



City Academy Whitehawk

Headteacher's Newsletter 18



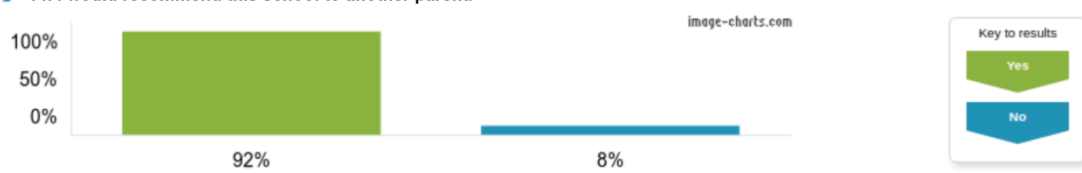
17th May 2024

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

We have had an incredibly busy fortnight and we couldn't feel more proud of the Whitehawk community.

As you know, last week we were visited by Ofsted who undertook a 'graded inspection' of the school. This means by mid-June we'll be ready to share a report with you with judgements for 'Quality of Education', 'Personal Development', 'Behaviour and Attitudes', 'Early Years' and 'Leadership and Management'. We're incredibly proud of the performance of the children and staff who worked so hard for the school last week and I can't wait to share the report when it's available. Thank you to all of you who shared your views of the school with the inspectors and to those of you who did it online too; 92% of families told inspectors that they would recommend the school!

➤ 14. I would recommend this school to another parent.



Following this, we're delighted to announce that we are as proud as ever of our Year 6 children who show us such EFFORT, RESILIENCE and EXCELLENCE here at school each day. They've done themselves proud with their SATs this week; we look forward to celebrating their results with them in July! I'm really grateful to the Year 6 team who make this such an inclusive, positive experience for children. A very cool achievement indeed.

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.

School Uniform Reminder

We are very proud of our inclusive school. We are incredibly proud that the school is somewhere where all children feel equal. Uniform plays an important role in creating a sense of equality. Uniform enables us to join in with all school activities safely.

Please accept this as the final newsletter reminder that crocs are not in keeping with our uniform expectations. Children have been reminded of this expectation; I have also included this in many newsletters and am now requesting your support. Children should be wearing shoes or trainers to school and I will be enforcing this rule more strictly from Monday.

Sports Week

We are excited to invite parents/carers, families and friends of the CAW community to attend our Sports Day Events this year again. All events (excluding Reception and Nursery) will be held in the field opposite the school (near the Crew Club), and children will be showcasing their athletic skills! Reception and Nursery Sports Day will be held on the field in the school. More information on how to access this will come nearer the time.

All races and activities the children participate in will earn them house points towards the Sports Day shield. We look forward to seeing the children's fantastic running, jumping and throwing skills on show!

Please read on for times and dates...

Sports Week

Friday 21st June 1pm: **Year 5 and 6 Sports Day**

Monday 24th June 9.15am: **Year 3 and 4 Sports Day**

Tuesday 25th June 9.15am: **Year 1 and 2 Sports Day**

Wednesday 26th June 9.30am: **Reception Sports Day**

Wednesday 26th June 1.30pm: **Hatchlings 1 and 2 Sports Day (all of the Hatchlings together, more information to come soon!)**

We would love the children to wear their house team colours to their Sports Day if they would like to. If they do not want to wear their house colours, they can wear their normal PE kits on this day.



**Fire house
Red**



**Air house
Yellow**



**Earth house
Green**



**Water house
Blue**



Our City,
Our World

Children's Parade 2024

(click to see the photos in The Argus!)



On Saturday 4th May, City Academy Whitehawk helped kick off the Brighton Festival as part of the 2024 Children's Parade. Our theme this year, inspired by **Our City, Our World**, was based around fighting Climate Change, and featured the stunning **Crystal the Climate Change Dragon**. Huge thanks to the amazingly talented and generous PTA for their hard work and creative excellence. The weather was perfect and it was wonderful see the crowds gasping as they saw Crystal approaching them! Enjoy the photos on the next few slides...

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Huge thanks to Terry and his van for helping us get Crystal to the Children's Parade and back!

Please give him a shout if you need a removal company. We are very grateful for his help.

<https://brighton-removals.co.uk/>

Reading Raffle 5

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



The Reading Raffle tickets have been counted and the draw has been made!

We'll be announcing the results next week...will you be one of the lucky readers to have your name picked...?

We're excited to be announcing Reading Raffle 6 next week too!

Year 1 and Year 4 puppet show

Year 1's DT design brief was to make puppets for a show for Year 4.

We made sure they were strong, exciting to look at and we used popular characters as inspiration.

Year 4 helped the Year 1s to create fun puppet show scits which they performed in the theatre!



Please click [here](#) for an update about what your children are up to this term!



