

City Academy Whitehawk

An aerial photograph showing the City Academy Whitehawk building, a large brick structure with a red roof and a central tower, situated in a residential area. The school is surrounded by numerous houses with brown roofs and green trees. In the foreground, there is a green field with some trees and a path. The background shows a green hill under a blue sky.

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Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

We have had a fantastic fortnight since I wrote to you last, celebrating the CAW Qualities of EFFORT and RESPECT. I have been really impressed with the feeling of 'hard work' in classrooms and am pleased to see the children striving to meet their teachers' expectations in class.

We had a really fantastic celebration of National Poetry Day yesterday with children enjoying a wide range of excellent poetry throughout the day. Our football teams have been out to represent CAW at Lancing Collect and Brighton University too! Very proud of our staff and children who represented the school so proudly!

Word has spread about all of the brilliant teaching and learning that's taking place here in Whitehawk; last week I was proud to welcome visitors who came to see and hear about all of the brilliant things going on in our classrooms. There's an awful lot to feel proud of and we look forward to updating you on your children's progress at our first Family/Teacher consultation evening on the 17th and 18th October. You'll receive a link to book your appointments next week.

As ever, please have a good read of this newsletter to learn about everything going on here at school.

Fund Raising for GOSH

Along with so many families in the Whitehawk community, my family is indebted to Great Ormond Street Hospital. To show our gratitude and support, our family is raising money for them by completing the Great South Run! So if you feel like making a donation to support this 10 mile effort, please [click here](#) to represent Whitehawk in the donations!



**GREAT
ORMOND
STREET
HOSPITAL
CHARITY**

Smarter Uniforms

A marketplace for affordable and sustainable school uniform

WHY CHOOSE SMARTER UNIFORMS?

Smarter Uniforms is committed to promoting affordable and sustainable school uniforms throughout the city of Brighton and Hove. We believe that reusing pre-loved clothing is one of the most environmentally responsible ways to dress. By extending the lifespan of clothing by just nine months, we can significantly reduce its environmental impact while also saving families money.

Our mission is to provide a marketplace where parents and carers can buy and sell unwanted and outgrown school uniforms at a fraction of the cost of new. We understand that school uniforms are durable and made to last, but children outgrow them quickly. Our marketplace offers a convenient and cost-effective alternative to buying new uniforms.

We believe that access to affordable school uniforms is essential for all families, particularly during times of rising inflation and economic uncertainty. By promoting the reuse of clothing, we aim to make school uniforms more accessible and sustainable for all. Join us in our mission to reduce waste, save money, and support families across our city.

<https://smarter-uniforms.sharetribe.com/>

PTA Cake Sale

Optional donations welcomed!

Our fantastic Parent-Teacher Association will be running a Cake Sale straight after school on the North Playground on

Wednesday 18th October. All funds raised will go towards running further great activities and events for the school!



Please include a list of ingredients on donations so we can cater for people with allergies. We cannot accept any donations that contain nuts. Please label any containers that you would like returned. Thank you!

Year 7 Applications

The closing date for applications to transfer to secondary school in September 2024 is the **31st October 2023**.

Guidance on the application process is available on the council website here: [School application guides](#)

Online applications are open on the council website here: [Apply for a school place](#)

If you require a paper application form, please pop into the school office.

Application form

(Common application form for Community, Free, Church Voluntary Aided schools and Academies)

For children applying for

Year 7

(first year of secondary school)

in September 2024



Please return this form
by **31 October 2023** to
your **child's present school**.

Any information required by any church voluntary aided school for which you are applying must be handed in by the same deadline to the school in question.

If you return this form after 31 October 2023, it is late.

In this case please return to the School Admissions Team,
Hove Town Hall, Norton Road, Hove, BN3 3BQ.

You can apply online at
www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissions

House Points

It's been wonderful to see many of the CAW Qualities on display over the past week! Adults have been delighted to reward great learning behaviours with **Learning Tickets**. Remember...every ticket counts and could be enough to win the weekly Class Celebration or the half termly House Celebration!

