



# AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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**13 December 2024**

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

Dear Parents,

What a lovely week it has been in school as we enjoyed the magic of this special time of year! Sunbeams and Reception delighted parents singing songs around the fire in a beautifully decorated Forest School.



Year 1 retold the story of the First Christmas to their parents with great confidence. It was especially wonderful to watch them giving each other stage directions demonstrating just how well they knew everyone's parts. We were very proud of you all. Next week we will have Year 3 and Year 4 display their talents with the play "Eddie the Penguin Saves The World"

Mr King has been so impressed with the huge number of students who auditioned for "Finding Nemo" this week. He certainly has a difficult task in selecting who will play which part as there was so much talent to choose from. We will be counting the weeks when we return until we can all enjoy the show. Good Luck to everyone.

Thank you for joining us for the annual Christmas Lunch today. Sodexo produced a fabulous feast which everyone enjoyed...It was just delicious!



Farewell - Next Thursday we will be saying goodbye to Mariateresa. We have loved having you in our AFNORTH family and send our warmest wishes to the whole family as you return to Italy.

Thank you to all our parents, pupils and staff for a busy term filled with hard work and super outcomes. Each week has brought some real highlights and now it is time for everyone to have a well-earned break and recharge the batteries!

*We wish you all a happy, healthy and safe festive season with family and friends and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 6th January 2025.*



**Bucket Fillers**



*Lucas, Aled, Adele, Zalan, Stepan, Ezgi,  
Jindriska, Oscar C-T, Charlotte, Logan, Maria Sofia,  
Norah, Hugo, Maria Gabriella*

### DATES TO NOTE

#### December

16-19 SPIRIT WEEK

17 0945 Year 3 and Year 4  
"Eddie the Penguin"

18 Class Party: Year1 and 2  
Year 4, Year 5-6

19 Last Day of Term  
Class Party: Sunbeams,  
Reception, Year 3

**Dec 20 to Jan 3**

**SCHOOL CLOSED**

#### January

6 Back to School

17 1130 Year 2 and 3 Parent  
Lunch

23 Spelling Bee (Y4-6)

#### February

20 Family Steam Night

**These have been left in the office**



### Attendance This Week

Whole School	96%
Reception	91%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	97%
Year 5-6	96%

**Monday**  
 'Tis the season...  
**TO ROCK UGLY SWEATERS**

**Tuesday**  
**Holiday Character Dress-Up Day**  
 Dress as your favorite Holiday Helper  
 OR  
 Dress as your favorite Holiday Movie Character

**Wednesday**  
**ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS**  
 Wear your Christmas List (be creative) AND Holiday Accessories

**Thursday**  
**COZY WINTER VIBES**  
 Wear PJs or a cozy winter outfit

**HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK**  
 Dec 16-19

**Pajamas & PANCAKES**

**Cancelled**

Put on your pajamas for breakfast and fun!  
 \$/€ 5 meal for \$/€20 family of 4 or more  
 FREE for those not old enough for school

DECEMBER  
 SATURDAY | 14 | 10:30 AM  
 2024  
 AFNORTH CAFETERIA

Our Outstanding Orcas Proudly Sharing Their Latest Awards.



Fantastic Citizenship  
 Javier was recognised for his help with the renovations at the re-opening of the JFC Library

# Christmas Lunch 2024



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# Sunbeams & Reception

Our amazing Sunbeams and Reception children melted everyone's hearts this week at the Christmas Singalong around the campfire. The children have been practicing actions, words and bell playing skills for the past week and this hard work certainly paid off! The children set the scene by making fantastic decorations and asked their parents helped them to decorate the campfire area. Their singing was so wonderful and got everyone in the festive spirit. We finished off with tasty hot chocolate and cookie snack and a cheeky trip down the mud slide.



# Year 1

Year 1 have had a fabulous week learning their Christmas show. They retold the story of the first Christmas. The children had to learn their words and speak with a big voice. They learnt to sing some songs too. They all looked super in their costumes and loved having their mums and dads come and visit.

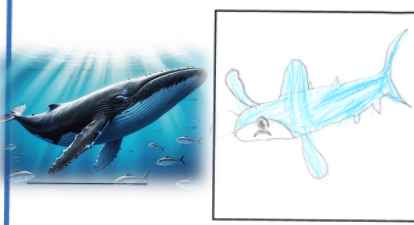
Well done Year 1, we are very proud of you.



# Year 2

Year Two have been busy writing about different animals and their habitats. They have worked to understand that the natural world is impacted by human interference. Linked to their work in Science the children have been investigating how pollution from plastics and metal can impact biodiversity. Developing their own characters and key questions, the children have started to consider how we can help our environment and protect animals.

