



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Ramadan Mubarak to all our Muslim families

Welcome to all our new Year 6 intake who will be joining us in September. This is the first edition of the newsletter you will have received. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you into the Allerton Grange community later this year.

Welcome to two new school governors:

Stephanie Nyirenda (Co-opted)

I was elected as chair of an anti-racism task force at an anti-trafficking charity. I am currently working at Teach First on their partnership with Lewis Hamilton's charity, Mission 44, to increase the number of Black STEM teachers in schools and fundamentally increase representation in the education sector. I am also a school governor at a local primary school in Leeds, where I continue working to make education more accessible and equitable for those who attend the school. My commitment to equitable education, nationally and locally, demonstrates my dedication to Allerton Grange as a school governor.

Ashutosh Paul (Parent Governor)

I am a father of two children, my eldest is thriving at AGS in Year 8; my youngest is enjoying life at Highfield Primary.

I am a commercial lawyer and I'm combining that with public service work for central government. I love my job, it gives me flexibility and a great work life balance.

As a governor at Allerton Grange I believe in educating our young people to give them the best opportunities in life. I was a governor at Highfield Primary for 5 years (Chair for 4 years). I oversaw school expansion in pupil numbers and the building of the new hall. My strategic role included participation in governing body and committee meetings, class visits and open mornings. I undertook the headteacher's annual appraisals and played a key role in recruiting the deputy headteacher. I am excited to bring the skills and experience I have as a past governor, as well as those from my professional career, to the benefit of the governing body at AGS.

I want to share with you a report that was published in the Yorkshire Evening Post last weekend. They listed the hardest secondary schools across Leeds to get a place for your Year 6 child – the data was based on applications and the number of rejections of first and second preferences. Allerton Grange was the 4th hardest to admit your child. This is a credit to everyone who has worked so hard to make Allerton Grange the school of first choice in our local community and what a transformation, considering back in 2015 we couldn't even fill Year 7 with 240 students.

Mike Roper
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Expeditions:

Expedition 3: Tuesday 28 & Wednesday 29 March

Year 11 Supporting Success Evening - Wednesday 29 March, 6 00 - 7.00 pm

Easter Holiday - School closes on Friday 31 March at the usual time, reopens on Monday 17 April 2023

ClassCharts

Positive Points this week: 10,000
Negative Points this week: 1,340
88% Positive Ratio

Hot Chocolate Friday

At Hot Chocolate Friday on 24 March, students celebrated their achievements with Mr Roper, Headteacher.

Congratulations this week to:

Willow in Year 7 wowed with her professionalism back stage, following the script to support others, aiding quick changes and demonstrating focus way beyond her years!

Hamza in Year 8 was nominated for presenting so well in a Year 7 assembly. He managed to stay calm and ad-lib when the technology let us down. Very mature and professional!

Aman in Year 9 was absolutely captivating on stage as Polonius, creatively interpreting the role with flair and imagination.

Anh in Year 10 was nominated for settling in to Allerton Grange brilliantly, overcoming adversity and picking up English very well.

Kerem in Year 11 was nominated for showing compassion when asking permission on a school trip to donate a spare packed lunch to a homeless person.

Lisa in Year 12 was nominated for being a finalist in the Northeast London Essay Competition, with her essay about Ethical Artificial Intelligence.

Akar in Year 13 was nominated for his focused and positive attitude to his studies, as well as for some very good work produced in Health and Social Care.



Maths Feast Competition

Year 10 students report:

This week, eight Year 10 students took part in the Maths Feast Competition at Leeds University, School of Mathematics. We pushed our mathematical limits, developed problem solving skills and bonded as a team. This competition consisted of four advanced rounds which challenged every aspect of our mathematical understanding. We all excelled in this competition, coming first in Round 3 and giving other schools a run for their money! We were all delighted by the array of delectably fresh pastries and hot drinks. We loved exploring the campus grounds, opening our eyes to the exciting possibilities that mathematics holds. This trip has helped us to consider future careers in STEM and we would like to thank AMSP, Leeds University and Miss Kurasz for organising this amazing experience.



Sports Fixture Results

Football

In the Cup Quarter Finals, the **Year 8 boys' Football** team lost 2-0 to Cockburn, and the **Year 10 boys' Football** team lost to Wetherby.

The **Year 11 boys' Football** team lost 1-0 to Temple Moor, in their last match for Allerton Grange.

Netball

On Thursday 23 March, Miss Caisley took 8 **Year 9 Netballers** to St Mary's Menston to participate in the U14 Leeds Schools Netball Tournament in torrential rain! The students were superb, coming top of their group beating St Mary's, Rodillion, Coop Academy and Guiseley on the way. This meant we made it through to the semi-finals, unfortunately we were narrowly defeated 8-6 by Fulneck. Massive congratulations to all members of the team, you are a credit to AGS.

Sports Leaders Primary Event

On Thursday this week, Year 10 students ran a session for Moor Allerton Hall Primary School pupils, for part of their Sports Leaders Qualification.

Well done to Lujain, Isobel, Ashlee, Macy, Ruby, Fatima, Hannah, Fatou, Afsha, Aditya, Sophia, Alysia, Lizzie, Simmy, Zara, Kwame, Finley, Freddie and Daniel.



Two AGS Teams reach Rugby Finals!

On Monday night, our **Year 8 and Year 10 boys' Rugby teams** played in the Champions Schools finals at South Leeds Stadium.

Year 8 were up first against Cockburn, in an end-to-end game that saw both teams lead for large parts of the match. With Cockburn leading 18-16, with ten minutes to go, Allerton Grange rallied, fighting back with three tries that saw them win the Goldthorpe Cup 32-18! All three of those tries were scored by Billy, who won the Man of the Match award, finishing with five tries in total.

Our **Year 10 team** then faced Crawshaw in a repeat of last year's final for the Harrison Shield, with this one sadly going the way of a very strong, Crawshaw team. Allerton Grange trailed 32-4 at half time after a slow start which was too much of an obstacle to overcome. Despite an outstanding second half, the final score was 42-24 to Crawshaw.

Mr Gaunt and Mr Fisk said, "We are extremely proud of both teams for the rugby they played and the way they represented the school, both in victory and defeat. We love that a large number of boys in both teams had not played any rugby until joining us and now play competitively for school and in some cases, local clubs."



Music Trips

On Tuesday, Mrs Casey and a group of 10 students from our concert band went



to Pudsey Civic Hall for the City of Leeds Youth Music Prom 2023. They saw performances from the City of Leeds Youth Wind Orchestra (CLYWO), the Leeds Youth Jazz Rock Orchestra (LYJRO), Roots Alive and the Leeds Silver Steel Sparrows.

Three Allerton Grange students (Eddie, Harry and Hannah) also performed at the event.

Then on Wednesday, the Music Department headed to Leeds Conservatoire with a group of students, who have been working hard and making a significant contribution in lessons and extra-curricular activities, to see Alison Rhind and Ariana Kashefi perform a selection of chamber music.



DAHIT Assembly

On Wednesday, the DAHIT team held their celebratory assembly. As ever, it was a lovely afternoon recognising students' achievements.

Well done everyone!



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expeditions

Two groups of students set off on their Bronze Expedition this week, with the third group going next week.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award gives young people skills and confidence, and can be a life changing opportunity. Find out more from [Mr Morgan](#).



Fire Service Careers Assemblies

On Wednesday and Thursday, Year 9 and Year 10 students took part in assemblies about careers in the Fire Service with Gillon Staley from Glasgow Fire Service.



KS4&5 Concert

Last night we were treated to amazing performances from our Year 10, 11 and 12 music students:

YEAR 10

Oscar, Joseph, Ben, Danny, Ruby and Archie

- *Little Talks* by Of Monsters of Men

Ruby - *Turning Tables* by Adele

Oscar, Archie, Daniel and Oliver - *Sir Duke* by Stevie Wonder

Sebastian, James, Amelie, Hannah, Grace and

Albert - *Someone Like You* by Adele

Daniel, Oliver, Freya, Lennie and Jolyon

- *Forget You* by Cee Lo Green

Ben H - *Turkish March* by Mozart

Dylan and Ben C - *Passion* by Kingdom Hearts

Amelie - *Don't Watch Me Cry* by Jorja

YEAR 11

Sara, Lewis, Harry, Izzy and Oliver - *Home* by

Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros

Niamh and Miss Shrimpton - *Slipping Through My Fingers* by ABBA

Sara - *'On My Own'* from *Les Miserables*

Niamh, Sara, Evans, Megan, Izzy and Harry - *Lean on Me* by Bill Withers

Krishna and Izzy - *Fast Car* by Tracy Chapman

Sara, Niamh and Miss Shrimpton - *Chiquitita* by ABBA

YEAR 12

Luke, Hannah, Rowan, Abby and Eddie - *It Must Be*

Love by Madness and *Greased Lightning* from *Grease*

Yacht Club (Luke, Sara, Niamh, Krishna and Eddie) - *Cocoon* by Catfish and the Bottlemen

Thank you to the many students and staff who assisted in the staging of the concert, particularly Mrs Casey, Miss Shrimpton, Mr Duff, Al Matthews, Ian Thomson, Hana Khan, Patrick Fletcher, Viki McIver, Dave Goodfield, Ben, Eddie, Daniel, Luke, Hamza, Kwame, Reuben, Ella, the Senior Leadership Team and the Site Team.

