

# AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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**21 June 2024**

Dear Parents,

Well I think it is fair to say it has been a rather eventful final week!

**Monday:** The Irish Storyteller, Niall De Burca entertained us all with his tales and humour followed by Year 5 proudly highlighting their musical and creative talents at the Ukulele Concert.

**Tuesday:** Student Council led us through "The Leavers Assembly" where we recognised and said farewell to children and staff who are leaving us this year. We have a number of departing staff and I wish to thank each of them for their immense contributions to AFNORTH: Mrs Kabuleva, Mrs Judge, Mrs Smees, Mrs Heatlie and Mrs Stanford. Good luck to each of you as you return home for your next adventure. Congratulations to our retiree Mrs Worton

who has made a difference in the lives of countless children during her career. A well-earned rest ahead! For our Year 6 children they have now completed their primary school years; we are very proud of each of you and know you will continue to shine.

**Wednesday:** Children received their school reports. Thank you for returning the Response Form. Today's highlight was the arrival of a baby brother for Mariateresa. Our congratulations to all the family on the birth of Matteo.

**Thursday:** A rousing performance from The Royal Marines Band followed by a delicious lunch at the Summer BBQ and a visit from HMA Joanna Roper. The Welpen looked very smart in their green uniforms as they greeted HMA Roper, Major General Pullan and guests with a song they have learned in Dutch. She was excited to learn about their successful integration to the Brunssum Scouting Community. The winners of the King Charles 111 portraits stood proudly by their masterpieces as HMA Roper took time to speak to each of the children. Our winners then enjoyed tea and cake with the ambassador. A lovely afternoon!

**Friday:** All those staying at AFNORTH had the opportunity to visit their new classrooms. Please note our class structure will be tentative until August pending changes in enrolment. Additionally recruitment for replacement staff is not finalised and will continue throughout the summer. We had our final assembly where we were entertained by Amelia, Oliver and DJ XZander.

To all our friends who are leaving AFNORTH we wish you every happiness and success in your new schools. We know you will take with you many special memories. A huge thank you to our parents, Governors and fabulous staff who work tirelessly to ensure your children have high quality, enriching learning experiences. Most importantly to our children you are all magnificent and bring us joy every day.

*Happy Summer Holidays*



### BACK TO SCHOOL

#### AUGUST

19 Back to School (Y1-Y6)

20/22 Reception + Group A beginners

21/23 Reception + Group B beginners

20-23 Sunbeams Orientation Programme

**Children in Sunbeams and Reception will receive an email outlining their programme**

### CLASSES

#### School Year 2024-2025

Sunbeams TBC

Reception Mrs McLean

Year 1 Mrs Castillo

Year 2 Mrs Eaton Bell

Year 3 Miss Forrest

Year 4 Mrs Siedhoff

Year 5-6 Miss Robertson

**Bus Passes** Your child's current bus pass will remain valid at the start of the new school year until the end of September.

**New bus passes will be issued in September.**

### Attendance This Week

Whole School 95%

Reception 93%

Year 1 96%

Year 2 94%

Year 3 95%

Year 4-5 96%

Year 6 95%





Congratulations to our  
Handwriting Competition  
Winners



# Leaver's Assembly



*We will miss you* ♥



# Ambassador Visit





# The Royal Marine Band



# End of Year BBQ



# Last Day of School



# Sunbeams

Our Super Sunbeams have spent some time this week thinking about where we live, where we are from and where we might be going next. We looked at an enormous world map and tried to find countries that we knew...no easy job when you are looking at the whole wide world! Once we located the Netherlands we made a list of those children who would be returning to school in the Netherlands in August. We added lists of where friends were moving to including Norway, the UK and the US and then finally hunted for the flag from our own country. The children were amazed at the range of places they could see, asking so many questions in noticing so many features from the map.

A great activity to support our Super Sunbeams in their final week together. What a journey this has been!





# Reception

Reception Class enjoyed another quest this week - to find their favourite toys in the Year One classroom! They had a lovely afternoon playing, exploring and chatting to Miss Trout and Mrs Goldsmith



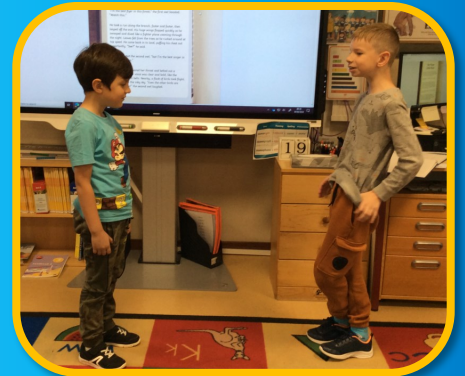
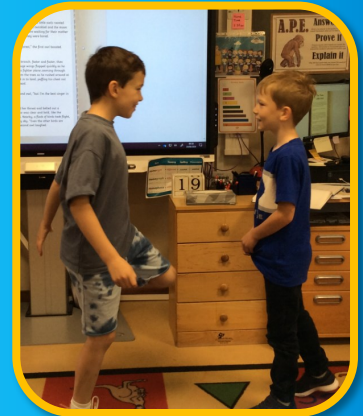
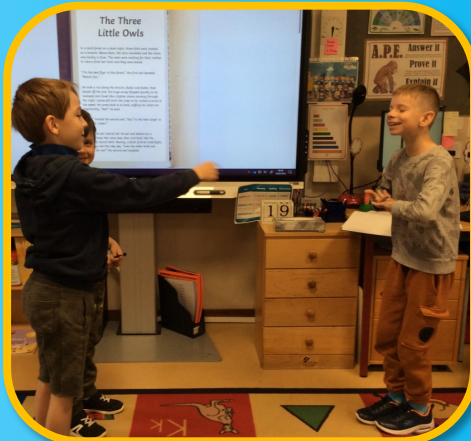
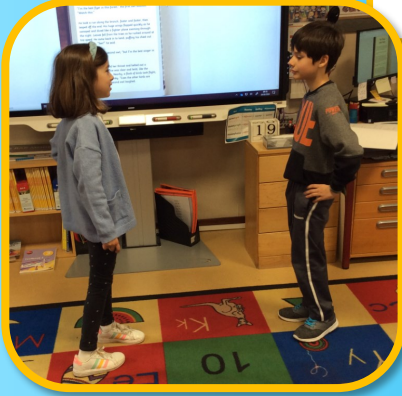
# Year 1

We've had a fun last week of year 1. Picnic outside for snack, the BBQ and the Royal Marines band were highlights. We also completed our maths unit on learning to tell the time. Have a wonderful summer everyone!



# Year 3

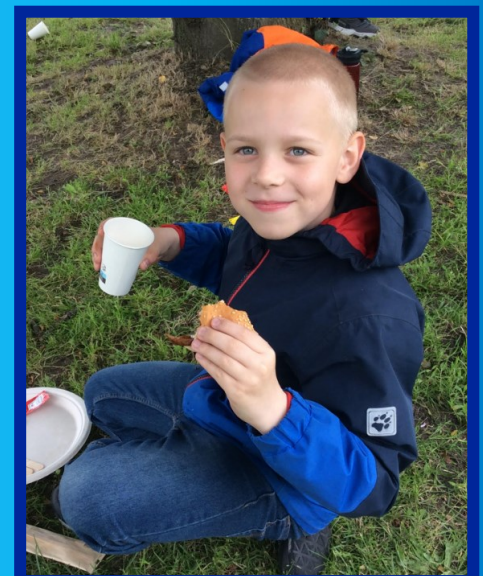
It's been a happy and sad week in Year 3. We are saying goodbye to some friends but we have been recalling some wonderful memories we all have of Year 3. We've enjoyed lots of special occasions, reviewed some learning in maths and English and spent wonderful time together. The adults who have worked with Year 3 would like to say a huge thank you for being the best class in the world (but don't tell the other classes!) and for working so hard. We are very proud of you!



# Year 4-5

"We have enjoyed a wonderful year in Year 4/5! We have had fun with our friends, learned lots and experienced delightful events. Mrs Siedhoff is very proud of us all! We will really miss our friends that are leaving and we wish them good luck in their new schools. We are looking forward to another year at Afnorth in August. Happy Summer Everyone!"

Reported by Logan and Dylan S.



# Year 5 Ukulele Concert



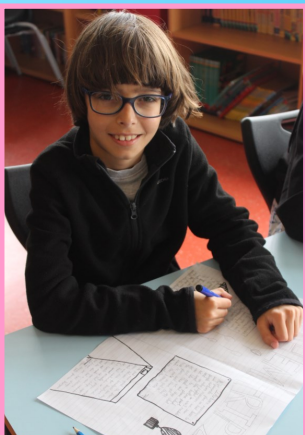
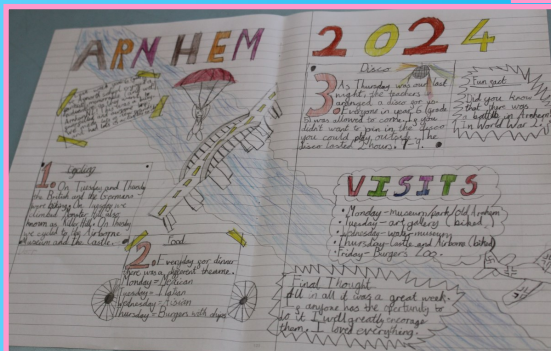
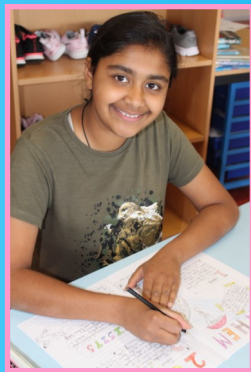
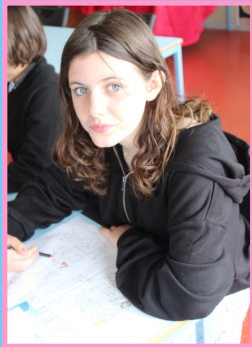
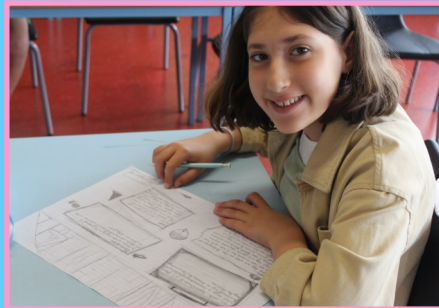
# Year 6

The children have excelled right to the very last minute. What a class!

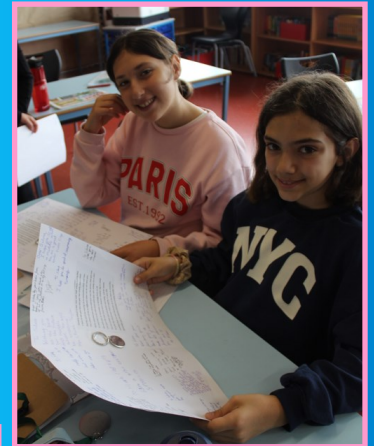
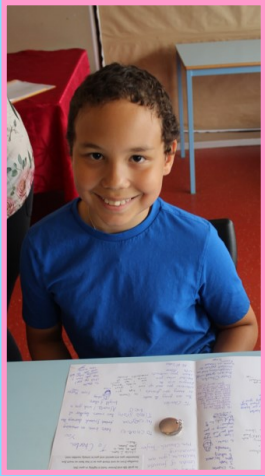
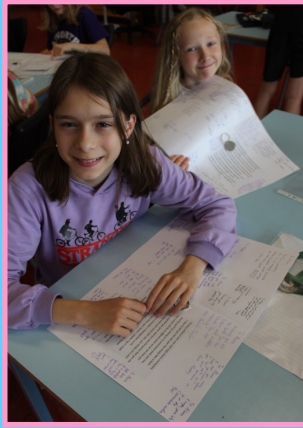
We started the week by sharing our memories and experiences of our recent residential week to Arnhem, or our Activities Week in school. What a fun week we all had! We have all returned much more grown up, and definitely ready for our next step into Year 7. We made 'double-page spreads' about our week. Copies of these are now in our little 'leaving packs' to share at home. We also made leaving cards for one-another, and we loved reading these and sharing in the fun and friendly comments.

Year 6, you have been a wonderful year. Thank you for all of the fun times and your wonderful learning. We will miss you!

From Miss Robertson, Mrs Church-Taylor and Mr McLean



# Year 6





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.](#)



EAL Young Author  
Awards



# From Our Librarian, Mr Berlin



## your Library Information Specialists

We've got answers ...

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### Can I still get books during summer?

Yes, absolutely! We encourage you and your child to maintain their reading proficiency during the break to beat "Summer Slide". You'll have access to eBooks, audiobooks, and the databases in [Destiny Discover](#) the entire summer.

Consider this\*:

- Students lose about a month's worth of learning on average over the summer
- Kids in grades 3 to 5 lose about 20% of their school year gains in reading
- All reading is good reading—let your child choose what they read

Summer reading should have two goals:

- to sharpen kids' literacy skills and
- to develop a love of reading to last a lifetime

**Just 15 minutes a day can make a difference!**

\* From <https://www.weareteachers.com/summer-slide/>



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!

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# Final Rhinestone Readers 2023-2024



Thank you very much for taking the time to complete our annual questionnaire and for your helpful comments and responses about our school.

The vast majority of responses to each question were highly positive, with only a small minority of parents answering either 'disagree' or 'strongly disagree'.

The results will be discussed and shared with Staff and Governor's so that we can make our school an even better place for everyone. We very much appreciate your kind words and recognition of our vision and values which we strive towards realising every day. Parents' suggestions for how we could be even better are gratefully received and will be considered as we set our school priorities for next year.

<b>My child is happy at this school</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>My child feels safe at this school</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively</b>	<b>99%</b> Based on 9 responses 56 (86%) stated My child has not been bullied
<b>The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.</b>	<b>99%</b> 21 (33%) have not raised concerns
<b>My child have special educational needs (SEND) and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.</b>	<b>60%</b> Based on 5 responses
<b>The school has high expectations for my child.</b>	<b>74%</b> (11% Disagree) 15% Don't Know
<b>My child does well at this school.</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>The school lets me know how my child is doing.</b>	<b>98%</b> 2% responded don't know
<b>There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.</b>	<b>94%</b> 6% Responded Don't Know
<b>My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.</b>	<b>62%</b> Of the 17 responding "Disagree" the majority were in the younger classes
<b>The school supports my child's wider personal development.</b>	<b>95%</b> 3% responded don't know
<b>I would recommend this school to another parent.</b>	<b>100%</b>

# LUNCH

[AIS Website-Catering Link](#)



Week 34 19-08 t/m 23-08-2024

MONDAY

Veggie Balls, Macedoine Dish, Carrot Salad	3, 4, 9
Beef Meat Balls	2, 3, 4, 10
Macedoine Dish with Potato & Parsley	3, 9
Carrot Salad	3
Tomato Sauce	3

TUESDAY

Omelet, Mashed Potato, Mixed Vegetables	1, 2, 3, 4, 9
Chicken Stew	3, 6, 9
Mashed Potato	1, 3
Mixed Vegetables	3, 9

WEDNESDAY

Veggie Tomato Sauce, Pasta, Snack Tomato	3, 4
Pasta	3
Carbonara Sauce	1, 2, 3, 5
Snack Tomato	

THURSDAY

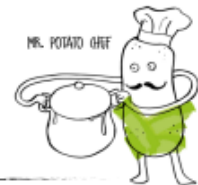
Soy Snack, Baked Potato, Green Beans & Onions	3, 4
Chicken Schnitzel	1, 2, 3, 6
Baked Potato	3
Green Beans & Onions	3
Pepper Sauce	3

FRIDAY

Veggie Burger, Fries, Carrots	1, 2, 3, 4, 8
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

**Existing Lunch Accounts** Lunch Cards have been returned to the British Office. (Including children moving to Grade 6 in CDN MHS) Please ensure there are funds on the card for August.

**UK Pupils moving to Year 3 wishing to purchase a school lunch will need to set up a lunch account.**

# AFNORTH Calendar 2024-2025

## Autumn Term

August 19 School Opens

September 4 1400 Dismissal

September 16 STAFF DAY-NO SCHOOL for Children

**October 14 to October 18 SCHOOL CLOSED**

October 21 School Opens

November 6-7 1230 Dismissals (Parent Conferences)

November 27 STAFF DAY NO SCHOOL for Children

**December 20 to January 3 SCHOOL CLOSED**

## Spring Term

January 6 School Opens

January 22 1400 Dismissal

January 27 STAFF DAY-NO SCHOOL for Children

**March 3 to March 7 SCHOOL CLOSED**

March 10 School Opens

March 26 1400 Dismissal

**April 14 to April 25 SCHOOL CLOSED**

## Summer Term

April 28 School Opens

May 29 STAFF DAY NO SCHOOL for Children

June 9 SCHOOL CLOSED

June 21 LAST DAY 1230 Dismissal