



# AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

What a busy week culminating in the children participating in AFNORTH's version of a local cultural event. Thank you to Ms Dyon and the Language teachers for organising the Carnival Assembly.



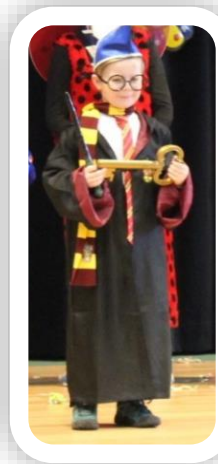
Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Finalists. We were so proud of you all. It took a lot of courage to stand up on the stage in front of a large audience. You also dedicated lots of time beforehand learning all the

words. We were also proud of Oscar who unfortunately was ill and missed the final.

Mr Margerison, School Improvement Advisor was in school this week.

Over the three days he visited classrooms to observe teaching and learning, reviewed pupil attainment and progress, scrutinised safeguarding records, chatted with pupils and looked at writing across the school.

Aspects to celebrate included: our enriching curriculum offer, levels of collaboration amongst pupils in all classes, progress being made by all pupils, the success of our phonics programme, vocabulary development, EYFS provision and pupil voice positively articulating their experiences and learning



*Our AFNORTH Carnival Prince, Martin 1 wishes everyone a wonderful time together next week.*

### February

February 12-February 16  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**

19-23 Parent Teacher Meetings

21 Used Book Sale

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 94%

Year 3 96%

Year 4-5 95%

Year 6 94%

### PARTNER LANGUAGE NEWSLETTER

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yIBfx8lVpROldUaZ2iKKAF4WIM>



Bucket Fillers



*Atahan, Erdem, Lydia, Hugo, Alda, Jekope, Henry, Iwan, Mariateresa, Sofia, Evita, Maria Sofia, Deniz, Michal, Iena, Julia, Kaan, Mario*

# Carnival 2024





# Early Reading at its finest!



Over the past two weeks our wonderful Reception and Sunbeams children have welcomed their parents into class to join them for sessions with a focus on reading. Developing **EARLY READING SKILLS** can look very different in Foundation Stage to other classes in the school so we decided to share how we do it to build understanding for our parents.



In Sunbeams we love to share stories and our approach to early reading comes from this passion. We used a range of favourite stories, characters and rhymes along with some familiar daily challenges to demonstrate how we build this love of reading and writing into language and experience. The repetition of so many stories is a perfect way to experience new vocabulary which becomes our inter voice. This translates into our play and thus begins our journey with reading.



In Reception our parents took part in with a **SUPERSONIC PHONIC FRIENDS** session, joining in with special Supersonic phrases and actions along with the children. This window into a session gives a perfect view of how we introduce sounds and build upon this through listening to the sound, letter recognition with actions to support, how to blend a word for reading and segment it again for writing. The children modelled this process effortlessly.

We would like to thank our amazing parents for their continued support. **EVERY SINGLE CHILD** across both classes had a parent who joined us to learn about our approach to reading. No wonder our children are flying with such amazing support!





Taekwondo Success  
Well done Klara, Evita, Dylan  
and Matthew -Yellow Belts!!!

Swimming Success

Good Luck to all the Orcas in  
Eindhoven



Should I keep my  
**child off school?**

**Yes**

|  | Until...   |
|--|--|
| Chickenpox                                     | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over  |
| Diarhoea and Vomiting                          | 48 hours after their last episode  |
| Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19. |
| Impetigo                                       | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics  |
| Measles  | 4 days after the rash first appeared   |
| Mumps  | 5 days after the swelling started  |
| Scabies  | they've had their first treatment  |
| Scarlet Fever                                  | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics   |
| Whooping Cough                                 | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics   |



SCAN ME

**No**

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
| Head lice            | Tonsillitis     |
| Threadworms          | Slapped cheek   |

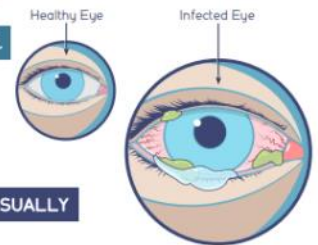
**Advice and guidance**  
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfrec>.

