



AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Friendly Reminder from the Directorates Office

AFNORTH International School provides a school bus service which is available to all students attending our school. Children living outside the catchment area can use the bus service from the nearest pick-up point.

For those who bring their children by car, please be aware that the Kiss & Ride zone is a NON-PARKING zone. The zone was initiated a number of years ago to accommodate parents bringing their children to school. The Ferdinand Bolstraat is originally a non-parking zone, apart from the designated parking havens.

The municipality, the Kmar and Police have agreed that they will increase their presence in the area to remind people of the situation at hand. Traffic tickets will be issued so please be aware of this possibility! Kiss & Ride will remain for the purpose of dropping off the children, however parking will no longer be condoned.

AFNORTH school would like to advise you to use the available school bus transportation as much as possible.

Dear Parents,

Well there was great excitement across the school this week with the heavy snowfall. This amount of snow is very rare here and although we had to cancel school on Wednesday, the joy the children gained from being able to have fun in the snow was great to hear about. Thank you also for completing the tasks which were set for Wednesday.

Special mention to Alex, Sebastien and Charlotte who demonstrated real community spirit helping to clear their elderly neighbours drive.

We were excited to hear about news that auditions for this year's musical "Seussical Jnr" will begin next week-see page 2 for more information.

We have reached the mid-point of this school year and parents will have their next opportunity to meet with their child's teacher to discuss progress and set targets for the remainder of the year. You will receive your appointment time next week.

A very warm welcome to Logan, Lainey, Adrian, Alfie, Isla, Wayde, Reggie, and Erdem. *Have a wonderful weekend*

January

- 24 1400 Dismissal
- 26 Y4-5 School Trip
- 29 STAFF DAY-No School for children

February

- 2 Family Carnival Bingo
- 5 Sunbeams Parent Session Phonics
- 5 Spelling Bee Final
- 5 PTO Meeting
- 9 Carnival Assembly

February 12-February 16 SCHOOL CLOSED

- 19-23 Parent Teacher Meetings
- 29 Dentist Visit (Y3-Y6)

March

- 4 Class Picture Day
- 5 Class Reps Meeting

Term dates for the next school year 2024-2025 are now available on the school website.



Wednesday 24 January

****DATE CHANGE****



Bucket Fillers



Hamish, Melisa, Olivia, Lainey, Miguel, Martin, Santi, Naglis, Stepan, Amelia, Charlotte, Jan, Lilla, Oliver, Teo, Alexander, Bade, Ella, Sebastien

Seussical JR.

Attention all AFNorth students! We are excited to announce auditions for our upcoming school-wide musical, Seussical Jr. Whether you're a seasoned performer or a first-time participant, this is your chance to shine on stage!

Auditions will be held on **January 23rd and 25th from 1530 - 1700** on the stage. This two day workshop will serve as the audition process so no prior preparation will be necessary. Don't worry about not getting a part - everyone who auditions will be included in the performance. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your talent, make new friends, and create lasting memories. Students in grades 3 - 5 (Years 4 -6) from **all sections** are invited to participate!

Please fill out the form by scanning the included QR code. This will serve as the sign up for your student to participate in auditions and the show. Feel free to reach out to Mr. King with any questions at robert.king@dodea.edu. See you at the auditions!



Class Parent Reps

Sunbeams

Alison Frencher

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.

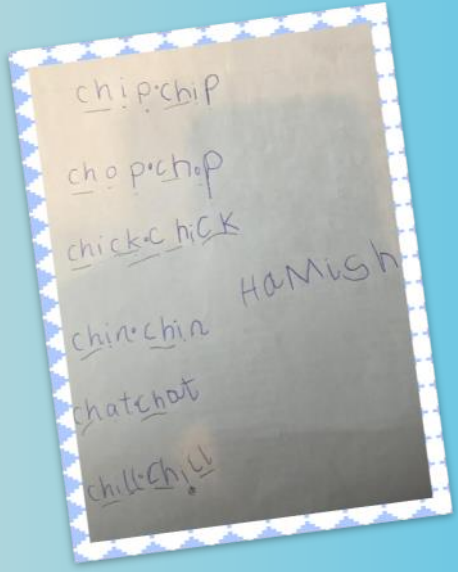
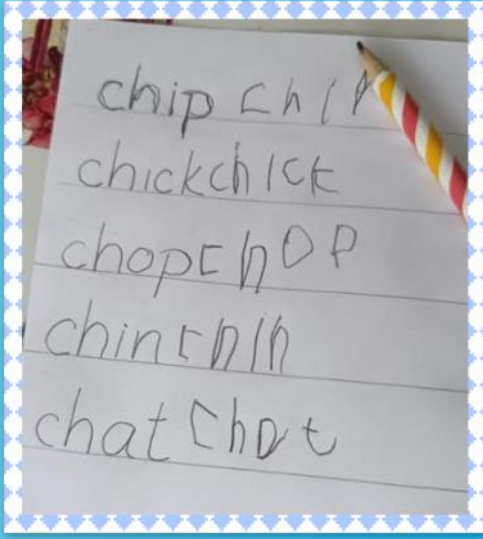
Sunbeams

This week in Sunbeams our focus has been making the most of the gorgeous snow! We have spent so much time discussing snow, sharing stories about it and exploring it outside. The children have particularly enjoyed the chance to be the first to step in the fresh snow around our setting and in the forest school area. Some children have built snowmen, others enjoyed creating snow angels and some even began to create some icy soup with some colours!



Reception

Even a Snow Day does not stop Reception Class from learning! On our online platform Seesaw, they engaged in sessions in maths, phonics, art, dance and story. They even took pictures and videos of their snowy adventures outdoors!



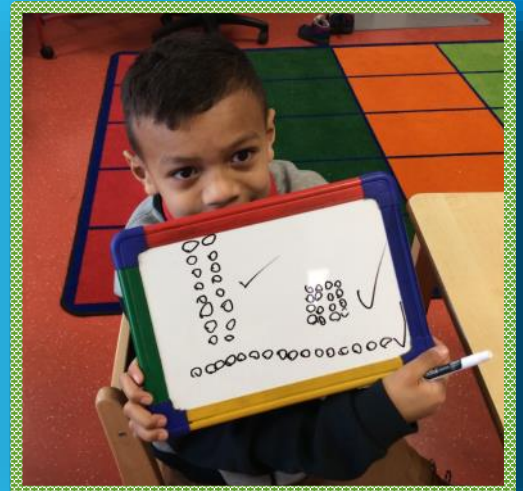
Year 1

This week has been full of snowy fun! We started the week learning our new story - The Polar bear who went fishing. It was perfect weather for such an icy story. We went outside to see what the snow felt and sounded like. We caught snowflakes on our gloves, and even on our tongues. We all enjoyed writing about our Snow day when we returned. The children did some fantastic writing. On Thursday afternoon we ventured to forest school where we tried to make our very own igloo. The snow was not sticky enough but we had so much fun anyway. Our maths has been focused on doubles so we have been practicing numbers such as $1+1$ $5+5$ $7+7$.



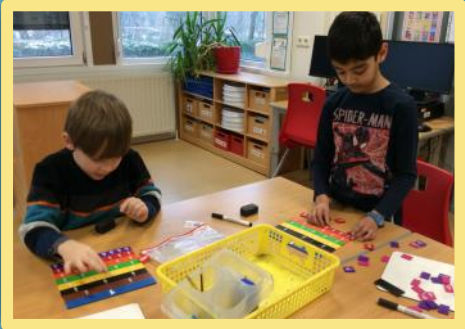
Year 2

In maths, we have been working really hard on multiplication and have been learning about arrays and grouping objects. In literacy, we have been learning about possessive apostrophes and writing descriptions about endangered African animals. In geography we have begun to learn about Kenya and how it is different from where we live.



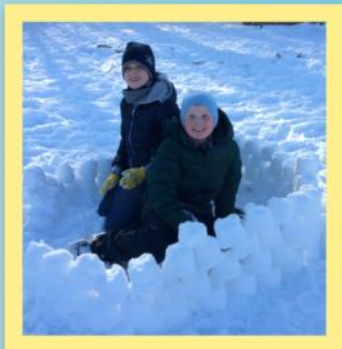
Year 3

What a different week! We were busy investigating fractions, comparing fractions in fraction walls and in fraction circles. Thinking about unit fractions and the whole of a fraction and then it snowed! The children also really enjoyed finding out what was hidden inside Pandora's Box, we learnt about how myths were used to explain certain phenomena in the world. In RE we have been exploring why people pray and the children noticed that the Ancient Greeks may have prayed to different gods for different reasons.



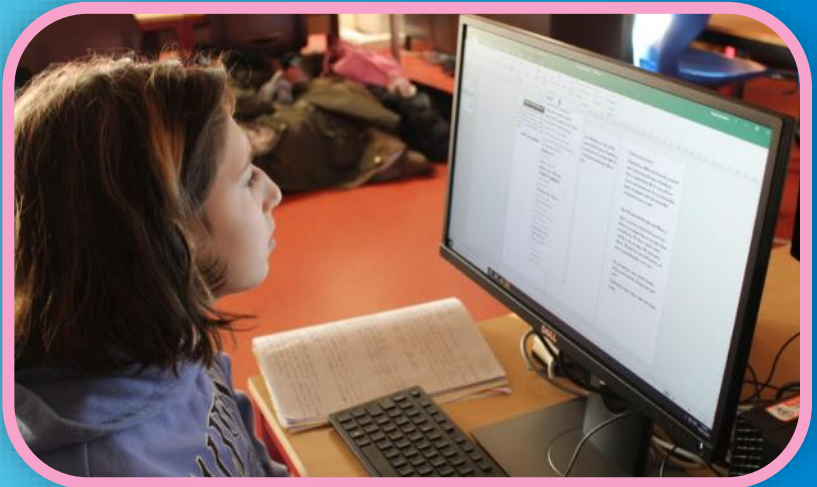
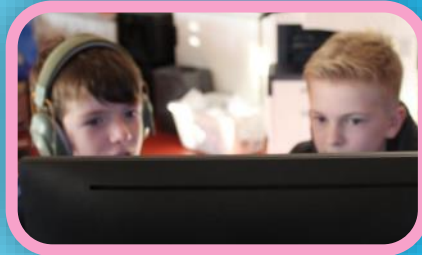
Year 4-5

"This week in Science we have been learning about solids, liquids and gases. We found out what they are and their characteristics, for example - solids hold their shape, can be cut and have particles that are squished together. We worked with a partner to sort solids, liquids and gases into groups and explained how we sorted them. Butter was tricky because if you heat it up you will have a liquid! We also had fun with solids in Forest School, making snow bricks to build with!" Written by Javier and Jan



Year 6



We enjoyed some time in the computer suite where we read and edited our persuasive leaflets about coming to visit the Limburg region. We used an editing tool of 'CUPS' where we looked for areas in our written work which could be improved. We worked really well in our teams and were supportive 'critical friends'. We are pleased with our leaflets which are in the process of being printed. We have included Julia's example.



Cups editing – Checking and thinking about my writing with a friend

C	<p>Have I used capitalisation correctly?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the start of sentences? For names of people, places, days of week? After a question mark or full stop? At the start of speech? Are my capital letters full height?
U	<p>Understanding</p> <p>Read the piece of writing out loud.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does it make sense? Does the whole text 'flow' and link together? Are there any words I could change to make it sound more effective? Are there any sentences I could change the structure of to improve the effect by joining with FANBOYS?
P	<p>Punctuation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have I used punctuation correctly? Are there any commas after fronted adverbials that I need to add? 'After a while, he...' Have I included 'g.' or 'to show 'because' or 'why'? Have I missed a line and taken a new line for new paragraphs?
S	<p>Spelling and Spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do I have the same space between all my words? Have I spelled everything correctly? Are there any words that I need to check with a dictionary? Have I included any of the suggested vocabulary from the word bank? If not, is there anywhere I can add?

By Julia

<p>COME VISIT LIMBURG</p> <p>Are you ready to have a history-filled and magical trip? Do you long for a change of your surroundings? Are you wanting for an interesting and interactive trip? Well, you're in the right place!</p>  <p>LIMBURG AWAITS</p> <p>From interesting abbeys to scrumptious food; peaceful forests to interactive, family-friendly museums, this little unsuspecting province has something for every-</p>	<p>COME VISIT LIMBURG</p> <p>Location</p> <p>Squashed into the corner of the Netherlands, Limburg has Germany to the east and Belgium to the south. We are perfectly situated. It is so easy to travel here, just hop on a plane or jump on a train, and if you are close you can cycle. Traveling here is extremely easy.</p> <p>Nature at its Best</p> <p>Interestingly, Limburg is different from the rest of the Netherlands because we are below sea-level and our land is very flat. You might want to get out your paints out because it's definitely picture-worthy, just like many other artists thought (for example Vincent Van gogh or Rembrandt). You will want to capture our gentle rolling hills as smooth as butter or sandy, sensational streams. You will fall in love with our little gem of a province.</p>	<p>Man-made entertainment:</p> <p>Once you have enjoyed the wonders of the outdoors, you can take a look at our man-made features, like Snow World (a frosty ski-resort) or Mondo Verde, an adventurous zoo and theme park. The Tri Border (a place where Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands borders meet) has many family-friendly activities. Our lovely locals will welcome you with open arms.</p> <p>Make sure to bring the whole family!</p> <p>Limburg is waiting for you!</p> 
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Bucket Fillers



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

Please note the price for lunch is €3.75



Week 04 22-01 t/m 26-01-2024

MONDAY

Korean Rice, Spring Roll or Omelet	1, 2, 3, 4
Spring Roll or Omelet	1, 2, 3, 4
Korean Rice	
Atjar Salad	3
Hot Sauce	3

TUESDAY

Pasta, Tomato-Zucchini Sauce	3, 4
Carbonara Sauce	1, 2, 3, 5
Pasta	3
Snack Tomato	

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Veggie Balls, Potato Gratin, Mixed Vegetables	1, 2, 3, 4
Chicken Filet	3, 6
Potato Gratin	1, 2
Mixed Vegetables	

FRIDAY

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

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

Register with the QR code
Registration is required



ASGK PRESENTS

Family
DISCO
Night

7 FEBRUARY 2024

5PM TO 7PM

AF NORTH INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL CAFETERIA

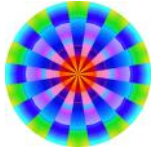
\$5 PER PERSON
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT - NO
CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED





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