



# City Academy Whitehawk

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Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

I hope this finds you well in the penultimate week of this term. We have had a brilliant Neuro Diversity week; Miss Gosztanyi got everyone's week off to a great start in assembly, modelling some activities that show how important our inclusive culture is.

We've had an exciting and action-packed week here at school with our girls' football team competing in Lancing, our Year 6s performing at The Dome [and a cheeky pizza at Franco Manca], a touch of rock climbing and our first Family Engagement event of the Term with Year 1 this afternoon.

Mr. Wood and I hosted a group of families for a Behaviour Workshop this morning. We are incredibly grateful for these families' commitment to collaborative working and open communication; it was great having a dialogue between families and school around our Behaviour Policy. We enjoyed this meeting so much we're looking forward to making it a regular event in our CAW Calendar so please keep your eyes peeled for an invite to one next half term, it would be great to host even more of you!

As ever, we hosted several visits to the school this week from people who have heard about all the great stuff going on in the CAW Classrooms... a producer from the Brighton Festival commented:

*I loved walking through the school corridors and was really impressed by the abundance of creativity on display. I also loved sharing the experience of watching the show with the pupils at the school, who were engaged, involved and thoroughly enjoying the show. It was such a treat.*

As ever, this newsletter is a great way to keep in touch with everything going on here at school. I hope you find it useful...

# Attendance and Punctuality



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



## Wheel of Fortune Prize Winners



Picked from children who had **100% attendance** and **no late marks** for the previous week! **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/>



26/2/24

Millie – Kestrels

Jacob – Goldfinches

Nate – Goldfinches

Miyah – Eagles

Frankie – Eagles

Ava – Eagles

4/3/24

Trevor - Goldfinches

Leeson – Puffins

Iona - Jackdaws

Tia - Jackdaws

Kenley – Falcons

Caitlin-Rose – Kestrels

11/3/24

Amelia P – Goldfinches

Evelyn - Herons

Amelia F-R – Goldfinches

Shyla – Barn Owls

Aisel – Puffins

Scarlett – Eagles

18/3/24

Harun – Woodpeckers

Roman – Puffins

Maya – Herons

Dylan - Falcons

Iris – Goldfinches

Elsie W - Jackdaws



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

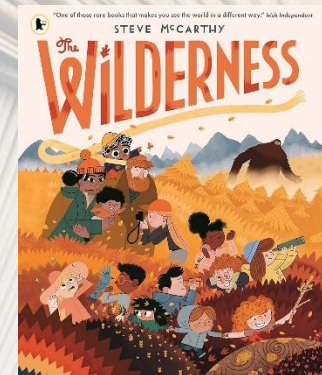
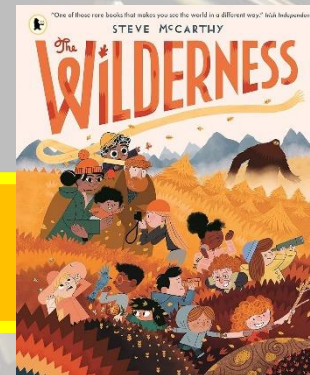


# Reading Raffle 4!



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.



# Year 1 and Year 2 family reading meeting

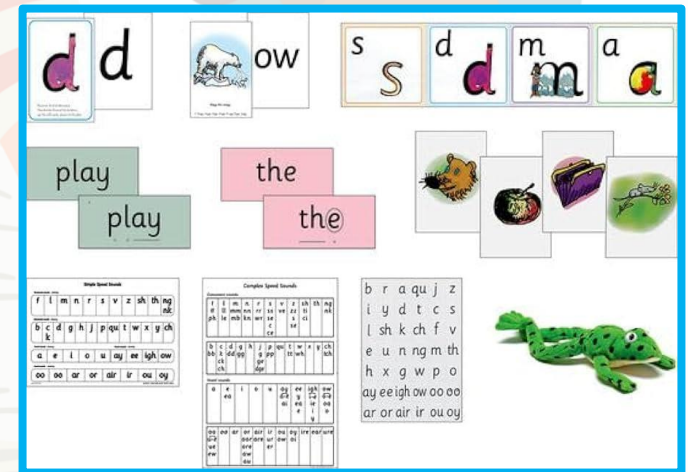
Year 2 families are invited to a SATs preparation reading meeting. We will celebrate the reading success of Year 2 children so far and look ahead to the SATs papers they will be sitting. Everyone that attends will take home an exciting SATs practice pack!

Year 2 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>  
April 2:45-3:05

Year 1 families are invited to a Phonics Screening Check meeting. We will celebrate the success your child has made so far and look at some easy ways to help your child feel prepared for the Phonics Screening Check. Everyone who attends can take away an exciting Reading resource pack!

Year 1 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
May 2:45-3:05

We look forward to seeing you there!





# 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 frais 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!



# House Points

**EARTH HOUSE** are leading 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. The winning house will enjoy the **HOUSE CELEBRATION** next Thursday!



**3882 Air  
points**

**4076 Earth  
points**



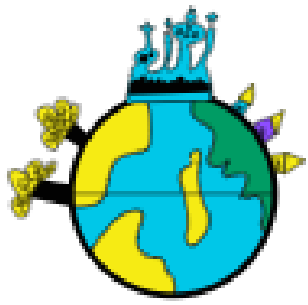
**3951 Fire  
points**

**3844 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 4	Goldfinches	Magpies
Week 3	Greenfinches	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)

# RESILIENCE

## AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

Years 1-6

- Try hard
- Practise lots
- Keep going
- Try new strategies
- Ask for help
- Start again
- Take a brain break

### Teacher's Comments

Next week, our CAW Quality of the Week will be  
**RESILIENCE/PERSEVERING PENGUIN.**

How will you keep going, even if you are finding things difficult?





**C****Collaboration****A****Aspiration****R****Resilience****E****Effort****E****Excellence****R****Respect****Spring 2 Week 6 CAW Quality of the Week: RESILIENCE****CAW Significant Figure of the Week**

[Elliot Page in The Umbrella Academy](#)

[Look at his movies on IMDB](#)

[Interview with Elliot Page \(suitable for KS2\)](#)

**Elliot Page**

*Actor, producer and writer*

Elliot Page (formerly Ellen Page; born February 21, 1987) is a Canadian actor. He has received various accolades, including an Academy Award nomination and two BAFTA Award nominations. He currently stars in one of Netflix's biggest shows, 'The Umbrella Academy'. Elliot publicly came out as transgender in December 2020, and has strongly spoken out against discriminatory legislation towards the trans community. He is a vocal advocate for LGBTQ rights and equal opportunities.

**How can we develop  
our local animal  
habitats?**



**Our City,  
Our World**

# EFFORT

## AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

Years 1-6

- Jump in!
- Try hard
- Grow your brain
- Be brave
- Learn from mistakes
- Be excited to try new things

### Teacher's Comments

We'll be awarding certificates for **EFFORT/HAVE A GO HORSE** qualities in the next assembly.

**EFFORT** is always trying your best. Through hard work it's possible to overcome almost any difficulty, and realise your full potential. Keep working hard!





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Collaboration



A

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Respect



## Spring 2 Week 5 CAW Quality of the Week: EFFORT



**CAW Significant Figure of the Week**

**Professor Jason Arday**

*Cambridge University's youngest ever Black professor*

Born in London in 1985, Jason was diagnosed with autism at the age of three. Due to global development delay, he did not speak until he was 11 years old, and was only able to read and write at the age of 18. This did not stop him putting in his maximum effort! By 30 he had a PhD and at 38 he was a professor! He says **'Sometimes you don't need a thousand people to want you to win, you just need one or two.'** Who are the people in your life who want **YOU** to win...?

[Jason tells his story](#)

[BBC article](#)

[Neurodiversity  
Celebration  
Week](#)

[For older children:  
Jason talks about  
autism and racism  
\(Channel 4 News,  
33 mins\)](#)

**How does Climate  
Change impact on  
animal habitats?**



**Our City,  
Our World**



# EASTER HOLIDAY HAF FUNDED MULTI SPORTS CAMP

**LONGHILL SPORTS  
CENTRE, BN2 7FR**

**ELIGIBLE FAMILIES CAN BOOK  
UP TO 4 MORNINGS PER CHILD!  
PAID AFTERNOON SESSIONS  
(UNTIL 3:30PM) ARE AVAILABLE!**

- ✓ Lunch is provided
- ✓ Alternative sports e.g. archery
- ✓ Making new friends
- ✓ Mindfulness & well-being

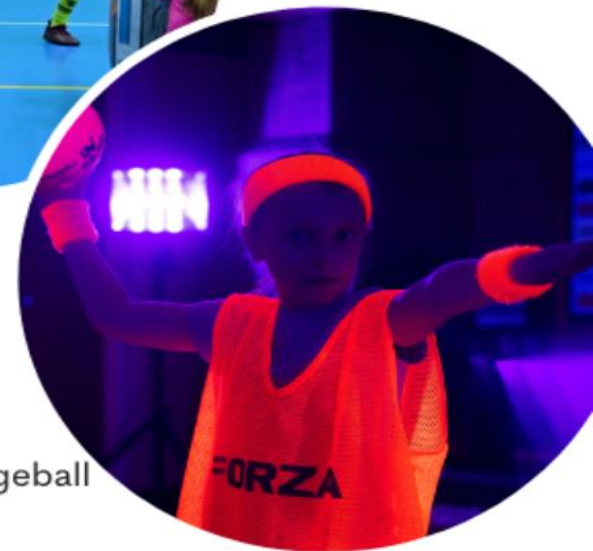
Laser  
Tag



EDUCATE MOTIVATE PARTICIPATE



UV Dodgeball



**INFLATABLE, UV DODGEBALL + LASER TAG ON 4TH + 9TH APRIL!**

**TUES 2ND - FRI 5TH AND MON 8TH - FRI 12TH APRIL**  
**08:30 - 12:30**

For children aged 4-11



<https://eequ.org/experience/5106>

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# 2020-2021 Dates for your Diary

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

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

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

**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

As ever, big thanks for staying up to date and reading our newsletter.

Thank you to our Year 1 families for getting our Family Engagement Events off to a great start this afternoon. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next week.

Enjoy your weekend with your loved ones.

Sincerely,

Thomas McMorris  
Headteacher

