



City Academy Whitehawk

Headteacher's Newsletter 11
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Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

It's been another amazingly productive week and we've been energised by seeing how hard the children have worked. As we move into the final week of our first Spring half term, the children will be drawing together all of their learning from the last six weeks to show how much they have learnt.

Maths is a big focus for us as a school, and we loved celebrating today's NSPCC Number Day with some brilliantly MATHLETIC playground activities. These were 'vertical learning' opportunities which saw children working in collaboration with students from different year groups: it's so lovely to see our whole school community supporting each other.

We're looking forward to more Family Engagement events next week: it's such a joy for the children to share their learning experiences with their family in the school setting...and a great chance for us to show off all of the hard work that we put in to the school's provision. The timetable for next week's events are on the very next slide.

Family Engagement Event timetable

5th - 9th February 2024

Monday 5 th	Tuesday 6 th	Wednesday 7 th	Thursday 8 th	Friday 9 th
9 – 9:45 Reception	8:40 – 9:20 Hatchlings 1	9:00 Year 3	8:40 – 9:20 Hatchlings 2	
2:15 Year 1	2:15 Year 5	2:15 Year 2		2:15 Year 4

2. What book would your child like? *



☐ David Almond: Patchwork Story (Aimed at Beginning Readers)



☐ Going the Sausage Roll: Lunchbox Superheroes (Aimed at Beginning Readers)



☐ Charlie McGraw & The Horse That He Drew (Aimed at Beginning Readers)



☐ Discover Club: On the Trail of a T-Rex (Aimed at Early Readers)



☐ Marvel and the Ultimate Superpower (Aimed at Early Readers)



☐ Marv and the Ultimate Superpower (Aimed at Early Readers)



☐ Can You Get Jellyfish in Space? (Aimed at Fluent Readers)



☐ Loki: Tales of a Bad God (Aimed at Fluent Readers)



☐ Onyeka and the Secret Superhero (Aimed at Fluent Readers)



☐ The Amazing Edie Elkhorn: The Friend Mission (Aimed at Fluent Readers)

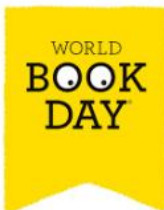


☐ Dread Wood: Creepy Creatures (Aimed at Independent Readers)


Don't forget to help your child choose their World Book Day book by clicking this link as soon as possible and selecting the one they would like. It's the best ever selection so it will be hard to choose!

<https://forms.office.com/r/8dXkBHjPsC>

Reminder about Pjs for World Book Day!




WORLD BOOK DAY



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PUT ON YOUR PJ'S AND JOIN THE FUN!

World Book Day 2024 is on Thursday 7th March and this year we are doing a cosy pyjama day! This means your child will come to school in their pyjamas (or otherwise snuggly clothing) and bring slippers (if they have them) to wear inside instead of a costume! More information about the day will come later in the term but we wanted to let you know that costumes are off the cards for this year!



Please click [here](#) for an update about what your children are up to this term!



Reading Raffle 3 was drawn today and prizes will be given out to our lucky winners on Monday! Watch your inbox next week for the reveal of Reading Raffle 4!

What should I write in my child's reading record?!

We've been getting this question from a few families so wanted to re-share the guidance!

Each time your child reads please record






- Date
- Pages (e.g. p.40 -65)
or just the title if it's the whole book
- Adult signature

Older children can write the information in and then an adult can sign it off. Raffle tickets will only be given if there is evidence of an adult signature or adult written message.

