



# AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Lots of achievements to celebrate in the water this week: Swimming Diplomas, Snorkelling and Survival Diplomas plus medals galore for Orcas!

Dear Parents,

Our Staff Day on Monday focussed on inclusion and provision for all with a particular focus on supporting pupils with challenges or barriers to their learning. Debbie Taylor (Teaching and Learning Advisor) was in school this week conducting a Special Education (SEND audit) with Mr Brown and exploring adaptive teaching strategies with staff.

We were thrilled to have so many parents attend the Reception Phonics workshop this week and look forward to welcoming Sunbeams parents on Monday.

Thank you to our PTO for organising a fun Carnival Bingo event tonight-we appreciate all you do for our school community. Excitement is building for the Carnival Assembly next Friday. The children have been preparing class banners in their language classes and practicing carnival songs.

Parent Conference Times were emailed to families on Tuesday. Please check that you have received your time.



### *Have a wonderful weekend*

The joy on a Friday afternoon when Year 6 appear at the office wishing to share their research and diary writing skills. They demonstrated deep knowledge and understanding of challenges faced by others.

### February

- 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.**

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

### Attendance This Week

**Whole School 95%**

Reception	94%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	96%
Year 4-5	95%
Year 6	95%



**Bucket Fillers**



*Alfonso, Chloe, Maxime, Ewan, Maria Gabriella, Tomasz....., Joshua, Naglis, Adi, Charlotte, Eva W., Alexander, Ella, Leo, Pari, Silvia, William.*



AFNORTH Elementary School

# SPRING PICTURE DAY



4-6 MARCH, 2024

PICTURE  PERFECT

Look out  
for the sibling  
sign-ups!



# YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

Preschool-2nd grade compete for back cover.

3rd-5th grade compete for front cover.

All submissions must be emailed to:  
[afnorthesyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:afnorthesyearbook@gmail.com)  
Include students name, section, and grade.

Each winner will receive a free yearbook.

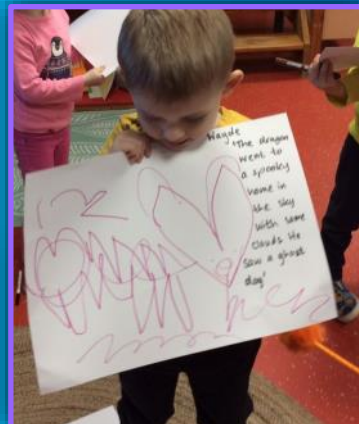
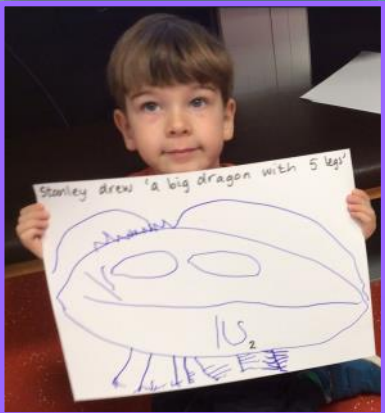
**Submissions due 1 March. Winners  
will be announced in May.**



# Sunbeams

This week our Super Sunbeams have taken part in some Drawing Club sessions. We used the story of Chinese New Year as our focus with ambitious vocabulary such as victory, persevere and challenge used to build our understanding of the story (can you guess which actions match which words?).

As this year is the year of the dragon we drew pictures of dragons from the story, adding secret symbols and numbers to represent parts of the story that we felt were important. During the second session we added a wild river to our pictures with a symbol for cold as we thought the river would be a bit chilly.



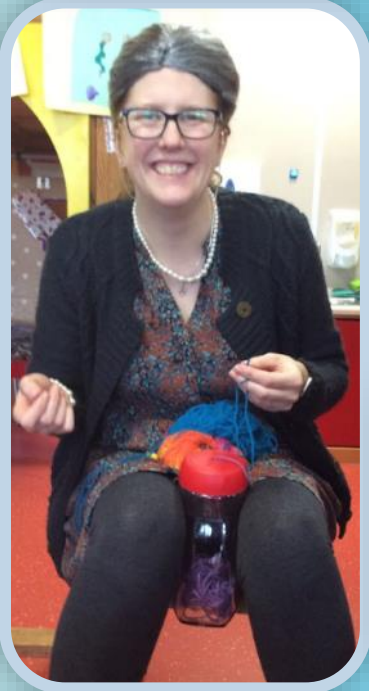
# Reception

How do the adults in the Early Years respond to children's passions? 'Floor Is Lava' is a popular game in Reception and Sunbeams Classes. This week children have been supported to explore this further with obstacle courses needing a great deal of co-operation, compromise and teamwork. Outdoors, the children have made complex bridges and elevated walkways. Indoors, they designed roads to keep the cars away from the floor. Another game developed when treasure had to be transported along the hallway without touching the floor. Superb thinking skills!