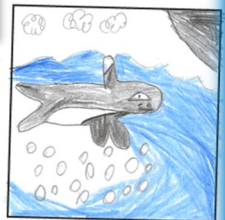
Ocean world



Sarky the blue shark lives in the giant open Arctic ocean. The dark cold deep Arctic ocean has a lot of animals swimming in it. The sweet kid shark was very hungry. He wanted to eat a fat triangular fish. He saw a group of fish and he gobbled them. He opened his mouth and ate one of the fish but it was not a fish it was a sharp old can. Suddenly he got sick because the can hurt him in his tummy.



How can we stop plastics polluting our seas?



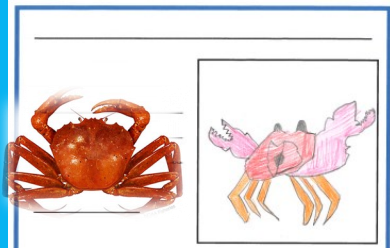
Bubbles the orca lives in the Arctic. Lots of people visit and eat on the way and throw sea rubbish in the sea. Bubbles was really swimming along he saw the rubbish. One of the bottles slowly bobbed towards him and ate it. Bubbles hit his throat and he spat it out. We can do to help the Arctic. I think we can stop polluting by using bins.

How can we help protect our environment?

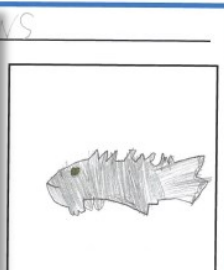


What ways can we help to recycle and reuse plastics?

Fishy the fish lives in the deep dark coldest Antarctic. The Antarctic is freezing and it has lots of animals like penguin, seals, walrus, fish, whale, polar bear and dolphin. The big fish was swimming past a shipwreck. Suddenly the fish got trapped in a rope. The rope was grey and hard.



Snappy the crab lives in the open ocean. The big deep open ocean has trash in it. One day snappy got stuck in an old dirty net. Snappy could not walk. He was feeling very sad because he can not walk and crawl. How can you help all



Leo the fish lives in the deep dark ocean in the cold Antarctic. The Antarctic is freezing and has a lot of animals. The big ocean in Antarctica is very super cold. Leo the friendly fish was swimming in the Antarctic ocean. Suddenly a metal can blocked the path to go in his home. Leo felt sad and angry. What can we do to help our ocean? Everyone can help by putting the plastic and metal in the bins. We recycle the plastic and metal that is in the ocean the animals will be happy.

Leo tried to get out but he couldn't get out. He was feeling angry, sad, and disappointed.