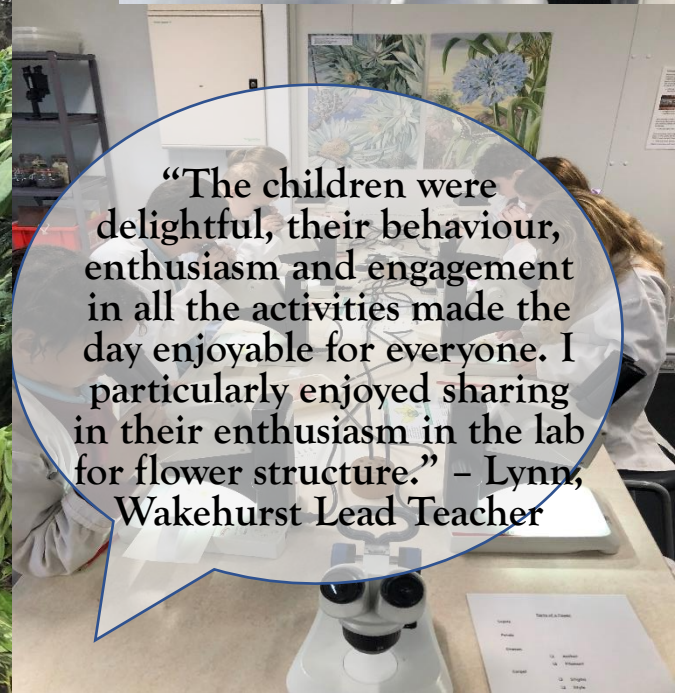
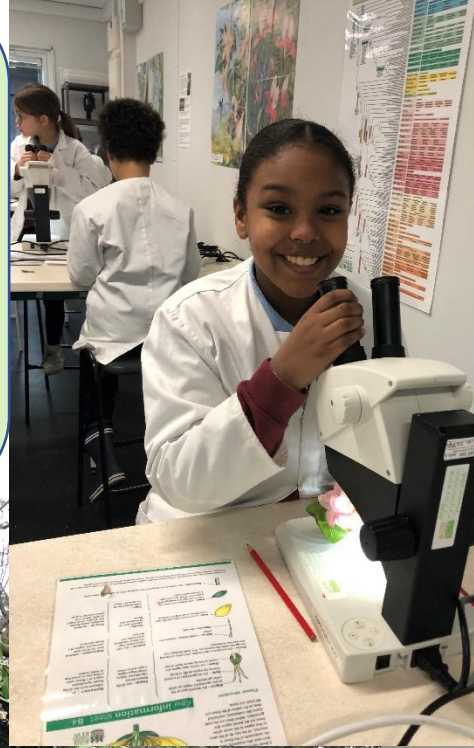
This a great example of what a completed reading record page could look like.

A simpler version could look like this! Although we'd love to see a comment each time, it's okay to put your signature too.

Date	Name of book and page number	Comments and signature
6/9/21	BFG p1 - 22	Matilda loved the start of this book but found the made up words hard to read. 2 wormwood
7/9/21	BFG p.23 - 40	Matilda read by herself and then told me what happens. She thinks BFG is 2x great! 2 wormwood
8/9/21	BFG p.41 - 60	Matilda and I practised writing at the unusual words before reading the pages - it helped. 2 wormwood
9/9/21	Fantastic women who changed the world p.15-20	Matilda loved learning about scientists and we looked at what the word "pioneering" means. 2 wormwood
10/9/21	BFG p.61 - 85	Matilda read by herself and found it hard to recall the plot so far today. 2 wormwood

Date	Name of book and page number	Comments and signature
5/1/24	91 Storey Treehouse p.83 - 204	
6/1/24	91 Storey Treehouse p.240 - 248	
7/1/24	91 Storey Treehouse p.248 - 287	
8/1/24	91 Storey Treehouse Finished book	Kaci loves this book! 
9/1/24	Human 2.0 (fact book) Read 6 pages of interest	

Y5 visited Wakehurst Place as part of our science topic on plants. This was generously funded by Wakehurst!



“The children were delightful, their behaviour, enthusiasm and engagement in all the activities made the day enjoyable for everyone. I particularly enjoyed sharing in their enthusiasm in the lab for flower structure.” – Lynn, Wakehurst Lead Teacher

Y5 had a particularly enriching and exciting week with three special events: a visit to Whitehawk Library, a virtual author visit from the amazing Beth Lincoln (who answered one of the Herons' question live!) and tasted pomegranates as they are really important to our class text, Boy At The Back Of The Class!



