



City Academy Whitehawk

Headteacher's Newsletter 21



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Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

It has been wonderful to see the children working so hard as we enter July. Families naturally start to think about classes and transition for next year, so please check the key dates slide for more information about when these events will take place.

The teaching of reading remains one of the most important aspects of our school. We know that successful readers will be able to apply these skills across the curriculum: when children become more confident in reading, they are able to access all of their other lessons with greater success.

I am absolutely delighted to announce that **87.2%** of our Year One children passed the national Phonics Screening Check. This is **7% higher** than the average for schools across the entire country and represents another improvement for us when compared to previous years. City Academy Whitehawk ranked **second in the whole of Brighton and Hove** for the percentage of children who achieved the highest scores in the Phonics Screening Check! This is a monumental result and testament to how much work goes into our reading provision.

Reading, of course, is not about test scores or percentages: it's about developing a love for stories and reading for their own sake. Every single adult at City Academy Whitehawk understands this, and I would like to extend my gratitude to our wonderful staff for how tirelessly and inspirationally they develop CAW children's reading abilities. Sharing the magic of books is a privilege and a genuine joy for us.

Read on to hear more about our famous Reading Raffle and a whole school target that every child can help us achieve, as well as lots of other important announcements...

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 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!**



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!

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

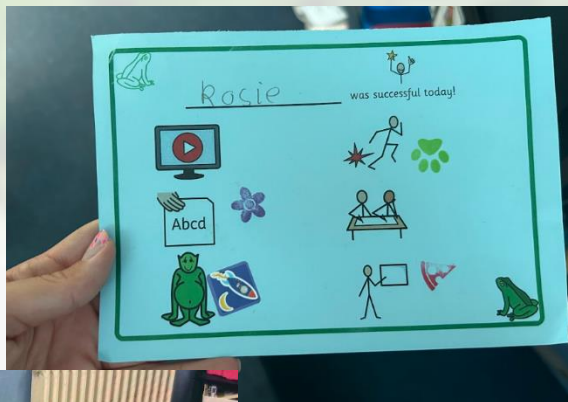


Year Six
Eagles
Falcons



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

Fire House have stormed into the lead but there are still two full weeks left! **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
2924 points

Earth
3183 points


Fire
3286 points

Water
2734 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	Woodpeckers	Hérons
Week 4	Woodpeckers	Barn Owls

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

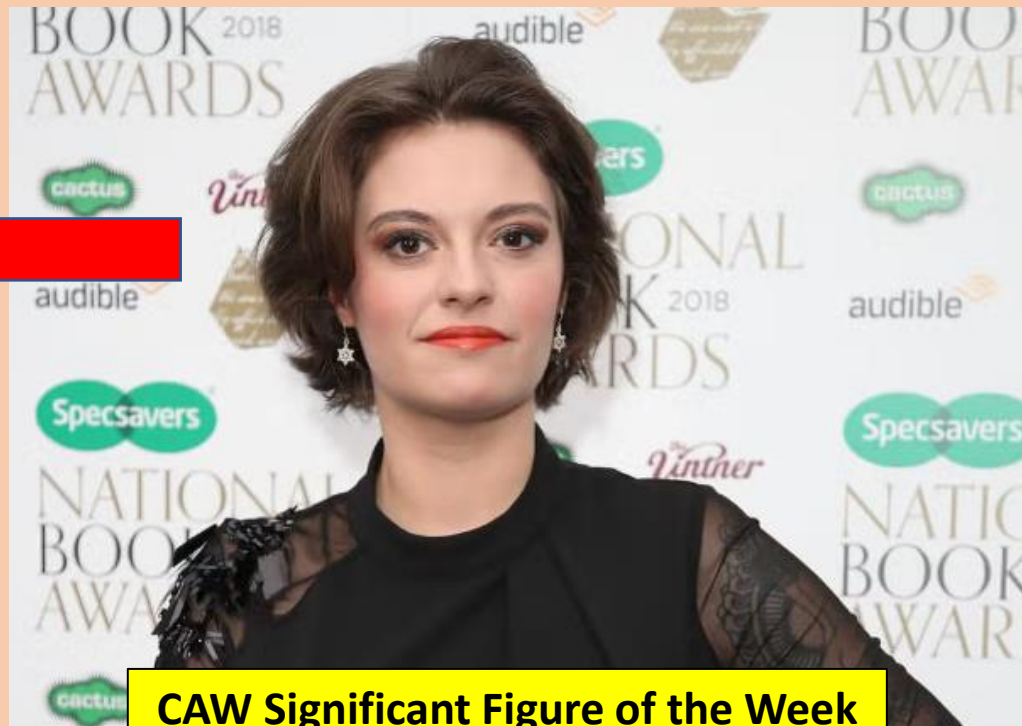


R

Respect



Summer 2 Week 6 CAW Quality of the Week: RESILIENCE



CAW Significant Figure of the Week

[Cooking on a Bootstrap \(meals which cost less\)](#)

[A Girl Called Jack \(suitable for KS2\)](#)

[Jack Monroe on This Morning](#)

Jack Monroe

British food writer, journalist and activist

Jack Monroe, born on March 17, 1988, is a renowned British food writer, journalist, and activist. She gained prominence with her blog "A Girl Called Jack," where she shared affordable recipes for individuals on a tight budget. Her first cookbook, "A Girl Called Jack," was published in 2014, followed by several others, including "Cooking on a Bootstrap." Monroe's work extends beyond food writing; she is a passionate advocate for poverty awareness, LGBTQ+ rights, and social justice. Her activism includes campaigning against food poverty and promoting the importance of accessible, nutritious meals for all.

How can we create art using recycled materials?



**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!

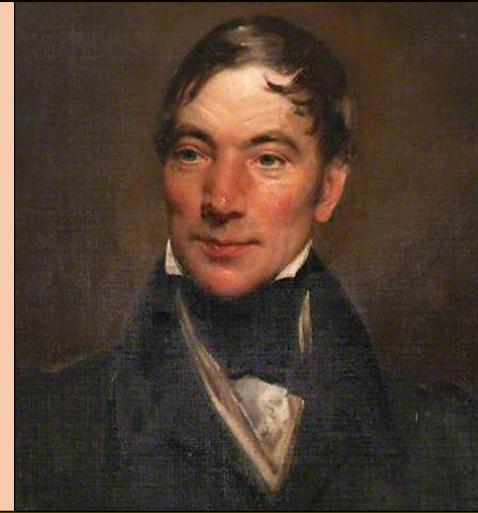


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C**Collaboration****A****Aspiration****R****Resilience****E****Effort****E****Excellence****R****Respect****Summer 2 Week 5 CAW Quality of the Week: COLLABORATION**

[Socialism explained \(for older children\)](#)



[Robert Owen:](#)
[A short Animated Biography](#)

[Slideshow about his community](#)

CAW Significant Figure of the Week**Robert Owen (1771-1858)**

[Welsh](#) textile manufacturer, [philanthropist](#) and [social reformer](#)

Robert worked hard to improve factory conditions and shared his ideas about having free, high-quality education systems widely. He believed that by working together outcomes could be improved for everyone. He also created a special community based on socialism in America, but this only lasted two years. Followers of Owens' ideas were called Owenites. After this, he returned to London to champion the working class, start and lead community groups and trade unions. He also worked to stop child labour and make education free. To do all of this, he had to show buckets of collaboration!

Who can we share our message with 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



PTA AGM



- Come along to our last PTA meeting of the academic year, after school on **Monday 15th July.**



Let us know what you'd like to do next year,
and find out how you can get involved.

No commitment necessary.
All parents/carers welcome!



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**

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 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 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