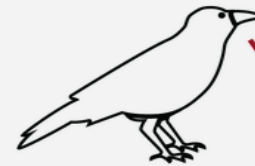
Nursery
Hatchlings



Year Three
Kites
Kestrels



Reception
Robins



Year Four
Jackdaws
Magpies



Year One
Puffins
Woodpeckers



Year Five
Barn Owls
Hérons

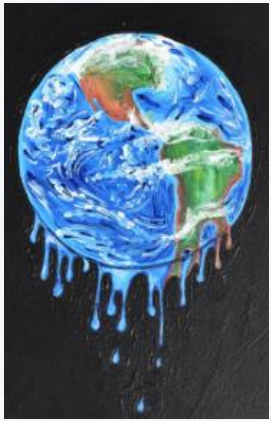


Year Two
Goldfinches
Greenfinches



Year Six
Eagles
Falcons





Arts Week exhibition

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

On Thursday 23rd 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 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.

House Points

Congratulations to **Air House**, who are currently leading the House Competition. We're coming to the end of Summer 1 but 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.



**5008 Air
points**

**4550 Earth
points**

**4664 Fire
points**

**4705 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 3	Greenfinches	Jackdaws
Week 4	Goldfinches	Heron

CREATIVITY

ARTS WEEK 2024

AWARDED TO

Name:

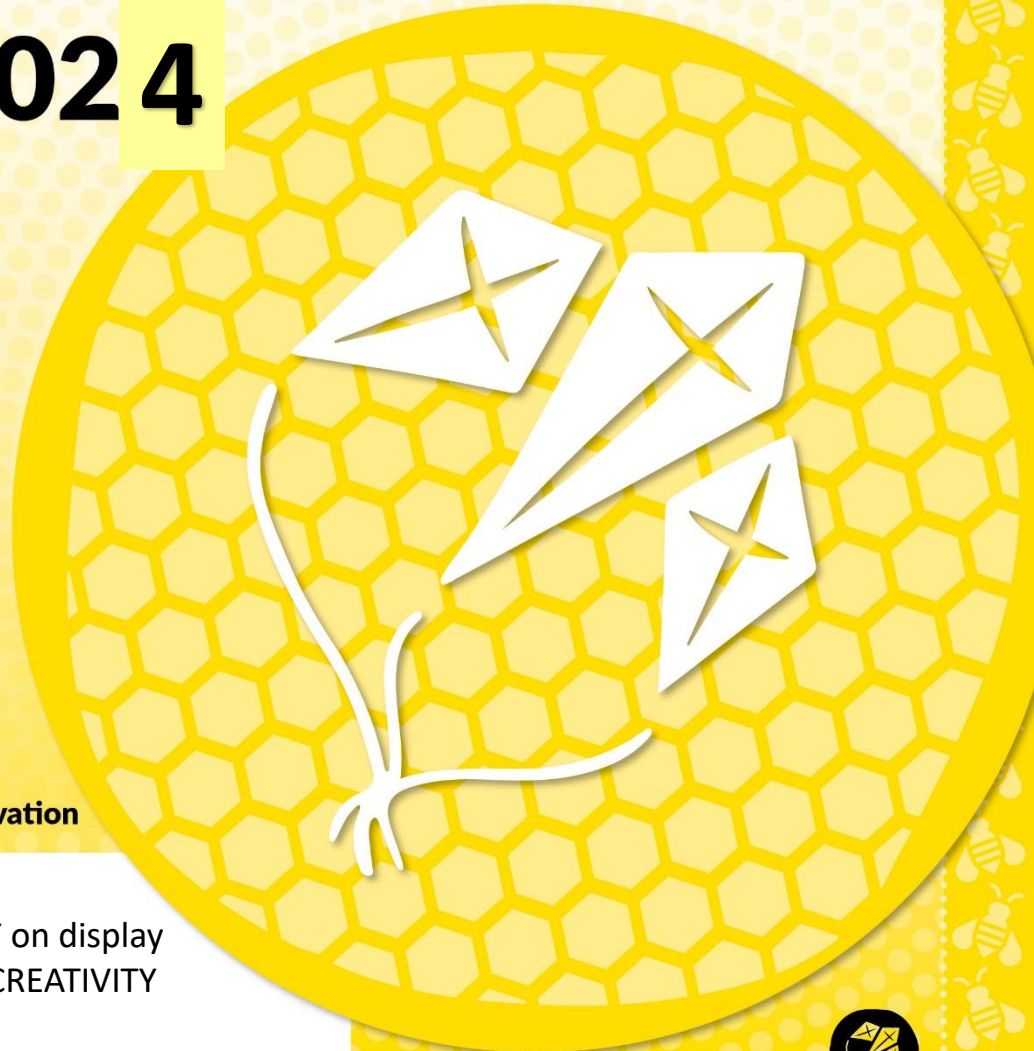
Class:

