy be positive.
Very big events can happen when you are having fun.
I can do anything with a positive mind set.
Try to be that inspiring person in class.
You are the most positive person ever when you smile and say hello

By Fernando



Friendship

Friends should be everywhere
Respect everyone and their opinions
In every situation make a friend
Encourage people to help one another
No one should feel alone and lonely
Don't feel shy to tell a friend something of happiness
Support one another and smile at everyone: they will smile back
Happy faces means happy people near a friend
Inspire someone to make a friend or more
Put everything together and you have a brilliant friend

By Pari, Year 6

My Friendship Poem

Prepare for school with a smile.
Own how you behave to others; be polite.
Support and stand behind your friends in their targets.
Integrity and loyalty leads the way.
Talk to people with kind language and words.
Increase the size of your smile.
Variety and events increase your connections with friends.
Inspire others with your kindness and your success.
Take your time with your friends.
You should be kind to each other.

By Kaan



POSITIVITY

Prepare for the day with a smile
Own how you treat others, be respectful
Supporting each other in need
Increase the size of your smile
Try to speak with every one
Integrity and honesty leads the way
Variety of friendship keeps you interesting
Inspire others with your positivity
Try to talk and learn together
You will be a winner if you will be positivity

By Alena

Friendship

Friends always help each other when they need it
Respect and kindness always shows
Integrity leads the way
Everybody needs lots of friends
Nobody tries to be mean with friends
Don't give up on a friend
Smile and don't stop for a friend
Happiness is found if a friend is near
Incredible friendships are made with kindness, happiness and helpfulness
Politeness and respect are what friends are made of

By Freya

Friendship

Feelings are important all of the time
Respect other people's opinions
Inspire people by smiling
Everyone needs a second chance
Never be mad about the past
Discuss an argument before getting mad
Say 'hi' to people even when you don't know them
Have a smile on your face
Increase happiness by smiling
Prepare for the day with a smile



-By Viki, Year 6

FRIENDSHIP

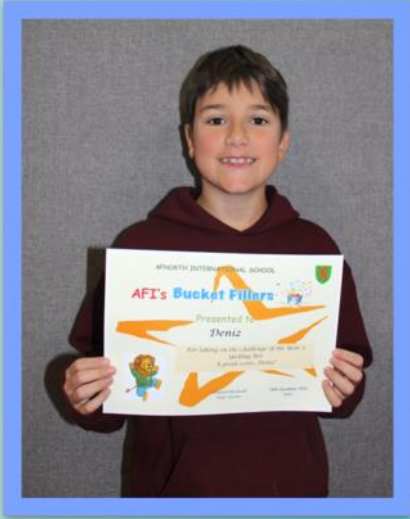
Friendly people are the best people
Real friends are the ones who are mostly happy
Inspire others to be friendly
Everyone can be nice
Negativity should not be spread
Disagreements are always solved
Support people with a big smile
Have a positive mindset
Increase your smile around new people
Promise to always try to be happy



By Sebastien Duncan



Bucket Fillers



LUNCH

Please note the price for lunch is €3.75



Week 03 15-01 t/m 19-01-2024

MONDAY

Soy Bites , Mashed Potato, Beans in Tomato Sauce	1, 3, 4
Pork Sausage	3, 5
Mashed Potato	1
Beans in Tomato Sauce	3

TUESDAY

Mushroom Ragout, Rice, Carrots	1, 2, 3, 4
Chicken Ragout	1, 2, 3, 6
Rice	3
Carrots	

WEDNESDAY

Empanada, Baked Potato, Beetroot	2, 3, 4, 9
Fish Burger	1, 3, 4, 7, 8
Baked Potato	
Beetroot	3

THURSDAY

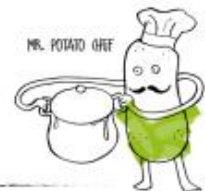
Pasta, Tomato Vegetable Sauce, Snack Tomato	3, 4
Pasta	3
Bolognaise Sauce	3, 10
Snack Tomato	

FRIDAY

Veggie Snack, Fries, Peas	1, 2, 3, 4, 9
Fried Fish 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>

SAVE THE DATE



CHEER FOR A DAY!

09:00 - 12:00, AFNorth Gym 3
Cost: \$/€40



To save a spot...

Email

Afnorthvarsitycheer@gmail.com
with the following information:

- **child's name**
- **grade**
- **t-shirt size**




AFNORTH PTO PRESENTS
CARNIVAL
Bingo



FEBRUARY 2ND



1700-1900
AFNORTH CAFETERIA

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- \$/€2 entry fee per person
 - Food for sale
 - Costumes highly encouraged

Register with the QR code
Registration is required



ASGK PRESENTS

Family
DISCO
Night

17 JANUARY 2024

5PM TO 7PM

GK NATO AIRBASE
CHAPEL ANNEX

\$5 PER PERSON

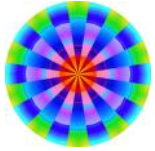
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT - NO
CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED





Attendance

It is really important that we work together to do all we can to prioritise children's attendance at school so that they can enjoy their learning and socialising with their peers. The profile of attendance is a key priority for schools and as school has returned to normal following Covid restrictions we have been instructed to adhere strictly to school policy.



Our attendance target is 96%. To achieve this a child should have less than 7 days absence across the school year. Our current whole school attendance is 95.42%.

Reporting Absence

Unplanned Absence e.g. your child is unable to attend due to ill health

Parents must notify the school on the first day of an unplanned absence by 0900 or as soon as practically possible. Parents should email british.office@afnorth-is.com or call 045 5278241 to report an unplanned absence. Absence due to illness will be authorised unless the school has a genuine concern about the authenticity of the illness. If the authenticity of the illness is in doubt, the school may ask parents to provide medical evidence, such as a doctor's note, appointment card or other appropriate form of evidence.

Leave in Term Time

We recognise the challenges our parents face when living overseas. However, regular attendance at school is vital in helping children to achieve their full potential and get the best possible start in life.

Authorised and Unauthorised Absence

Headteachers may not grant leave of absence to pupils during term time unless they consider there to be 'exceptional circumstances'. Examples of 'exceptional circumstances' include:

- a. bereavement or serious illness of relatives.
- b. medical needs where treatment is required in the Home Country.
- c. where delivery of the Defence Mission by service parents employed in specific roles impacts on the ability to observe standard leave patterns.

The school considers each application for term-time absence individually, taking into account the specific facts, circumstances, current attendance figure, and relevant context behind the request. The headteacher may choose to discuss a request with their local Assistant Chief Education Officer (ACEO); however, a leave of absence is granted entirely at the headteacher's discretion.

Valid reasons for authorised absence include:

- a. Illness and medical/dental appointments.
- b. Religious observance - where the day is exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which the pupil's parents belong.
- c. Post Operational Leave.

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.

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