CAW AUTUMN TERM CLUBS 2023

IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO JOIN ONE OF THESE CLUBS,
PLEASE REGISTER ON ARBOR APP

	Year 1 & 2	Year 3 & 4	Year 5 & 6
Monday		Street Dance 3.10 – 4.10 Hall Dance hub	Street Dance 3.10 – 4.10 Hall Dance hub
Tuesday	Lego 3.10 – 4.10 Miss Linehan Hall	Lego 3.10 – 4.10 Miss Linehan Hall	Football 3.10 – 4.10 BHA South Playground
Wednesday	Art 3.10 – 4.10 Year 4 classrooms Mr Newbatt and Miss Reynolds	Art 3.10 – 4.10 Year 4 classrooms Mr Newbatt and Miss Reynolds	Cricket 3.10–4.10 Sussex Cricket South Playground
Thursday	Gardening 3.10 – 4.10 Mrs Fogden Wellsbourne Garden (Untill half term)	Gardening 3.10 – 4.10 Mrs Fogden Wellsbourne Garden (Untill half term)	Tennis 3.10–4.10 Mr Issacs Gym/South playground
Friday	Karate 3.10 – 4.10 Hall SAMA (charged)	Chess 3.10–4.10 Mr Wood Y2 Classroom	Book club 3.10 – 4.10 Mr McMorris Mr McMorris's office

PE Kits – updated for Spring 1

For Spring 1, we will continue to ask that children come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Please remember, as ever, that it is fine to wear trackies and school jumpers in colder weather but that these should be worn in line with our uniform policy. Children cannot participate in our PE lessons safely unless they are wearing trainers. Crocs are not permitted.

Please wear PE kit into school on these days:							
YG	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Day	Fridays (from Oct)	Monday	Thursday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday
		Thursday	Friday	Monday (Kites) Thursday (Swimming) Kestrels	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday



Attendance and Punctuality



INTRODUCING....

The ATTENDANCE WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Every Monday in assembly the name of every child in years 1 – 6 who has been at school **EVERY DAY** and **ON TIME** the previous week goes into the random name picker and **PRIZES** will be won!



This week's winners!



Fraser – Greenfinches
Ocean – Kestrels
Sophia – Falcons
Keeley – Eagles
Adam - Greenfinches
Keira-Louise - Puffins
Summaya – Eagles
Harley - Greenfinches



Some useful links:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/03/improving-school-attendance/>

House Points

Congratulations to **FIRE HOUSE** for leading the way in the learning Ticket House Competition! We still have a week to go, so **AIR**, **EARTH** and **WATER** Houses all still have time to catch up.

Remember...**EVERY TICKET COUNTS** towards next week's House Celebration!



**2785 Air
points**

**2725 Earth
points**

**3366 Fire
points**

**3191 Water
points**

Each week there are two classes who win a Class Celebration. Congratulations to our previous winners:

	Year 1 to 3	Years 4 to 6
Week 3	Greenfinches	Jackdaws
Week 4	Puffins	Magpies

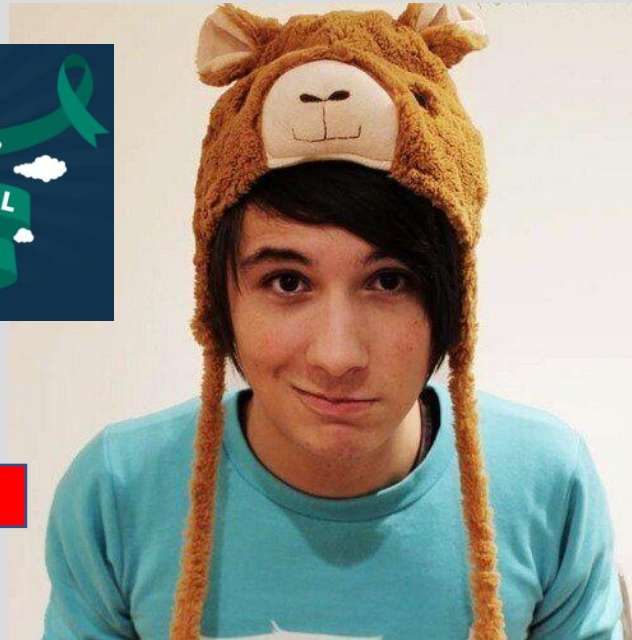
C**Collaboration****A****Aspiration****R****Resilience****E****Effort****E****Excellence****R****Respect**

