



City Academy Whitehawk

Headteacher's Newsletter 16



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Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

We've had a fabulous first week back after the break and children are off to a stunning start in their classrooms. I've been thrilled to be shown lots of EXCELLENT learning. Massive shout out to Lola Pollard and Alfie Wood, in particular, for truly outstanding progress in their mathematics this week! I'm very proud of them both and all of our hardworking superstars! Huge 'well done' to our Year 6s who are keeping up all their hard work in school time and by volunteering for mentoring... not long to go now!

We received some exceptionally good news this week. There are many ways to measure a school's success - as you know. For example; we know from our surveys that over 90% of families said that they would recommend our school and that 96% of children report that they feel that this is where they belong! Another way to measure our success is by counting how many families want to join you for Reception each year... I am overjoyed to report to you that **we are full in Reception for September!** This is a monumental achievement and one of which the whole community should be proud.; I look forward to us all welcoming our new friends to the community!

We're very, very excited about the upcoming opening of our new library and our special visitors! Make sure you read Miss. Scozzafava's email from earlier this week so you don't miss out!

This newsletter, as ever, is a series of celebrations, updates and notifications; please give it a good read and note the dates page, in particular.

Attendance and Punctuality



Well done to the 106 children who received **EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE** certificates for having above 97% attendance for the whole term! Keep it up 😊



Wheel of Fortune Prize Winners

Picked from children who had **100% attendance** and **no late marks** for the previous week! **WELL DONE** 😊



25th March

Lily - Greenfinches

Parker – Jackdaws

Elsa – Magpies

Dolly - Greenfinches

Fraizer – Jackdaws

Louie – Greenfinches

15th April

Leo – Goldfinches

Jazmin - Jackdaws

Amiaya – Goldfinches

Evelyn - Herons

Millie – Kestrels

Oscar – Falcons



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

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/>

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

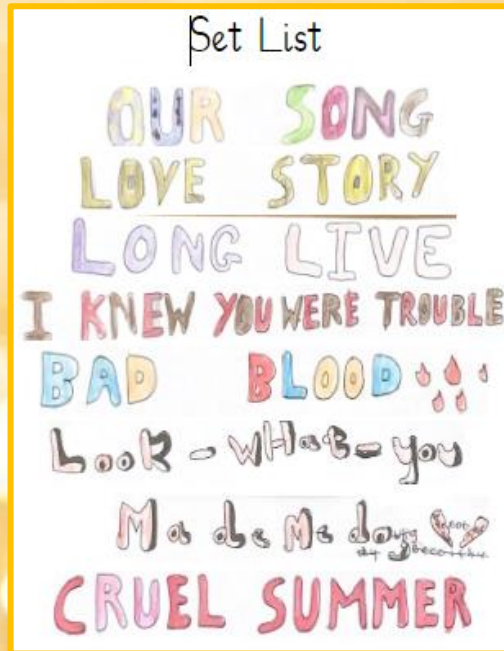


Year Two
Goldfinches
Greenfinches



Year Six
Eagles
Falcons





Taylor Swift Club had an INCREDIBLE end-of-club show at the end of the spring term. We had been working hard over the previous 11 weeks, learning a song from each of her albums (that's 10 in total!) as well as a script that taught the audience facts about Taylor and her music. Some children sung beautiful solos and some sang passionately in small groups. Children dressed in Taylor-inspired outfits and we decorated the stage and hall in Taylor icons and colours! A life-size cardboard cutout of Taylor (gifted to the club by Mrs Scozzafava [Miss Scozzafava's mum!]) joined the club on stage in the middle of I Knew You Were Trouble! Lola P designed a stunning front cover for our programmes and, inspired by one of her songs, children made bracelets which we gifted to the audience members. We're really grateful to Hobbycraft for donating bracelet supplies! We estimate that 180 adults came to watch! It was a truly feel-good way to end the term and we all had so much fun. Now the planning for next year starts!

OPENING SOON

Our new library....
CITY ACADEMY

WILDERNESS

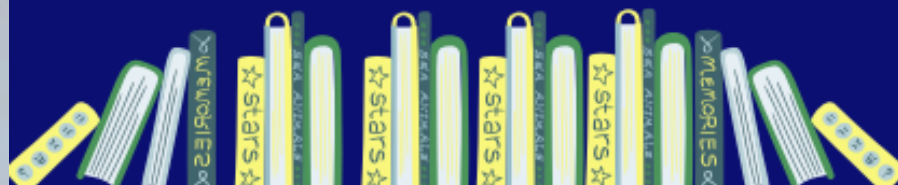
Sue Hendra and Steve McCarthy are
generously coming to open the
library and meet lots of children!



MONDAY 29TH APRIL - LIBRARY OPENING CEREMONY WITH SPECIAL GUESTS (STEVE MCCARTHY AND SUE HENDRA), ASSEMBLIES AND BOOK SIGNINGS!

TUESDAY 30TH - CLASS VISITS TO THE LIBRARY DURING THE DAY

TUESDAY 30TH 3:10 - AFTER PICKING YOUR CHILD UP, YOU CAN VISIT THE LIBRARY WITH THEM TOO. SEE NEXT PAGE FOR ARRANGEMENTS.



Important information

Book Signing (Order, Buy or Bring!)

You can order a copy of Steve's *The Wilderness* or Sue's *Supertato* (book 1) via school from Arbor for £6.80. This can be found under the 'Trips' tab. Deadline is Tuesday (23rd April). You can also buy your own copy of their books and bring them in on Monday 29th April to be signed! If you already have books at home by these authors, you can bring them in too!

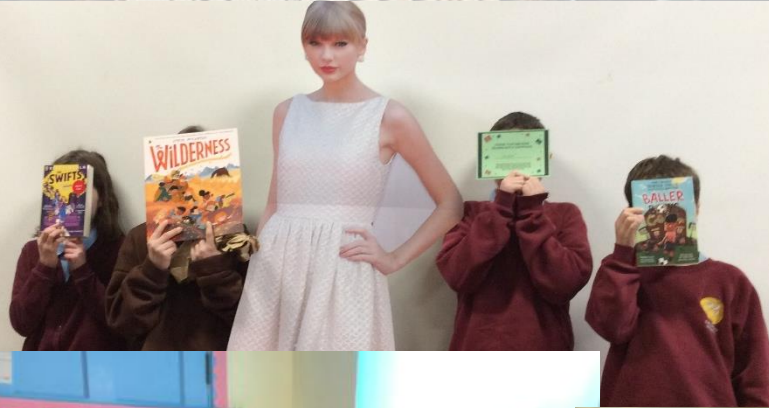
Family Library Visits - Tuesday 30th April

After collecting your child, proceed to the Hall external fire escape (see photo), make your way along the Y5 corridor towards the library. You will pass our Free Library where there will be books to take home if you would like to! After looking at the new library with your child, continue along the corridor and down the middle stairs. Please exit via the main office. Your child knows the way!



Please check your emails for a message from Miss Scozzafava (sent on Wednesday 17th) about our grand library reopening!

Reading Raffle 4 Results!



Some of our winners!



Reading Raffle 4 Results!

We have absolutely smashed our target!
771 tickets! We are so proud of
everyone's collaboration!

We are starting to think of a celebration if we beat our
whole school record before the end of the year!

Book Votes & Winners!

Book	Total	Winners!
How To Be Extraordinary	20	Jessica (Hatchlings)
Baller Boys	92	Malik (Y3) & Oscar B (Y6)
The Diabolical Mr Tiddles	50	Phoenix (Y1)
Charlie and the chocolate factory	108	April (Y1) & Marcie (Y3)
The Swifts	70	Lily (Y5) & Miriam (Y6)
The Wilderness [late entry!]	24	Scarlett (Y6) & Amelia (Y1)
Kevin and the biscuit bandit	59	Bonnie (Rec)
Supertato and the carnival catastro- pea	178	Morgan (Y1)
Choose your own!	170	Jasper (Y5)

Reading Raffle 5

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/city-academy-whitehawk/UploadedDocument/13eeba33-d224-4352-a219-780b21672bf9/rr5-ukla.pdf>



New Reading Raffle is underway and is a super special one for Miss Scozzafava, Miss Delaney and Mrs Luna! Read the poster, via the link, to find out why!

Year 1 and Year 2 family reading meeting

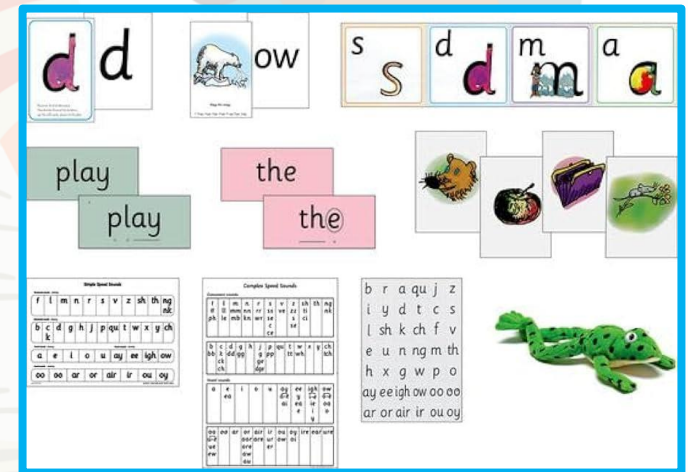
Year 2 families are invited to a SATs preparation reading meeting. We will celebrate the reading success of Year 2 children so far and look ahead to the SATs papers they will be sitting. Everyone that attends will take home an exciting SATs practice pack!

Year 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 2 Thursday 25th
April 2:45-3:05

Year 1 Thursday 2nd
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 fraise 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

Congratulations to **AIR HOUSE**, who won the Spring 2 House Competition and enjoyed Easter Egg hunts on the last day of the Spring Term. Yummers!

We started a new half term with every House back to zero, so all four Houses have an equal chance to win. **Remember: EVERY TICKET COUNTS!** Keep showing our CAW Qualities and you will earn lots of tickets.



**810 Air
points**

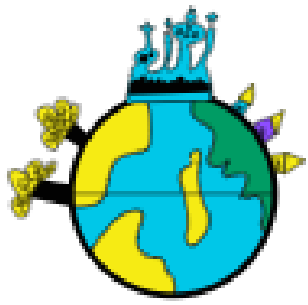
**763 Earth
points**

**1066 Fire
points**

**901 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
Spring 2 Week 5	Puffins	Hérons
Spring 2 Week 6	Woodpeckers	Eagles



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

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?



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Summer 1 Week 2 CAW Quality of the Week: ASPIRATION

C

Collaboration



A

Aspiration



R

Resilience



E

Effort



E

Excellence



R

Respect



[Little People,
Big Dreams
\(read aloud\)](#)

[Jane Goodall
releases
chimp into
the wild](#)

[Jane Goodall
website](#)

Jane Goodall

English primatologist and anthropologist

Jane Goodall is a renowned primatologist known for her groundbreaking research on wild chimpanzees in Gombe Stream National Park, Tanzania. Born in 1934 in London, she revolutionized our understanding of primates and their behaviour. Jane Goodall celebrated her 90th birthday this month! She still travels the world, speaking about the threats facing chimpanzees and environmental crises, urging each of us to take action on behalf of all living things and planet we share.

**What types of travel
are kindest to our
environment?**



**Our City,
Our World**

EXCELLENCE

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

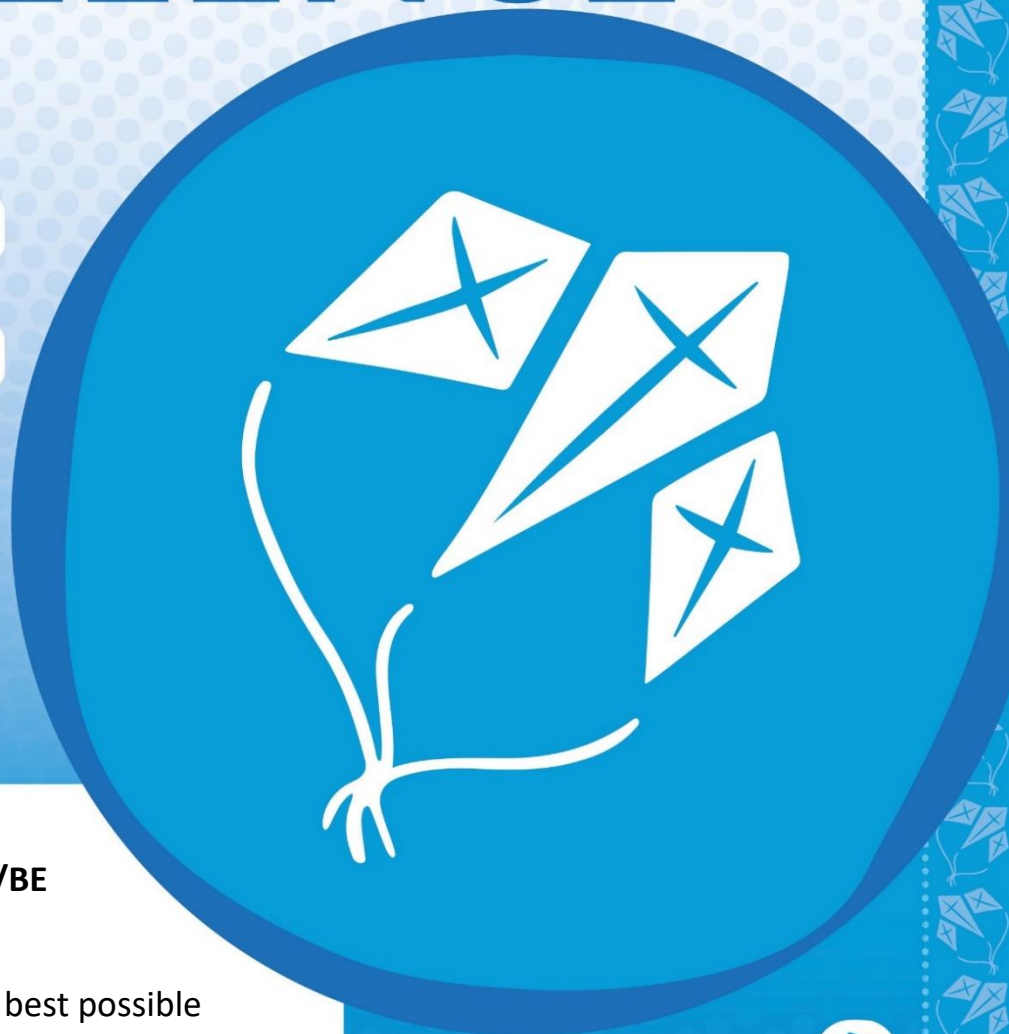
Years 1-6

- 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

We'll be awarding certificates for **EXCELLENCE/BE BETTER BEE** qualities in the next assembly.

EXCELLENCE is shown when you produce your best possible PERSONAL best. You can do it! Be the best 'you' that you can be.



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Summer 1 Week 1 CAW Quality of the Week: EXCELLENCE

C

Collaboration



A

Aspiration



R

Resilience



E

Effort



E

Excellence



R

Respect



MATSUO
BASHO

松尾芭蕉



CAW Significant Figures of the Week

Matsuo Basho (1644-1694)

Japanese poet

Born in the 17th Century in the city now called Tokyo, Matsuo Basho is one of Japan's most famous poets, and he is often referred to as ***the great master of haiku***. A haiku is a three-line poem which follows a 5-7-5 syllable pattern. Here's an example:

To be our best selves

Strive for Whitehawk qualities

Your personal best

International Haiku Poetry Day is Wednesday 17th April. Why not try writing a haiku of your own?

[International
Haiku Poetry
Day](#)

[Basho haiku
\(for older
children\)](#)

[How to write
a haiku](#)

How does travel add to
Climate Change?



Our City,
Our World

It was great to have Laura and Perry from **Beach Bandit Swimming** in Monday's assembly. They gave a brilliant presentation about the importance of safe swimming. Check out the **Beach Bandits** at this link:

<https://beachbanditswimming.com/>

JOIN US!



BEACH BANDIT
OPEN WATER SWIMMING

BRIGHTON & HOVE

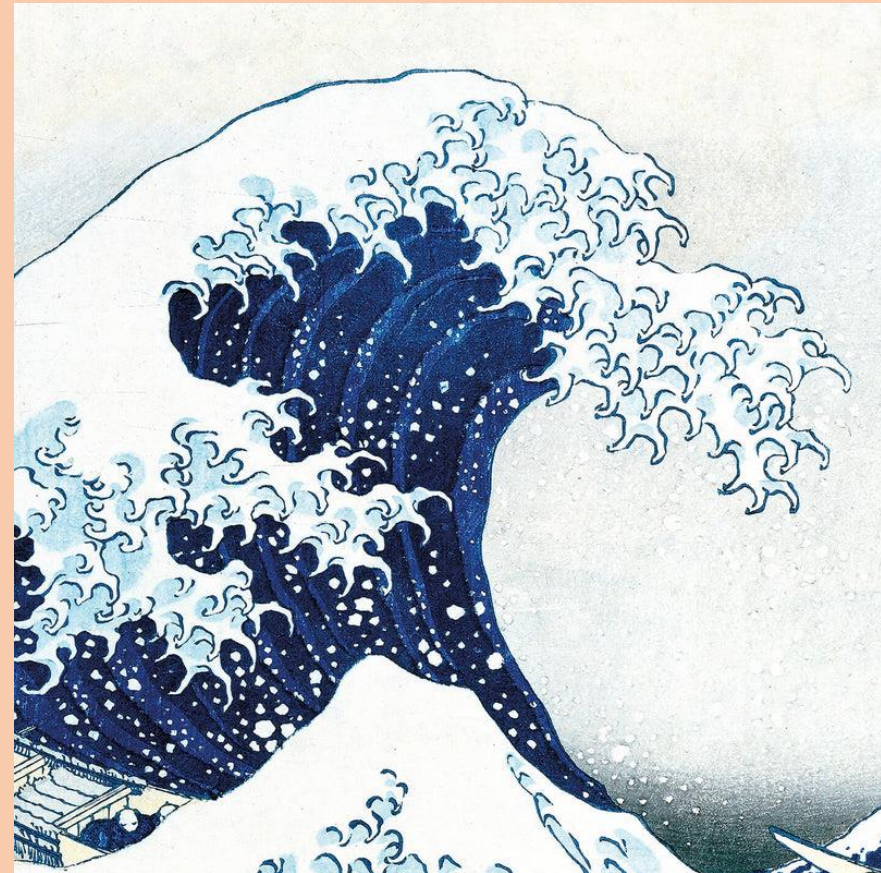


SEA SWIMMING
SEA SAFETY
& SO MUCH MORE

FOLLOW US ON
INSTAGRAM!



Instagram: @beachbanditswimming
To find out more visit: www.beachbanditswimming.com



2020-2021 Dates for your Diary

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

Monday 15th April: Start of Summer 1

Thursday 25th April: Families' Reading Workshop Year 2 2:45-3:05

Thursday 2nd May: Families' Reading Workshop Year 1 2:45-3:05

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

Monday 3rd June: Start of Summer 2

Friday 28th June: INSET Day

Monday 15th July: Transition Day 2024

Tuesday 16th July/Wednesday 17th July: Consultation Evening

Friday 19th July: Last day of school for children

Thank you for reading our newsletter. Big well done to everyone with 100% attendance this week... I look forward to giving your name a spin in the wheel of fortune on Monday!

Have an excellent weekend,

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher

