



# AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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23 February 2024

Dear Parents,

We hope everyone had a wonderful break. The children had much to share on Monday. Our focus at Assembly this month is on Honesty and Trust. The children shared stories of lies, "white lies" and the reasons they have told a lie. Once again Oliver impressed us with his piano playing and demonstrated the pedal function to everyone when he was asked the question "What is that for?"

We welcomed Kelly Partington Safeguarding Manager and Jane Kelly, Education Welfare Officer to school this week. Both were very impressed with the safe, happy culture and ethos which runs across the school.

It was lovely to see you in school this week for parent consultations to discuss your children's progress. I know the staff also very much appreciated your kind words and expressions of gratitude for the work they are doing .



### February

29 Dentist Visit (Y3-Y6)

### March

4 Class Picture Day  
4 Scholastic Book Orders Due  
4 1630 PTO Meeting  
5 Class Reps Meeting

**March 22-April 5  
SCHOOL CLOSED**

### April

23 Children's/ Culture Day

### May

13-16 Y6 National Assessments

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

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day



At this part of the year families start to learn about future postings. We would appreciate you notifying the office when you know you will be leaving us in June.

*Have a lovely weekend*

**Sibling Sign Up Form**



### Attendance This Week

**Whole School 95%**

Reception	93%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	96%
Year 4-5	95%
Year 6	95%



**Bucket Fillers**



*Christine Victoria, Erdem O., Wilbur, Alberto, Heloise, Justine, Adele, Gabin, Rory H., Charlotte, Dylan, Klara-James Bennet, Lexi, Freya, Kaan, Maddy, Pari, Viki*



AFNorth PTO

# Month of the Military Child

## Spiritwear Orders

To order, please fill out the form online

<https://forms.gle/16japR1WRwvHmCbb7>



Now accepting  
Paypal  
& card payments



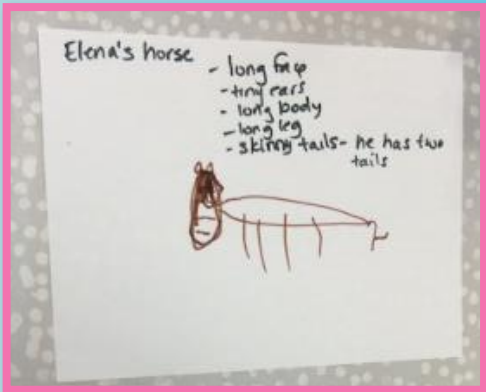
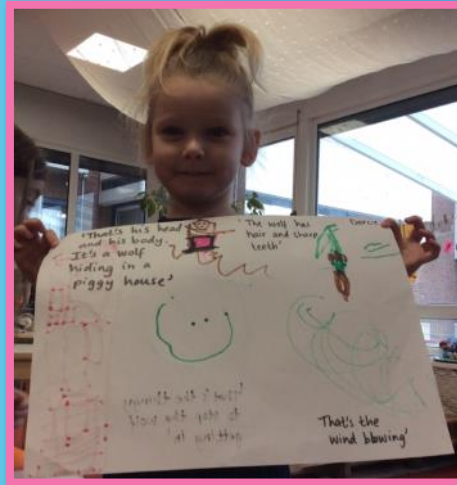
Any questions or prefer to pay cash?  
Contact: [AFNorthspiritwear@gmail.com](mailto:AFNorthspiritwear@gmail.com)