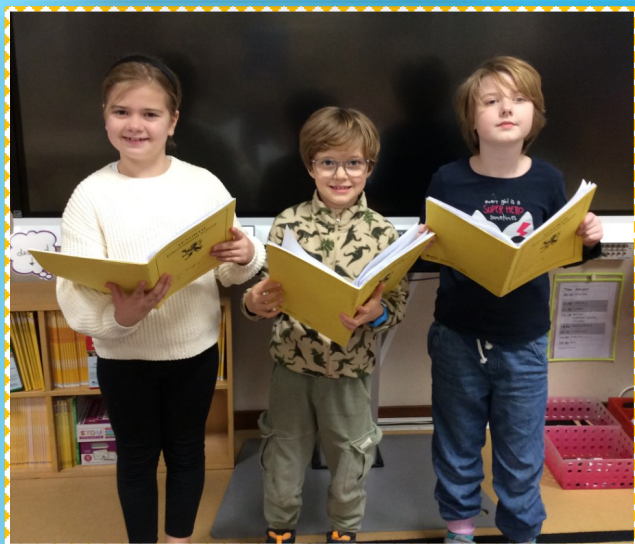
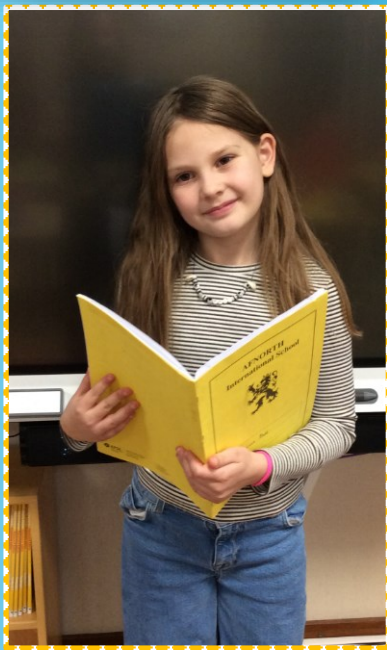
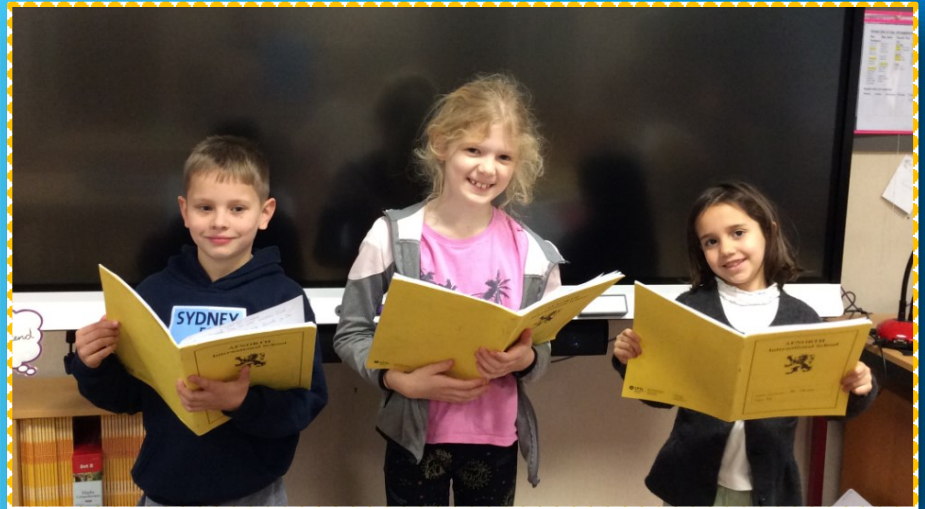
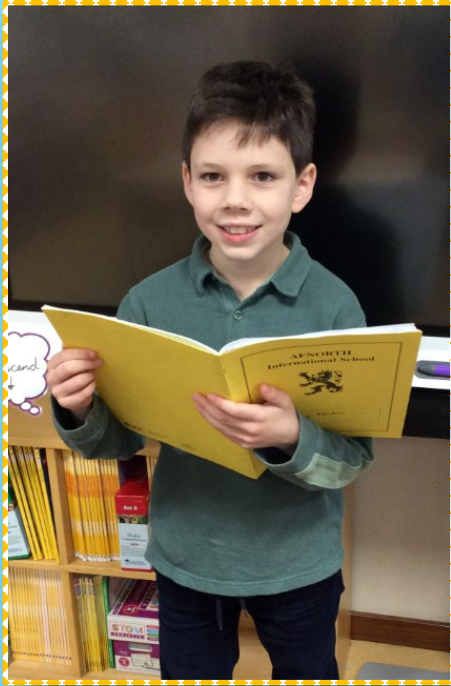
What can we do to help the ocean?  
 How can we stop the plastic floating in the coldest Antarctic ocean?  
 We can help by not using again and we could put it in the bin.

animals in the open ocean.  
 Everyone can help by not putting harmful trash or a net in the open ocean.

# Year 3

This week has been a busy week in English, we have finished writing our stone age omen narrative pieces. The children enjoyed reading their text to the class and were even noticing things they needed to edit during this time.