# Year 1

Year 1 have celebrated their 100th day of school this week on Thursday. They came to school dressed how they thought they might look when they are 100. Each child had a passport with a variety of activities to complete over the day. The children brought in collections of 100 items and sorted them into groups of 10 to count. They made a crown with 100 decorations, a necklace with 100 beads and even did 100 exercises too. Life as a 100 year old is exhausting!



# Year 2

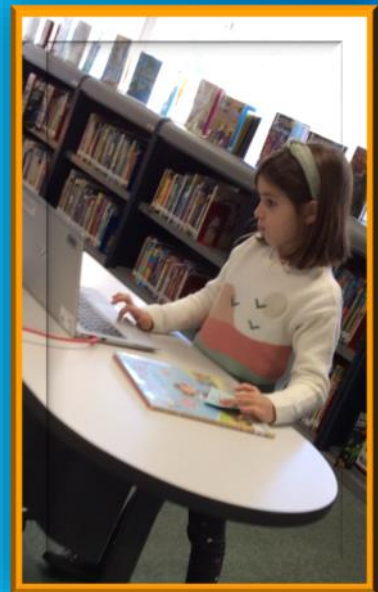
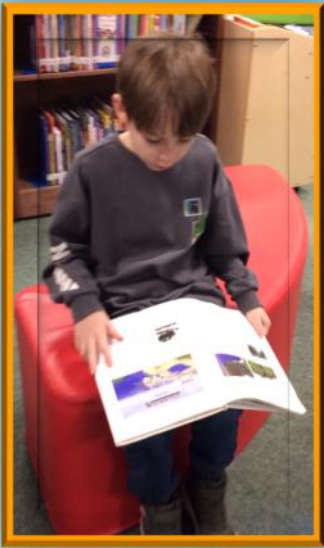
This week year 2 have been working very hard on learning their 2,5,10 times tables in Numeracy. We are going to be applying these new skills to a very exciting 'real life' project next week in class by calculating profit in a shop! This is a very exciting venture Year 2 are planning that you will hear more about soon!

Watch this space ...



# Year 3

Another week has flown past! We have been doing a lot of thinking about our reading and we definitely love our time in the library. It is great to share books with our friends. The children also love to recommend books they have read to me and others in school. Sometimes we even find different versions of text that are available, or even in other languages. We have learnt that we can have differing opinions about which are the best texts.





# Year 4-5

Year 4/5 Visit the Discovery Museum - some reflections of our day!

"Whilst in the museum we did activities. I enjoyed stroking a robot cat. When you stroked it, the cat said meow and lifted its paw. My favourite activity was making Solar Bugs. We did this in teams, there were three people on my team. We built ours with 4 skinny metal legs that had curved feet and one propeller. The bugs worked by shining a light into the small panel on its back but we had to get the light to work by cycling a machine with our arms. Our team won our race but we came 7th overall. The solar bugs made me think of the wind turbines and renewable energy that we had talked about in the classroom." by Isaac

"My favourite thing was the movie and the balloon. When the balloon flew into the air it was so cool. In the movie we traveled in time and that was so good because I don't know what it looked like in the past." by Michal

"I had a great day at the museum and I saw lots of amazing things that I hadn't seen before. I would love to take my family there next time so I can show my mum and dad the cool illusions and facts." by Dylan