HELP PROTECT YOURSELF FROM GETTING & SPREADING  
**PINK EYE (CONJUNCTIVITIS)**

PINK EYE IS OFTEN HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS.

IT CAN BE CAUSED BY

- Viruses (very contagious)
- Bacteria (very contagious)
- Allergens, like pollen (not contagious)
- Irritants, like smoke or dust (not contagious)



SYMPTOMS USUALLY

INCLUDE:

- Redness or swelling
- Watery eyes
- A gritty feel
- Itchiness, irritation, or burning
- Discharge
- Crusting of the eyelids or eyelashes



**SEE A DOCTOR** IF YOU  
HAVE PINK EYE ALONG  
WITH ANY OF THE  
FOLLOWING:

- Eye pain
- Sensitivity to light or blurred vision
- Intense eye redness
- Symptoms that get worse or don't improve
- A weakened immune system, for example from HIV or cancer treatment
- Pre-existing eye conditions

A doctor can usually diagnose the cause of pink eye based on symptoms and patient history.

- Newborns with symptoms of pink eye should see a doctor right away.



PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM PINK EYE

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, and help young children do the same. Wash hands especially well after touching someone with pink eye or their personal items.
- Avoid touching or rubbing your eyes. This can worsen the condition or spread it to your other eye.
- Avoid sharing personal items, such as makeup, eye drops, towels, bedding, contact lenses and containers, and eyeglasses.
- Do not use the same eye products for your infected and non-infected eyes.
- Stop wearing contact lenses until your eye doctor says it's okay.
- Clean, store, and replace your contact lenses as instructed by your eye doctor.

[WWW.CDC.GOV/PINKEYE](http://WWW.CDC.GOV/PINKEYE)





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 been showing off their artistic talents by drawing self-portraits. They used the mirror to carefully observe their facial features and then put pen to paper. We focused on thinking about the shape of our eyes or nose and where this would go on our face. This is a wonderful way to build our understanding of individual features, think about position and shape and also work on our grip on the pen. All in all, the artwork looks fabulous and takes pride of place on our wall in class!



# Reception

Has the rainy weather stopped us exploring outdoors? No! We took up the mud challenges suggested on our 'Raus Maus' weekly calendar and went out to jump in muddy puddles, make muddy textures, get stuck in muddy holes and mix mud and water. We even wrote some muddy secret symbols and used mud as paint!





# Year 1

Year 1 have enjoyed finding out about the explorers Ernest Shackleton. We read a story about his very long journey to the South Pole and how he persevered even though his boat was trapped in the ice. We also learnt about ships biscuits. We found that over 100 years ago people didn't have fridges so fresh food would go rotten. So this week we have made our own ships biscuits.

We also had a fabulous morning at Brunsummerheide to see how the trees look in winter. The children remembered the words deciduous and evergreen to describe the types of trees in the forest. We saw some ducks and a hare too. We found lots of puddles to jump in and had snack by the lake.



# Year 2

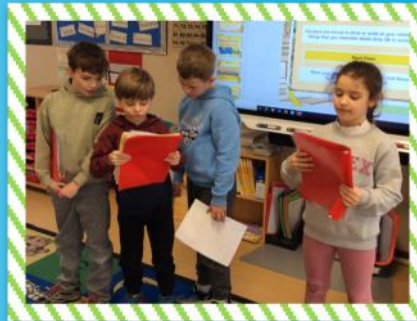
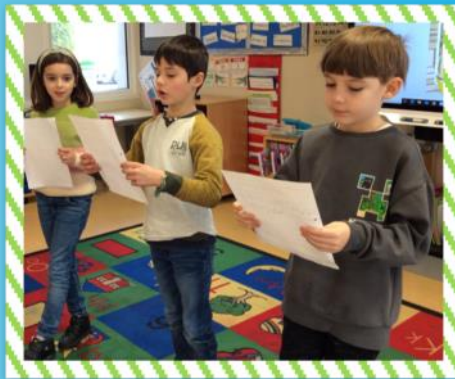
This week year 2 have been working hard on their poetry unit. We also celebrated 100 day with the other classes in our pod which was lots of fun!