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

Air
2821 points

Earth
2983 points

Fire
3004 points

Water
3456 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	Falcons
Week 4	Woodpeckers	Eagles

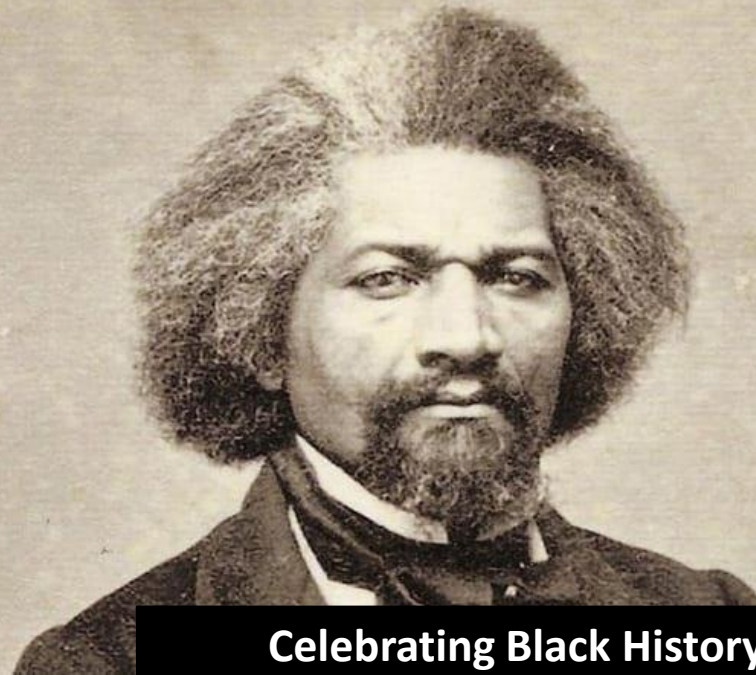
C**Collaboration****A****Aspiration****R****Resilience****E****Effort****E****Excellence****R****Respect****Autumn 1 Week 6 CAW Quality of the Week: COLLABORATION**

Who was
Frederick
Douglass?

(Newsround)

Former slaves
who worked
for freedom

Frederick
Douglass
biography for
younger children

**Celebrating Black History****CAW Significant Figure of the Week****Frederick Douglass (1817 or 1818 – 1895)***Former slave and abolitionist*

Born into slavery in America, Frederick Douglass escaped to freedom at the age of twenty. He went on to write three autobiographies about his experiences, and made many speeches about the injustices of slavery. He also campaigned for women to have the right to vote. Douglass truly believed in **COLLABORATION**, stating "*I would unite with anybody to do right and with nobody to do wrong.*"

**What is CO₂, and what
does it do?**



**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

Next week, our CAW Quality of the Week will be
COLLABORATION/TEAMWORK TERMITE.

How can you work together with your peers and the
staff in the school to help your learning?



CITY ACADEMY WHITEHAWK



C**Collaboration****A****Aspiration****R****Resilience****E****Effort****E****Excellence****R****Respect****Autumn 1 Week CAW 5 Quality of the Week: RESPECT**

[Valerie Bloom's website \(with audio of her poems\)](#)

[Valerie reading *The Tall Ships*](#)

[*Fruits* \(A Caribbean Counting Poem\)](#)

Celebrating Black History**CAW Significant Figure of the Week****Valerie Bloom MBE***Poet, performer and novelist*

Born in Jamaica, Valerie Bloom moved to the UK when she was 13 years old. She has written more than ten poetry and picture books for children, as well as several novels. Valerie writes in English and also Jamaican *patois* (a Jamaican form of English featuring words from all over the world). Valerie has shared the magic of the Caribbean through stories and poems and is very deserving of our **RESPECT!**

