



# City Academy Whitehawk

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Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

It's been a jam-packed week and it's hard to believe that we've squeezed so many events into the four days that the children were in school. Wednesday was **International Women's Day**, and we celebrated this with another fantastic vertical learning opportunity that saw children working in harmony with other year groups (check out page six for more information on this).

**World Book Day** is a real highlight of the academic calendar, and we all enjoyed coming into school in our pyjamas on Thursday to celebrate a shared love of reading. It was wonderful for staff members to share some of their favourite stories with children, and is a reminder of just how lucky we are to be able to inspire children in this way.

Even on an INSET Day, the sporting events kept coming, and we are grateful to our Play Leader Mrs. Brown for taking Year Six girls to a **football celebration** at Longhill secondary school. Teachers engaged in some truly inspirational anti-racism training during the day here at CAW: this is an area we are continuing to develop in school, and we'd welcome feedback and ideas from families. The Brighton & Hove Anti-Racism Strategy can be found [here](#).

Children have been working towards our CAW Quality of COLLABORATION this week so I'm excited to award certificates on Monday morning.

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**  
Jackdawes  
Magpies



**Year One**  
Puffins  
Woodpeckers



**Year Five**  
Barn Owls  
Hérons



**Year Two**  
Goldfinches  
Greenfinches

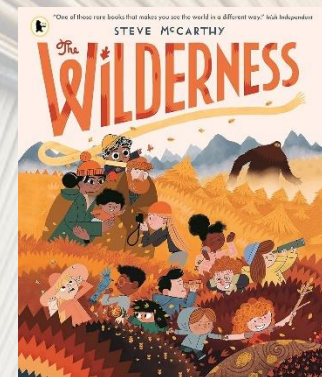
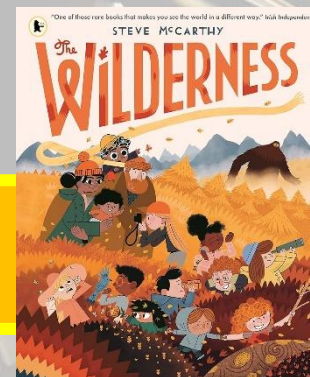


**Year Six**  
Eagles  
Falcons

# Reading Raffle 4!

We now have two copies of our amazing World Book Day book, *The Wilderness*, in the Reading Raffle. Even more reason to read at home!

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

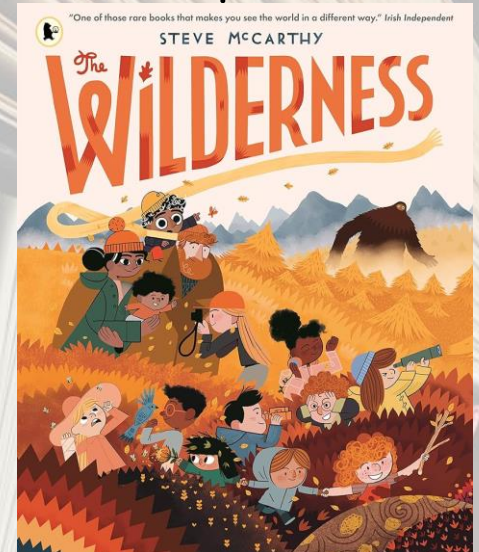




# World Book Day 2024



A special World Book Day Bulletin will be hitting your inboxes next week but for now, here is Years 4-6 in the cosiest assembly of their education so far! Can your child point out the super special character hiding in the photo?



# International Women's Day

We celebrated this on Wednesday 6th March with a fantastic vertical learning session. The theme for this year was "Inspire Inclusion". The key message we wanted to portray was that everyone can inspire to be what and who they want to be!

Years 1 - 6 worked with people from a different class to discuss key questions and create a wonderful poem to capture the key message of the day. Here is a version – based on the best ideas from all the groups.

**W**onderful

**O**utstanding

**M**agnificent

**E**nergy

**N**o more unfair treatment

International Women's Day was created to make sure that everyone, especially girls, have the right to be the best they can be.



Our Robins thought about what they wanted to be as they got older. We have some aspiring builders, nurses, doctors and hairdressers amongst our youngest children! How exciting!





