



AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Aspirational Thinkers, Reflective Learners, Responsible Citizens.

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support in making last Saturday such a resounding success. There was a lovely festive buzz starting at the magical snowy entrance which delighted so many children. Everyone enjoyed the great range of activities: Father Christmas, Secret Room, Gingerbread House, The Military Wives Choir, Elementary Choir, HS Band, Violins, Pianists, Face Painting etc. A big THANK YOU to Sonia Burton and the hard-working committee, staff and parents who put in many hours of work behind the scenes to ensure the success of the day. We would also like to thank everyone who so generously provided donations and prizes for the Raffle and Class Baskets. Huge congratulations to all the lucky winners. The biggest winners of all are our children whose experiences and opportunities at AFNORTH are enriched as a result of the money raised on Saturday. We very much appreciate General Miglietta and Capt Hammon taking time to join us on Saturday to open the Fayre and to draw the Raffle. We are still finalising figures but we anticipate an incredible total of monies raised to be..... **€8000!**



There was great excitement on Friday morning when we arrived at school to find our clogs had been filled with yummy treats. Sinterklaas then visited us during the day and we discovered that he knew a lot about us.

Thank you for the donations that have been coming in for the Food Drive. We have also donated the remaining items from the Toy Shop so they can once again be loved and bring joy to others less fortunate.

REMINDER: CHILDREN WILL NEED A PACKED LUNCH ON FRIDAY IF THEY HAVE NOT ORDERED THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Have a lovely weekend



Bucket Fillers



Hamish, Kilian, Harry, Cillian, Maja, Santi, Orla, Stepan, Maraiateresa, Agatka, Sofia, James, Jan, Oliver, Mihnea, Dylan C., Isaac, Rory, Deniz, Dylan S.

DATES TO NOTE

December

- 10-12 Finding Nemo Auditions (Y4-6)
- 12 1030 Sunbeams and Reception Campfire
- 1415 Year 1 Christmas Event The Nativity
- 13 Christmas Lunch
- 14 1030 PTO Pyjamas and Pancakes
- 16-19 SPIRIT WEEK
- 17 0945 Year 3 and Year 4 "Eddie the Penguin"
- 18 Class Party: Year1, Year 4, Year 5-6
- 19 Last Day of Term
- Class Party: Sunbeams, Reception, Year 3

Dec 20 to Jan 3

SCHOOL CLOSED

January

- 17 1130 Year 2 and 3 Parent Lunch
- 23 Spelling Bee (Y4-6)

February

- 20 Family Steam Night



Attendance This Week

Whole School	96%
Reception	92%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	97%
Year 5-6	96%



Elementary Student Council

Thinking of Others

At this time of year celebrations of Thanksgiving and Harvest take place around the world. It is a time to reflect upon all that we have to be thankful for and think about others who are less fortunate.

In keeping with AIS tradition, we would like to once again support those in our community who may be struggling at this time.

During the weeks of Dec 2-13, we will hold our annual Food Drive Collection for the Limburg Food Bank; a local organisation providing food for over 700 families where there is a family member under 18.

<https://limburg-zuid.voedselbankennederland.nl/home>

Students may place their donations directly into the boxes by the front entrance. The following week a representative from Voedselbank will collect our donations.

You



help...



Suggestions for donations-cans packets

Canned: meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, soups
pasta, rice, breakfast cereals, tea, coffee, sugar

Thank you in advance for your support in helping us to help others.



'tis the season...
TO ROCK
UGLY
SWEATERS

MON

Holiday **TUES**
Character
Dress-Up Day



Dress as your
favorite
Holiday Helper



OR

Dress as
your favorite
Holiday
Movie
Character



HOLIDAY

SPIRIT
WEEK
Dec 16-19

All I
Want for
CHRISTMAS

Wear your Christmas List
(be creative)
AND Holiday Accessories



WED

Cozy
winter.
VIBES




Wear PJs
or a cozy
winter outfit



THURS

Lost & Found



All the Lost & Found items will be displayed in the well area at the entrance of the school from

9 till 13 December.

Have you lost something please have a look. Hopefully a lot of the clothing, bags, shoes, lunch boxes and water bottles, jewelry and keys can be returned to their owner.

Afterwards, all remaining items will be donated to charity.

Valuable items are stored in the cabinets on the side.

Contact the business office to receive your belongings.

Christmas/Thanksgiving Fayre

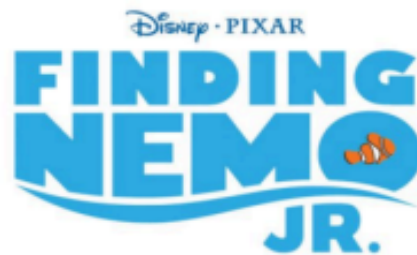




Sinterklaas



An eagerly awaited announcement from Mr King...



Attention all AFNorth students! We are excited to announce auditions for our upcoming school-wide musical, **Finding Nemo Jr.** Whether you're a seasoned performer or a first-time participant, this is your chance to shine on stage!

Auditions will be held on **December 10th and 12th from 1530 - 1700** on the stage. This two-day workshop will serve as the audition process so no prior preparation will be necessary! Don't worry about not getting a part - everyone who auditions will be included in the performance. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your talent, make new friends, and create lasting memories. Students in grades 3 - 5 (Years 4 -6) from **all sections** are invited to participate!

Please fill out the form by scanning the included QR code. This will serve as the signup for your student to participate in auditions and the show. Feel free to reach out to Mr. King with any questions at robert.king@dodea.edu. See you at the auditions!



Sunbeams

Sunbeams have a new friend to stay with us until Christmas... Elfie! Elfie the elf arrived on Monday bringing a lovely Christmas tree for us to decorate and a chocolate advent calendar. He has set Sunbeams challenges each day, but he has also been a bit cheeky hiding our name stones and sticking his pictures in our diary! I wonder what he will get up to next week?



Reception

Our Reception friends worked so very hard to make the most beautiful representation of Sinterklaas on their clogs. The attention to detail and ensure their clogs had a golden cross, beard, eyes and nose was quite impressive. they laid them out in the hope they were filled to brim as they have been such an amazing class this year!



Year 1

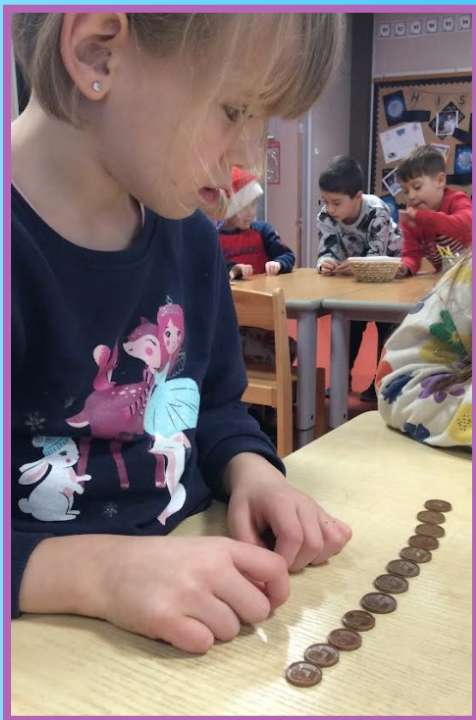
Year 1 enjoyed their adventure on Tuesday to JFC Brunssum. They were very excited as lots of their mummies and daddies work there. The children went to visit the Chapel as part of our RE curriculum. At school we learn about different faiths to help us to develop respect and empathy for the beliefs of others. We met Padre Mike at the chapel and he showed us around. We learnt the importance of being quiet and respectful in such a special place. He told us about the different features you find in a church and what they are used for. He also showed us the special clothes he wears when he does his job too.



Year 2

This has been a busy week in Year 2. We've started our new maths unit all about currency, which means we have enjoyed exploring Euros. Many of us were very disappointed to learn that the notes and coins weren't actually real.

As well as this, our science, geography and literacy units have all been linked, meaning we've had lots of great discussions about habitats, organisms and the human impact on different environments.



