



AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to Student Council and to all our parent volunteers for putting together Movie Night this week. All those who attended "The Lorax" really enjoyed their evening.



Always lovely to have special time with our AFNORTH Rhinestone Readers!

It is hard to believe that there are just four weeks left of this school year. The next month will be incredibly busy with school trips plus end of year events and there is still a lot of learning to take place. In these final weeks we will also be helping to support the children who are moving on to new schools; collating their memories of AFNORTH and focussing on new adventures ahead.

This term we have had a push on handwriting and presentation. We are very impressed with how much the children have risen to the challenge of improved handwriting.

His Majesty's Ambassador to the Netherlands, Joanna Roper, will visit us on June 20th. Prior to her visit, we will be creating portraits of King Charles and we will select some of our amazing artists to have tea with HMA Roper.

Have a lovely weekend

Families leaving in June

- Pupil Records will be available for collection on Thursday 20 June
- Ensure school reading books have been returned
- CHECK LOST PROPERTY
- Close down Lunch Accounts

May

- 29 Y4-5 Swimming
- 31 Year 2, Year 3 Trips
- 31 Year 6 Bike Assessment

June

- 1 Flea Market
- 4 Year 4/5 Trip
- 6 JFC Library Visit to share Summer Reading programme
- 7 Year 1 Trip
- 10-14 Year 6 Residential
- 11 Parent Rep Meeting
- 17 Storyteller Niall de Burca
- 20 End of Year BBQ
- 20 UK Ambassador to the Netherlands Visit
- 21 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Attendance This Week

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



Bucket Fillers



Alfonso, , Erdem, Vojtech, Rosie, Lainey, Millian, Cillian, Grace, James, Jenson, Rory H., Adi, Anders, Dylan C., Evita, Alena, Balkan, Bade, Freya, Kaan

Sunbeams

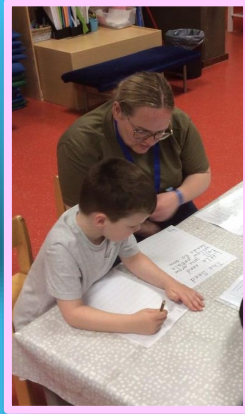
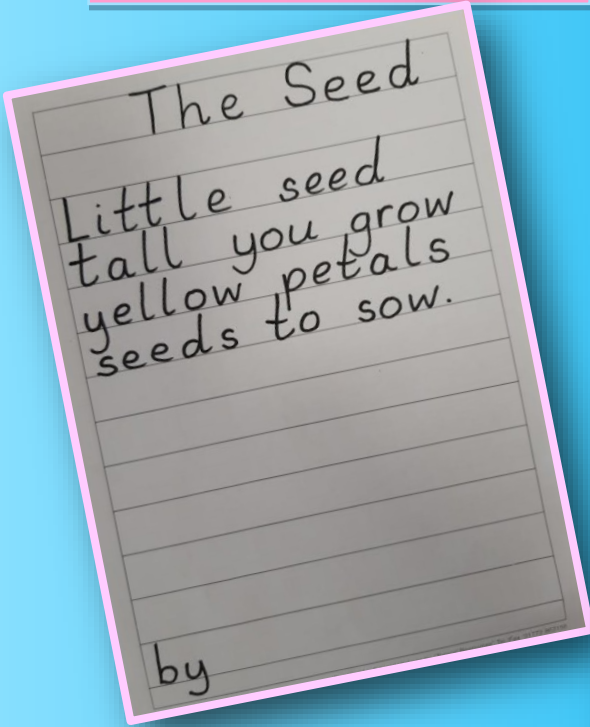
Our Super Sunbeams have had a strong focus on maths this week. Our sunflower plants have been growing well but we noticed some of them had been getting more and more thirsty as the weather has heated up. We made a plan to water them daily and decided that 5mls would be the perfect amount to keep them growing big and strong. The children had to work tricky palm muscles to allow us to suck the water into the syringe and squirt it onto our plants. Checking the side of the syringe carefully to ensure we didn't go over the 5mls allowed!

Continuing the thread of growth we began thinking about how much we now know about our beautiful outdoor area. We explore it every day and realised that we are now the experts when thinking about the best spots to play in. We decided to create a map to show all the best places to play outside and boy were we good at this! We thought about position, shape and size in comparison to other areas within the garden. This provided a conversation using some super mathematical language between our friends.



