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# Weekly Update

Friday 19 June 2020

## Key information

As we move into the next phase of the gradual return to school and 'normality', we look forward to welcoming back children from Years 2-5 at the Junior School and Nursery next week; we also welcome back Years 10 and 12 for contact time with staff at the Senior Schools and Sixth Form.

We hope the pupils are looking forward to their return to school. Our thanks to the staff, both teaching and support, for their hard work in making this possible and to parents and guardians for your patience and support during this time.

### **Once again, some key points to remember regarding infection control:**

- Do not send your child into school if they or a family member present with any symptoms of coronavirus. Please click the link for the [NHS information on asking for a COVID-19 test](#)
- Encourage your child to wash their hands more often and with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Here is some great [information on how best to wash hands](#) from Public Health England (PHE).

**This week marks the 391st anniversary  
of the birth of our founder, Dame Eleanor Allan.  
She was born Ellinor Luck on 21 June 1629.  
Happy birthday, Dame Eleanor!**



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# Dame Allan's @ Home

## Year 1 outdoors

Children in Year 1 have been learning about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. They retold the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff before deciding whether they wanted to be a goat (herbivore) or a troll (carnivore). They then had to make a plate of food by foraging for things that character would like to eat.

Here are some of Year 1 making the most of the outdoor learning facilities at the Junior School.



## DASPA

We are proud to reveal the new pond area at the Junior School, which was part of an amazing renewal project recently funded by DASPA. We're sure the children are going to make great use of this during outdoor learning!





## Dame Allan's Bake Off

It's finally here, the favourite of all GBBO fans... Bread Week!

According to Mrs Crawley, the students have excelled themselves - looking at the photos below, we have to agree. From wholemeal rolls and tear and share bread to sweet brioche buns and rainbow-hued plaited loaves, we're sure even Paul Hollywood would be proud! And who knew blue bread could look so appealing?

Congratulations to Ruby in Year 5, who took this week's first prize for a fantastic-looking Farmhouse Cob!

[Click here](#) to see all of this week's competition entries.



## Music

Our thanks to Year 13 student Zoé for sending this video of a song she recently wrote and recorded.

Zoe said: "It's a song I wrote a few days ago, and I've never shared my originals before, but thought given the current circumstances I would try and show people this one. I was inspired by the struggles so many have faced recently due to the coronavirus, and the ongoing BLM protests (in particular one saying that was "I understand that I'll never understand, but I stand") but wanted to make it less specific as a way to try to tell all my family and friends that no matter what it is they're going through, I'm here."

[Click here](#) to watch it. Thanks for sharing, Zoé!

## CALL-OUT FOR CREATIVITY

### Psychology challenge (combining Art and Design)

One of the strands of psychology taught in Sixth Form is social psychology, which is the scientific study of how the thoughts, feelings and behaviours of individuals are influenced by the actual, imagined and implied presence of others. One of the many behaviours we are observing during COVID-19 is wearing facemasks and the students are discussing whether or not you can tell someone's emotions from just their eyes.

Where do you come in?

Mrs Walton needs photos of Dame Allan's staff and students wearing facemasks whilst doing one of the following expressions behind the mask: **happy, sad, disgust, anger** or **surprise**.

Please make sure the mask is covering your nose and mouth so only your eyes upwards can be seen!

Here's Mrs Walton and her children showing you how it's done: "You can use an existing mask, but I know we have fantastic artists at Dame Allan's so you could use your art skills to design and make one if you have the material, some people are using old clothes - my mother-in-law made ours. You could even design a Dame Allan's face mask, but remember the psychology brief of showing one of the listed emotions under your mask."



Email your photos to [h.walton@dameallans.co.uk](mailto:h.walton@dameallans.co.uk) and write in the email (not on the photo itself) which expression you are portraying behind the mask.

*Please note: by emailing your photo, you are giving permission for Mrs Walton to use the image in her psychology lessons; this project might also appear in the Weekly Update or the Allanian magazine.*

### Allanian magazine 2020

Thanks to all of you who have already sent in rainbows for the Allanian 2020 - we've been inundated with entries!

Why do we want rainbows?

We would like every pupil in Dame Allan's from Nursery to Year 13 to send us a rainbow to make a joyful, colourful collage for the cover of this year's Allanian magazine.

This rainbow can be a drawing, a sculpture, a collage - the choice is yours. It can be a rainbow you've already made and have on display in the window at home or one you create especially for this.



If you haven't sent one in yet, don't worry; there's still time.

Please send your rainbow pictures to [enquiries@dameallans.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@dameallans.co.uk) under the email title 'RAINBOW' by 10am, Friday 26 June.

## CAREERS

### Year 10

Congratulations to Year 10 for completing their Morrisby Psychometric Assessments and Personality Profiles online during lockdown; an amazing achievement!

Students should now be up to date with Careers lessons on My Great Future/Year 10 Programme and have completed all the following on Morrisby by the end of summer term:

- Interview Preparation- Background/Review
- Check out a Career Case Study
- CV Builder

Don't forget, there are some very useful resources on the My Great Future student portal to help you.

[Take a look](#)

### Year 11-12

Work placements may be postponed this summer, but students will be interviewing a family member/family friend or their work placement supervisor about their career path and then recording these details of their world of work case study. We look forward to seeing people from a variety of career paths! Many Year 11 students are also embarking on their creative Virtual Work Experience journeys with companies including our own Inspire Programme Virtual Work Experience Project.

If any parents/companies would like to support our Virtual Work Experience Career Journey Campaign, please give some insight into your job by completing the [Career Journey Form](#).

### Year 13 Leavers

To ensure that we can keep in touch with you about events and reunions, if you haven't done so already, please complete the Allanian sign up [form](#).

### Calling Allanian Alumni!

In the absence of Work Experience this summer, we are calling on Old Allanians to find some time to complete the [Memories and Moving On Form](#) so our current students can learn from your career paths.

There is an opportunity to add a picture of you at work, video around your workplace, Powerpoint slides summarising your job, poem, artwork, work-related learning project - anything which will explain your job right now or your career journey. It would be brilliant if you were able to set any projects online or competitions related to your work.

Please share this with your classmates from Dame Allan's. We are very proud of you all and it would be wonderful to hear from you.

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### Get in touch!

If you have any stories of your children getting creative with their distance learning, email us at [enquiries@dameallans.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@dameallans.co.uk)



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