



AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Thank you to our very talented piano players who performed beautifully at the Volunteer Reception.

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see Year 4/5 finally head off to the pool for swimming lessons this week. They came back very excited ...and a little tired! We will be meeting next week with those responsible for the pool to discuss the swimming programme for KS2 lessons next school year.

Year 2 and Year 3 had a Fabulous Friday at Gaia Zoo and the AquaZoo and Year 6 showed off their cycling proficiency skills in preparation for their upcoming residential. Year 1 enjoyed their seasonal walk to the Heide and they also had a visit from Little Red Riding Hood. Cillian and Heloise shared some lovely writing with us in the office.

There has been an increase in reports of inappropriate language being used on the school bus. Please remind your children that this is not acceptable behaviour and they should not repeat words/phrases they know they would not use in the presence of adults.

June

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

Attendance Matters!



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

Have a lovely weekend



Year 1 are looking for a home for their fish over the summer. If you can help please contact

vicky.trout@afnorth-is.com

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



Killian, Melisa, Wilbur, Hilal, Hugo, Maria Gabriella, Miguel, Ruben, Adele, Martin, Henry, Sofia, James Bennett, Klara, Logan, Oscar, Poyraz, Bade, Charles, Julia

Sunbeams

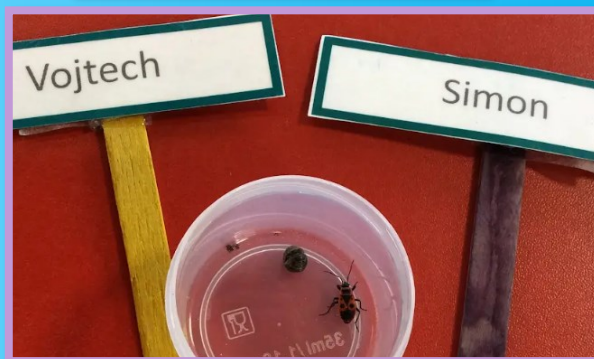
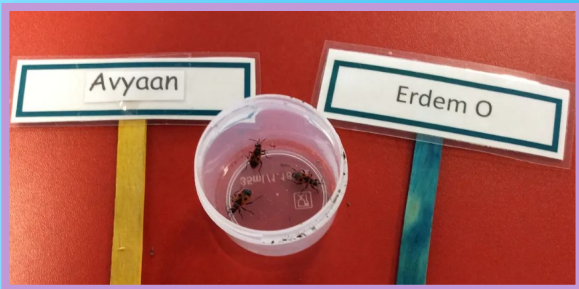
Our Super Sunbeams have been enjoying the breaks in the rain this week to put their talents outdoors to good use! We have been planting our sunflowers that have been growing over the past few weeks, out into the garden ready for some fresh air and sunshine! We dug holes using our special digging tool and then popped our precious plants inside. We watered them carefully to give them the best start possible.

Over in the sand our children have had their engineering and scientific hats on. They have been mixing up 'cement' thinking carefully about consistency and texture, then used their tools to transport them onto the wall and smooth it down ready for brick laying. The concentration, discussions and deliberations that became a part of this process was fascinating!



Reception

How do Reception Class children learn about living things and habitats? The children went on a minibeast hunt, collected them carefully, noted down the habitats and set up a minibeast zoo for the afternoon. At the end of the day, the children released the minibeasts back into the correct habitat.



Year 1

Year One had a fabulous morning at Brunsummerheide. We went to see how the forest had changed since the last visit. We saw lots of new trees starting to grow on the forest floor. The children enjoyed exploring the woodland areas and finding mini beasts. We even found a baby frog. We also had a surprise visit from Little Red Riding Hood! She was on her way to Grandmas house with a basket of delicious food. The children had thought of lots of questions to ask her.



Year 2

Year 2 loved their trip to Gaia Zoo today. We saw a huge range of animals and up there with our favourites were the meerkats and the giraffes! Enjoy these pictures of us and our lovely day.