We are looking forward to our enterprise of our class shop after the break. Have a well deserved rest Year 2.



# Year 3

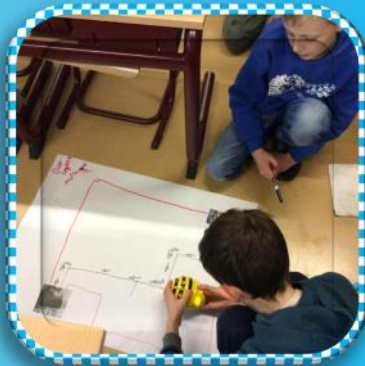
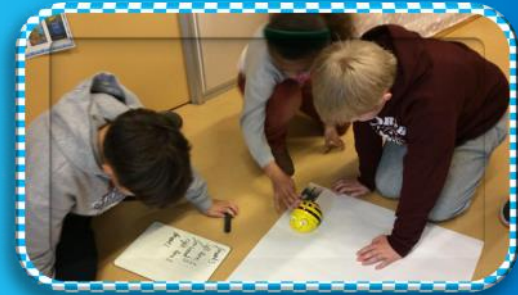
This week Year 3 we have had lots of fun learning about the Ancient Greek Olympics. We discovered there are primary and secondary sources of evidence to help us with our research. We looked at the similarities of the ancient games and the modern games and found some interesting differences. We examined the differences of living in the city state of Athens versus Sparta. We had a wonderful time debating whether it was best to live in Sparta or Athens. The children were so enthusiastic and animated during the debate, using persuasive language and remembering to listen to each other. In maths we have been finding equivalent masses in grams and kilograms, comparing masses and adding and subtracting masses. We have also been measuring capacity and volume in millilitres.



# Year 4-5

"We have been coding with Bee-Bots this week. We had to create an algorithm (sequence of instructions) to make the Bee-Bot move from the lamp-post in Narnia to Mr Tumnus's cave. We had to draw the algorithm and the pathway. We found out that Forward 1 was 15cm so we used that to know how many forwards and backwards steps to do. We had to 'debug' when something didn't work. We worked in teams and one person was the 'driver'. We collaborated, shared jobs and solved problems. I (Maria Sofia) felt happy because I had never used Bee-Bots before and I (Poyraz) found it a bit difficult but we helped each other with ideas.

Karneval Day was great fun too - we all enjoyed seeing each other's colourful costumes!" *By class reporters Maria Sofia and Poyraz*



# Year 6

As we come to the end of another thrilling chapter of our academic journey, the air has been abuzz with excitement and anticipation. With the vibrant colours of carnival and the energy of laughter, joy, and camaraderie, Year 6 have had a great end to their busy, learning week. From elaborate costumes to toe-tapping music, Year 6 have been embracing the carnival spirit wholeheartedly. We hope you enjoy the festivities of carnival this



# Bucket Fillers



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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 08 19-02 t/m 23-02-2024

MONDAY

Veggie Sausage, Potato Salad, Green Beans 3, 4

Pork Sausage 3, 5

Potato Salad 3

Green Beans 3

TUESDAY

Quiche, Mashed Potato, Mixed Vegetables 1, 2, 3, 4, 9

Quiche 1, 2, 3, 4, 9

Mashed Potato 1

Mixed Vegetables 9

WEDNESDAY

Omelet, Dollar Chips, Carrots 1, 2

Omelet 1, 2

Dollar Chips

Carrots

THURSDAY

Veggie Tomato Sauce, Pasta, Snack Tomato 1, 3, 4

Beef Stew 1, 3, 10

Pasta 3

Snack Tomato

FRIDAY

Veggie Burger, Fries, Peas 1,2,3,4,8,9

Fish Nuggets or Hot Dog Sausage 2, 3, 5, 7

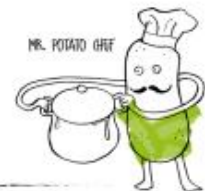
Fries

Peas 3, 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...

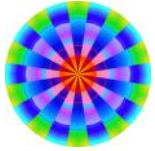
<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>





# 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