



# City Academy Whitehawk

Headteacher's Newsletter 19





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Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

It's been wonderful to have everyone back in school after the half term break, and there has been a tangible sense of joy around school. I have been so impressed by the hard work and successes we have seen from the children in these last five days. The sunshine is certainly welcome too, and being able to open our Trim Trail green space during break times is always very special.

We are so proud of the arts provision we offer here at City Academy Whitehawk, and our 2024 Arts Week Exhibition may well have been our best one yet. Please enjoy looking through the fantastic range of photos in this edition of the Headteacher's Newsletter. I would like to thank everyone at school who contributed so much hard work and creativity to Arts Week, and particularly to Miss Varco for her exceptional vision and leadership. We are incredibly proud to have had an [Our City, Our World](#) theme this year...please do discuss this initiative with your children, as they have shown just how passionate and knowledgeable they are in this important area of their personal development.

A big shout out to the Year Four children, and all of the adults who support them, for the resilience and effort they have shown in completing their Multiplication Tables Check statutory assessments this week. Bravo Year Four. These are important mathematical facts to remember, and we are always proud of the children for aspiring to reach their own personal best.

We have a jam-packed Summer 2 coming up, with so many exciting events to squeeze in! We're looking forward to the Sports Week events for all classes, a forthcoming RE Day, the famous Year Six residential and Leavers' Assembly, the annual Careers Fair, reports, Family Consultations, and much, much more...read on for further details...

# **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 this rule is now being strictly enforced.

**I would also ask that children wear shorts of an appropriate length. We have recently seen that some children are wearing very small Nike shorts that are not in line with our appropriate school uniform policy.**

**Thank you so much for your support.**

# 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 21<sup>st</sup> June 1pm: **Year 5 and 6 Sports Day**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am: **Year 3 and 4 Sports Day**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am: **Year 1 and 2 Sports Day**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am: **Reception Sports Day**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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**



Watch our virtual exhibition  
tour on YouTube and  
Facebook!



Art Exhibition



Face paint station



Lots of visitors after school!







From start...



Mr Hill couldn't resist getting in!



We were inspired by these exhibition stands near the beach.



To finish!





# Attendance and Punctuality



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



## Wheel of Fortune Prize Winners

This week's winners on 3<sup>rd</sup> June were selected from children who were at school and on time...

**EVERY DAY IN MAY!!!! 😊**

Iris – Goldfinches

Farah - Jackdaws

James – Greenfinches

Alfie W - Eagles

Jamil – Woodpeckers

Scarlett - Eagles



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

**Star of the week is Zach from Magpies for amazingly improved punctuality! Well done Zach 😊**



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/>

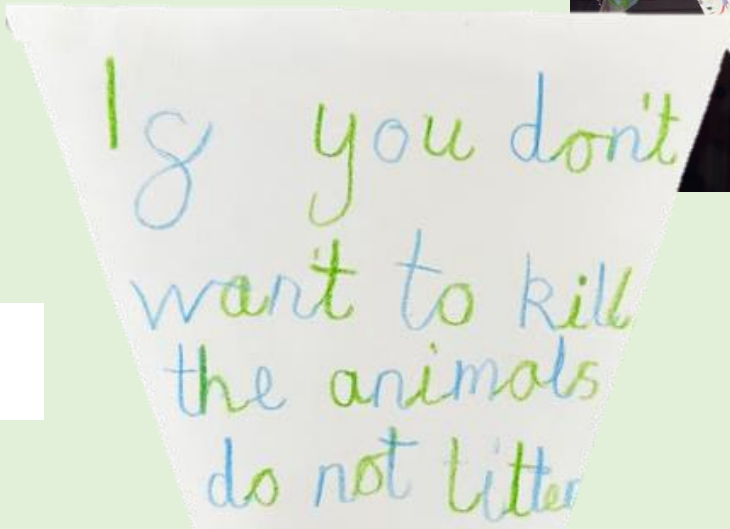




We all decorated a flag to make bunting.



