



City Academy Whitehawk

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Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

I hope this finds you well as we embark upon a week-long half term break. I am writing to you today ahead of Spring 2 to include some celebrations from the past week and, as ever, to share with you some upcoming dates.

We've had an incredibly successful half term with tremendous learning going on in and outside of the classroom. Children and staff are so grateful to all of the families who attended our engagement events this week and to those families who attended our consultation evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday. Our job is so much easier when our wonderful children know that we are all on the same team so please accept my deeply felt thanks.

I hope that Year 6 families are proud of their children for their RESILIENCE, EFFORT and EXCELLENCE; everyone who attended school demonstrated exceptional hard work during our mock assessment week. This bodes very well for Spring 2! Keep up your commitment to Mr. McAdam and Mrs. Luna's home learning offer! I'm looking forward to our free mentoring starting on February 19th.

Relationship and Sex Education Family Meetings

These meetings will focus on explaining the content each year group will look at for the RSE lessons which take place in Summer 1. We will look at what the children will be doing in school so you can support at home. These will be adults only meetings due to the nature of the discussion. Younger siblings will need alternative care.

Friday 1st March

9am – Year 5 and Year 6

Monday 4th March

9am – EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

Monday 4th March

2:30pm – Year 3 and Year 4

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



Nursery
Hatchlings



Year Three
Kites
Kestrels



Reception
Robins



Year Four
Jackdaws
Magpies



Year One
Puffins
Woodpeckers



Year Five
Barn Owls
Hérons



Year Two
Goldfinches
Greenfinches



Year Six
Eagles
Falcons

Reading Raffle 3 Results!

643 tickets were entered into reading raffle 3 ... that's a huge 3,215 reads!

RR3 Highest ticket-earning classes were...

1. Woodpeckers (86) Second time running. Well done!
2. Herons (73)
3. Greenfinches (63) Well done you!
4. Falcons (54) Huge improvement!

Book Votes

Book	Total
Wild Robot	55
Future Heroes	58
Cookie	57
Science	79
Tyrannosaurus Drip	63
Alan's Scary Teeth	139!
Marcus Rashford	55
Choose your own	137!

Congratulations on having at least 5 Reading Raffle tickets in Reading Raffle 3! Here is a bonus book to say well done for all your hard work and continued effort 😊



Thank you to all families who support their child with regular reading at home!

There were 8 weeks in total for Reading Raffle 3 (one before Christmas, the Christmas holidays and 5 weeks of Spring term)! This means there were 40 week days and 56 days in total. If you had read every week-day, you would have earned 8 tickets so we've rewarded everyone who earned 5 or more with a bonus gift book! We hope everyone enjoys their new reads!

Congratulations to...

Rio (Y5) Wild Robot

Haneen (Y3) & Isaac (Y6) – Future Hero

Jess (Y4), Ralph (Y5), Evie (Y5), Fifi (Y4), Darcie (Y3) – Cookie

April (Y1) – Science

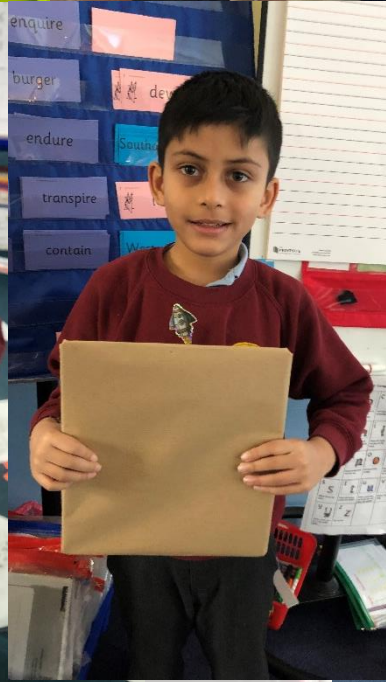
Edie (Nursery) – Tyrannosaurus Drip

Ganan (Y2) – Alan's scary teeth

Oscar B (Y6) – Marcus Rashford

Isabelle (Y6) – Choose your own

Reading Raffle 3 Results!



