



# AGS Weekly

## Allerton Grange School Weekly Newsletter

### Christmas message

*To all our families I wish you a peaceful Christmas and look forward to working with you again in 2023.*

**Staff leaving:** At the end of a term, it is always hard saying goodbye to colleagues. Today we say goodbye and thank you to:

**Our trainee teachers who have completed their first placement with us:**

- Miss Brook – Maths
- Miss Busby – Biology
- Miss Farrall – German
- Miss Pridmore – Geography
- Miss Thomson – English

**Miss Dalton** – who has been teaching Psychology and Health & Social Care, at AGS, since last June. She is taking up a new post at New College, Pontefract.

**Mrs Bradley** – who has been at AGS for over 4yrs and is leaving to be able to spend more time with her young family.

**Mr Donlon** is leaving after 11 years working at AGS. Mr Donlon has been Assistant Headteacher and KS3 Director for the past 6 years.

We thank all these colleagues for everything they've given to Allerton Grange and we wish them well for the future.

### Staff awards:

The school closes early on the final day of the Autumn Term to allow all of our staff community to have a meal together and to celebrate our STAR award winners. These awards are nominated by our staff and Student Council, and they recognise staff members who have gone above and beyond throughout the year "living our school values". These are the first awards we have been able to celebrate since 2019.

The winners this year are:

### Student Award Winners:

Ms Shrimpton (voted by Year 7), Ms Fox-Anderson / Ms Altaf (voted by Year 8), Ms Mahoney / Ms MacFadyen (voted by Year 9), Mr Warne (voted by Year 10), Mr Smyth (voted by Year 11), Ms Mills (voted by Sixth Form)  
All Year Group Award: Jimmy and the Site Team

**Aspire Outstanding Contribution Award:** Ms Izzy Gillibrand

**Grow Personal Achievement Award:** Ms Emma MacFadyen

**Succeed Team Achievement Award:** Main Office Team - Ms Beckett, Ms Payne, Ms McAvoy, Ms Cowan

**Hero Award:** Ms Joanna Janiszewska

**Foodie Award:** Ms Jayne Maurice

**Manager/Leader of the Year:** Ms Liz Braim, Sixth Form

**Colleague of the Year:** Mr James Ellis

*Congratulations to all colleagues who were nominated and to those who won awards.*

**Mike Roper**  
Headteacher

### ClassCharts

Positive Points this week: 10,000  
Negative Points this week: 1,000  
90% Positive Ratio

**Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday and we'll see you back in school on Tuesday 3 January 2023.**

## Governor Update

As we approach the end of the Autumn Term, the Governors would like to share some examples of the involvement that we have had with the school during this term.

I was delighted to attend the fantastic Awards celebration with 20 students and their families who were met by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, in celebration of their success in the national literacy competition. The students all received certificates as well as being presented with lapel pins of the City of Leeds Owl. Copies of the published book, Twisted Tales, which will include their short stories, will be available in the school library, as well as copies to be presented to each successful student.

To ensure that governors can benefit from training opportunities, both myself and Joanne Travis attended the recent Prevent Training which was extremely informative and valuable to us in our governing capacity. We are very keen to ensure that all Governors have the opportunities to further develop their skills and knowledge, and I am delighted to report that I have also attended several training courses this term including Safer Recruitment, Effective Curriculum Monitoring and the Development for Chairs of Government, all of which will improve my performance as a Governor.

Dan Carver, Andy McKinlay and myself met with the school's LEA Improvement Advisor to review and agree the Headteacher's performance management for 2021/22 and 2022/23 respectively. This was a very informative, productive and positive meeting which will continue to provide opportunities for the school to further develop and meet the vision of becoming 'Outstanding'.

In addition to my weekly meetings with Mr Roper and Governing Board meetings, I have met with the Safeguarding Team, Director of KS5, Deputy Headteacher Quality of Education and Curriculum Leader for Maths, all of which have been extremely positive and showcased the fantastic work that is taking place at Allerton Grange School to ensure that every student has the opportunities to maximise their potential as well as being aspirational.

**Barbara Trayer**  
Chair of the Board of Governors



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**Congratulations to Emily**  
for passing your Grade 1  
Saxophone exam.

## Dates for your Diary:

**Christmas Holiday - Monday 19 December to Monday 2 January. School reopens on 3 January 2023**

**Certificate Collection for ex Year 11 and Year 13 Students - Wednesday 4 January, 3.15 - 4.30 pm**

**Year 10 Parents' Evening (online appointments) - Thursday 12 January, 4.20 - 7.30 pm**

**Year 8 and Year 10 Rugby Teams playing in the Leeds Champion Schools' Final at John Charles Centre - Monday 23 January, times TBC**





## World of Music Concert - Student Review

Another fantastic concert by the music department!! This one was definitely my favourite!

In the first half, School of Rock played Don't Stop Me Now by Queen, amazingly! There were many other bands like the stunning AGS choir but I think my favourite had to be Freya with her beautiful performance of Anywhere Way from Here by Rag 'n' bone man. What an amazing first half!!

We even had performances at the interval to entertain us whilst we had our cakes! With Lilia and Izzy S performing Running by Naughty Boy and Beyonce! There were many other performances in the interval, including Avani, Lizzie and Luke!

Wow, what an interval!

But there's still even more in the second half Emily and Hannah kicked us off with Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas by Judy Garland. There were, again, more amazing acts such as Kwame performing Top of the Stairs by Skee-Lo, OTB with Last Christmas by WHAM!, J-CAT with their brilliant own composition!, and even Nester and Adam on the Irish drum and the bagpipes!

This was a truly amazing concert and after 'Rickrolling' everyone, the concert band finished us off with Merry Christmas Everyone by Slade.

After an amazing concert with amazing talents, I will never forget this night!

Thank you to all the performers, the tech team, And especially Mrs Casey!!

**By Omar H (Year 7)**





## Drama Theatre Trip to London

The Drama Team marked the end of term with a theatre-packed trip to London with their students, where they watched performances of the *Woman in Black* and *Hamilton*, took part in a workshop and visited 'Christmas in Leicester Square'. Thank you to Mr Hansen, Ms Spencer-Matthews and Ms MacFadyen.



## DAHIT Student Celebration

Our DAHIT students took part in their Reward Assembly this week. Each student gave a presentation to the audience, showcasing their knowledge and communication skills. A group of former students, who left in the summer to go to college, were special guests and they handed out achievement certificates to current students.

The team also celebrated their recent induction into the Signature Hall of Fame! What a fabulous end to the term.





## Reward Assemblies

We've ended this term with assemblies recognising students' achievements including positive behaviour, respect and kindness, punctuality and progress in subjects.

