

# City Academy Whitehawk

An aerial photograph showing a large, multi-story brick school building with a red-tiled roof and a central tower. The school is surrounded by a dense residential area with many houses and some solar panels on the roofs. In the foreground, there are green fields and trees. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

Headteacher's Newsletter 17  
May 26<sup>th</sup> 2023

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Fiona Escott	Welfare Manager
James McAdam	Assistant Headteacher
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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

Thank you so much to those of you who came to support the children by attending yesterday's Art's Week Exhibition! We are very proud of what each class achieved this week. As you know, every year we pick a theme and devote a week to producing individual and collective pieces of artwork. This helps keep our corridors and shared spaces looking vibrant. This year, in keeping with our wildlife conservation work and our incredible Children's Parade float, we chose to focus on tigers. The school was (literally) awash with oranges, yellows and blacks and the children achieved true excellence. All children from all 8 of our year groups contributed to one huge, multi-media, layered reconstruction of Henri Rousseau's 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm'. It looks incredible (see next page) and we can't wait to assemble it on a prominent wall in the school. We welcomed back the CAW Quality of CREATIVITY and look forward to giving out those certificates when we return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

As ever, please have a good read of our Newsletter so you know what to expect after the half term break. Please pay particular attention to our dates and sports day page. This is a big edition as there's an awful lot to celebrate so please read on!





# Arts Week 2023

## Tyger, tyger...









# CREATIVITY

## ARTS WEEK 2023

### AWARDED TO

Name:

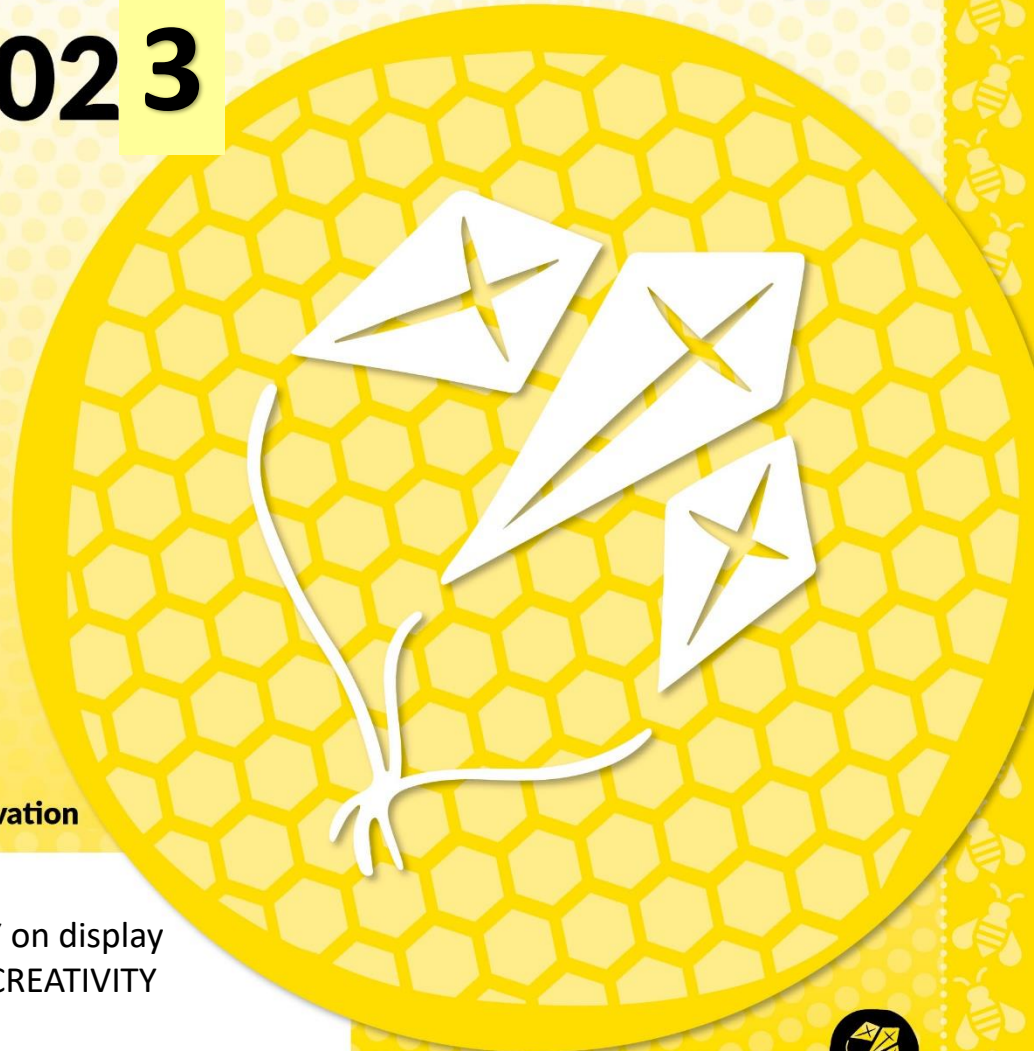
Class:

**You've been a CREATIVE superstar:**

- Collaborating to produce something stunning
- Aspiring to embellish our school environment
- Resilience when 'planning, making, evaluating'
- Effort used to develop your new skills
- Excellence in your masterpiece
- Respecting the environment and celebrating conservation

Teacher's Comments

There has been so much amazing CREATIVITY on display during ARTS WEEK! We can't wait to award CREATIVITY certificates in the next assembly.

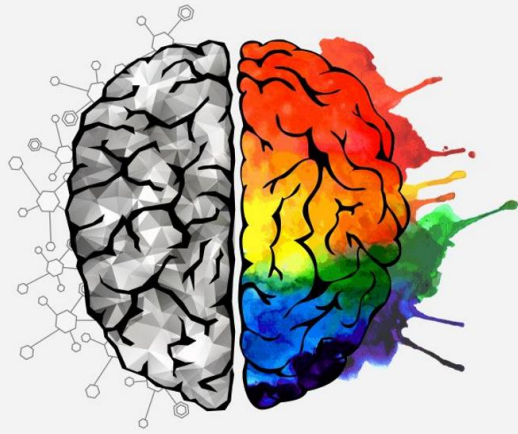


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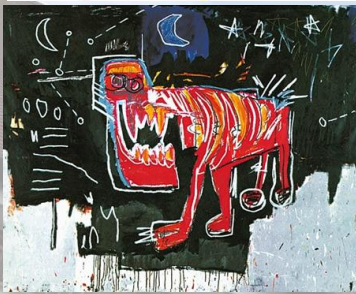




## Summer 1 Week 6 CAW Quality of the Week: CREATIVITY



# CREATIVITY

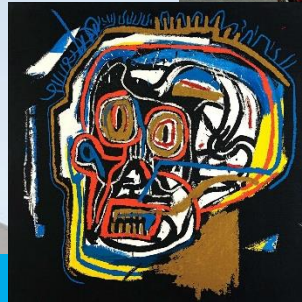


[135 Basquiat pieces \(video set to music\)](#)

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RESPECTING  
SCHOOLS



[The chaotic brilliance of Basquiat](#)

[Short interview with Basquiat \(for older children\)](#)

### CAW Significant Figure of the Week

**Jean-Michel Basquiat (1960-1988)**

*Artist*

Born in New York, Basquiat was a street artist who contributed to punk and hip hop culture. His visual art was part of the **neo-expressionist** movement, and dealt with themes of fairness, wealth, racism, belonging and experience. Despite dying at the young age of 27, he left an indelible mark on the world and his art is still celebrated and influential today.



AIMS OF  
EDUCATION

**Article 29**  
**Your education should help you develop into who you want to be!**





City Academy  
Whitehawk



# Attendance at City Academy

Congratulations to the **231** children who have achieved **96%** attendance or above for the half term since Easter... well done and keep it up!



*A special mention to KITES and HERONS classes who have completed special class attendance challenges and won prizes today!*

We have had even more requests for term time holidays. Please remember that we cannot authorise these and families should expect to receive fines from the Local Authority.

Please try and make the most of the 'four day weekends' we create through the use of our INSET days instead!