Reading Raffle 4!



Reading Raffle 4 is here! Another amazing offer of prizes, 13 in total! If children read today, and every day over half term, they could earn 2 raffle tickets on Monday! Or every other day would be 1 ticket.

Remember, children can read school books or books from home. We encourage children to read for 15 minutes.

Good luck and happy reading!

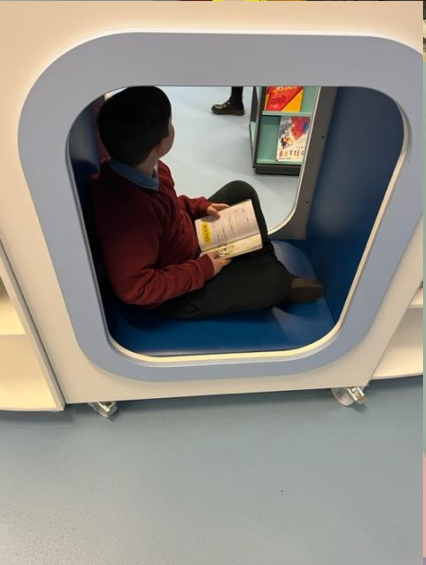


World Book Day 2024 is on Thursday 7th March and this year we are doing a cosy pyjama day! This means your child will come to school in their pyjamas (or otherwise snuggly clothing) and bring slippers to wear inside instead of a costume! More information about the day will come later in the term but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





Year 4 – Jubilee Library



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



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!



We look forward to spinning the wheel on Monday 19th February



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

Huge congratulations to **FIRE HOUSE** for triumphing in the Spring 1 House Competition! Have a look at the next slide for some photos of their celebration. All houses will reset to zero next term so everyone has a chance to win. Remember...**EVERY TICKET COUNTS!**

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

**4010 Air
points**

**3849 Earth
points**

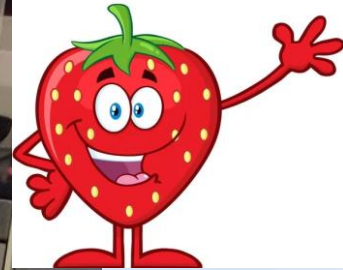
**4500 Fire
points**

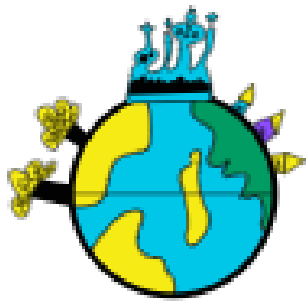
**4278 Water
points**

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 5	Kites	Magpies
Week 6	Herons	Woodpeckers

Fire House Pancake and Fruit Salad Party!





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

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Respect



Spring 2 Week 1 CAW Quality of the Week: RESPECT



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[2009 winning performance](#)

[Invictus Games Closing Ceremony](#)

[Diversity 2019 performance](#)

CAW Significant Figures of the Week

Diversity

UK dance troupe

What animal habitats are around our school?



[Every BGT performance \(30mins\)](#)

Diversity are a group of dancers from the south of England. A group of friends who loved to dance got together to form Diversity, and they went on to win the 2009 *Britain's Got Talent* competition. This allowed them to tour all over the world and perform in front of thousands of people. Some of the members of Diversity, such as Ashley Banjo, have gone on to become television presenters and support charities like [Dance Aid](#) to help raise money for children through the medium of dance.

**Our City,
Our World**

RESPECT

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

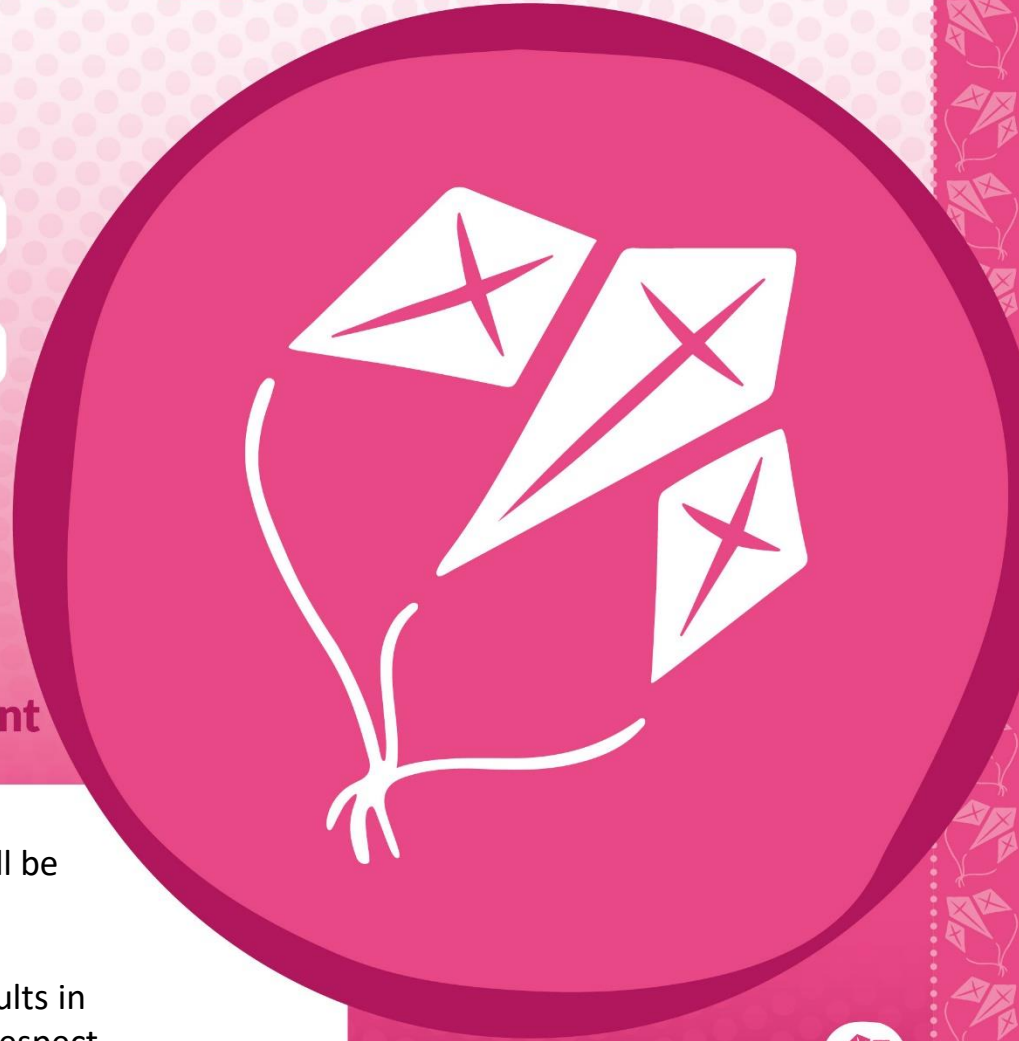
Years 1-6

- Listen to others
- Be kind when you disagree
- Explain things to help others
- Be tolerant
- Take care of the school environment

Teacher's Comments

Next week, our CAW Quality of the week will be
RESPECT/RESPECTFUL RABBIT.

How will you show respect to children and adults in the school? Remember that it is important to respect yourself too!



2020-2021 Dates for your Diary

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

19th February: Start of Spring 2

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day

Friday 15th March: Non-uniform day for Comic Relief 2024

Friday 8th March: INSET Day

Wb. 25th March: Family Engagement Events [tbc]

Thursday 28th March: End of Spring 2

Monday 15th April: Start of Summer 1

Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday

Wb. 13th May: Year 6 Assessment Week

Thursday 23rd May: Engagement Event: Arts Week Exhibition

Friday 24th May: INSET Day

The school community should be incredibly proud of its achievements over the past five and a half weeks. It's a privilege to watch our children go from strength to strength with their learning. We're looking to much more of the same in Spring 2.

See you on Monday 19th February.

Sincerely,

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher