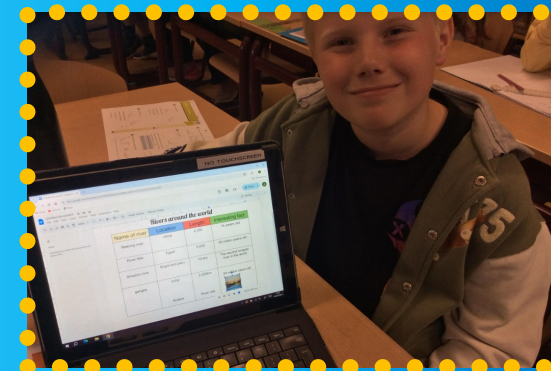
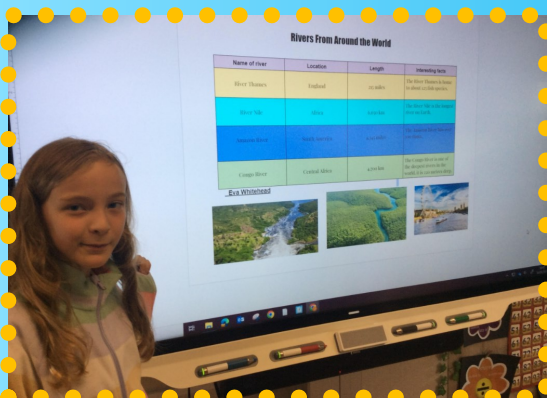
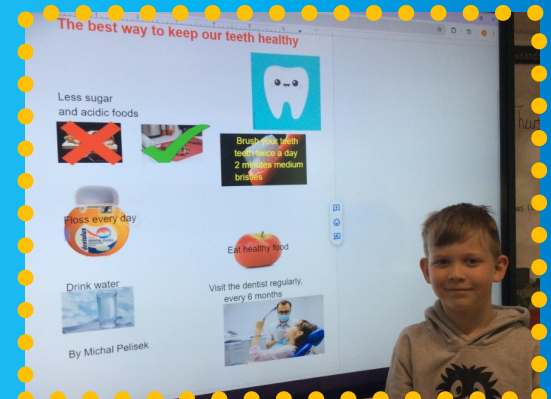
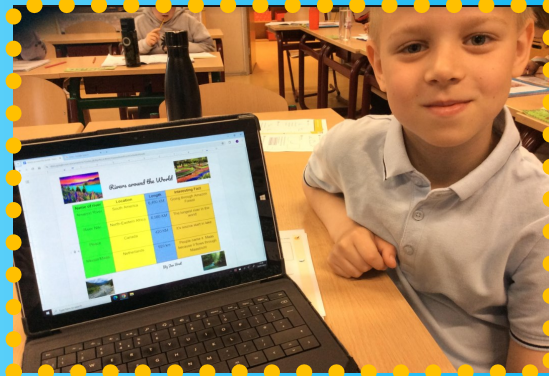
Year 3

What a week! The excitement has been building all week for our class trip to Aquazoo! In the meantime we have been setting up a science experiment to test what makes a plant grow well. In maths we have been learning all about pictograms and even making our own! We have begun a poetry unit or work and have been learning about The Sound Collector, thinking about what it would be like if there weren't any sounds in the world.