**How can we reduce
Climate Change?**



**Our City,
Our World**

RESPECT

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

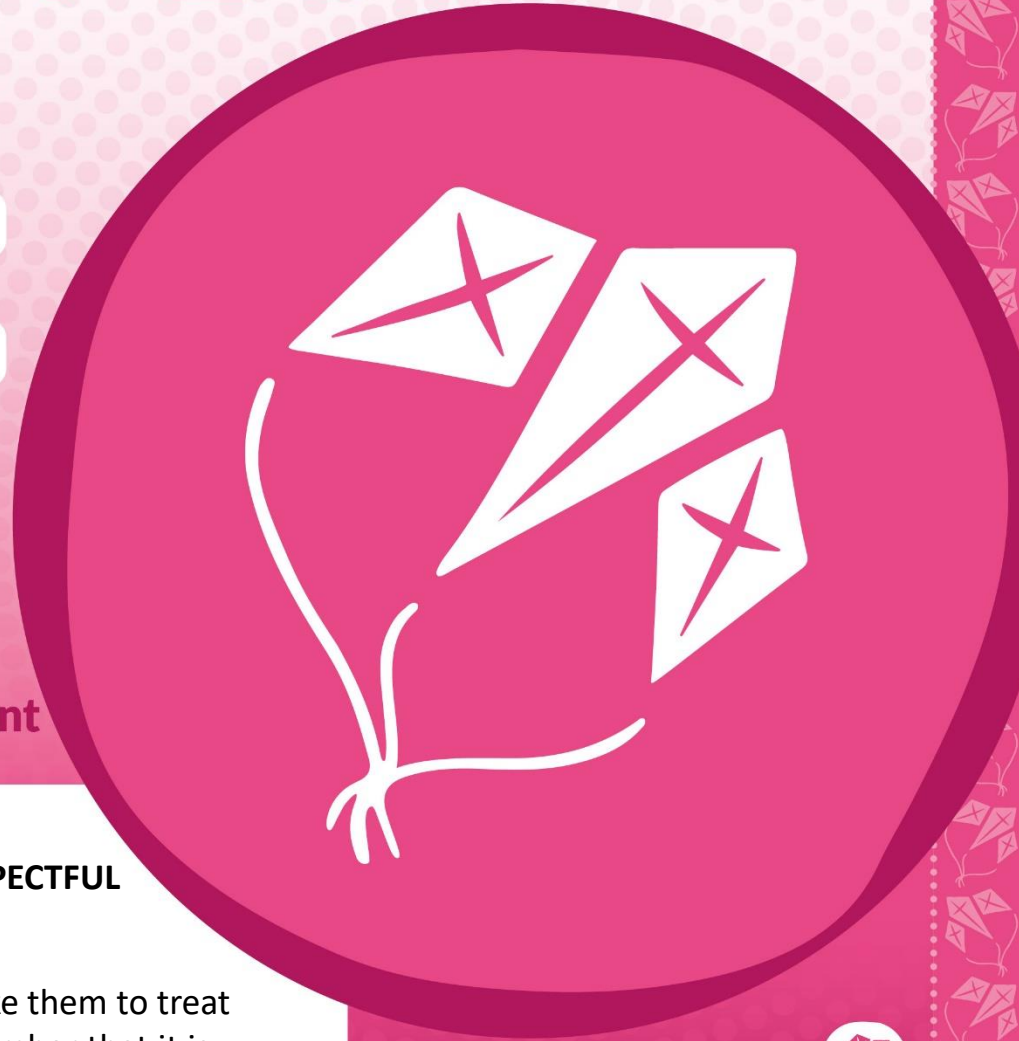
Years 1-6

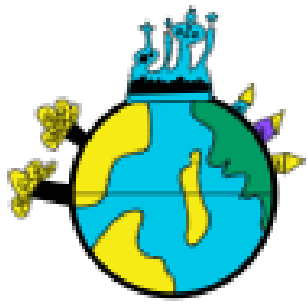
- Listen to others
- Be kind when you disagree
- Explain things to help others
- Be tolerant
- Take care of the school environment

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.





