



AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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20 September 2024

Dear Parents,

We hope you all enjoyed a lovely long weekend. As usual the children had much to share when they returned on Tuesday. We truly are fortunate to be able to enjoy so many child-friendly venues in the surrounding area.

Teachers were engaged in Professional Meetings on Monday which included:

- Reflecting on our successes last year and considering our goals for the year ahead
- Grief and Bereavement in Schools
- Positive Learning Behaviours (More information in next week)
- Forest School

Thank you to Dr Shona Johnston, Parent and School Governor for sharing her personal story and knowledge with us on a highly sensitive subject. As a paediatrician and bereaved mum, Shona is all too aware of the impact bereavement has on families. We are grateful for all the work she has done in compiling an excellent guide to support our community in managing Grief and Bereavement in schools. (see document attached to email)

DATES TO NOTE

September

23 Class Reps Meeting

30 Orange Shirt Day

October

3 Pretzel Sale

4 Terry Fox Run

14-18 SCHOOL CLOSED

November

6,7 Parent Teacher Progress Meetings

27 School Closed

School Improvement Priorities 2024-2025

PRIORITY 1 Further develop consistency of teaching and learning approaches across the school, raising standards and outcomes for all.

PRIORITY 2 Continue to develop strong Leadership with monitoring expectations to ensure consistently high standards of teaching and learning.

PRIORITY 3 Develop adaptive teaching strategies promoting inclusion for all and ensuring pupils make good progress

PRIORITY 4 Explore well-being approaches to develop resilience with a focus on self-regulation

Christmas Fayre: The first meeting was held this week and we are delighted that Mrs Burton has "volunteered" to chair the group. However, as talented and dedicated as she is, we need your help. Please click on the following link to help Sonia and her very small team in any way you can. It is much appreciated.

[AFNORTH Fayre Volunteer Sign Up](#)

[AFNORTH Fayre Stall Holder Sign Up](#)

Have a lovely weekend



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Bucket Fillers



Attendance This Week

Whole School 99%

Reception 96%

Year 1 97%

Year 2 99%

Year 3 96%

Year 4 96%

Year 5-6 97%



PRETZEL SALE

October

3



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Where:
The WELL

For pre-orders please use this link:

<https://forms.gle/NUypsdoahuRgPc7B8>



Vereine der Freunde und Förderer
der Deutschen Abteilung der
AFRODIS International School,
Brussels e.V.

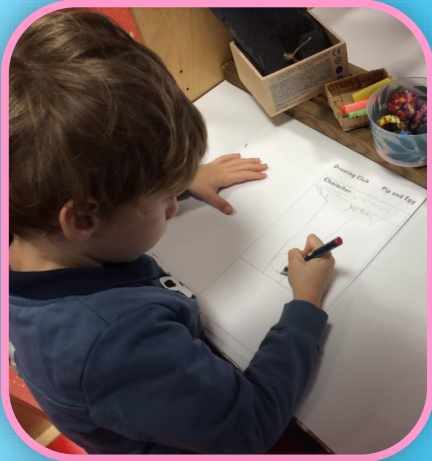
Sunbeams

Sunbeams have been working on following instructions this week from walking quietly to the Book Sale, beeping out our books in the library to lining up for the fire drill. We also played a new game in the mini gym "Ice cream game" where we had to listen to instructions of which colour can go first, where to run, where to put the ice creams and how to tidy up!



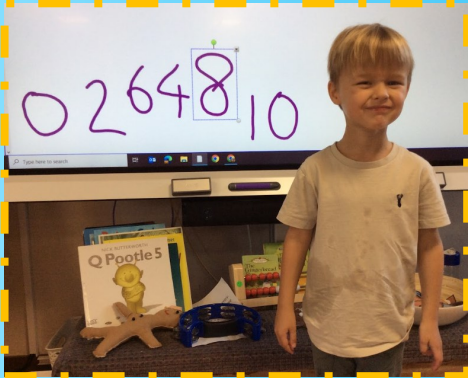
Reception

Our Reception team started our Drawing Club journey this week. Drawing Club is a wonderful approach to mark making and writing with lots of exciting vocabulary included (we call this get up, stand up vocabulary!) We used the story of Pip and Egg as our stimulus and worked on our characters on the first day and our setting on the second day. The children practiced some story dreaming to think about what their character and setting would look like.



Year 1

Year one started the week baking... as we explored the ingredients the children soon worked out that we were making Gingerbread men! They were absolutely delicious. The children already know the story very well in just a few days. In maths we have been comparing amounts and numbers working out which is greater and then ordering them. We also had our first class visit to the ICT suite where we learnt how to log on and off the computers as well as practicing our mouse skills to click, drag and drop!



Year 2

This week we have been completing our final write in our unit of learning. We have been so hard working and impressive showcasing our efforts over the past few weeks. We have written our versions of the Lion and Mouse story.

Enjoy a read of a few of these!

Alberto

The octo and the Octopus.
 One happy month ago there was a story about a boy who was very liked so he took a nap. Suddenly a fall Octopus from the dark ink as the boy was. The octo got one of the octopus tentacles all over his right. The frightened octopus shouted please let me go please let me go. Then the story about the boy who was out for a swim home. Suddenly a school of millions of fish came out of the water. The boy was free.

The octo shouted please let me free. The octopus sprayed the ink at the fish and the boy was free.

Joseph

The horse and the hamster.
 One year ago there was a horse. One day the horse was going for a walk in the wet jungle and then a hamster jumped on the horse's head. The frightened horse ran and caught the hamster. He shouted to the scared hamster and did not let him go. The hamster said to the horse to let him go. I will be your friend if you let me go. The hamster ran away. The horse got trapped in a cage and then the hamster saw the key and unlocked the cage door.

The horse and the hamster became friends.



ALDA

The Eagle and The Robin.
 One day a good brown eagle was flying in the sky. The eagle landed on a branch and a cheeky robin hopped on the eagle's cheek. The mad eagle spun around and the robin flew in the sky. Then the

Eagle caught the robin in the eagle's claws. Then the robin said oh please let me go and I will help you one day. A good daisy bird the eagle got caught in a bird trap in the sky. And then the robin came and pecked on the

Bird trap. The eagle was free and then they became best friends.

Jaxon

The cheeche and the parrot.

A long year ago there was a cheeche strolling in the jungle. The next day a parrot jumped on his back. The cheeche decided to eat him but he didn't dare to touch him. The parrot prayed to god to let him go. The cheeche forgot about it. Maybe it

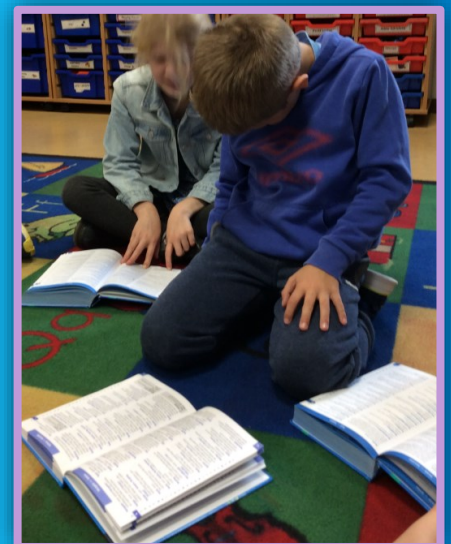
I will let you go. He let him go but you need to repay me some day. The parrot said yes and ran away. One day later the cheeche got trapped in a hole. Then all of the parrot's friends came to help him. They picked him up to a tree. Then they became friends.

Year 2 Authors

Year 3

In Year 3 we have been thinking about Fantastic Beasts! We were wondering lots about what the definition of a beast was so we got out the dictionaries and had a look. We found that it might be different to what J K Rowling called a beast in the book. There were lots of magical creatures that we could think of and wondered about.

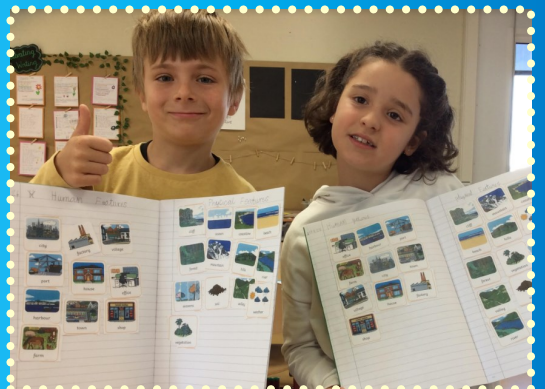
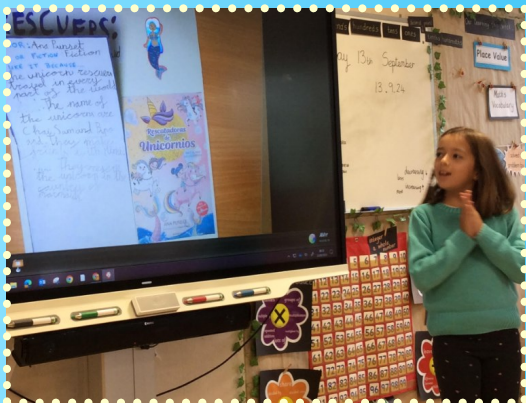
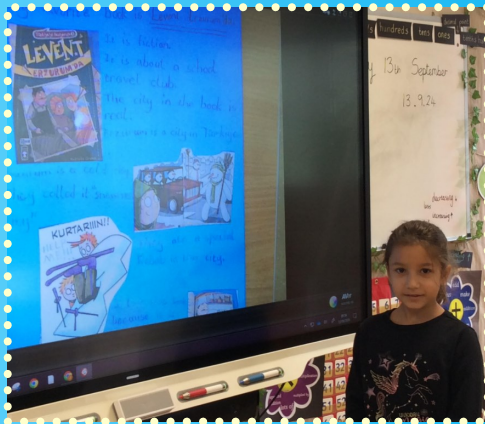
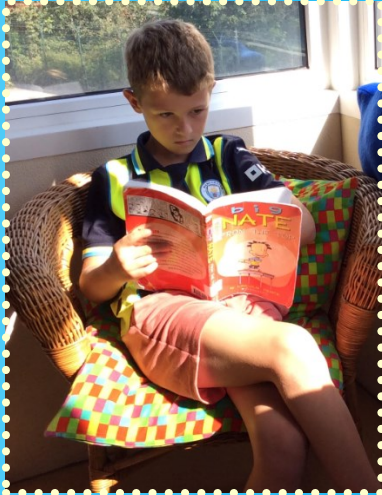
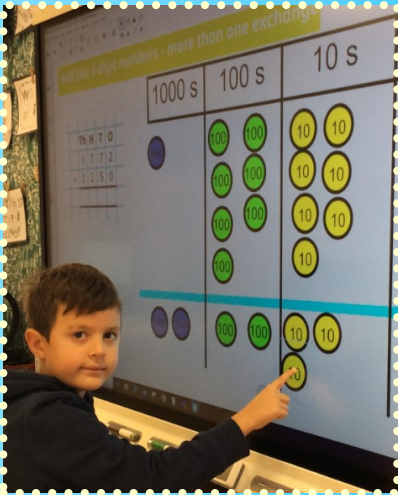
We have also been thinking about how we behave in different situations and how we might be in different zones of self regulation. It was really impressive to hear and see all the different strategies the children have for knowing what emotions fit into the different zones. We acted out how we might the feeling in each one.



Year 4



"In Maths this week, we were adding 4-digit numbers with exchange and solving problems with addition. We liked the challenges! In English, we have started to write our stories linked to our model text 'The Arrival'. We have our own robot characters in our stories in different settings. My robot is called Masvas and he is in the boiling hot desert (Mete). My robot is called Mr Friendly Robot. He is as tall as two cars and likes to help people (Stepan). We are really enjoying our writing! We finished reading our first class novel 'The Iron Man'. It was a brilliant story. The challenge with the Iron Man and the Space-bat-angel-dragon was really exciting. At the end, they both made the world become a more peaceful place. We have been learning about physical and human features in Geography. Some things in the world are made by humans (towns, offices, farms) and some are things that humans did not create (seasons, rivers, hills). It's been a busy week!" **Reported by Mete and Stepan**

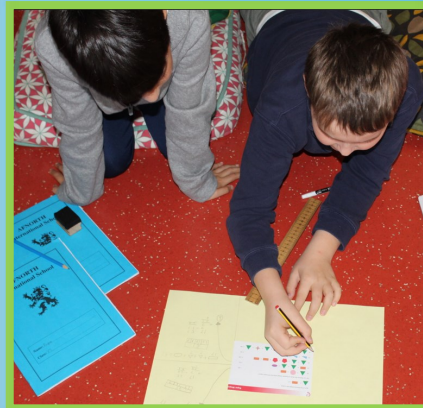


Year 5-6

We enjoyed a session in Maths where we got to choose investigations which involved knowledge of number facts and using the inverse to check. We worked collaboratively and presented our understanding by using bar-models, calculations and part-whole models. We also challenged ourselves to explain our strategies about what we did by using sentence stems and starters which are on display in our classroom.

In Humanities, we discussed the theme of 'leadership' and 'democracy'; linking this with our UN Sustainable Goal of Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. We considered the word 'leadership' and what it means to us. We came to the conclusion that we are all 'leaders' in one way or another - listening, sharing ideas, being considerate of others, moving things forwards in the name of change for the better of the school community as a whole.

We attended an assembly with our international partners where we talked about Democracy and our Student Council. Charlotte very kindly brought in a book to share with the class: *If I Ruled The World*. We dipped into it, and the class absolutely love it! The week culminated with some very brave students putting themselves forwards to be considered for (and voted into) the role of class representative for the Student Council. Results to follow! Well done Year 5/6. A busy week!



LUNCH

[AIS Website-Catering Link](#)



Week 39 23-09 t/m 27-09-2024

MONDAY

Veggie Sausage, Mashed Potato, Cauliflower 1, 3, 4

Pork Sausage 3, 5

Mashed Potato 1

Cauliflower 1, 3

TUESDAY

Mushroom Ragout, Rice, Carrots 1, 2, 3, 4

Chicken Ragout 1, 2, 3, 6

Rice 3

Carrots

WEDNESDAY

Empanada, Baked Potato, Beetroot 2, 3, 4, 9

Fish Burger 1, 3, 4, 7, 8

Baked Potato

Beetroot 3

THURSDAY

Pasta, Tomato Vegetable Sauce, Snack Tomato 3, 4

Pasta 3

Bolognaise Sauce 3, 10

Snack Tomato

FRIDAY

Veggie Snack, Fries, Peas 1, 2, 3, 4, 9

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

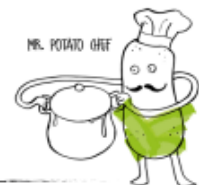
Fries

Peas 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>

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.](#)



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 MUST be made before 1000

FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY WE ASK THAT CHANGES TO ROUTINES ARE KEPT TO A MINIMUM

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 2024-2025

Autumn Term

August 19 School Opens

September 11 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