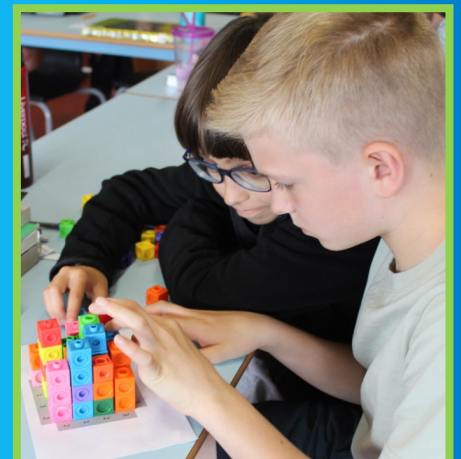
Year 4-5

"In computing, we have been learning how to create tables and how to use different fonts, colour and images on documents. We used these skills to create an information table about 'world rivers', using facts we researched on the internet. We also designed colourful 'How to keep your teeth healthy' posters. For our teeth investigation in Science, we finally took the eggs out of the different liquids! We couldn't believe that milk was the best for our teeth - the egg was really white! Orange juice was the worst - that egg even had crystallized sugar all over its shell!" **Reported by Rory and Joris**



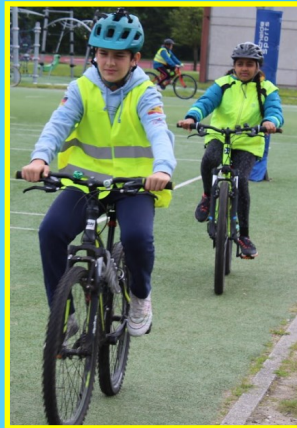
Year 6

Year 6 have been developing their skills of reasoning, problem solving, perseverance, strategic thinking and spatial awareness in maths by completing a number of challenges this week. One such activity was 'Skyscrapers' which was a great way to help our students think about perspective while thinking strategically through each puzzle. They were required to consider a variety of vantage points of a small city block and build it according to requirements. It took a lot of resilience, team work and adapting to get to the final and correct products. Big celebrations were had when we were successful!



Year 6

Year 6 did really well during their proficiency in cycling training. They were able to demonstrate that they can turn and indicate using their arms; slow race (bike control); follow-a-leader by making cycle snakes and then finally cycle out on the road where they were observed and assessed by the traffic police. Well done to all!



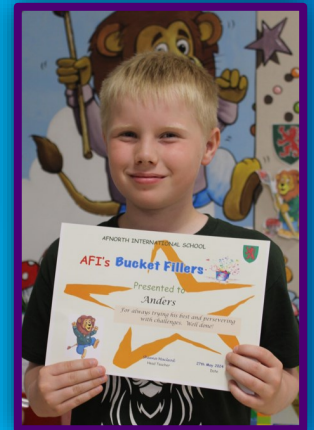


Linked to the book "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" by Carol McCloud our Bucket Filler Award recognises positive behaviours e.g. kindness, respect, responsibility, resilience as well as hard work and achievement.

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 23 03-06 t/m 07-06-2024

MONDAY

Empanada, Potato Salad, Green Beans	3, 4, 8, 9
Beef Meat Balls	3, 10
Potato with Onions	3
Green Beans	3

TUESDAY

Veggie Tomato Sauce, Pasta, Snack Tomato	1, 3, 4
Beef Stew	1, 3, 10
Pasta	3
Snack Tomato	

WEDNESDAY

Omelet, Dollar Chips, Carrots	1, 2
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Dollar Chips	
Carrots	

THURSDAY

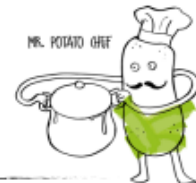
Veggie Curry, Rice, Atjar	3, 4
Chicken Curry	3, 4, 6
Rice	3
Atjar Salad	3

FRIDAY

Veggie Snack, 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>

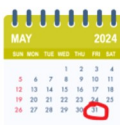
From Our Librarian, Mr Berlin

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

Summer Reading 2024 Kick Off
Saturday June 8
12.00 - 15.00

@the JFC Brunssum Library



- Giant bubbles
- Bouncy castle
- Waffles
- vintage outdoor games: tin walking, giant rope, croquet and more ...

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:

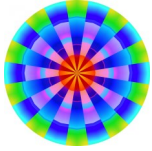
<https://afnorth-is.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/4090.008-Pro-Sodexo-lunch-Account-2024.02.01.pdf>

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