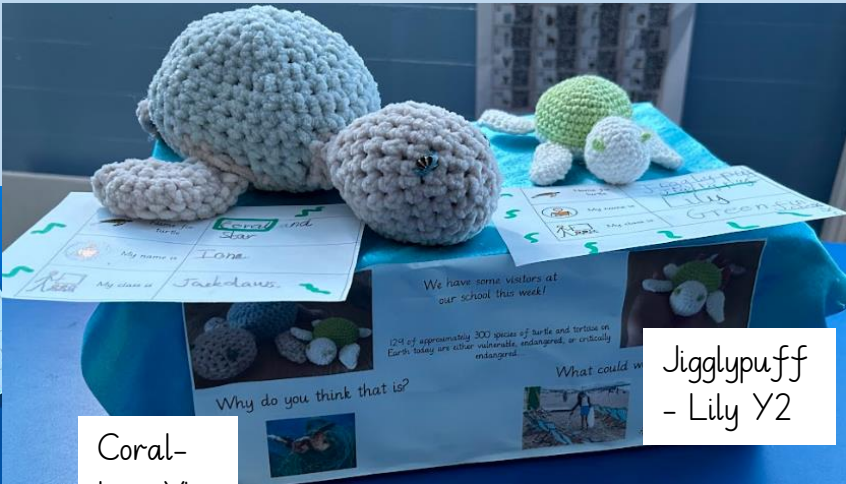
Miss Varco's Arts Week nails.







Miss Varco crocheted some turtles.



Coral-lona Y4

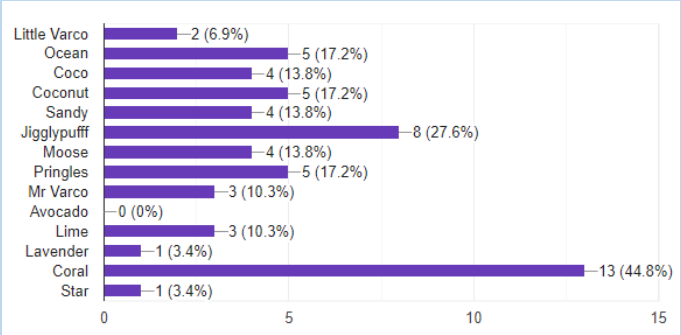
Jigglypuff - Lily Y2



We even had a real visitor from the tortoise family!

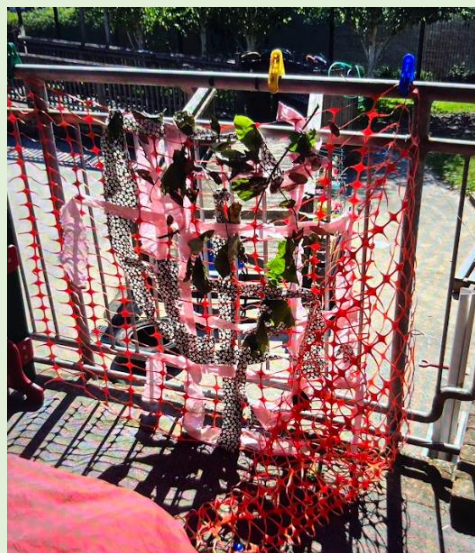


We had a naming competition with children and staff.