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

CAW AUTUMN TERM CLUBS 2023

IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO JOIN ONE OF THESE CLUBS,
PLEASE REGISTER ON ARBOR APP

	Year 1 & 2	Year 3 & 4		Year 5 & 6	
Monday			Street Dance 3.10 – 4.10 Hall Dance hub	Street Dance 3.10 – 4.10 Hall Dance hub	
Tuesday	Lego 3.10 – 4.10 Miss Linehan Hall	Lego 3.10 – 4.10 Miss Linehan Hall	Football 3.10 – 4.10 BHA South Playground	Lego 3.10 – 4.10 Miss Linehan Hall	Football 3.10 – 4.10 BHA South Playground
Wednesday	Art 3.10 – 4.10 Year 4 classrooms Mr Newbatt and Miss Reynolds	Art 3.10 – 4.10 Year 4 classrooms Mr Newbatt and Miss Reynolds	Cricket 3.10-4.10 Sussex Cricket South Playground	Cricket 3.10-4.10 Sussex Cricket South Playground	Gymnastics 3.10 – 4.10 Cym HiTide Gymnastics Club Start date TBC
Thursday	Gardening 3.10 – 4.10 Mrs Fogden Wellsbourne Garden (Untill half term)	Gardening 3.10 – 4.10 Mrs Fogden Wellsbourne Garden (Untill half term)	Tennis 3.10-4.10 Mr Issacs Cym/South playground	Tennis 3.10-4.10 Mr Issacs Cym/South playground	
Friday	Karate 3.10 – 4.10 Hall SAMA (charged)	Chess 3.10-4.10 Mr Wood Y2 Classroom	Karate 3.10 – 4.10 Hall SAMA (charged)	Book club 3.10 – 4.10 Mr McMorrin Mr McMorrin's office	Chess 3.10- 4.10 Mr Wood Y2 Classroom

We're excited for our first week of after school clubs! Thank you all for using Arbor for registering for clubs for the first time. We're thrilled with the demand for our clubs but know that this sadly means some people miss out – Miss. Bennett and Mrs. Brown will monitor our waiting lists closely and let you all know as soon as possible about any changes to registers.

School Dinners Next Week

City Academy Whitehawk - Autumn/Winter - Week 3

Weekly menu



Monday

Cottage Pie

Vegetarian Cottage Pie

Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings

Ham or Cheese Sandwich with Nachos and Salad

Fresh Vegetables

Vanilla Ice Cream

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Tuesday

Freshly Baked Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges

Cheese and Onion Pastry with Potato Wedges

Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings

Ham or Cheese Sandwich with Nachos and Salad

Fresh Vegetables

Sultana Sponge with Custard

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Wednesday

Roast Turkey served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Quorn Roast served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings

Ham or Cheese Sandwich with Nachos and Salad

Fresh Vegetables

Chocolate Brownie

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Thursday

Ham & Cheese Pasta Carbonara

Roasted Vegetables in a Tomato Sauce served with Pasta

Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings

Ham or Cheese Sandwich with Nachos and Salad

Fresh Vegetables

Old School Iced Sponge Cake

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Friday

Fish Fingers & Chips

Quorn Nuggets & Chips

Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings

Ham or Cheese Sandwich with Nachos and Salad

Fresh Vegetables

Orange Jelly

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

PE Kits

For Autumn 1, we will continue to ask that children come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. We plan to return to getting changed at school after the October half term break. Please remember, as ever, that it is fine to wear trackies and school jumpers in colder weather but that these should be in line with our uniform policy.

Please wear PE kit into school on these days:

YG	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Day	Fridays (from Oct)	Tues	Mon	Weds	Weds	Tue	Tue
		Thurs	Thurs	Fri	Thurs	Fri	Thurs

Dates for your Diary

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

Week beginning 16th October: Family Engagement Events

Tuesday 17th October: Family/Teacher consultation 15:30 – 19:00

Wednesday 18th October: Family/Teacher consultation 15:30-17:00

Thursday 19th October: End of Autumn Term 1 for children

Friday 20th October: INSET

Monday 30th October: Start of Autumn Term 2

Thursday 2nd November: Open Evening for New Families

Friday 10th November: INSET Day

Week beginning Monday 11th December: Family Engagement Events

Friday 15th December 13:00: End of Autumn Term 2

Tuesday 2nd January: INSET

Wednesday 3rd January: Start of Spring 1 for children

I hope this letter has provided you with all the information you need but please do not hesitate to get in touch or check through [previous newsletters](#) catalogued on our website.

Next week we'll be working together, celebrating the CAW Quality of COLLABORATION – until then, have a fantastic weekend.

See you on Monday morning!

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher

