



AGS Weekly

Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

Reminder to all parents and carers:

Access to the school site via Talbot Avenue is prohibited to parents or carers during the times of 08:20 to 09:00 and 14:30 to 15:20.

If parents or carers are dropping off or picking up children, we advise you to use the turning circle accessible via Lidgett Lane. If your children use the Talbot Avenue entrance, please be aware of parking restrictions outside of school and be considerate to our neighbours.

Parking Enforcement Officers have been patrolling the area.

Good luck to Miss Herquin as she starts her maternity leave today. We'll see her back in the summer!!

Recognised by the Lord Mayor:

On Tuesday evening, twenty AGS students from across all year groups received praise and commendations from the Lord Mayor of Leeds (Councillor Robert W Gettings MBE JP) for their accomplishments in becoming published authors. Each student had been chosen from thousands who entered a national literacy competition. Their short stories have been published in an anthology entitled Twisted Tales and will be available next month. Copies will be available in our school library.

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors:

Mr Wall is our Anti-bullying co-ordinator and he oversees the implementation of our Anti-Bullying Policy. To support him and provide essential intervention services, this week he trained up our new team of 14 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. These students, from across every year group, will be utilised to promote our anti-bullying message in assemblies and provide mentoring support for students experiencing bullying. Each ambassador is keen and excited about starting their new role.

Year 11 begin preparations for GCSE exams:

We are six months away from the start of exam season and 75% of all Year 11 students are receiving additional targeted intervention, to help them prepare for their GCSE exams. Students have received personal invites to attend subject specific intervention session before or after school. These intervention sessions are being delivered by subject specialist AGS teachers. We thank each colleague who is providing this additional support and urge Year 11 students to take advantage of this opportunity.

Mike Roper
Headteacher

Class Charts

Positive Points this week: 11,500
Negative Points this week: 1,300
90% Positive Ratio

Dates for your Diary:

Coffee Morning for Prospective Parents - Monday 28 November, 9.15 - 10.15 am

Year 12 Residential Trip - Monday 28 to Wednesday 30 November

Year 12 Online Parents' Evening - Wednesday 30 November, 4.30 - 7.30 pm

London Drama Trip Information Evening - Thursday 1 December, 5.30 - 6.30 pm

Year 9 DTP, MenACWY & MMR vaccine - Monday 5 & Tuesday 6 December - [letter on the website](#)

World of Music Concert - Thursday 8 December 2022, 7.00 - 9.00 pm - Tickets from ParentPay

Sports Results

Netball

The **Year 7 Netball A and B teams** both played against Allerton High on Tuesday. The A Team lost 15-5 and the B Team won 8-2.

Football

The **Year 10 boys' Football Team** lost 3-1 in extra time to Salendine Nook School, Huddersfield in the Schools' FA Cup.

The **Year 7 boys' Football Team** beat Brigshaw 3-1 on Wednesday. They have now played four matches and won all four!

Rugby

The **Year 8 boys' Rugby Team** played in the Leeds Champion Schools' semi final night on Thursday. After a narrow 8-12 defeat to Cockburn, the boys beat Brigshaw 16-4 in their other game, to finish second overall in the competition. They will now go on to play Cockburn in the competition's final in February!

Leeds School Games Bowling Trip

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in the Leeds School Games Secondary SEND Ten-Pin event at Hollywood Bowl in Kirkstall, this week.



The Year 7 team came third overall, and both Layla (Year 8) and Alaisa (Year 7) each scored over 100! Alaisa received a Gold Medal for gaining the highest score (113) across the whole competition.

The students had a great time and all students received medals and certificates for their participation in the event.



At Hot Chocolate Friday on 25 November, students celebrated their achievements with Mr Roper, Headteacher.

Congratulations this week to Leo and Ella (Year 8), Mae (Year 9), and Azeem, Zulaikha, Sarah and Amna (Year 13).

These seven Allerton Grange students attended the Inner North East Community Youth Summit at Leeds Civic Hall on Thursday 17 November, along with other primary and secondary schools from the area.

The day was aimed at gathering youth voice and opinions, in relation to budget spending for youth activities in Leeds, as well as introducing students to local councillors, in order to ensure that young people know how to get their voices heard.

The students sat in the seats of some of the 99 Leeds Councillors and had a Q&A session with the Lord Mayor. They learned more about what democracy is, and completed several tasks and activities.

Seven councillors from the Roundhay, Meanwood, Chapel Allerton and Moortown wards answered questions from students and gave updates on key issues such as public transport and the environment.

All of our students were impeccably behaved and asked some excellent questions with confidence and clarity.



Reporting Student Absence

Following the message to parents and carers earlier in the week, please be aware that **the Attendance Line is no longer being used.**

To report a student absence you now need to use ClassCharts.

If you need help with this, please get in touch with the school office.

Leeds Deaf And Hearing Impaired Team inducted into Signature's Hall of Fame

On Friday night, *Signature*, the leading awarding body and provider of BSL qualifications in the UK, revealed their first inductees into their Hall of Fame.

The awards ceremony was held at the National Football Museum in Manchester. The Hall of Fame category had a shortlist of 50 and DAHIT won!

Karen Hunt and Mohammed Bassar were there to collect our team award.



Kim Davis, City Wide Lead Teacher of the Deaf, said:
"Thank you to Marie Pearson for completing the nomination form and congratulations to our Deaf Instructors, and our DAHIT team. We are passionate about language acquisition in this team, and BSL is absolutely essential to so many of our families, including children and young people."

Lord Mayor celebrates creative writing talent at Allerton Grange School

On Tuesday, the Lord Mayor of Leeds joined us, along with Barbara Trayer (Chair of the Board of Governors) to celebrate with 20 of our students who are Young Writers Competition winners.



The students' work will be published in a collection of creative writing and copies will be available in the library.



Year 11 Spoken Language Assessments

Ms Halaka, Curriculum Leader for English reports:

The Year 11 Spoken Language assessments in English are well underway and we have been incredibly impressed by the quality of the speeches so far.

Students have spoken on a wide range of issues that are important to them, including sexism in sport, the overexposure of romantic relationships in the media, white feminism, use of anabolic steroids in weightlifting, the impact of social media and many more fascinating topics.

Students have been confident, well-informed, and articulate.

We look forward to hearing the rest of the speeches from our wonderful Year 11s.

Well done everyone!

KS4&5 Concert Review

by Music Ambassadors Thomas Self and Omar Habib (Year 7)

I was really excited to come to my first Allerton Grange concert as part of the music ambassador team. I didn't know what it was going to be like but it was amazing!

In the first half, Year 10s performed. It was mostly pop songs but some of them were played on classical instruments, which was cool.

My favourite song was "Stop Crying Your Heart Out" by Oasis but there were lots of other BANGERS!!!

The tech team did a great job: transitioning was smooth and the lighting was incredible. Amelie sang the Lewis Capaldi song really well to end the first half. The talent of the performers has really inspired me to continue practicing!

After a tasty cake and a cup of tea during the interval, Sara started an excellent second half by singing "With You" from Ghost the Musical.



Many other people performed amazing songs but I think my favourite had to be Harry with his brilliant own composition on the drums! And finally, Luke, Eddie, Niamh, Krisha and Sara finished off an amazing night with their excellent performance of "Locked Out of Heaven" by Bruno Mars!

Overall there were some amazing talents shown tonight, and I (and everyone else there) loved it!



Instruments of the Orchestra

In Year 7, we have been studying **Instruments of the Orchestra** and students were asked to create their own instruments. The pictures illustrate some of our Year 7 students' creations.



Food Bank Collection

A reminder that our Sixth Form Student Leadership Group is working to support the North and East Leeds Foodbank with a Christmas Appeal.

If you are able to help, we are collecting foodbank donations in school until Friday 9 December.

Food items:

Tinned spaghetti, fruit, vegetables, fish, meat, tomatoes, soup, custard, rice pudding.

Milk (UHT or powdered only).

Porridge oats, muesli, granola.

Tea bags, instant coffee.

Jam, honey, peanut butter.

Biscuits, chocolate, crisps, snacks.

Instant mash potato.

Jars of pasta or curry sauce.

Long life fruit juice.

Hygiene items:

Shampoo.

Conditioner.

Body wash, shower gel.

Soap.

Toilet paper.

Liquid hand wash.

Washing up liquid.

Toothbrushes.

Tooth

Students can put items in collection boxes in Year Group Pods. There is also a collection box in Main Reception.