**What is the Rampion
Offshore Wind Farm
near Brighton?**



**Our City,
Our World**

Spring 1 Week 6 CAW Quality of the Week: EXCELLENCE



CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Dan Howell

YouTuber, presenter and author

Born in Berkshire in 1991, Dan is a popular YouTuber with over 6,000,000 subscribers. He makes videos about a range of different topics, including video games. He's also been a television and radio presenter. Dan was bullied as a child and has done a lot of work with mental health charities around coping with these challenges. In 2019, Dan announced the fact that he is gay and has made videos talking about this process.

[Dan and Phil
make
squareflakes](#)

[Dan meets
eSports Super
Gamers](#)

[World Mental
Health Day
website](#)

EXCELLENCE

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Name:

It could be you!

Class:

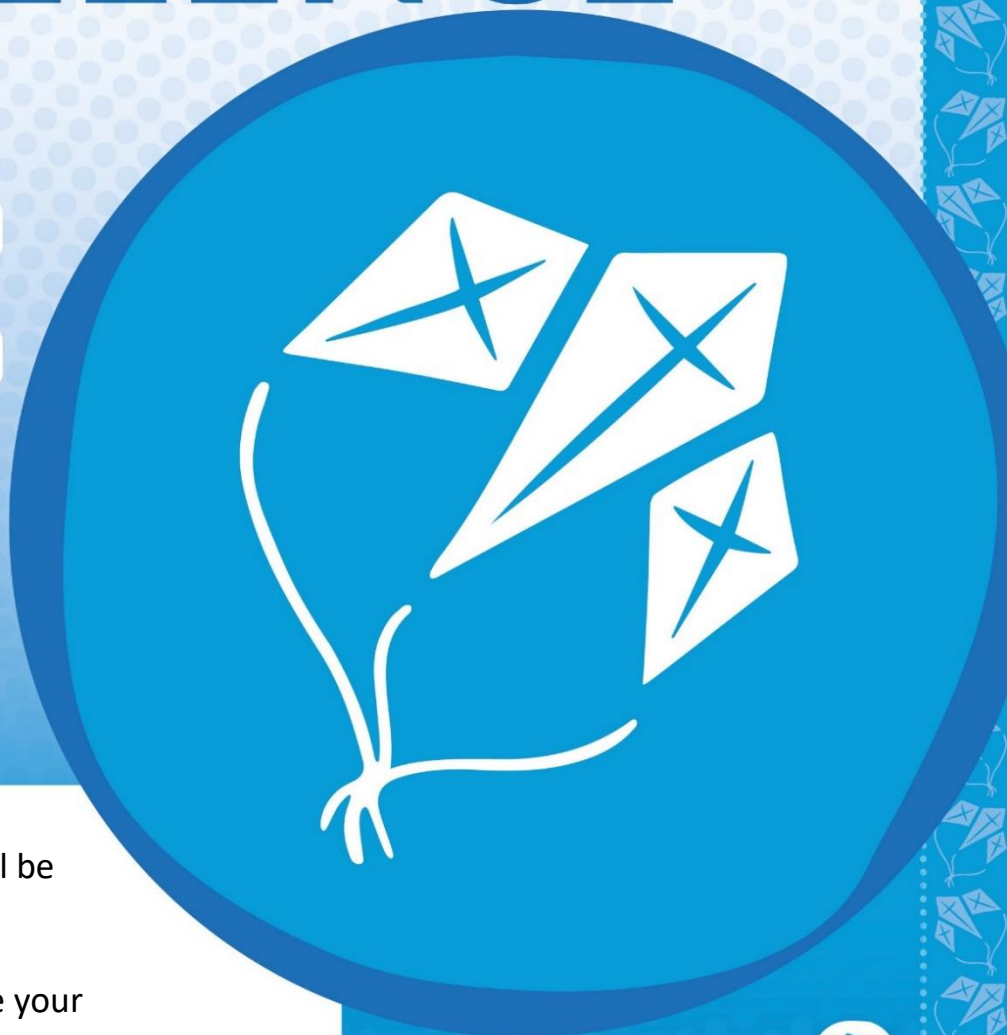
Years 1-6

- Keep reviewing your work
- Identify your best bits
- Improve one thing at a time
- Listen to feedback
- Take small steps
- Be proud of your achievements

Teacher's Comments

Next week, our CAW Quality of the week will be
EXCELLENCE/BE BETTER BEE.

How will you use the CAW Qualities to achieve your
personal best in your learning?



C

Collaboration

A

Aspiration

R

Resilience

E

Effort

E

Excellence

R

Respect

Spring 1 Week 5 CAW Quality of the Week: COLLABORATION



Every
Liverpool
goal Milner
scored

Milly organising
his teabags
during lockdown

Sent off by his
old PE teacher!



CAW Significant Figure of the Week

James Milner - Footballer

Born in Leeds in 1986, James 'Millie' Milner is a professional footballer who has played for Leeds, Newcastle, Manchester City, **LIVERPOOL**, Brighton & Hove Albion and England. He has made the second most Premier League appearances ever: 633, and is still going strong at 38 years old! *Mr. Reliable* has won nearly every trophy available, including the Premier League (three times), the Champions League and the World Club Cup. He is famous for being a dedicated team player, demonstrating incredible COLLABORATION/TEAMWORK TERMITE qualities.

Which type of energy generation is the best for the planet?