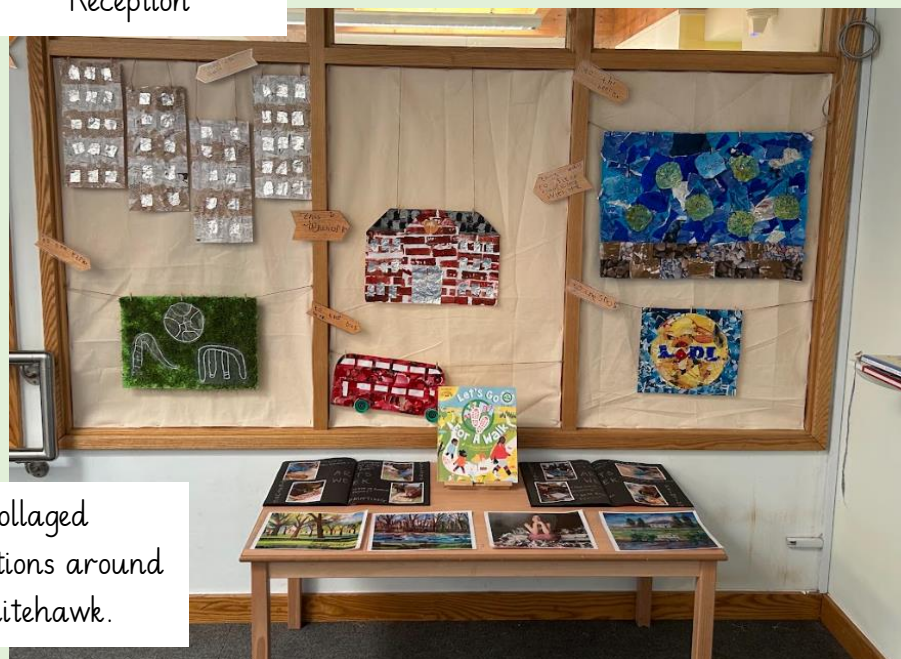
Weaving with  
natural materials



Vegetable printing  
and captions



Nursery and  
Reception



Collaged  
destinations around  
Whitehawk.



Transport to school  
vote.





Sketchbooks  
and weaving

Year 1



Certificates  
on Michelle's  
handmade  
table



Final piece

Bubble wall







Bringing the coral back to life.

Year 2







Proud artists



Handmade vines



Stuffed toy guests!

Year 3





Year 4

Publishing, artwork, and sketchbooks to explore.

Saving animals from a dirty ocean!







Real flats



Collage flats

Year 5

Busy exhibition stands!







They're coming!



Year 6



And again...



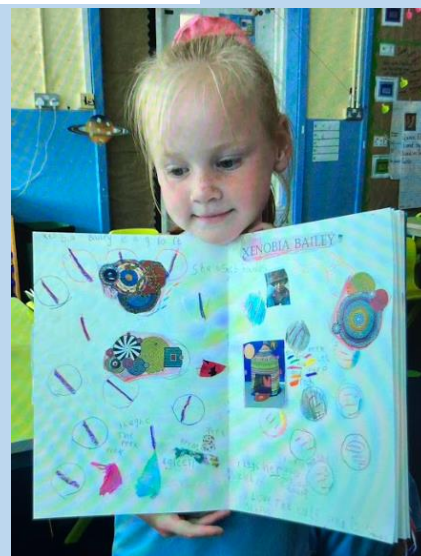
There's more...







Proud artists





# Reading Raffle 6

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**Reading Raffle 6  
went live on Monday  
20<sup>th</sup> May! This will  
run for 8 weeks,  
ending on Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
July! This means  
there are more  
opportunities than  
ever to win a prize!**





Reading Raffle  
Ticket



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Reading Raffle  
Ticket



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_



Reading Raffle  
Ticket



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Reading Raffle  
Ticket



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**We are 104 tickets away from beating our whole school, whole year personal best! We will easily achieve this so....**

**Miss Scozzafava & Miss Delaney are setting the whole school a challenge. Can we end the year on 3,695 tickets? That's 604 tickets needed in RR6! This will mean we exceed our PB by 500! If we achieve this target, we'll have a whole school mini celebration!**



# Reading Raffle 5 Winners



Plus Ruby and Addie, not pictured!



# 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

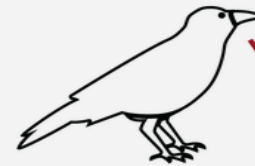


**Year Three**

Kites  
Kestrels



**Reception**  
Robins



**Year Four**

Jackdaws  
Magpies



**Year One**

Puffins  
Woodpeckers



**Year Five**

Barn Owls  
Herons



**Year Two**

Goldfinches  
Greenfinches



**Year Six**

Eagles  
Falcons

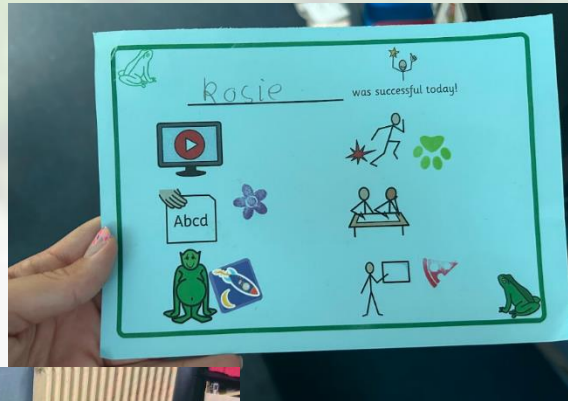






# Fred's Phonics club

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.





# House Points

We've started a new half term, meaning all Houses were back to an equal score of zero...**Air**, **Earth**, **Fire** and **Water** Houses all had an equal chance of winning the Summer 2 House Point Competition. Water House have stormed into an early lead, but there is all to play for. **Remember: EVERY TICKET COUNTS!** Keep showing our CAW Qualities and you will earn lots of tickets.



**Air**  
**707 points**

**Earth**  
**811 points**

**Fire**  
**615 points**

**Water**  
**851 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
Summer 1 Week 5	Woodpeckers	Magpies
Summer 1 Week 6	Kestrels	Magpies



# Summer 1 House Celebration: Water Balloon Mayhem!

Congratulations to Air House who enjoyed their House Celebration today:





# EXCELLENCE

## AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

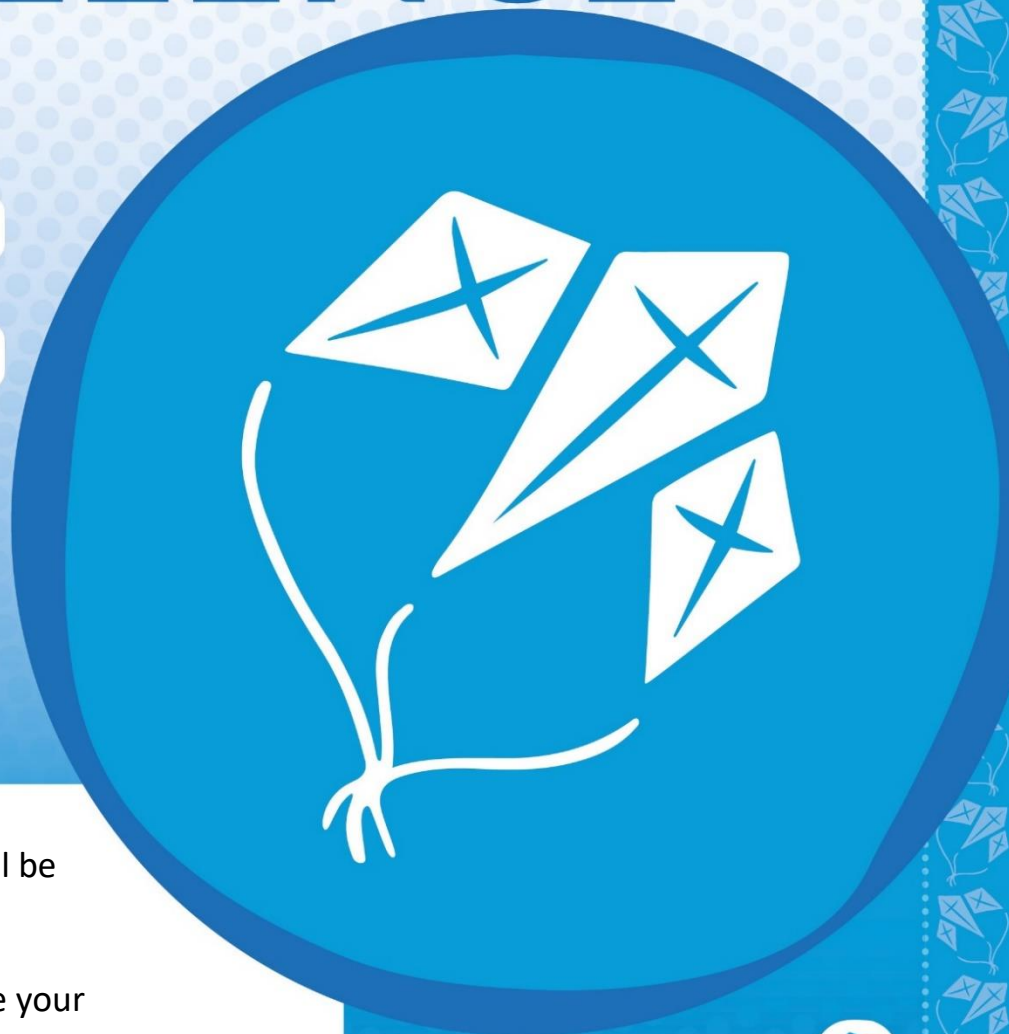
Years 1-6

- 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

Next week, our CAW Quality of the week will be  
**EXCELLENCE/BE BETTER BEE.**

How will you use the CAW Qualities to achieve your  
personal best in your learning?





C

Collaboration



A

Aspiration



R

Resilience



E

Effort



E

Excellence

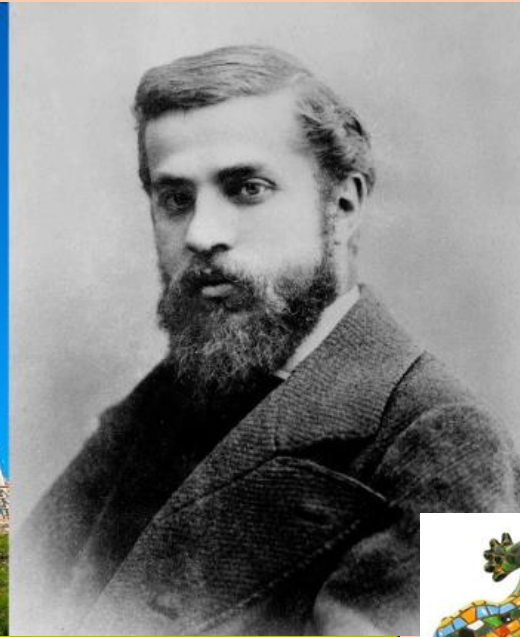


R

Respect



Summer 2 Week 2 CAW Quality of the Week: EXCELLENCE



[Basilica De La  
Sagrada  
Familia](#)

(scroll to the bottom of  
the page for pictures)

[Take a look at  
his work](#)

CAW Significant Figure of the Week

**Antoni Gaudí**

*Architect and designer*



How can children  
have an impact on  
Climate Change?



**Our City,  
Our World**

Antoni Gaudí, born on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1852, was a famous Spanish architect known for his unique and colourful buildings. He designed many beautiful structures in Barcelona, Spain, using bright tiles, twisted iron, and nature-inspired shapes. His most famous work is the Sagrada Família, a giant church that looks like a fairytale castle and is still being built even today! Gaudí's creative designs make him one of the most imaginative architects in history.

Art Nouveau is the movement that influenced Gaudí the most, stimulating him to experiment with new materials and new shapes, thereby helping him to give up imitating historical styles and find his own way.



# RESPECT

## AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

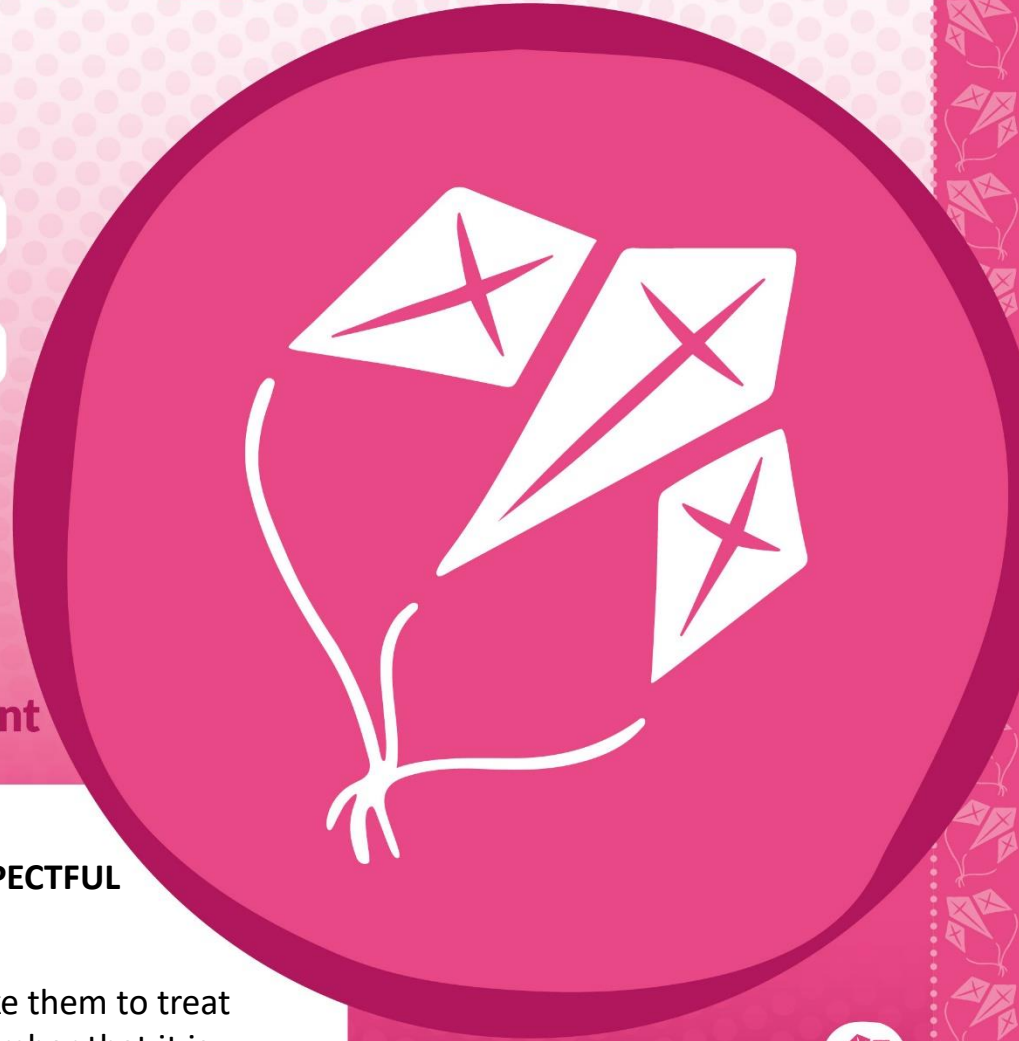
Years 1-6

- Listen to others
- Be kind when you disagree
- Explain things to help others
- Be tolerant
- Take care of the school environment

### Teacher's Comments

We'll be awarding certificates for **RESPECT/RESPECTFUL RABBIT** qualities in the next assembly.

**RESPECT** means treating others as you would like them to treat you. Empathy will help you achieve this! Remember that it is important to treat yourself with **RESPECT** too.





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Collaboration



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Aspiration



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Resilience



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Effort



E

Excellence



R

Respect



Summer 2 Week 1 CAW Quality of the Week: RESPECT


[Channel 4  
biography](#)
[A life  
committed to  
regenerating  
the planet](#)
[How to  
protect  
the oceans  
\(18mins\)](#)

CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Sylvia Earle

*Marine biologist, explorer and author*

Born in New Jersey, USA in 1935, Sylvia Earle is a world-famous oceanographer (someone who studies the seas, and the creatures that live in them). She has authored over 150 publications, and continues to campaign passionately for our seas and environment at the age of 88.

Sylvia is a vegetarian, and she made the decision to change her diet partly based on what she sees as the mistreatment of our planet's oceans by the food industry. Sylvia has shown admirable **RESPECT** for our planet and the organisms that populate it.

Who can fix 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](mailto:cawadmin@auroraacademies.org)



# Check Mates!



**The Chess Club were so excited to use our new giant chess set on the Trim Trail at today's club. Check and indeed mate!**



# Free summer playscheme!

30TH, 31ST  
JULY & 1ST  
AUG  
6TH, 7TH, 8TH  
AUG

11am -  
3pm

**FREE  
HAF  
PLAYScheme**

Free  
Lunch

City  
Academy  
Whitehawk

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Holiday  
Activities  
and Food



# Bike and Scooter Safety



**Our City,  
Our World**

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](#).

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June:** Year Six Careers Fair

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June:** Sports Events start (see separate slides)

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

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July:** RE Day

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

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

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July:** Last day of school for children



I hope you have a great weekend ahead and are looking forward to all of the fantastic events we have in store for the final half term of the year.

See you on Monday,

Thomas McMorris  
Headteacher