# SPORTS DAYS 2023



**We are very pleased to invite CAW families to attend on the dates and times detailed below.**

**All events will be held in the field opposite the school (near the Crew Club), where the children will be showcasing their athletic skills.**

**All of the events will earn the children house points towards the Sports Day shield. We look forward to seeing the children's fantastic running, jumping and throwing skills on show.**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 1pm : Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 11am: Nursery Sports Day**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 9am: Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1pm: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day**





**FREE**

Moulsecomb Community Leisure Centre  
**INCLUSIVE FUN DAY PRESENTS**



Join us on Sunday 28th of May from 10am - 12pm for an  
**Inclusive Fun Day Sports Day special!**

These sessions are designed for SEND young people and their families and are FREE  
thanks to our partner Amaze



# INCLUSIVE SPORTS DAY



**With accessible versions of the old classics and a parents race this  
session will provide accessible fun for the whole family!**

Egg & Spoon



Boccia



Medal Making



Bouncy Run



& much more!



# Changes to Whitehawk Library opening hours

## The changes to Whitehawk Library opening hours from 1 July 2023:

Day	Current	From 1st July
Monday	Libraries Extra 9am-6pm	Libraries Extra 9am-6pm
Tuesday	Staffed 9am-5pm	Staffed 9am-5pm
Wednesday	Staffed 9am-5pm	Libraries Extra 9am-6pm
Thursday	Staffed 9am-5pm	Staffed 9am-5pm
Friday	Libraries Extra 9am-5pm	Libraries Extra 9am-5pm
Saturday	Staffed 9.30am-4pm	Staffed 9.30am-4pm
Sunday	Closed	Closed

Dear Whitehawk Public Library Customer,

Funding for local government is reducing significantly. As a result, Brighton & Hove City Council is having to make tough choices about how services are run across all departments. Part of the savings plan for the city's library service, agreed by councillors at the Brighton & Hove City Council budget meeting in February 2023, includes the reduction of staffed hours in some of our community libraries. We need to make a saving of £41,000 from the Library Service budget and will achieve this by changing some staffed days to Libraries Extra. Using this system, the libraries will remain open to members, who can access services when staff aren't on site.





Dear Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 families,

We are working on reading fluently at the moment. This means we need to be able to say sounds as soon as we see them or read words quickly in our head.

Here are some fun ways to become a more fluent reader.



Time your child reading a page of their book. Can they beat their time the next day?



Complex Speed Sounds												
Consonant sounds												
f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng		
ff	ll	mm	nn	rr	ss	ve	zz	ti				
ph	le	mb	kn	wr	se	c	se	ci				
			gn									
b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
bb	k	dd	gg		g	pp		tt	wh			tch
	ck		gu		ge							
	ch				dge							
Vowel sounds												
a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow				
	ea				ā-e	ē-e	ī-e	ō-e				
					ai	y	ie	oa				
					a	e	i	o				
oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy	ire	ear	ure		
ū-e			oor	are	ur	ow	oi					
ue			ore		er							
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Point to sounds on the chart to see how many your child can read in 1 minute. Can they beat their personal best?

Use practise sheets and booklets. Can your child read the words speedily?



Good luck!  
Miss Varco



# Summer Term PE Days & Kits

We 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. We must ask that PE kit reflects our school colours, if it is not official uniform.

## Please wear PE kit into school on these days:

YG	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Day	Mondays	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday	Thursday	Monday
		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Thursday	Friday	Tuesday

Children should bring an appropriate change of clothes for after school sport clubs.



## Book Votes

Book	Total
Choose your own book	97
The lost leopard	52
The story orchestra	94
Loki: A Bad God's Guide To Taking The Blame	68
King Flashypants and the Toys of Terror	11
Skies above my eye	30
Skandar & The Unicorn Thief	42
Hunt for the nightingale	37

RR5 Highest ticket-earning classes were...

1. Puffins (72)
2. Hatchlings & Barn Owls (47)
3. Woodpeckers (38)

# Reading Raffle 5 Results!





# Reading Raffle 6!

This is a reading raffle like no other! There are a huge **34 prizes** to be won this term to celebrate our second year of reading raffles! There is more chance than ever that you will win a prize so please get reading and bring us those reading records!



**MEGA RAFFLE!**  
Reading Raffle 6 2022-2023

If you want a particular book from a multi-prize envelope, write the book title on the back!

**or**

**THE JOLLY POSTMAN**  
or **THE JOLLY POSTMAN**  
1 of each to be won!

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**MARCUS RASHFORD**  
**BREAKFAST CLUB ADVENTURES**  
6 copies to be won!

**6 copies to be won!**

**1 of each to be won!**

**Choose your own book!**

**1 x Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2**  
**1 x Year 3, 4, 5, 6**

**6 copies to be won!**



# Reading Raffle 6!

Click on each link to learn more about the book and see inside!

Jolly Postman - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X7q\\_Lq5cIFY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X7q_Lq5cIFY)

Pocket Jolly Postman - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Veqz0Fh\\_cy0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Veqz0Fh_cy0)

Kitchen Disco - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aeg0cNyaj7w>

Bathroom Boogie - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UD96l\\_8kMTI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UD96l_8kMTI)

Veg Patch Party - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CuCjdoShYMI>

Hilda books - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ta1Ow2YfKX8>

Breakfast Club Adventures - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s9Wk2ISmk-Q>

Am I made of stardust? - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2MHXcwE3r00>

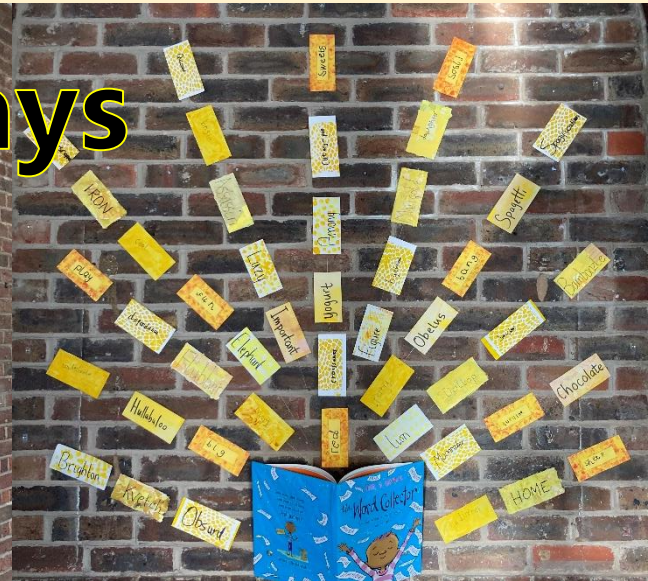
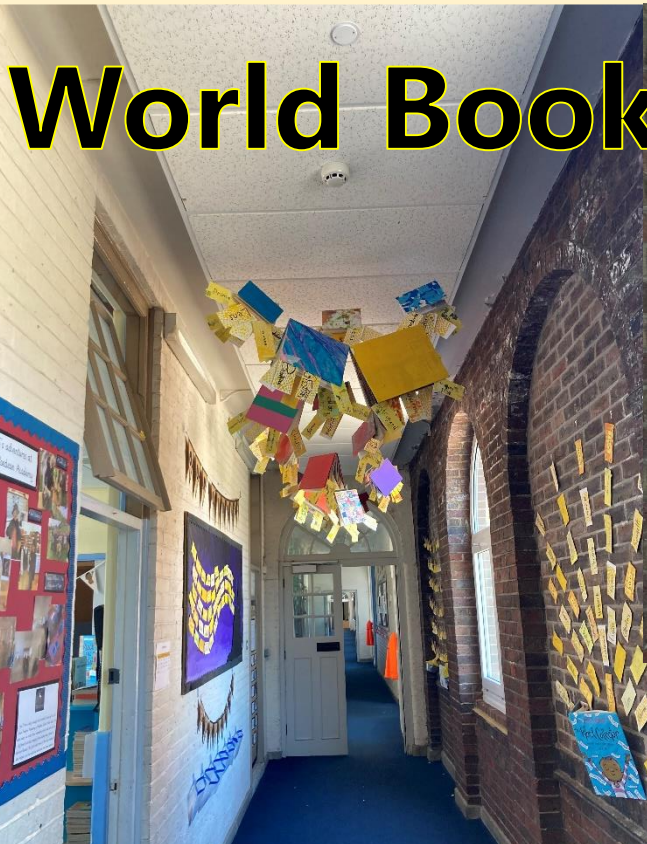
Kitty books - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGqVfcofIWw>

Rain Before Rainbows - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XsYIU\\_OztoQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XsYIU_OztoQ)