**Orders due by March 4**



# Sunbeams

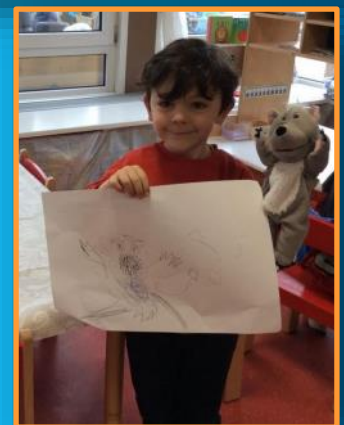
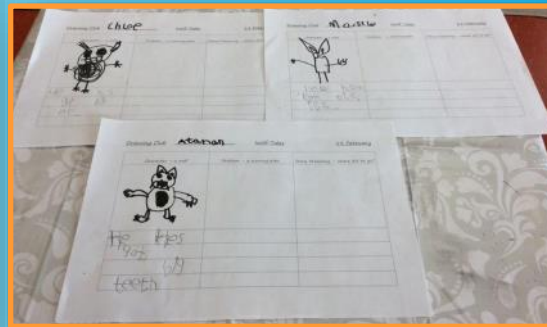
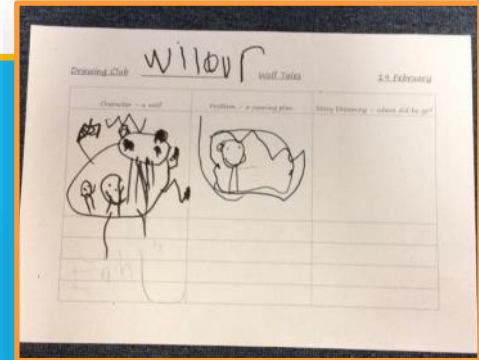
Our Super Sunbeams have been flying in our Drawing Club this week looking at a range of stories including The Gingerbread Man, The Three Little Pigs and Dear Zoo. We start the week with ambitious vocabulary and sharing the story together and then move on to think about characters, settings and then an 'I wonder...' section where we take the story in a different direction. The children are really making amazing progress when drawing and even more so their use of language when they describe the different features of their pictures.



# Reception

## What is Drawing Club?

An Early Years trainer called Greg Bottrill developed it, to make writing exciting and to engage all children. It works! Firstly we share a story, act it out, use puppets and discuss characters and plots. Then we draw and write about the characters, the settings or events. The final part involves story dreaming - what could happen next? Can we make up our own story? The photos show us halfway through the writing process. It is exciting to see the stories taking shape!



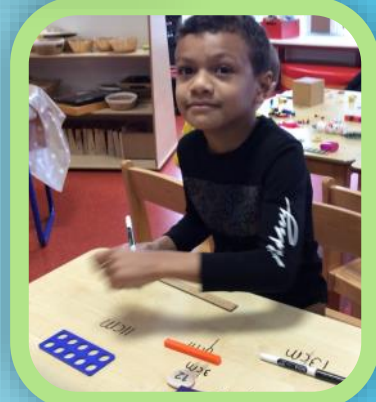
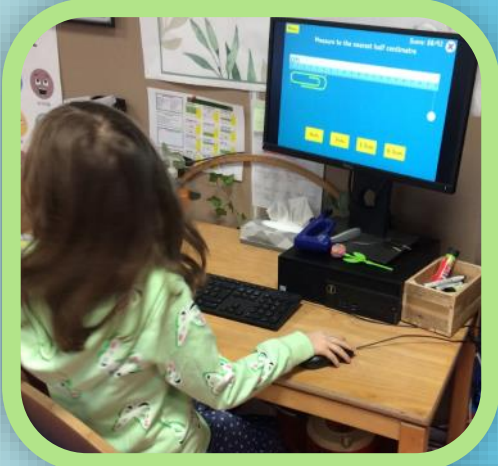
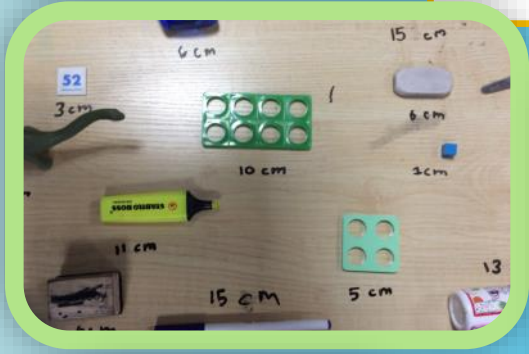
# Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about estimating this week. They have been using their knowledge of place value and the clues on the number line to help them place numbers in the correct place. They have also been finding the number which is one more or one less than that number. At Forest School we went on a nature walk all around the edge of the school looking for signs of spring. We found lots of daisies, a crocus and lots of trees with buds on. Some of the children made a birds nest too.



