



City Academy Whitehawk

Headteacher's Newsletter 20



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Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

City Academy Whitehawk is celebrating this week following the publication of our [latest Ofsted report](#). Inspectors awarded us FOUR Outstanding judgements! We are proud to have been graded Good overall. In the report inspectors repeatedly acknowledged the high expectations that permeate every aspect of the school and said 'pupils thrive in a culture of high expectations'.

I am so proud of this report and the fact that it captures the amazing work of the dedicated staff team and the positive impact it has on our pupils, our families and the amazing Whitehawk community. I'm so thrilled with how our staff team has continued to go from strength to strength, serving the children of Whitehawk with such commitment, compassion and skill.

I'm absolutely overjoyed that our school's approaches have been described as 'inspirational and systematic' and how they are enabling our children to go on to achieve great things. We pride ourselves on being a school with incredibly high expectations where everyone belongs and we couldn't be happier that this is reflected in our glowing Ofsted report and reflected in the feedback given to inspectors by our families – 92% of families said that they would recommend the school and we know that 96% of children report a strong sense of belonging. What a successful school!

Please click [here](#) to read the full report and read on for an exciting update from Mr. Freeston, Aurora CEO.



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Dear parents and carers

I am writing to inform you of some changes to the leadership arrangements that will come into effect from the 1st September.

You may be aware that for the last eighteen months Mr McMorrin has been offering his support to other schools that are part of Aurora Academies trust. Whilst Mr McMorrin has been working in these schools, Mr Wood has taken over the day to day running of City Academy Whitehawk. From the beginning of the new academic year Mr McMorrin will take on the role of Executive Headteacher for Aurora, including at City Academy Whitehawk, and Mr Wood will become Head of School at City Academy Whitehawk.

These promotions are recognition of the excellent leadership that both Mr McMorrin and Mr Wood provide to City Academy Whitehawk and across Aurora. City Academy Whitehawk is a wonderful school that we can all be very proud of. These changes to the leadership arrangements have been carefully considered to ensure that the excellent provision at the school is maintained whilst also continuing to develop the skills and expertise of our leaders.

I am sure that you will want to join me in offering your congratulations to Mr McMorrin and Mr Wood on these changes. I am confident that City Academy Whitehawk will continue to build on all of its success and I can assure you that Aurora remains committed to maintaining the great provision that it offers to all pupils.

Best wishes

Mr James Freeston

Chief Executive Officer

Aurora Academies Trust

Sports Week

We are excited to invite families and friends of the CAW community to attend our Sports Day Events next week. Year 5 & 6 got us off to a fantastic start today.

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

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**

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**

Attendance and Punctuality



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

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



Wheel of Fortune Prize Winners

Our lucky winners are selected from children who were at school and on time every day in the previous week...! 😊



17th June

Maddie – Goldfinches

Aminah - Herons

Eesah – Puffins

Luna - Eagles

Leila-Rose – Blue Robins

Leja – Jackdaws

10th June

Annie – Puffins

Daisy – Goldfinches

Paige - Magpies

Imogen – Kites

Marian – Herons

Archie – Kites

Leighland – Eagles



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/>

Reading Raffle
Ticket



Name: _____

Class: _____

Reading Raffle
Ticket



Name: _____

Class: _____



Reading Raffle
Ticket



Name: _____

Class: _____

Reading Raffle
Ticket



Name: _____

Class: _____

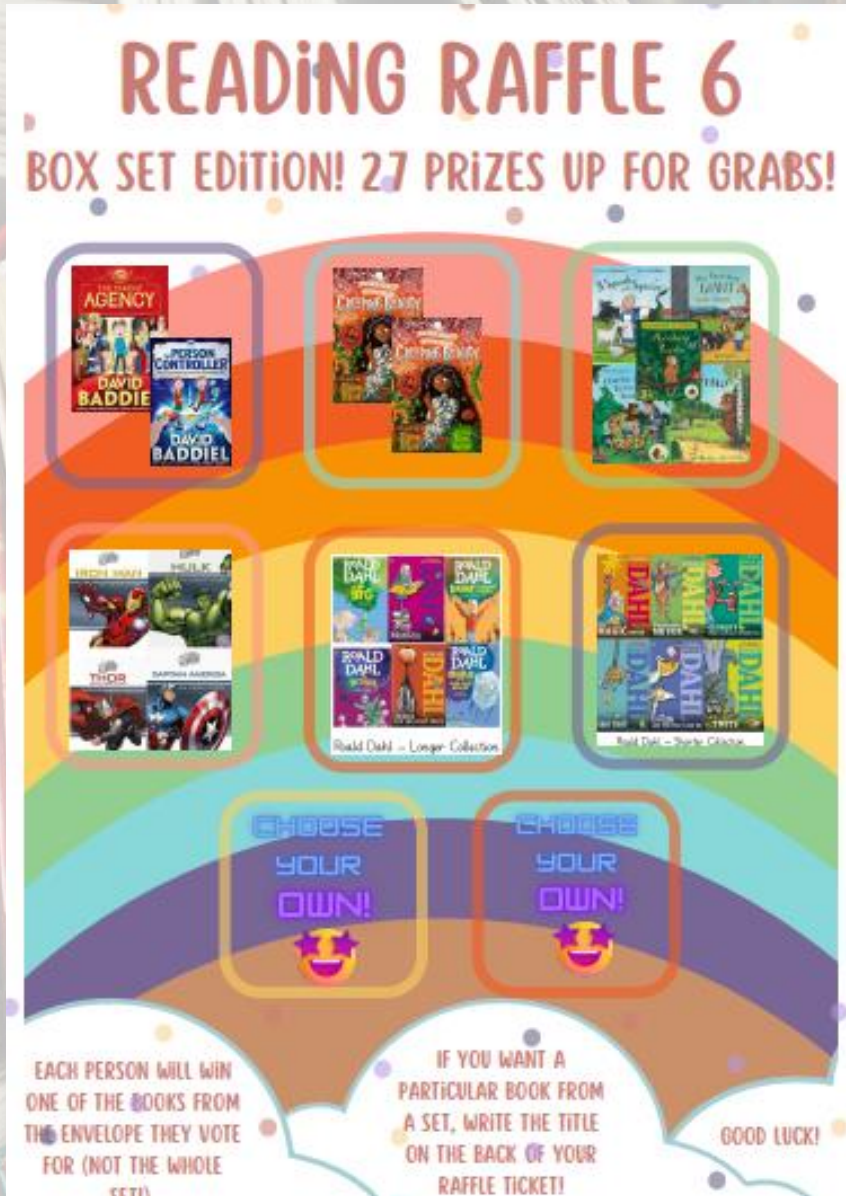
We are 104 tickets away from beating our whole school, whole year personal best! We will easily achieve this so....