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

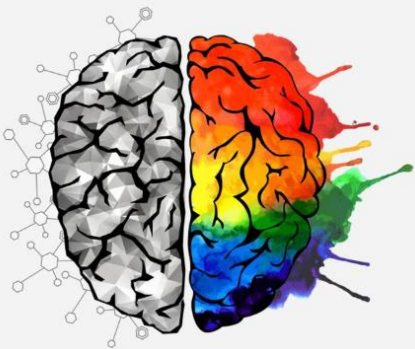
Teacher's Comments

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



CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Norval Morrisseau (1932-2007)
Canadian Artist

Norval Morrisseau, also known as Copper Thunderbird, was a Canadian artist of Ojibwa (Anishinaabe) ancestry. He was born on March 14, 1932, in Ontario, Canada, and passed away on December 4, 2007. Morrisseau is often credited with being the founder of the Woodland School of Art, a style characterized by bold lines, vivid colours, and depictions of spiritual and mythological themes from Indigenous Canadian culture. Morrisseau's artwork played a significant role in bringing Indigenous Canadian art to wider recognition and appreciation both nationally and internationally. His work not only celebrated Indigenous culture but also challenged stereotypes and contributed to the cultural renaissance of Indigenous peoples in Canada.

[Find out
more about
Norval
Morrisseau](#)

[Create a
piece of
artwork
\(10 mins\)](#)

You'll need paper
and some felt tips

**How can reusing
save us money?**



**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

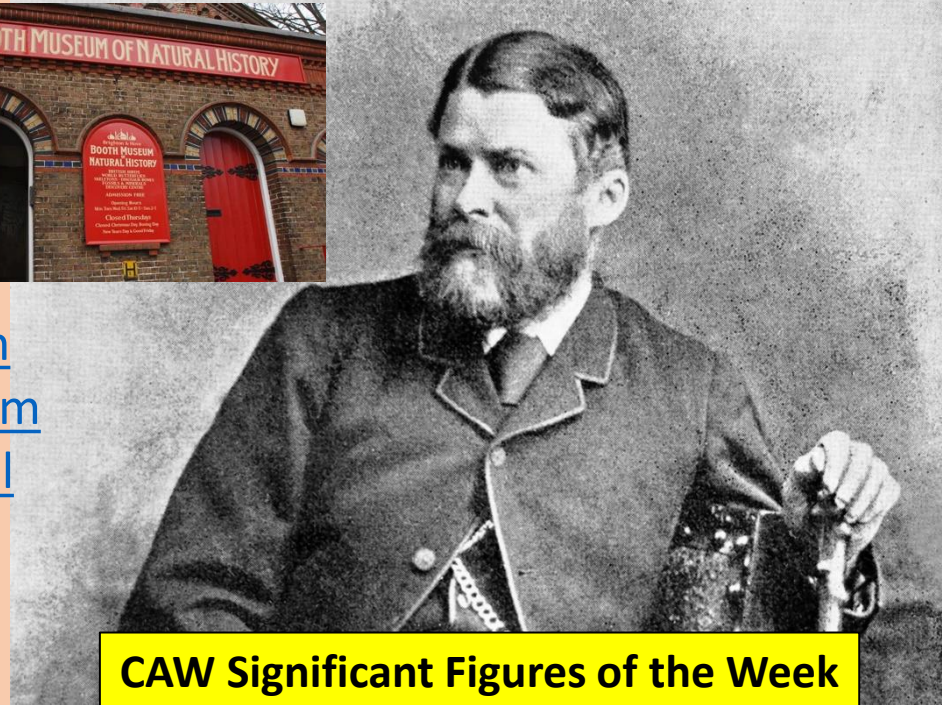
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Respect

Summer 1 Week 5 CAW Quality of the Week: COLLABORATION



[Booth Museum virtual tour](#)



CAW Significant Figures of the Week

[Edward Thomas Booth biography](#)

[Booth Museum of Natural History](#)

Edward Thomas Booth (1840-1890)

Founder of the Booth Museum of Natural History

Booth lived during the Victorian Era. He used his family fortune to build a private museum showing lots of different animals, mainly focused on different types of birds. When he died he bequeathed the museum to Brighton. How do you feel about animals being stuffed (this is called **taxidermy**)? Do you think it's **moral** for Booth to have killed animals so they could be put on display? Is it acceptable if they are used for educating people about the natural world?

What choices can we make when we buy things to help Climate Change?



**Our City,
Our World**



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

Bike and Scooter Safety



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We are delighted to see children cycling and scooting to school! It's fun, adds to a healthy lifestyle, develops motor control and reduces pollution in line with the **Our City, Our World** initiative we are so proud of.



It's always fantastic to see children wearing **helmets** when they are on their bikes or scooters. These are so important for preventing head injuries should there ever be an accident.



We have recently had reports of some items going missing from the bike sheds. We do everything we can to prevent this but would strongly recommend families locking their bikes and scooters up to ensure their safety.



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](#).

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 21st June: Sports Events start (see separate slide)

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 again on behalf of all staff for the kindness and support you showed the school during last week's inspection.

I hope you have a great weekend ahead of one of our favourite events of the year: Art's Week!

See you on Monday,

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher

