



# AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## British Section

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**10 January 2025**

**Aspirational Thinkers, Reflective Learners, Responsible Citizens.**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school term and a very happy 2025 to you all. It was lovely to see everyone on Monday and to hear about their holiday activities and celebrations. The children were excited to be back and see their friends and everyone has had a good start to the term. This week we have also welcomed Clemmie, Ezra, Allie, Leo and Eszter to Sunbeams.

We began the week with assemblies on the theme of "Gifts". I was very impressed with how the children understood the deeper message of gifts that don't come in fancy wrapping paper: warmth and shelter, love and care, joy and peace as well as the gifts and talents we also possess.

The heavy snow fall this week caused great excitement amongst the children. Thank you for your speedy responses to the email message sent out when the decision was taken to close school on Thursday. Your response in these emergency situations is critical to ensure we can account for every child prior to release. If you haven't already signed up for the Emergency Notification System (ENS) and would like to do so, you will find the information on the school website <https://www.afnorth-is.com> under the Parent Portal. The password to the portal is **ParentAIS24-25**.

*Have a lovely weekend*

Our first Rhinestone Readers of 2025...well done boys!



*Rose, Adrian, Erdem, Melisa, Avyaan, Santi,  
María Gabriella, Sebastian, Grace, Demir, Shív,  
Henry, Jonah, Jindriska, Javier, Poyraz, Michal,  
John, Yuvan*



**Bucket Fillers**



### DATES TO NOTE

#### January

- 13 PTO Meeting
- 17 1130 Year 2 and 3 Parent Lunch
- 22 Book Sale
- 22 1400 Dismissal
- 24 0930 Spelling Bee (Y4-6)  
\*Revised Date

#### February

- 20 Family Steam Night
- 24-28 Parent Conferences

#### March

- 3-7 SCHOOL CLOSED
- 10 Y3-Y6 After School Clubs start (More info to follow this month)
- 26 1400 Dismissal

#### April

- 14-25 SCHOOL CLOSED

**There has been a significant drop in Attendance. Please ensure your child does not miss school unless they are too ill to attend.**

### Attendance This Week

Whole School	92%
Reception	91%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	84%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	91%
Year 5-6	93%

## Food Drive

Student Council would like to say a BIG Thank You for all your donations for the Limburg Food Bank.



Padre Mike was delighted to receive Thank You cards from Year 1. They all really enjoyed their visit to the Chapel.

BOOKS IN GERMAN FRENCH POLISH SPANISH ENGLISH

22 JAN

8:30 AM TO  
2:00 PM



# BOOK SALE



AFNORTH ELEMENTARY PTO

THE SCHOOL WELL

1 BOOK FOR 50 ¢

3 BOOKS FOR 1€

CHILDREN & ADULTS

POC: JULIE MULVIHILL DANCEJULIE@VAHOO.COM

## AFNorth Elementary PTO NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025

### IMPORTANT DATES

01/13 - PTO Meeting  
01/21 - Book Sale set-up  
01/22 - Book Sale

### VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back AFNorth Families! We hope everyone had an awesome holiday break and got some much deserved rest and relaxation. We are excited to start this year off strong as we have lots of fun events coming up, and need more volunteers to be successful! Here's to a great 2025!

-Vice President Tara

### PTO NEWS

Box Tops: \$157.70 raised out of our \$500 goal!  
Yearbook orders still on-going!  
Orders close 1 May

### GIVING BACK

€/\$ 2,100.91 out of our €/\$ 10,000 year goal donated!  
Supporting the following:  
Math Olympiad  
Terry Fox Run  
School Musical  
Battle of the Books  
Teacher Luncheon  
Pumpkin Drop

### NEXT MONTH

- 02/03: Meeting @ 4:30 pm
- 02/18: Book sale set-up (volunteers only)
- 02/19: Book sale
- 02/21: Carnival Bingo Night

### STAY UP-TO-DATE

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### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer WhatsApp Group >>



Volunteer SignUp Opportunities >>



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Please join us for AFNorth Elementary's

# PTO MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 13TH

## 4:30PM

GERMAN CONFERENCE ROOM

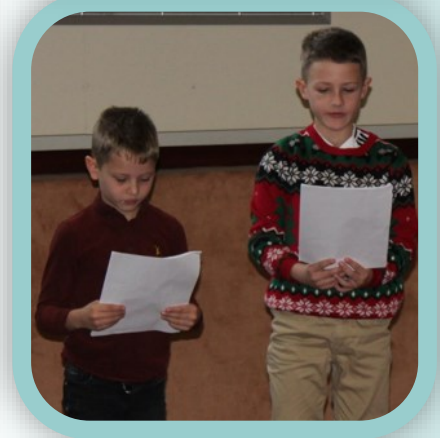
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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

We are excited to see you there!

# Year 3 and 4 Winter Performance

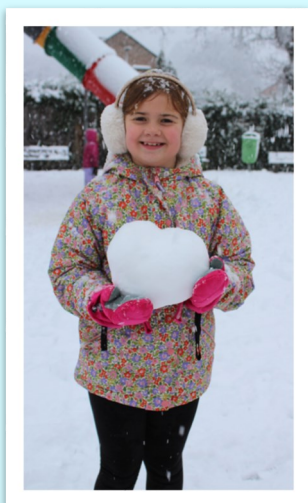
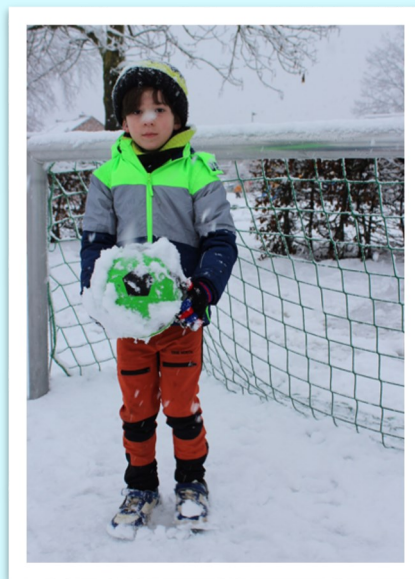
## Eddie the Penguin



What a lot of fun was had during lunchtime play on Thursday!

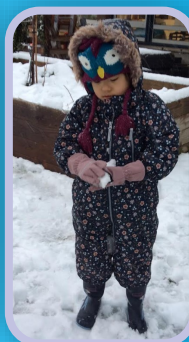
Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather be it rain or snow to enable the children to enjoy their time outdoors.

**LABEL LABEL LABEL those hats and mittens!**



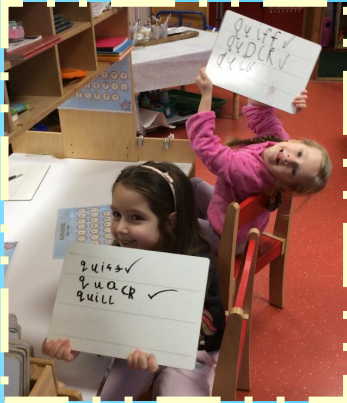
# Sunbeams

Sunbeams came back to school smiling, happy, and re-energised for the new term. They all had plenty to tell us about their holiday break and if Santa came to their house. We have also welcomed some new Sunbeams this week and they just so happened to come and play on a snow day! It was a great way to start making new friendships by building snowmen together, throwing snowballs with each other, painting the snow together and scooping snow ice-creams for our friends. What a lovely start to 2025.



# Reception

The children have had an amazing week getting back into phonics after a lovely Christmas break. They quickly recalled all they knew and started adding some new digraphs to their repertoire and beginning to write words which contained not one but TWO digraphs! We took the opportunity to combine the beautiful snow with our phonics skills and used sticks to write digraphs into the fresh snow. It was a little bit tricky to see but what was wonderful was how confidently and speedily the children could apply the skill from the classroom.



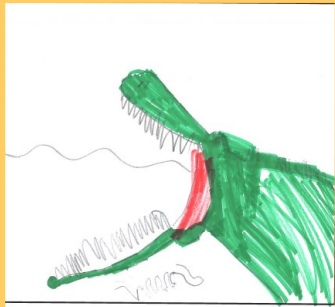
# Year 1

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed going outside to explore the snow! We have begun learning about the polar explorer Ernest Shackleton this week so it was great timing. The children were talking about the special clothes we would need for exploring Antarctica and also what the snow and ice might feel like - so they were even able to experience this themselves to add to their learning experience. The children have also been writing questions to ask a real Polar explorer. Hopefully they will visit us soon!



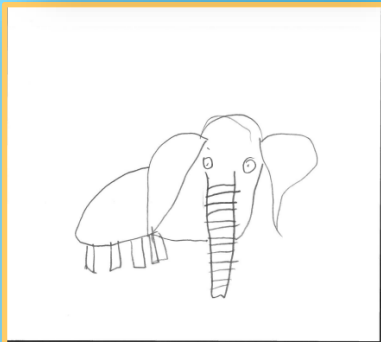
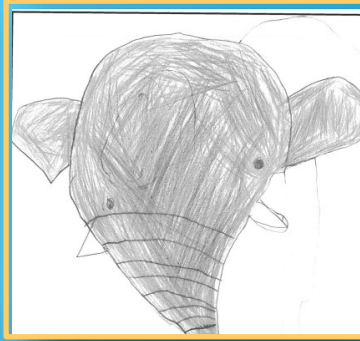
# Year 2

We are learning about different climates and environments around the world. We are particularly interested in deforestation and endangered animals. Today we have been making trees to create a model rainforest. Using cardboard rolls, we have cut the top to make the branches and leaves. We will be investigating the impact of deforestation on animals by looking at how our trees will be cut down in the model.



What does your animal say about deforestation?

Oh no I dont want to die!

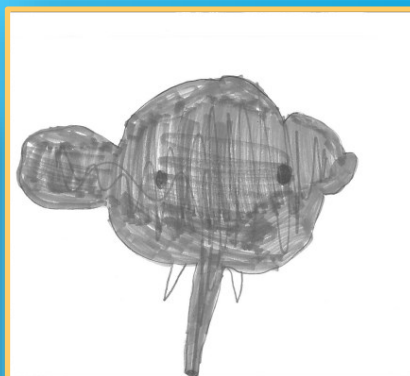


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plees doo not take my trees.



I dont want to die it is not su nee stop!



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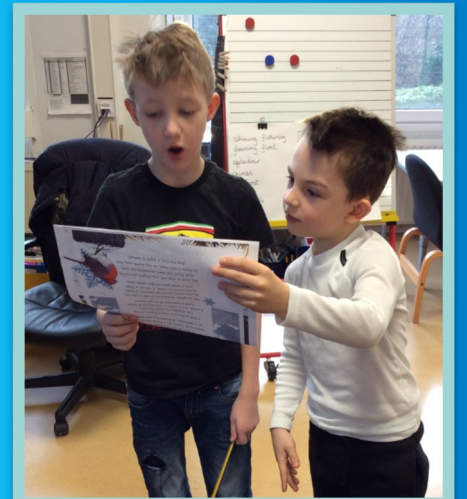
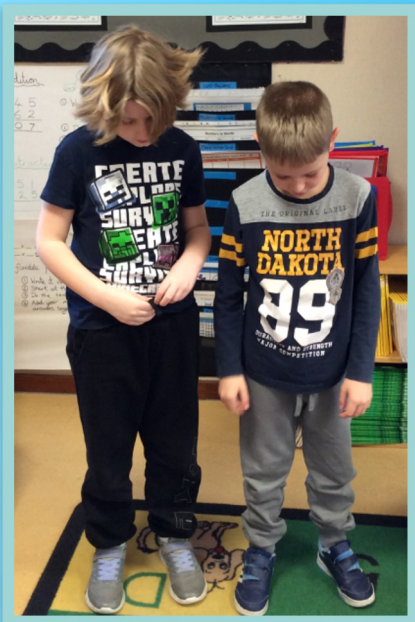
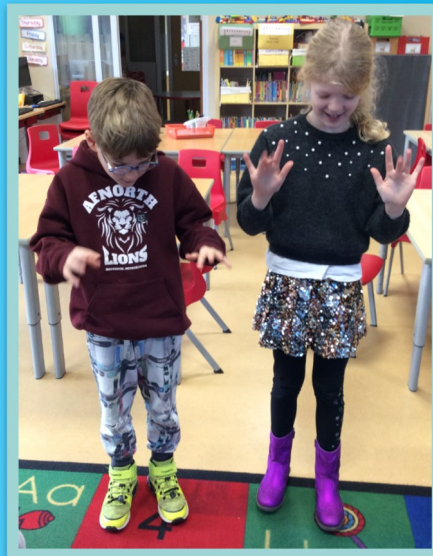
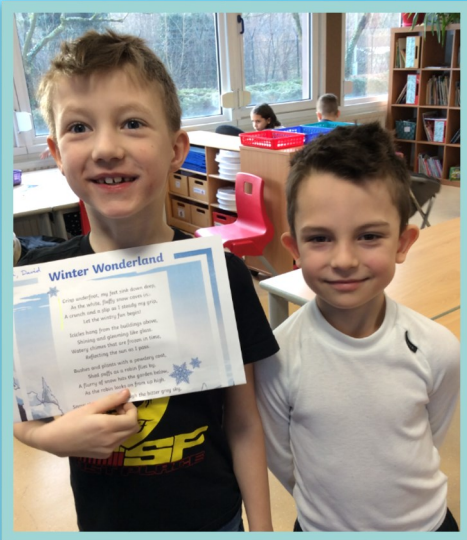
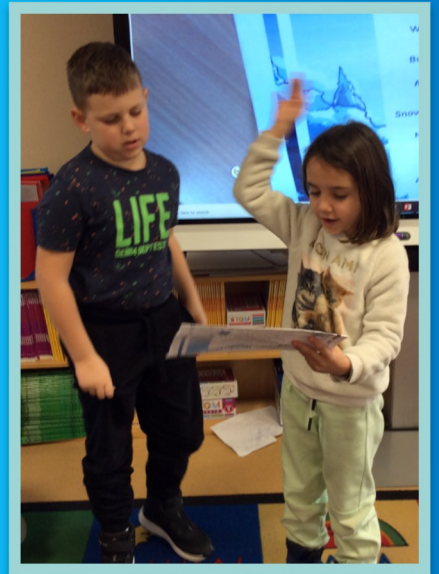
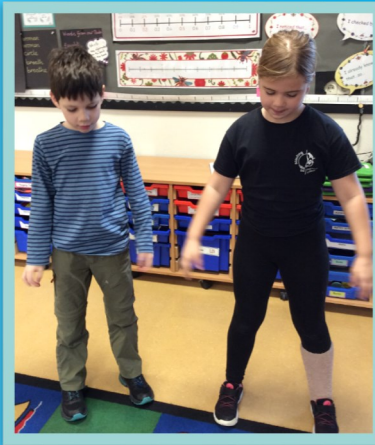
Dont cut my trees plees dont cut my trees.





# Year 3

We have had a lovely beginning to 2025. The children are working hard and thinking about Dreams and Goals. They've been working on reading poetry with expression and actions to perform to the class. In writing we have been working on Haiku poems, knowing about their structure and creating our own versions. In science we have completed our experiment on how shadows change.

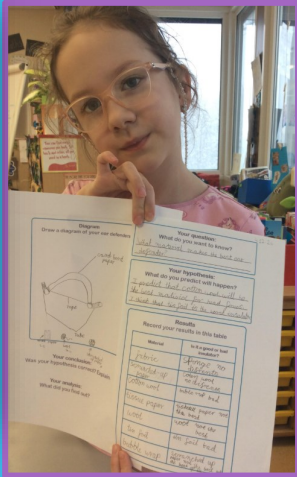


# Year 4

"This week's Science was very exciting and fun! We made our own ear defenders and tested different materials to find out which were the best sound insulators. Scrunched-up paper and wool were good insulators; bubble wrap and tin foil were not good at all! We made predictions, drew a diagram and recorded our results on a chart.

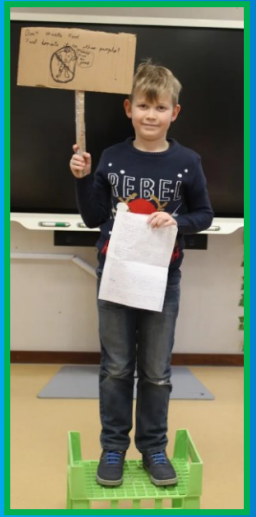
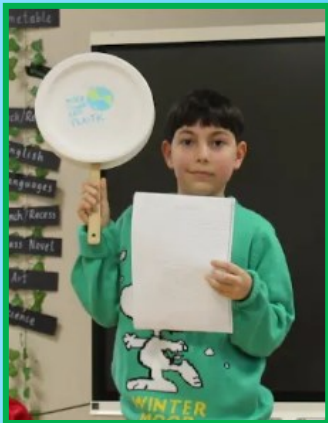
Thursday was a lovely day because there was so much snow - the snowflakes looked like feathers floating from the sky! Lots of children made snowmen at recess and we made one too!

Happy New Year from Year 4!" **Reported by Agatka and Ezgi**



# Year 5-6

Year 5/6 made an excellent job of presenting to and informing their friends around school about some issues that are affecting our world and environment and how we use and dispose of resources and materials. Issues spoken about were food waste, paper waste and use of water, to name a few. We were hugely impressed with the standard and creativity of some of the costumes. Unfortunately we did not manage to capture them all on camera due to being in all corners of the school. Well done, Year 5/6.



# 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

[AIS Website-Catering Link](#)



Week 3 13-01 t/m 17-01-2025

MONDAY

Veggie Roll, Mashed Potato, Red Cabbage	1, 2, 3, 4
Smoked Sausage	3, 5
Mashed Potato	1
Red Cabbage	3
Mustard Sauce	3

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Empanada, Spanish Rice	1, 2, 3, 4, 8
Spanish Beef Meat Balls	2, 3, 4, 10
Spanish Rice	3
Cucumber	1, 3

FRIDAY

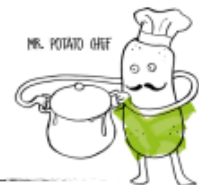
Veggie Burger, Fries, Carrots	1, 2, 3, 4, 8
Fish Nuggets or Hot Dog Sausage	2, 3, 5, 7
Carrots	
Tartar Sauce	2, 3

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



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