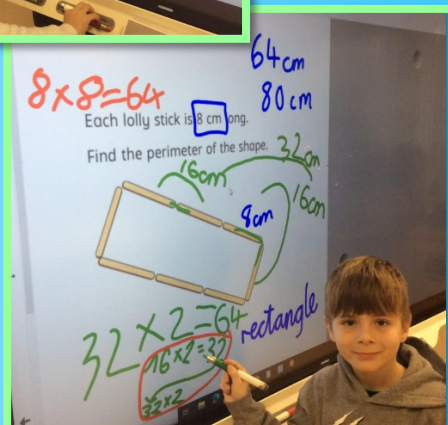
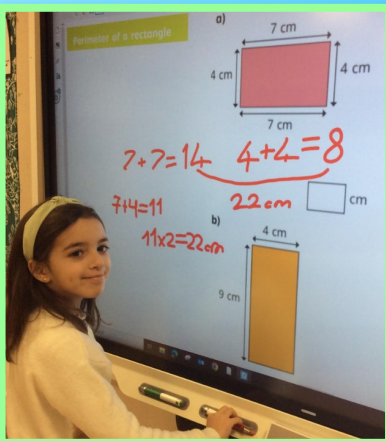
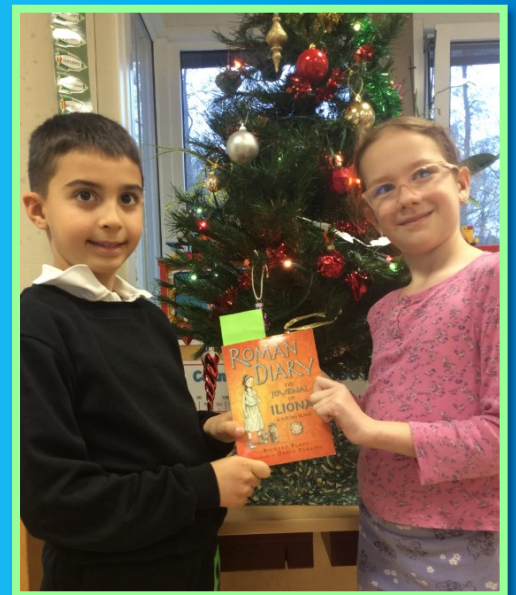
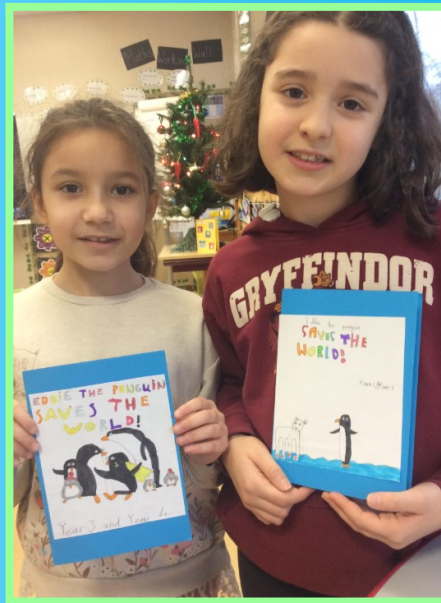
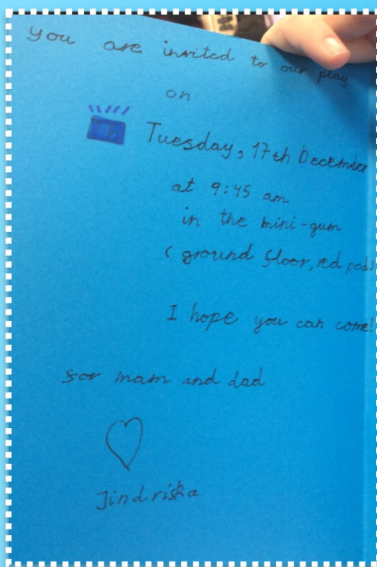
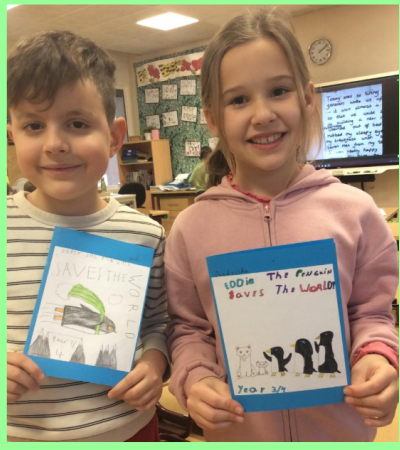
We have started to look at measurement and length in maths, figuring out which unit of measure is most appropriate for what we want to measure and how accurate it is. Finally we have continued to explore light looking at how shadows change.





# Year 4

"In Maths this week, we were learning about perimeter - the distance around the edge of a shape (2D). When we were working, we found out that we could use different ways to calculate the answer. In English, we are enjoying our new class novel. It's a Roman Diary about a young slave girl. We are using ideas from this story to help us write our own diary entry - some of us are writing as Roman soldiers! BoB (Battle of the Books) started this week. We have four enthusiastic participants from our class who are excited to read the challenging books! Lastly, we have been busy practising for our performance next week with Year 3. It's going well and everyone is trying their best. We made creative invitations for our Mums and Dads - don't forget to come and see us in action on Tuesday at 9:45!" **Reported by Mete and Shiv**



# Year 5-6

We spent time on a class collaborative activity where we also developed our fine motor skills of cutting out. We created a 'sustainable' Christmas tree by drawing round one-another's hands on old newspapers and magazines before cutting them out. The hands were then placed and stuck together to create a wonderful tree for our classroom!

In English, we worked hard to finish writing our speeches about an aspect of waste in the world. We will be sharing these in school next week after we have practised them and how we will present them as 'activists'!



# 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 51 16-12 t/m 20-12-2024

MONDAY

Veggie Balls, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans	1, 3, 4
Beef Meat Balls	3, 10
Mashed Potato	1, 3
Green Beans	

TUESDAY

Veggie Tomato Sauce, Pasta, Snack Tomato	1, 3, 4
Bolognaise Sauce	1, 3, 10
Macaroni	3
Snack Tomato	

WEDNESDAY

Veggie Curry, Noodles, Atjar Salad	3, 4
Chicken Stew	3, 4, 6, 9
Noodles	3
Atjar Salad	3

THURSDAY

Veggie Snack, Baked Potato, Beetroot	1, 2, 3, 4
Fish Burger	1, 2, 3, 7, 8
Baked Potato	3
Beetroot	3

FRIDAY

No School Today

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