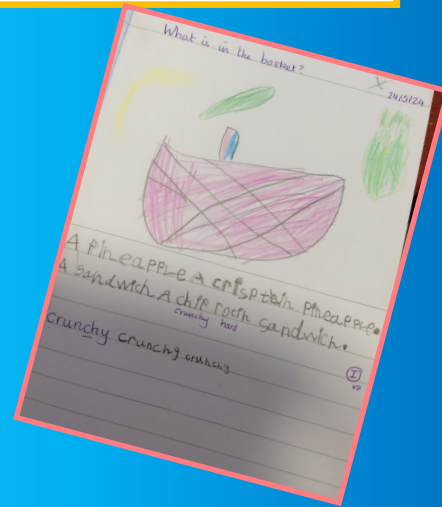
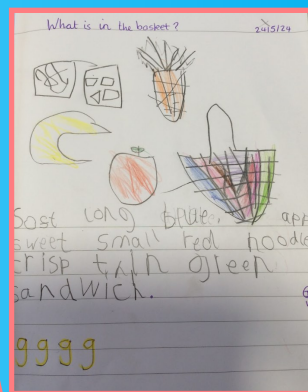
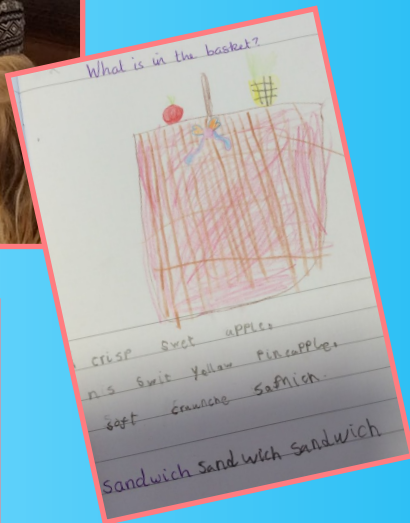
Reception

We launched the Handwriting Competition in Reception Class by inviting all the parents to the classroom. The children and parents learned a poem about a seed and talked about how to form letters using the Nelson scheme. Then the children tried their hardest to copy the poem in their best handwriting. We shall practise over the next few weeks and who knows, someone in our class may win the prize!



Year 1

This week has been eventful...isn't it always when you're in Year 1! The Giant came back for his golden eggs and chopped down the beanstalk with his axe. We have been thinking about different features of animals this week and had fun at Forest School learning about camouflage. We tried hiding and realised some of us were much easier to spot in the green woodland than others. Then much to our surprise a basket of food arrived. We have been trying to work out who it belongs to. The children did a great job of describing the contents of the basket using lots of interesting words.



Year 2

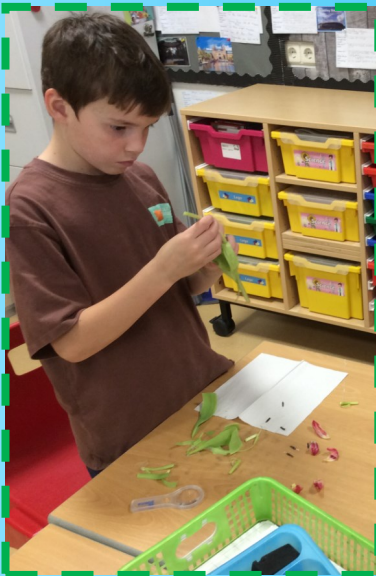
This week Year 2 had a visit from 4 of our community helpers. We spoke with a policeman, a doctor, a fireman and 2 shop workers. We learned all about their roles in our community and the jobs they do. We asked great questions and listened carefully to how they help us in our community.

Thank you to our volunteers. We loved having you in to talk to us.



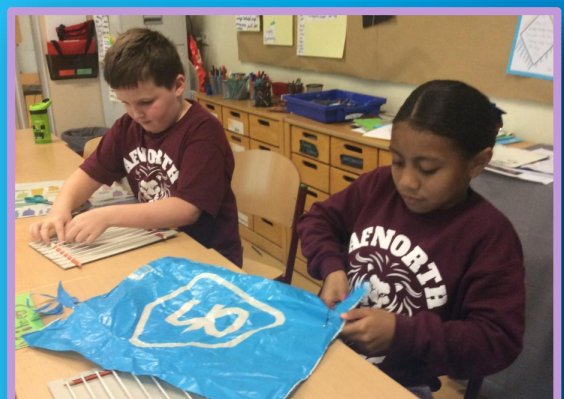
Year 3

For science, we have started to learn about plants and have been looking closely at flowers, sketching them and seeing how each flower is different. We have dissected some flowers and discovered some new vocabulary related to the life cycle of plants. In maths we have continued to learn about shapes and have been trying to make 3d shapes using cubes. In English we have been writing our own letters of complaint, some have been quite demanding!



Year 4-5

"Year 4 have been busy weaving! We used old plastic bags brought from home and made our own loom using cardboard and string. We cut strips of plastic for the weaving and did a weaving pattern until the loom was full. We had to tie lots of knots - some people found that the trickiest part but they all persevered! It was lots of fun and we think our colourful recycled wall hangings look fantastic! " **Reported by Charlotte and Adi**



Year 6

In English, we have been having fun exploring passive and active voice, along with formal and informal language linked to writing formal letters. We had a visit from Mother Bear who was upset about the mess her house had been left in by an intruder (Goldilocks), and Mr. Bean, a giant, who had suffered a burglary at his castle in which he'd lost his beloved harp and golden-egg laying goose! We try to make such learning fun and memorable. The children's responses and reactions showed that these were indeed fun sessions! Thank you to Mrs Church-Taylor and Mr Maclean for your wonderful input!