# Year 2

This week Year 2 have been learning about measurement. We have been measuring length and height. We have experimented with measuring our height and our arm span to see if they're equal and we have ordered our class heights from shortest to tallest. We have really enjoyed starting to learn about David Attenborough in our literacy work and making plans for our class shop.



# Year 3

This week Year 3 have started a new topic about Volcanoes and rocks, which has caused much excitement! They have explored a variety of rocks and tried to work out which type of rock they are, and whether the rocks are permeable or impermeable. In maths they have been developing their understanding of volume and capacity. They have also written some brilliant synonym and antonym diamante poems.



## HOT AND COLD

Lava  
Red, Orange  
Blazing, Bubbling, Roasting  
Fire, sun, /ice, snow  
Freezing, cracking, melting  
Frosty, nippy  
Glacier

By Mariateresa Dellaalio



Volcano  
Red, yellow  
Exploding, Erupting, flowing  
Fire, lava, magma, mountain  
Steaming, bubbling, sizzling  
Orange, toxic  
Steam

By Gabin

Volcanoes  
Yellow, red  
Bubbling, erupting, steaming  
Lava, fire, steam, rock  
Exploding, sizzling, flowing  
Hot, orange  
Volcano

By Joshua Brindley

Lava  
Explosion, orange  
Erupting, exploding, spewing  
Fire, steam, toxic gas, stone  
Steaming, bubbling, spreading  
Black, yellow,  
Volcano  
By Stepan





# Year 6

Reading for enjoyment is at the forefront of what we do here at Afnorth. This week, we welcomed our school librarian (Mr Berlin) to class where he showed us how we can access the school library e-books through our school laptops. There were cheers of excitement from the children as they searched for their favourite book series or topics. This can also be accessed at home, and we encourage children to use and access this resource. We also welcomed Mrs Veal as a parent volunteer. She listened to some of the children talk about the book they are reading.



# 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 09 26-02 tm 01-03-1024

MONDAY

Veggie Pie, Mashed Potato, White Beans in Tomato Sauce	1, 2, 3
Meat Balls	1, 2, 3, 10
Mashed Potato	1
White Beans in Tomato Sauce	3
Gravy	3

TUESDAY

Pasta, Veggie Tomato Sauce, Snack Tomato, Rocket Salad	3, 4
Beef Stew	3, 10
Pasta	3
Snack Tomato	
Rocket Salad	

WEDNESDAY

Quiche, Rice, Carrot Salad	1, 2, 3, 9
Sweet Chicken Filet	3, 6
Rice, Parsley & Corn	
Carrot Salad	3



THURSDAY

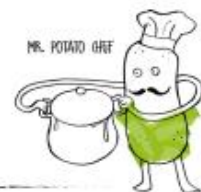
Veggie Balls, Baked Potato, Mixed Vegetables	3, 4, 9
Chicken Schnitzel	1, 2, 3, 6
Baked Potato	
Mixed Vegetables	9
Bell Pepper Sauce	3

FRIDAY

Veggie Snack, Fries, Carrots	1, 2, 3, 4, 8
Fish Nuggets	1, 2, 3, 7
Fries	
Carrots	
Tartar Sauce	2

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



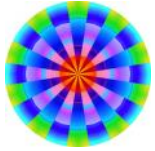
Looking for suggestions for your child's lunchbox...

<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.

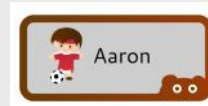
During periods of inclement weather please wait inside the main entrance (in the well area under the stairs or when this area is in use please wait outside the British Office). Staff will collect/deliver the children to you. There is no need to sign in

**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