



# City Academy Whitehawk

Headteacher's Newsletter 17





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Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

This week was filled with reading! We opened our **excellent** new library 'City Academy Wilderness' on Monday with a ribbon cutting ceremony and a special viewing from authors Sue Hendra (Supertato!), Steve McCarthy (The Wilderness!) and representatives from each class. After this, Sue visited the Robins and Hatchlings for a super special story time and Steve held assemblies for Years 1 – 6. Each class had their class book signed and those who had brought or bought their own books had them signed too. Steve and Sue were astounded by the level of detail in the new library, the creative spaces and displays across the school and the behaviour and curiosities of our children. On Tuesday, each class visited to explore the space and we welcomed many families to see it after school. It will also be open on the last day of term with the Arts Week Exhibition.

As well as our author visitors, the last two weeks has seen many potential Aurora Trustees and CAW Teachers touring and interviewing. These visitors commented on the hard-working nature of the classrooms they visited and purposeful learning spaces. They were impressed by the **effort** undertaken by both staff and students! We look forward to getting to know some of these people as colleagues in due course.

Work has been continued on the incredible Children's Parade Climate Change Dragon and we can't wait to show her off tomorrow. Huge thanks to the parent team who have put so much energy, creativity and passion into this project. Their **collaboration** with pupils and staff has paid off; this has got to be our largest creation yet!

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.

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See next slide for  
more information!

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- Explore a tented encampment, see demonstrations of 17<sup>th</sup> century crafts and cooking, take part in workshops, enjoy music and comedy by guest artists and local performers, and choose to take part in or sit back and watch a re-enactment.
- Music and stand-up comedy from Mark Thomas, Victoria Melody, Whitehawk Isolators, Brighton Folk Choir and more. Stalls and activities include Wyld Mothers, Woolly Umbrella, Whitehawk Community Food Project, art workshops.
- A historical re-enactment battle between 17<sup>th</sup> Century soldiers and angry landowners trying to turf the Diggers (made up of East Brighton Residents, volunteers and gardeners) off the land.
- There will also be FREE food cooked over open fires by 17<sup>th</sup> Century chefs.
- Turn up and join in. No need to book and you can come and go throughout the afternoon. Everyone welcome!



# Reading Raffle 5

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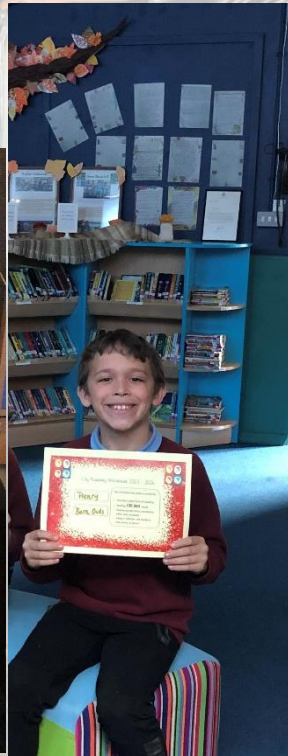
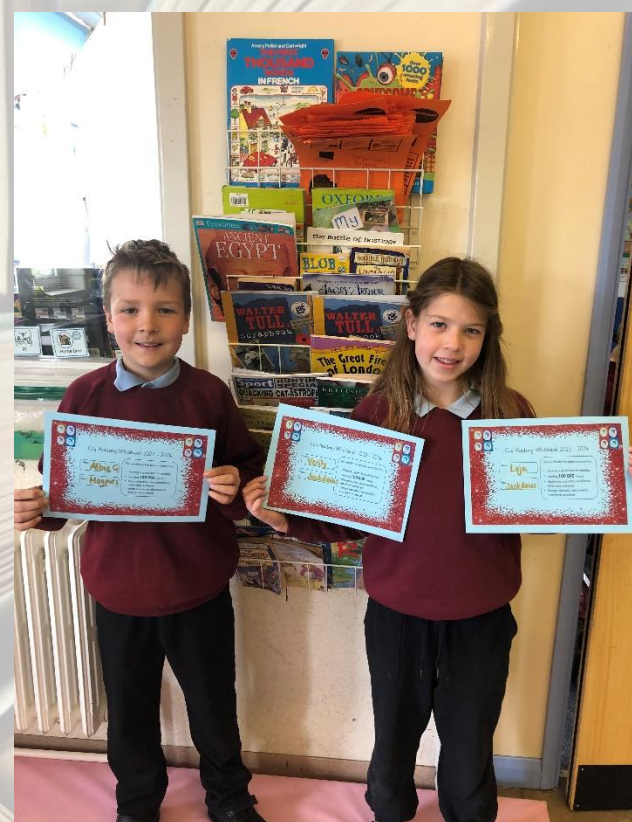


Reading Raffle 5 continues until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May! This means there are 15 opportunities to read at home (including today and an early morning read on the 17<sup>th</sup>!) We are on track to set a school record for total tickets across the year; help us continue this trend by reading regularly with your child.



# Word Count Certificates

We gave out our latest word count certificates this week. A huge well done to those who achieved one; especially 3 Year 4s on 100,000 words and one Year 5 who is our latest word millionaire!







Before



After!





# Grand Opening





# First Reactions!





# Assemblies, Story Times & Book Signings!







Thank you Steve & Sue! We had the BEST day celebrating with you and are so grateful for your incredible story telling skills and generosity of time. You are always welcome at CAW! Big shout out to Mr Hill, our amazing premises manager, without whom the library transformation simply would not have been possible!



# Attendance and Punctuality



Big Shout out to  
**Barn Owls Class**  
who have had their best ever  
week for attendance, and are  
working towards their own  
special challenges 😊

If you would like to chat about  
your child's attendance or  
punctuality 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/>



## Wheel of Fortune Prize Winners

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

22nd April

Daisy-Rae – Greenfinches

Freddie – Barn Owls

Alfie W - Falcons

Roman – Puffins

Alfie M - Falcons

Rosealina – Kestrels

Ryan - Jackdaws

**Well done to the  
children who have  
completed their own  
challenges for improving  
attendance this week!**





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

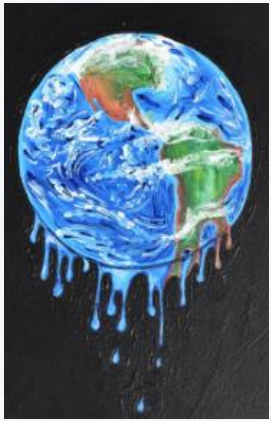


**Year Two**  
Goldfinches  
Greenfinches



**Year Six**  
Eagles  
Falcons





# Arts Week exhibition

In the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May we will be enjoying another annual Arts Week. Our focus this year is climate change.

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May you are invited to our exhibition which will showcase artwork from every year group.



The exhibition will be open to families straight after school and we look forward to seeing you there!





# Fred's Phonics club

Fred the frog invited some Year 1 and 2 children to his new afterschool club and they all had so much fun!