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 22 27-05 tm 31-05-2024

MONDAY

Soy Roti with Curry Beans	3, 4
Crispy Chicken	3, 4, 6
Roti (Savoury Pancake)	3
Curry Beans	3

TUESDAY

Pasta with Tomato Vegetable Sauce	3, 4
Pasta & Basil	3
Beef Ragout	3, 10
Snack Tomato	

WEDNESDAY

Veggie Balls, Baked Potato, Cole Salad	3, 4
Fish Burger	1,3,4,7,8,9
Baked Potato	3
Cole Salad	3

THURSDAY

Vegetable Stew, Tomato Rice, Cucumber	1, 3, 4
Chicken Filet	6
Tomato Rice	3
Cucumber	
Yoghurt Garlic Sauce	1, 2, 3

FRIDAY

Veggie Snack, Fries, Carrots	1,2,3, 4, 8
Fish Filet or Hot Dog Sausage	2, 3, 5, 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>

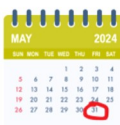
From Our Librarian, Mr Berlin

Ask your Library Information Specialists
 We've got answers ...
library@afnorth-is.com

When are my books due back?


Yes, we are approaching that time of the year when all books must be returned to the library. Over the next 3 weeks, we will reduce the maximum number of books that may be checked out in order to help the transition of books being brought back. For example, if your child already has 3+ books out, they must bring some back to get new books. Ultimately, we must have all library books returned **no later than Friday, 31 May** prior to the start of building renovations. Your support and consideration are most appreciated!

31 MAY - FACILITIES CLOSE



6-10 MAY	3 BOOKS CHECKED OUT
13-17 MAY	2 BOOKS CHECKED OUT
20-24 MAY	1 BOOK CHECKED OUT
27-31 MAY	ALL BOOKS RETURNED

Search our catalog, databases, and eBooks using Destiny Discover...
<https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/84574>



AFNORTH Elementary Library Information Center Services

Circulation services such as Check-in and Check-out are available daily from 8:40-3:45
 Small groups (2-3 students) may come any time to return books and shop for new ones at their teacher's discretion.

Student-centered services

Find Texts
 Locate Print & eBooks, Catalog Searches, Dewey System, Library Organization

Guide Research
 Database Use, Evaluating Sources, Asking Questions, Note-taking, Filling in Graphic Organizers, Citations, Copyright, Plagiarism

Reinforce Instruction
 Teach, Co-teach & Assess Lessons; Deep-dives into Subjects

Promote Reading
 Read Alouds, Selecting "Good Fit" Books, Promote New & Popular Titles, Book Reviews, Reading Initiatives

Provide Workspaces
 Research, Book Buddies, Presentations, Student Collaboration, Display Student Works

Educator support



Find Texts
 Specific Books, Authors, Thematic Units, eBooks, Articles, Magazines, Images

Demonstrate Technology Resources
 Destiny Discover, MackinVia, Gale, Britannica, eBooks, collections, etc.

Assist With Planning and Content Development
 CCRS correlations, Daily 5 integration, Collaborative Planning & Instruction

Copy and Enlargement
 Poster Prints Up To 36 Inches Wide

Need something else? Just ask!
library@afnorth-is.com

FLEA MARKET & SECOND HAND CLOTHES

SA, 01/06/2024
 9:30 - 13:30h



INFORMATION

When? Saturday 1st of June 2024 09:30a.m - 13:30p.m

Where? AFNORTH International School / Cafeteria
 Ferdinand Bolstraat 1 | NL-6445 EE Brunssum

What?

- >> **Flea Market: CASH ONLY**
 Sale of Toys, books, board games, ...
 more information in the info sheet "flea market"
- >> **Clothes Sale: Cashless payment available**
 Sale of baby, children's and teenage clothing & shoes,
 Strollers, bicycles, sporting goods, Child seats
- >> **Cake buffet: CASH ONLY**
 Organized by the Canadian-German student council

For more info & registration scan here



If you would like to help scan here




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School Readiness

Do you have a child starting school in September?

Starting school is such an exciting moment in our children's lives and we want to help support you with this change! We will be sharing some of our top tips around school readiness:

- 1 Support your child's independence**
- 2 Make an early start on literacy and numeracy**
- 3 Explore communication**
- 4 Practice for the big day**

To follow the campaign scan the QR codes below:



SSAFA Community Health Website



SSAFA Community Health Facebook
 (Entitled personnel only)




Information for the closure of Sodexo accounts for families that are leaving

Information about the Sodexo lunch account procedures and the steps to close the Sodexo lunch account can be found here:

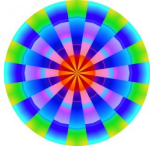
<https://afnorth-is.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/4090.008-Pro-Sodexo-lunch-Account-2024.02.01.pdf>

The families that remain at AIS will be able to use their lunch account next SY, they do not need to re-register.



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. 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.

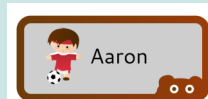
During periods of inclement weather please wait inside the main entrance (in the well area under the stairs or when this area is in use please wait outside the British Office). Staff will collect/deliver the children to you. There is no need to sign in

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 should take responsibility for their own items.



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