# Packed Lunches



## Five easy steps to a healthy packed lunch:

1. Take some bread, high fibre white, wholemeal white, roll, wrap pitta or crackers.
2. Now take a tasty filling, cheese, chicken, egg, cream cheese, tuna or ham. Add some lettuce, cucumber or tomato.
3. Now a portion or two of fruit and vegetables. Apple, banana, pear, melon cubes, dried fruit, pot fruit or grapes (cut long ways). Carrots or celery sticks, cherry tomatoes (cut) or chunks of cucumber.
4. Add a dairy choice, fromage frai or yoghurt.
5. And to finish, a drink of water.

Please do not include any sweets, fizzy drinks/squash or chocolate bars.

We are a NUT FREE School so please do not include any nuts or food containing nuts, i.e Nutella, Pesto etc. Thank you!



# Attendance and Punctuality



This week we have sent emails to families whose children's attendance has fallen below around 93% letting them know that we are keeping an eye on their child's attendance. At this time of year this means that children will have missed over 8 days – or nearly 2 weeks of school.

If you would like to chat about your child's attendance please contact Mrs Storey in the school office



## This week's Wheel of Fortune Prize Winners

Picked from children who had **100% attendance** and **no late marks** for the **whole term** from January until February half term!

Ayla - Goldfinches

Ganan - Greenfinches

Bella - Jackdaws

Iris - Goldfinches

Farah - Jackdaws

Evelyn – Herons

**WELL DONE!**

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

**EARTH HOUSE** have taken the lead in the Learning Ticket House Competition, but it's very close and every House has the chance to win!

**Remember: EVERY TICKET COUNTS!** Keep showing our CAW Qualities and you will earn lots more tickets.



**2853 Air  
points**

**3005 Earth  
points**

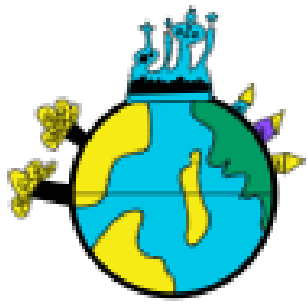


**2982 Fire  
points**

**2974 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 2	Kites	Falcons
Week 1	Kestrels	Barn Owls



# 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](mailto:cawadmin@auroraacademies.org)



# ASPIRATION

## AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

Years 1-6

- Aim for the top
- Achieve your best
- Be proud of yourself
- Apply your learning
- Learn from your mistakes
- Know that you will do it!

Teacher's Comments

Next week, our CAW Quality of the Week will be  
**ASPIRATION/LEARNING LION.**

What can you do to set your targets as high as possible? What will help you aim for the stars?

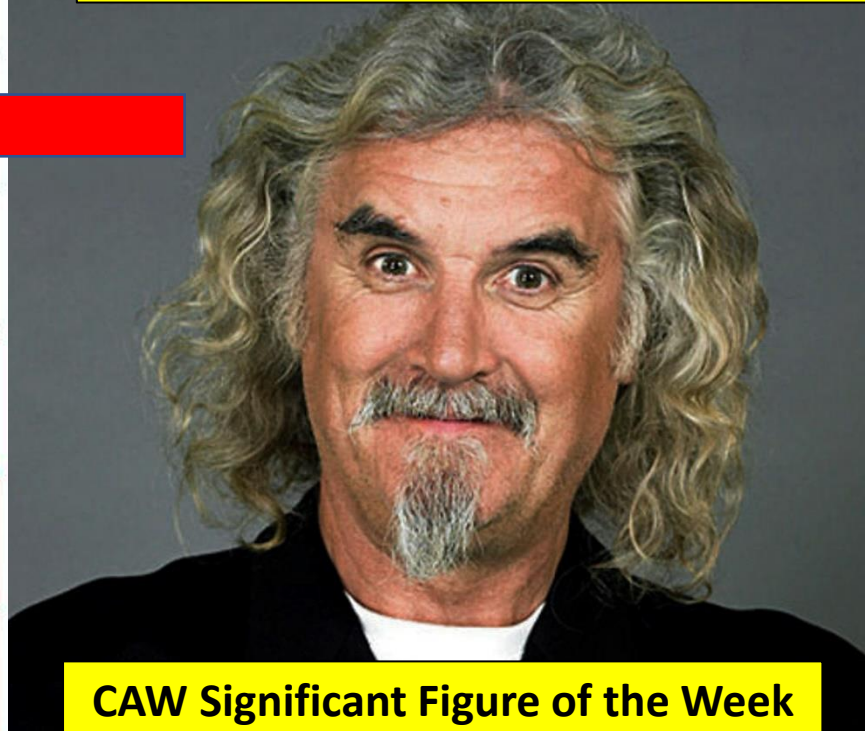


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**C****Collaboration****A****Aspiration****R****Resilience****E****Effort****E****Excellence****R****Respect**

## Spring 2 Week CAW 4 Quality of the Week: **ASPIRATION**



**CAW Significant Figure of the Week**

[Billy Connolly talking about his art](#)

[If It Wisnae Fur Yer Wellies](#)

[Billy Connolly: A Lifetime of Helping Others](#)

**Sir Billy Connolly**

[Comic Relief 2024](#)

***Comedian, artist, actor, charity campaigner and full-time legend***

Born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1942, Billy Connolly is one of the most beloved comedians the world has ever seen! He has been a stand up comic as well as making TV shows. He has also been a successful actor and gone on to be a visual artist. He has supported Comic Relief for decades, helping to raise millions of pounds for charity. Billy was diagnosed with [Parkinson's Disease](#) since 2013 but refuses to let that stop him working and enjoying life.

**How can we keep animal habitats clean and safe?**



**Our City,  
Our World**



# 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!



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**C** Collaboration

**A** Aspiration

**R** Resilience

**E** Effort

**E** Excellence

**R** Respect

Spring 2 Week 3 CAW Quality of the Week: **COLLABORATION**

[The Gruffalo](#)  
[audiobook](#)  
[animation](#)

[Julia Donaldson:](#)  
[ideas can come](#)  
[from ANYWHERE!](#)

[BBC iPlayer links](#)  
[to Julia](#)  
[Donaldson films](#)

[Julia Donaldson](#)  
[collaborating with](#)

[Axel Scheffler](#)



**CAW Significant Figure of the Week**

**Julia Donaldson**

*Author, musician and charity campaigner* [Axel Scheffler](#)

Born in London in 1948, Julia Donaldson has written 184 books, songs and other media! She's a great choice of Significant Figure for **World Book Day**. Every single person in the school will know something she has written...*The Gruffalo*, *Zog* and *Stickman* are just some of her most popular works. Julia is most famous for the books she has produced in **COLLABORATION** with illustrator Axel Scheffler. How many Juila Donaldson stories can you name...?

**Why are some animal habitats disappearing?**



**Our City,  
Our World**

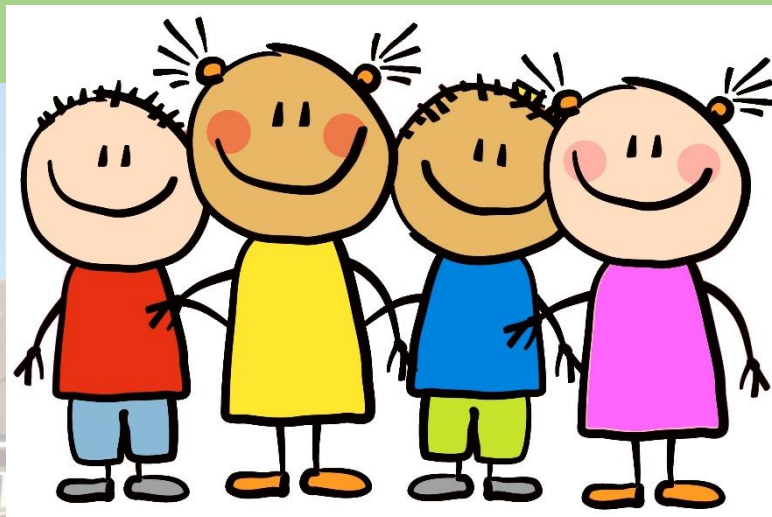


# Behaviour Drop In

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024, 9am in the Canteen

We're proud to run an [inclusive and positive behaviour policy](#) at City Academy Whitehawk that focuses on rewards and motivation. A big part of our approach is **communicating** with families. It's important to us that we make the policy clear and easy to understand.

We'd love families to join Mr. Wood in the Canteen for a cup of tea and a drop in/Q&A session around all things behaviour at our school.



# 2020-2021 Dates for your Diary

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

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** Class Photographs

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March:** Non-uniform day for Comic Relief 2024

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Behaviour Workshop (9am in the Canteen)

**Wb. 25<sup>th</sup> March:** Family Engagement Events [tbc]

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** End of Spring 2

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April:** Start of Summer 1

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May:** Bank Holiday

**Wb. 13<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 6 Assessment Week

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Engagement Event: Arts Week Exhibition

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May:** INSET Day



Thank you for reading our Newsletter. Have a great weekend and I'll look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday morning.

Sincerely,

Thomas McMorris  
Headteacher