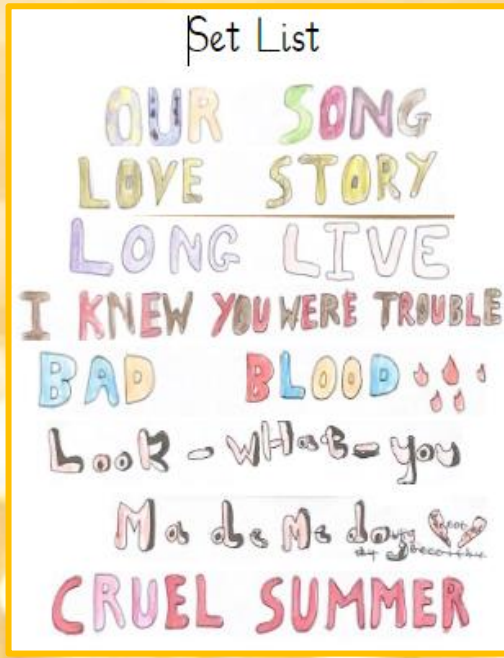
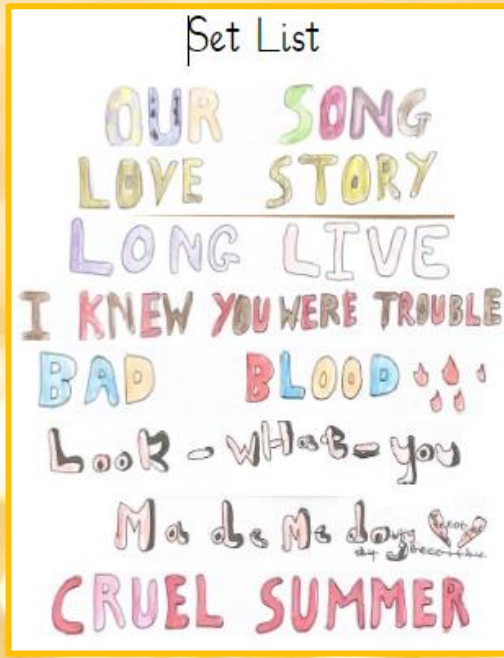
Fred is hoping to invite more children to his club after half term and next year.











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!



# Year 4 trip to the farm





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# 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 fraie 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 are currently leading the House Competition. We are only halfway through the term, so there is still time for **Earth**, **Fire** and **Water** to catch up.

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



**3242 Air  
points**

**2854 Earth  
points**

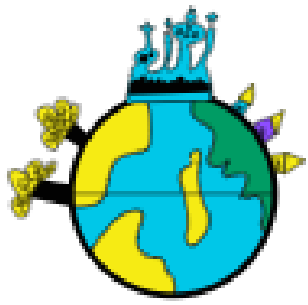
**3089 Fire  
points**

**3022 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 1	Kestrels	Falcons
Week 2	Kites	Falcons





# 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**

## Summer 1 Week 4 CAW Quality of the Week: RESILIENCE



[Ning, Nang,  
Nong poem](#)

[The Fresh  
Fruit Song](#)

[Find out more  
about Spike  
Milligan](#)

### CAW Significant Figure of the Week

**Spike Milligan**

***Irish comedian and writer***

Spike Milligan was a very funny and talented comedian, writer, and actor. He was born on April 16, 1918, in India. Spike was famous for his unique sense of humour and silly jokes. He created and starred in a popular comedy show called 'The Goon Show' on the radio in the 1950s. Children and adults loved listening to his funny stories and characters. As well as being a comedian, Spike fought in World War II. He suffered from depression and wrote about how to deal with this so that he could help others. Spike's funny and clever jokes are still enjoyed by many people today, even though he passed away on February 27, 2002.

**How can we reuse  
clothing to reduce  
waste?**



**Our City,  
Our World**



# EXCELLENCE

## AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

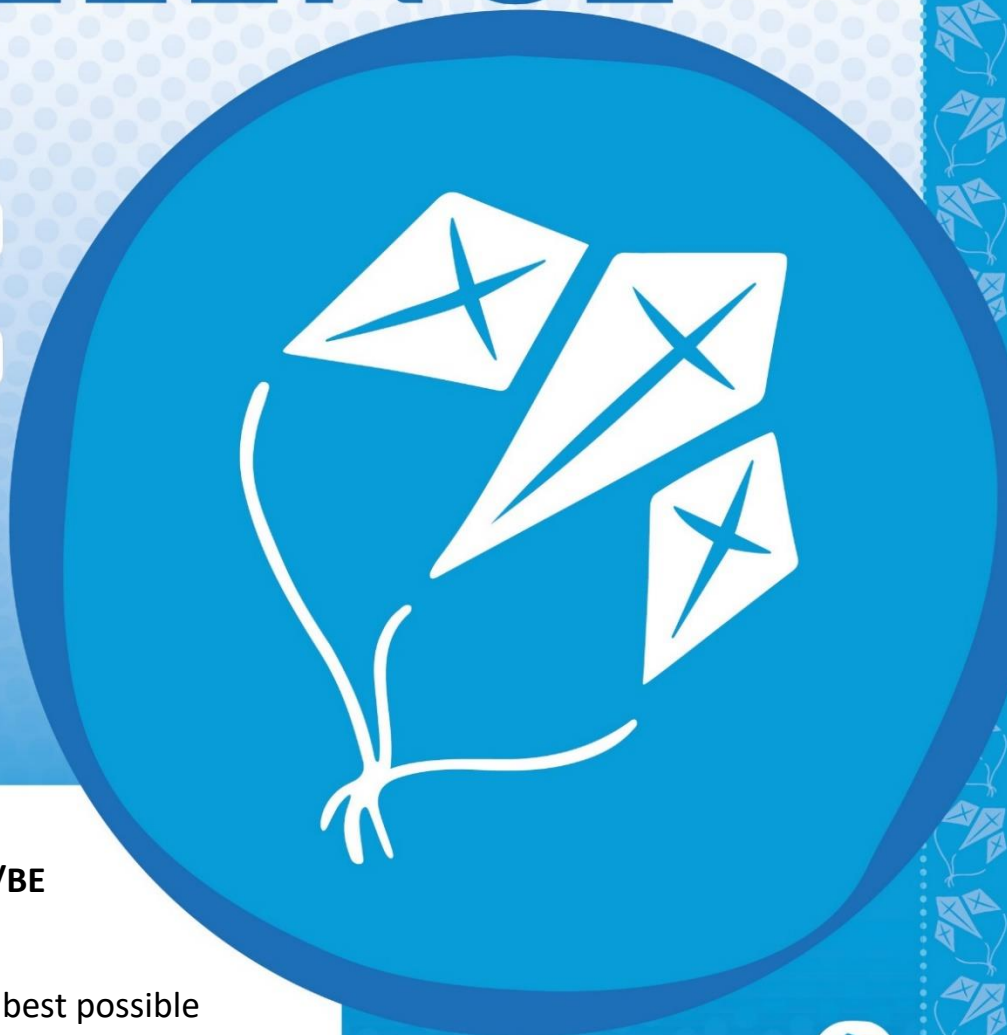
Years 1-6

- 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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A

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R

Respect



## Summer 1 Week 3 CAW Quality of the Week: EXCELLENCE



Mo Farah  
wins Olympic  
Gold in the  
5000m

Mo talks about how  
he came to the UK  
(for older children)

Winning  
Sports  
Personality of  
the Year

### CAW Significant Figures of the Week



**Mo Farah**

*Long distance runner*

Sir Mo Farah was born as Hussein Kahin in Somalia (in Africa) in 1983. At the age of nine he was trafficked to London where he was forced into child labour. This was an incredibly difficult childhood, but he overcame this to show amazing EXCELLENCE at running. He became a British citizen and has won four gold medals at the Olympic games. Can you all do his famous MOBOT celebration...?

How can we reduce  
travel that causes  
pollution?



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# **CUPPA, CAKE & CHAT WHITEHAWK**

## **For parents of children and young people with SEND**

Join us in person for a cuppa, cake and chat and meet families with similar experiences from Whitehawk. We will discuss; does your child have special needs or not? What help can you get and what services may be available? You may have a diagnosis for your child and are wondering what to do next? An opportunity to tell us what you need from us and how we can best support you and your family.

This group will sometimes have an emphasis on children or young people with a neurodevelopmental condition, such as ASC, ADHD or dyslexia.

Refreshments are provided.

**Tuesdays from 9.30 - 11.30am**

**9th January, 6th February, 5th March, April TBC, 7th May,  
4th June & 2nd July 2024**

St Cuthmans Church, Whitehawk Way, Brighton BN2 5HE



# 2020-2021 Dates for your Diary

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

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

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April:** Families' Reading Workshop Year 2 2:45-3:05

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** Families' Reading Workshop Year 1 2:45-3:05

**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

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** Start of Summer 2

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** INSET Day

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** Transition Day 2024

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July/Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** Consultation Evening

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 in the next assembly!

Have an excellent long weekend,

Thomas McMorris  
Headteacher