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 6

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/city-academy-whitehawk/UploadedDocument/cda93ac6-092c-4be9-970e-216183892b74/rr6-2023-2024.pdf>

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



Second Annual Year Six Careers Fair

We were delighted to host nine different professionals who kindly volunteered their time to share their job roles with our Year Six children. The Careers Fair allowed the children to hear about opportunities available to them in their futures. This is all part of our provision to help the children become 'next stage ready'. We had an eclectic range, including NHS professionals, scrunchy makers, an estate agent, owner of a construction company, and a finance manager. The children were a credit to the school, showing exceptional respect, taking notes and asking intelligent questions.



House Points

Air House have taken the lead but with four full weeks left of Summer 2 there is still all to play for. **Remember: EVERY TICKET COUNTS!** Keep showing our CAW Qualities and you will earn lots of tickets.

C	Collaboration	
A	Aspiration	
R	Resilience	
E	Effort	
E	Excellence	
R	Respect	



Air
3880 points

Earth
3638 points

Fire
3217 points

Water
3027 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	Puffins	Jackdaws
Week 2	Kites	Barn Owls

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

Next week, our CAW Quality of the Week will be
ASPIRATION/LEARNING LION.

What can you do to set your targets as high as possible? What will help you aim for the stars?



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Collaboration



A

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Resilience



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Effort



E

Excellence



R

Respect



Summer 2 Week 4 CAW Quality of the Week: ASPIRATION



CAW Significant Figure of the Week

[Her Story](#)

[The Roddick Foundation](#)

[The Body Shop: Our Story](#)

What can our city do to help Climate Change?



Our City,
Our World

Dame Anita Roddick (1942-2007)

British businesswoman and human rights activist

Dame Anita Roddick was a renowned entrepreneur who founded The Body Shop, a popular store known for its ethical beauty products. She was born on October 23, 1942, and passed away on September 10, 2007. The Body Shop is famous for selling items like soaps and lotions that are made without harming animals and are environmentally friendly. Anita Roddick was committed to making the world a better place by promoting kindness towards people, animals, and the planet. She also advocated for fair trade practices, ensuring that workers who made the products were treated fairly and paid well.

EFFORT

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

Years 1-6

- Jump in!
- Try hard
- Grow your brain
- Be brave
- Learn from mistakes
- Be excited to try new things

Teacher's Comments

We'll be awarding certificates for **EFFORT/HAVE A GO HORSE** qualities in the next assembly.

EFFORT is always trying your best. Through hard work it's possible to overcome almost any difficulty, and realise your full potential. Keep working hard!



C**Collaboration****A****Aspiration****R****Resilience****E****Effort****E****Excellence****R****Respect**

Summer 2 Week 3 CAW Quality of the Week: EFFORT



[Rise Up:
Jessica-Jane
Applegate](#)

[Meet
Jessica-Jane](#)

[A winning
mindset](#)



CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Jessica-Jane Applegate MBE
British Paralympic swimmer

Born in Great Yarmouth in 1996, Jessica-Jane was diagnosed with autism at a young age. This has not prevented her from achieving true excellence in swimming: she has multiple gold medals, including at the Summer Paralympics, and broken numerous records for swimming. Jessica-Jane prefers competing over shorter distances in the freestyle and backstroke categories. In 2013, Jessica-Jane became an MBE in recognition of her services to swimming.

What can our school
do to help stop 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

Free summer playscheme!



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

**11am -
3pm**

**FREE
HAF
PLAYSCHEME**

Free Lunch

**City Academy
Whitehawk**

**FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION CLASS - YEAR 6
WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS RELATED
FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

book your place

[HTTPS://EEQU.ORG/EXPERIENCE/3513](https://eequ.org/experience/3513)

**Any questions or struggling to book? email
ruth.davey@impact-initiatives.org.uk**

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**

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2020-2021 Dates for your Diary

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

Friday 21st June: Sports Events start (see separate slides)

Friday 28th June: INSET Day

Friday 5th July: RE Day

Monday 15th July: Transition Day 2024

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

Friday 19th July: Last day of school for children



I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating Year 5 and 6 for a marvellous Sports Day today. We can't wait for the remaining year groups to demonstrate their personal EXCELLENCE next week!

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