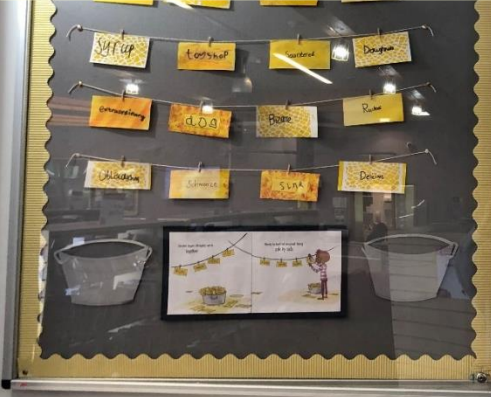




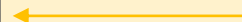
# World Book Day Displays



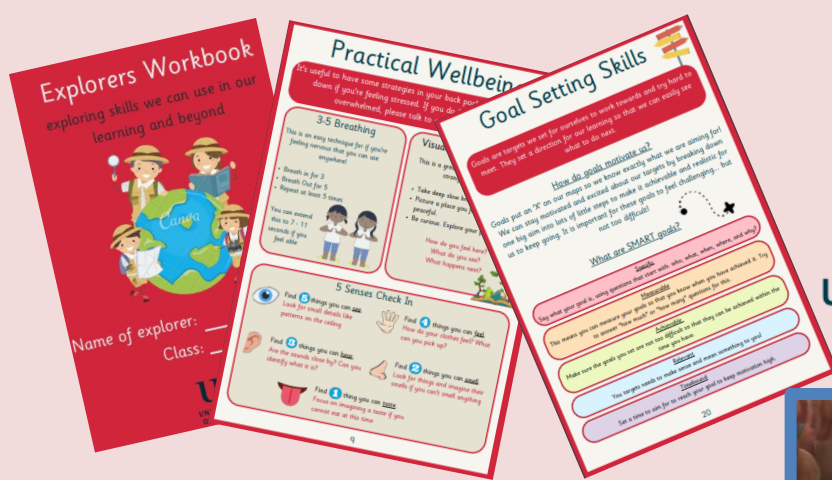
**Children's beautiful work has transformed our library corridor!**



Next time you're in the Whitehawk Library, take a look at some of our amazing World Book Day work that's on display!







# Year 5 Learning To Learn Project!

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UNIVERSITY  
OF SUSSEX



Year 5 enjoyed their first session with the team from University of Sussex. We learnt about similarities and differences between primary school and university. We got to get to know the Sussex Ambassadors, who have a similar job to our school ambassadors! We finished off by learning more about recognising emotions and how we help each other out when dealing with different emotions. We had a great time and can't wait for the next session!

If you have any questions about the programme or want to find out more, please speak to your child's teacher or contact the Widening Participation team at [participate@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:participate@sussex.ac.uk).



# Year 5 Trip To Royal Pavilion

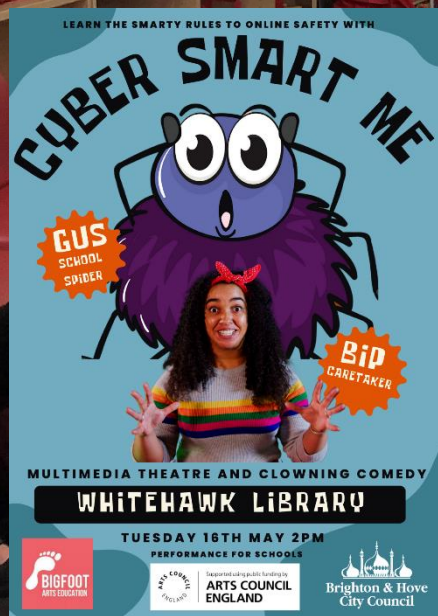


Across Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, Year 5 visited The Royal Pavilion to learn about royal etiquette from Lady Buzzby and then explore the rooms of the pavilion. It was amazing to see inside the building we've been learning about all term!





Year 3 had a great time at their Cyber Smart Me performance. They kept spotting Gus the cheeky spider who was leaving messages in his cobwebs for how to be safe online!







# Y2 Trip to Jubilee Library





# Information on NHS Healthy Start Card

The NHS have started a scheme called the Healthy Start Card, which result in you receiving money towards milk, infant formula, fruit and vegetables.