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You don't realise how g

COLLABORATION

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

Years 1-6

- Be positive
- Listen to each other
- Everybody has a job to do
- Accept feedback from others
- Care about the team's success

Teacher's Comments

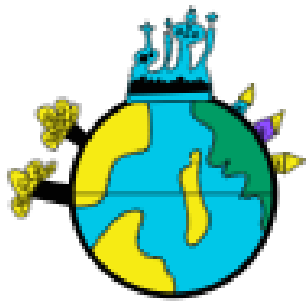
We'll be awarding certificates for **COLLABORATION/TEAMWORK TERMITE** qualities in the next assembly.

COLLABORATION means working together to achieve success! This can be in the form of helping others, but also in *accepting* help from other children and adults. Together we are stronger!



CITY ACADEMY WHITEHAWK





Our City, Our World



We are proud to announce that we have launched a **WHOLE SCHOOL INITIATIVE** to join other schools across Brighton and Hove to help build a just and sustainable city.

Our aims at City Academy Whitehawk are to:

1. Raise awareness of environmental issues through weekly class assemblies
2. 'Green' the curriculum by adding environmental learning to our studies
3. Implement school-wide sustainable operations and systems to reduce waste
4. Create opportunities for children to connect with nature

Please ask your children about their weekly **OUR CITY, OUR WORLD** class assemblies, and check the website for more information:

<https://www.ourcityyourworld.co.uk/>

We welcome any ideas that families may have to support this important work! Please send any suggestions to Mr. Wood at: cawadmin@auroraacademies.org

2020-2021 DATE YEAR PLANNER **Dates for your Diary**

Our term dates for are online: [click here to see them](#).

Wb. 5th February: Family Engagement Events [tbc]

Tuesday 6th February: Family/Teacher Consultation [15:30-19:00]

Wednesday 7th February: Family/Teacher Consultation [15:30-17:00]

9th February: End of Spring 1

19th February: Start of Spring 2

Friday 8th March: INSET Day

Thursday 28th March: End of Spring 2

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. I am excited to see all children on the gates on Monday morning and rewarding children with our COLLABORATION certificates in assembly.

Sincerely,

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher