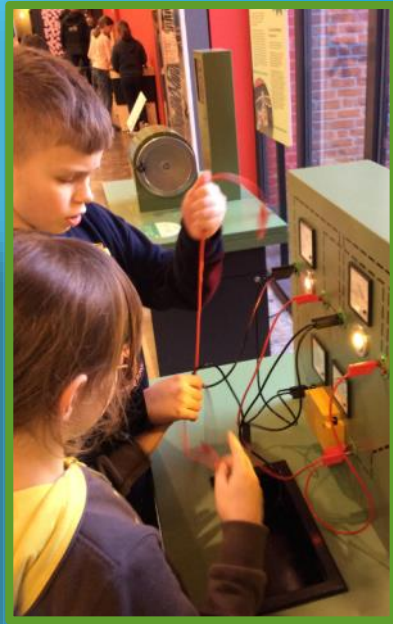
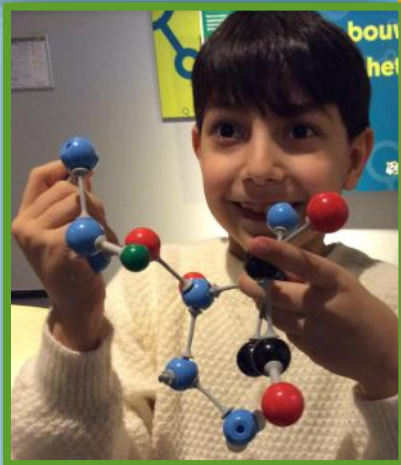
"I felt so happy because there was so much to play with." by Matthew

"I liked the day in the discovery museum because it was fun and I learned new things. My favourite parts were the water wheel and the news. I saw historical things and historical machines. The thing which is linked to our learning in class was the 3D model of the ear." by Jan

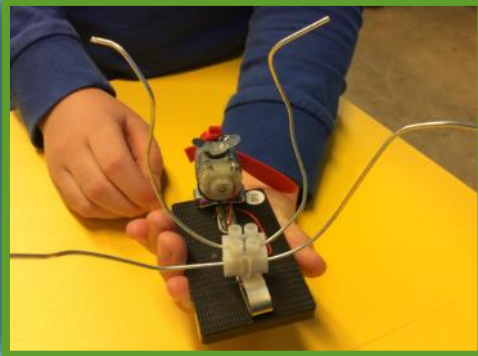
"My favourite part was the room with all the old things. It was interesting to see how different things looked back then. Some cool things that I saw were an old microwave, a huge heart and some optical illusions." by Amelia

"I would go back to the Discovery Museum because I enjoyed it very much!" by Lilla

"The Virtual Reality (VR) headset was the highlight of the trip for me. A VR headset is a pair of goggles that make you feel like you're in a different environment. It makes you feel like you're in a different environment by putting a picture on the goggles which stops you seeing the real world. The danger of not seeing that you're in the real world is that you can crash into walls like I did!" by Oscar



# Year 4-5



# Year 6

Year 6 have formed 'thinking teams' and explored how to make simple circuits in Science. We also enjoyed programming and giving instructions to 'BeeBots' as we move towards a unit of Coding in computing. After this, we explored making pathways and patterns using maths by creating 'Spirolaterals' where we used maths facts to create amazing design pathways! Spirolaterals are spiralled, structured designs based on a repeated series of commands using length and angle.



# LUNCH

Please note the price for lunch is €3.75



Week 06 05-02 t/m 09-02-2024

MONDAY

Veggie Balls, Mashed Potato, Mixed Vegetables	1, 2, 3, 4, 9
Pork & Beef Meatball	1, 2, 3, 5, 10
Mashed Potato	1, 3
Mixed Vegetables	3, 9
Onion Sauce	3

TUESDAY

Pasta, Tomato-Zucchini Sauce	3, 4
Bolognese Sauce	3, 10
Pasta	3
Snack Tomato	

WEDNESDAY

Empanada, Tomato Rice, Cucumber, Garlic Sauce	1, 2, 3, 4, 8
Empanada	2, 3, 4, 8
Tomato Rice with Zucchini	3
Cucumber	
Garlic Sauce	1, 2, 3

THURSDAY

Omelet, Potato with Onions & Pickles, Green Beans	1, 2, 3
Pork Sausage	2, 3, 4, 5
Potato with Onions & Pickles	3
Green Beans	
Curry Sauce	3

FRIDAY

Veggie Snack, Fries, Carrots, Tartar Sauce	1, 2, 3
Fish Nuggets 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



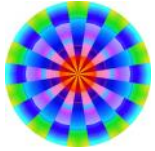
Looking for suggestions for your child's lunchbox...

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>



# 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](mailto: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.

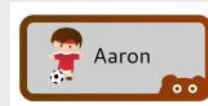
During periods of inclement weather please wait inside the main entrance (in the well area under the stairs or when this area is in use please wait outside the British Office). Staff will collect/deliver the children to you. There is no need to sign in

**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