[www.healthystart.nhs.uk](http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk)



**You can claim it if you receive Universal Credit and**

- **you are more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4**
- **your family's monthly 'take-home pay for this period' is £408 or less from employment**

**You can also claim it if you get Child Tax Credit, if:**

- **you have at least one child under 4 years old**
- **your family's annual income is £16,190 or less**
  - **you do not get Working Tax Credit**



# Year Six Careers Fair - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023



**We are very excited to be planning a Careers Fair for the Year Six students, to take place on the morning of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.**

**We'd love to have as many different jobs represented as possible, so that the children can learn about different career opportunities and ask some questions.**

**If you can spare a couple of hours, please get in touch via email at [cawadmin@auroraacademies.org](mailto:cawadmin@auroraacademies.org) for the attention of Mr. Wood**

**Thank you so much!**



**A massive well done to the Y6 boys who were 'runners up' in the PLAY PE Shield Tournament on Friday! The boys played brilliantly and showed resilience and determination in all their matches.**

Everyone played a vital role on the team, from Lennon's boomin' goal kicks, Riley's clutch goal keeping, Alfie's versatility in defence, Rio's leadership, Danny's massive goal in the semi finals, Ollie's defensive support and lastly Stan F and Jaiden S's physical prowess!

The final game was so tense and we battled back to level the score but ultimately lost on penalties... it was difficult but the boys were excellent and showed superb sportsmanship!





# Year 6 Basketball Friendly

Thanks to St John the Baptist for attending our now annual basketball friendly. Our Year 6s played three games and were nothing short of great! For many, this was their first time playing in a competitive match and they had to learn a lot very quickly! Coach Luna was so proud of the effort displayed and the teamwork that took place!

## Game 1

CAW – 12

St JB – 2

## Game 2

CAW – 6

St JB – 4

## Game 3

CAW – 12

St JB – 0

See you at the tournament on  
June 14<sup>th</sup>!





## WHAT A DAY at the AMEX!

We are excited to announce that our girls got to play at the AMEX today!

Massive congratulations to the girls who played superbly and represented CAW so proudly. We came in **SECOND** place!! Amazing! We saw some unreal goals, amazing saves and **excellent** displays of sportspersonship. Mrs Luna, Mr McAdam are so proud of the girls for their **collaboration** and **effort** today. Mrs Al Hattabi deserves a massive thank you for setting this up and we hope to do it again soon!







# We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Arbor App

## We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Arbor App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Arbor App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

## How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

The Sunnyville School of Magic  
W10 5BN, London, GBR

Enter your password

Log in

Forgotten password?

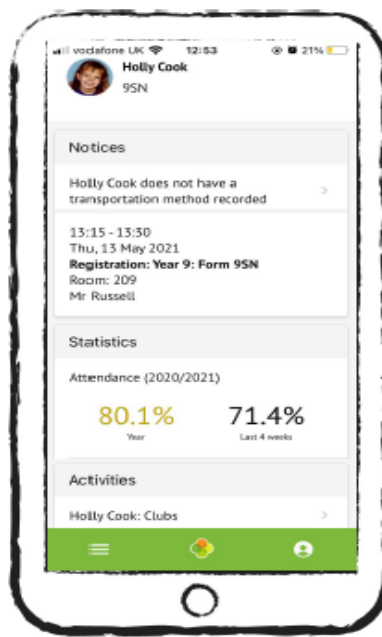
## Need help using Arbor?

**Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal.** Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

### Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.



So far 82% of our parents/carers have signed up to use the App.

You should have received the activation email, if you are having any problems activating the App please contact the school office.

We are aiming to use this Portal as our main Communication channel, this will help reduce the amount of paper used in school.



Hi Everyone,

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be sent home with a sound booklet this week. This contains sound practice sheets which match the sounds they are learning in their Phonics lessons.

These booklets can stay in your child's Reading folder, or stay at home. When your child practises a sound with you, you can record it as a read in their Reading record.

Thank you,  
Miss Varco





# Non-uniform Day - Friday 9th June 2023

The wonderful people at [Martlets Hospice](#) have organised for Brighton and Hove to be covered in sheep! In order to raise awareness for their great work, schools and artists will be decorating Shaun the Sheeps that will form a trail around our city.

We've had amazing designs from the children and will be choosing one that really reflects the unique character of City Academy Whitehawk!

If you would like to donate towards our Shaun the Sheep fundraising goal (100% voluntary), here's the link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/City-Academy-Whitehawk>



We will be having a **NON-UNIFORM DAY** on **Friday 9th June** (the first Friday after half term) to celebrate the great work that Martlets are doing. Staff will have buckets on the gates in the morning if you would like to make a **voluntary** donation, but everyone is welcome to wear non-uniform!

**Martlets**   
life-changing hospice care





# House Points

Huge congratulations to **AIR HOUSE** for winning their first HALF TERM HOUSE POINT competition of this school year. Well done!

There will be a really special House Celebration activity for everyone in Air House after half term!



**Air**  
**5089 points**

**Earth**  
**4186 points**

**Fire**  
**4653 points**

**Water**  
**4454 points**

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

	Year 1 to 3	Years 4 to 6
Week 5	Greenfinches	Barn Owls
Week 6	Goldfinches	Magpies



# 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

ASPIRATION means reaching for the stars and aiming to do your absolute personal best.

You can do it!





## Summer 2 Week 1 CAW Quality of the Week: ASPIRATION

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Collaboration



A

Aspiration



R

Resilience



E

Effort



E

Excellence



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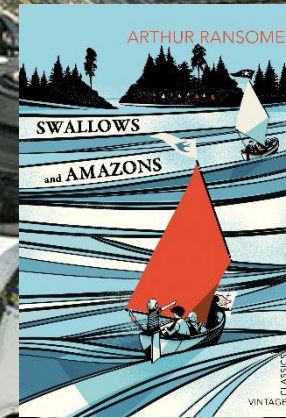
Respect



Inspiring passion and talent (BBC)

Ellen MacArthur talks about a circular economy (KS2)

Eye of the Storm (BBC)



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### CAW Significant Figure of the Week

**Dame Ellen MacArthur**

*Superhero sailor and charity founder*

An exceptionally talented sailor, Ellen held the world record for solo circumnavigating the Earth in the fastest ever time. She was inspired to become a sailor by reading *Swallows and Amazons* as a child...just another example of the power of reading! Ellen went on to set up a circular economy charity. A truly inspirational person!



NAME AND  
NATIONALITY

#### Article 7

**You have the right to a NAME and a NATIONALITY**





**HARRISON**  
EST.1994

# EAT GOOD LIVE HAPPY

Harrison Catering Services is a family-owned business with a clear approach: we prepare **fresh food from fresh ingredients**. This means that all your child's delicious meals are **prepared by our trained chefs**.

We use high-quality, sustainably-sourced, seasonal food. Our menus feature organic ingredients, British free-range eggs, and fresh, British-sourced meat and poultry.

Harrison understands that what children eat affects their health and ability to learn and perform in the classroom.

At City Academy Whitehawk, our catering team provides nutritious, balanced meals, and we work to educate the students on how to make healthier food choices.

Our goal is to instil a love and understanding of fresh, healthy food at a young age that will positively influence them throughout life.



[www.harrisoncatering.co.uk](http://www.harrisoncatering.co.uk)

## FREE LUNCH FOR KEY STAGE 1 (UFSM)

THE UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEAL (UFSM) SCHEME OFFERS A FREE SCHOOL MEAL TO PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2.

PLEASE LET THE SCHOOL KNOW IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOW BE HAVING LUNCH.

Our menu offer includes popular meat and vegetarian hot choice with vegetables as well as a daily salad bar and fresh baked bread.

Additional **new plated packed lunch options are also available**. A homemade dessert or fresh-cut fruit or yoghurt completes the 2-course meal.

## OUR NEW MENU ITEMS

## OUR LUNCH OFFER

The menus are created with the pupil in mind including favourite and popular choices, along with new dishes. We gather input from our customers, our team, development chefs and company nutritionist.

Our food is prepared on site, by our trained team, in line with government school food standards and Food for Life.

### Free School Meals

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Please speak with the school.



# 2020-2021 Dates for your Diary

Our term dates for 22/23 are online: click [here](#) to see them.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May: INSET**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Start of Summer 2**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 1pm : Year 5 & Year 6 Sports Day**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 11am: Nursery Sports Day**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 9am: Year 3 and 4 Sports Day**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1pm: Year R, 1 and 2 Sports Day**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June: INSET**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: INSET**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July: Teacher/Family Consultations**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Teacher/Family Consultations**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July: End of School Year**

I hope this letter has provided you with all the information you need but please do not hesitate to get in touch or check through [previous newsletters](#) catalogued on our website.

I look forward to seeing children in assembly on the morning of June 5th!

Yours sincerely,

Thomas McMorris  
Headteacher