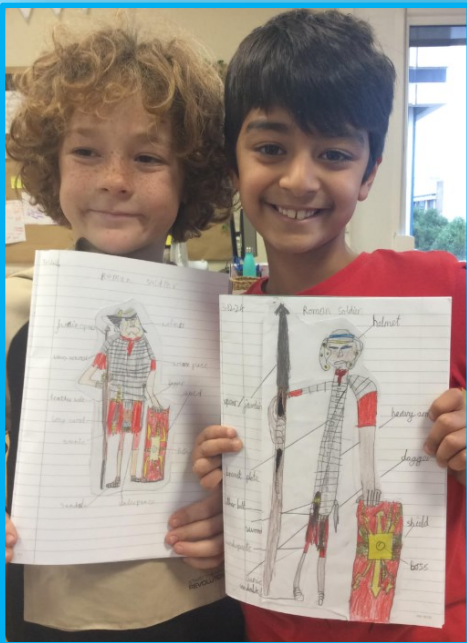
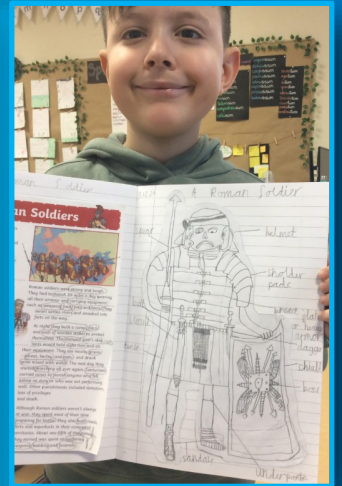
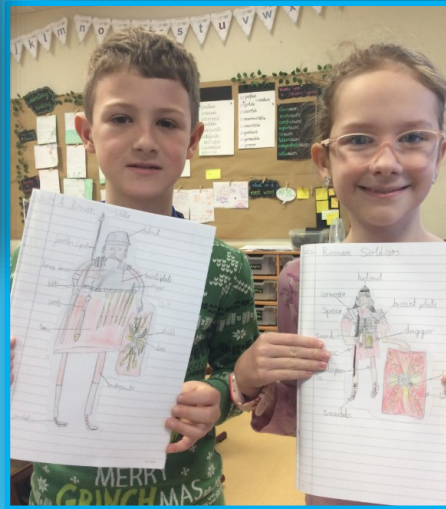
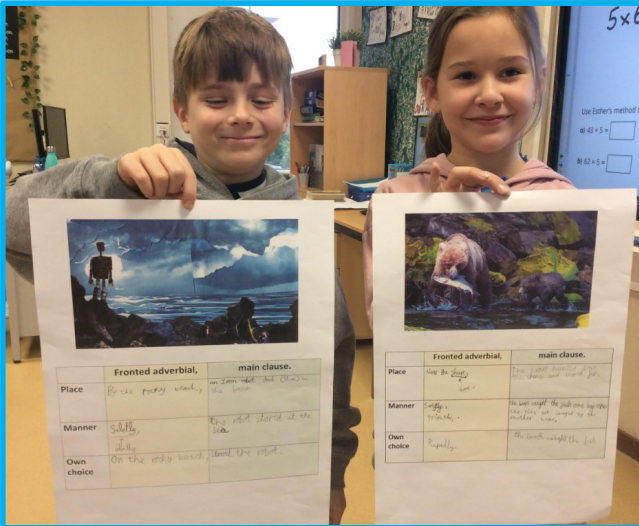
Year 3

This week we have been working hard to understand how direct speech is punctuated in our writing and noticing it in all of our reading. In maths we are getting so good at division we have now started thinking about times when we might have remainders. For instance when we share something out. In science we continue our learning about light and how important it is to keep us safe especially when it is dark out. We are using words such as visible, reflective and fluorescent. Finally, I was lucky enough to watch the wonderful French play. The children did a wonderful job, lovely French speaking.



Year 4

"In Humanities, we have been finding out about Roman Soldiers and the powerful Roman army. The soldiers had to be fit and strong, good builders and they even had to speak Latin! Our wonderful drawings show lots of detail and we labelled all the parts of their uniform. We are doing great writing and always like to share our writing ideas. This week, we learned how to use fronted adverbials of place (where) and manner (how) to add more information to our sentences. In Host Nation, we have been learning about Sinterklaas - he carried a staff because he was a bishop and he was very kind to others. We decorated our wooden clogs with lots of pictures to make them beautiful. Then we put the clogs on our desks - hoping that he will fill them with treats!" **Reported by Jindriska and Sofia**



Year 5-6

This week, Year 5/6 have been consolidating their learning in maths by playing games centred around the topic of fractions. Such games included bingo, four in a row and battleships and all with a fraction problem to solve. The classroom was a buzz of excitement and competitiveness knotted together with collaboration and problem solving.



"Fraction Battleships was a fun game which took a lot of thinking."
Jan and Henty



"It was about Mindfulness And Thinking Hard."
Henty



"We are really enjoying this game!"
Mihnea and Oscar



"Fraction Battleships is more fun than the original!"
Dylan S and Michal



"This is fun but also intense working out the fractions!"
Logan, Amelia and Norah



Lena showing her expert skills of origami with some fellow enthusiasts - making a Christmas star.



"I enjoyed Fraction Bingo because I really liked solving them really quickly!"
Maria Sofia



Battle of the Books



Grades 3—5, Years 4—6,

We invite you to participate in Battle of the Books!

Sign up now

Form your team of 3 eager readers

Between now and April, read all of the books

Prepare to compete in the spring “Book Madness”

Permission Form
and
Book Lists available here:



Got questions? E-mail:
library@afnorth-is.com

<https://tinyurl.com/2m5dtkxxn>

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

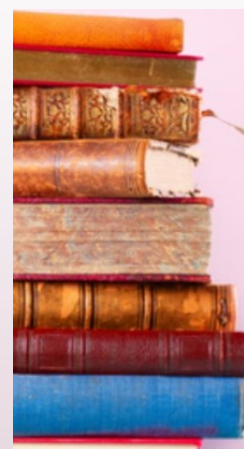
Poster Prints Up To 36 Inches Wide

Need something else? Just ask!

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Rhinestone Readers



“A book
is a gift
you can
open
again
and
again.”

— Garrison Keillor

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.](#)





Pajamas &
PANCAKES
PARTY

Put on your pj's and join us for breakfast and fun!
\$/€ 5 meal tickets or \$/€20 family of 4 or more
FREE for kids not old enough for school

DECEMBER

SATURDAY	14	10:30AM
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2024

AFNORTH CAFETERIA






Dylan and Oscar sharing their Maths techniques with Miss Forrest



Ginevra and Aled sharing their achievements outside of school Well Done!

LUNCH

[AIS Website-Catering Link](#)



Week 50 09-12 t/m 13-12-2024

MONDAY

Veggie Balls, Mashed Potato, Peas	1, 2, 3, 4, 9
Beef Meat Ball	1, 2, 3, 4, 10
Mashed Potato	1, 3
Peas	9
Onion Sauce	3

TUESDAY

Pasta, Tomato Zucchini Sauce, Snack Tomato	3, 4
Carbonara Sauce	1, 3, 10
Pasta	3
Snack Tomato	

WEDNESDAY

Empanada, Baked Potato, Salad	1, 2, 3, 8
Chicken Schnitzel	1, 2, 3, 6
Baked Potato	3
Salad	

THURSDAY

Omelet, Potato, White Beans in Tomato Sauce	1, 2, 3
Pork Sausage with Curry Sauce	2, 3, 4, 5
Potato with Onions & Pickles	3
White Beans in Tomato Sauce	3

FRIDAY

Veg. Stew, Pastry, Potato Gratin, Beans, Tomato	1, 2, 3, 4
Stuffed Turkey Roulade	1, 2, 3, 4
Potato Gratin	1, 2, 3
Beans and Tomato with Cheese	1
Cranberry Sauce	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>

More information on healthy eating can be found at:

[NHS Eat Well Guide](#)

[Healthy Snacks](#)

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.

Thank you for your co-operation

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