

City Academy Whitehawk



Headteacher's Newsletter 4
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Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

Welcome to the last of our fortnightly newsletters for families for this half term.

We have had a fantastic opening half term to the year with children achieving personal excellence across the curriculum. Our Reception Robins have had an amazing start to life at school. We're excited to build on everyone's success when they return from the Autumn break – we have exceptionally high expectations for what children can achieve and are excited to see what they can do over the next seven weeks.

Thank you all so much for attending our Family Engagement events this week – it was wonderful welcoming you into classrooms and sharing our learning with you. Well done for getting stuck into the activities that the teachers provided! Huge thanks, in particular, to the families who attended our reading workshop for Reception on Monday morning. Next half term culminates in our Winter Performances, so we look forward to getting you back in the building to dazzle you with brilliance in December!

As ever, please give each page of our newsletter a good read. Give the dates page a particularly good read and please note that school is closed for staff training on Friday 10th November.

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

SEND Coffee Morning

On Friday 3rd November at 09:00, Miss. Gosztonyi and I are excited to welcome families in for a cup of coffee at our first SEND drop in session. We'll be discussing the school's approaches to meeting the needs of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and our plans for the rest of this school year.

If you'd like to attend, please meet us by the canteen gate at 09:00. We hope to see you there!

Clubs (except for gardening) will continue in the first week back. 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 when and if space becomes available.

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 Gym 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 Gym/South playground	Tennis 3.10–4.10 Mr Issacs Gym/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

Working Together

Thank you so much to the families who attended this week's Family/Teacher Consultation evenings. It means the world to us and to your children that you would choose to attend to hear about how well they're doing at school. In the survey we shared with families after these events, we were thrilled with the feedback we received. We asked if you had any comments for us and we were thrilled with what you said. Here are some highlights.

'My son loves coming to school, his teacher is amazing and tailors the learning to my sons needs enabling my child to succeed. I'm very pleased with how far he has come these last few years.'

'Very pleased with both my children's school reports , both teachers explained well how they are doing ,what their level is ,what they need to work on and what I can do to help. Both really lovely appointments.'

'I'm really happy with all the school does for my children. Going above and beyond on many occasions. They don't give up on children. You can tell all the staff are passionate about education and helping the children.'

'My child is happy and she loves learning and so pleased with how she progressing.'

'Well prepared teachers had good communication with parents and student that attended the meeting. Made to feel welcome and a very personal experience.'

'[Our child] is being really well cared for and enjoying her learning experience. [Their teacher's] reporting was really thorough and we feel confident as parents in [her] progress.'

'Once again, I can't fault the teachers, support staff, admin staff and SLT for their continued efforts within the school and children's learning. I as like many others think CAW is a fantastic school. My child is thriving and that's all down to the everyone at CAW. Thank you to everyone member of the school team.'

91% of families 'strongly agreed' that they were happy with their children's experiences at CAW. This number becomes 97% if you include 'agree'. This is brilliant. We'll continue to push for 100% as we work tirelessly to ensure every child and family in the Whitehawk community is supported to achieve excellence.

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



PE Kits

For Autumn 1, we will continue to ask that children come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Please remember, as ever, that it is fine to wear trackies and school jumpers in colder weather but that these should be worn in line with our uniform policy. Children cannot participate in our PE lessons safely unless they are wearing trainers – not crocs.

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

512 tickets were entered into
reading raffle 1 ... that's a huge
2,560 reads!

This is the highest total for a
Reading Raffle 1 in 3 years!

	2021	2022	2023
Reading Raffle 1 Total	488	459	512

Book Votes

Book	Total
Amari and the Great Game	31
Cat Kid Comic Club	59
Inside the Villains	81
Hotel Flamingo	39
I really, really need a wee	80
The Crayons' Christmas	37
Octopus Shocktopus	52
Choose your own	98

Reading Raffle 1 Results 2023-2024

RR1 Highest ticket-earning classes
were...

1. Greenfinches (106)
2. Goldfinches (78)
3. Puffins (68)

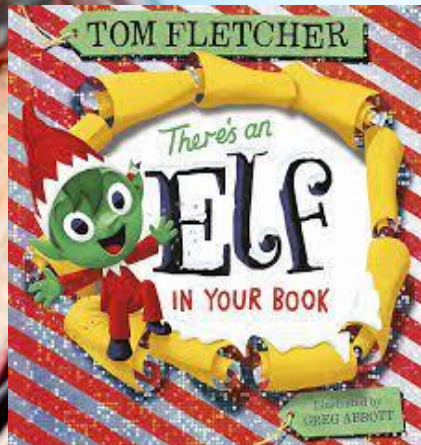
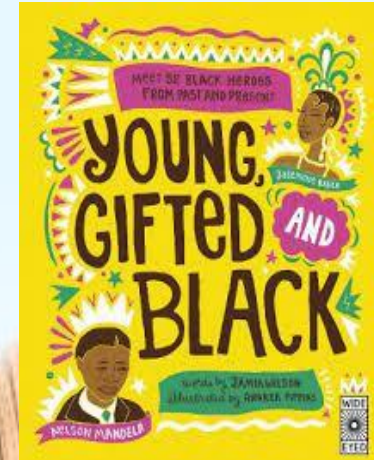
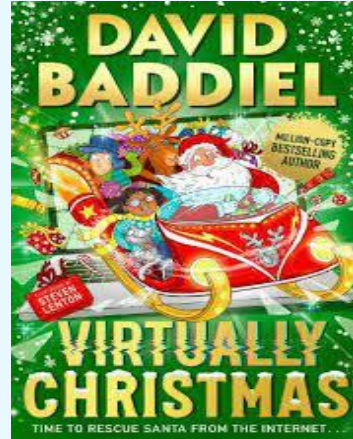
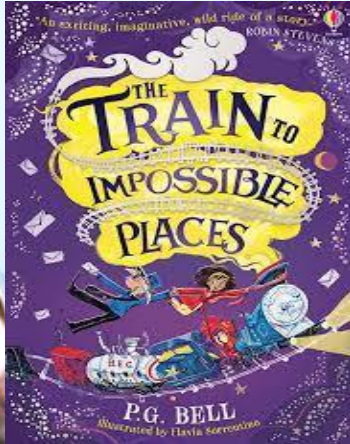
Congratulations to...

And Isaac in Year 6 and
Massimo in Year 1 whose
books are in the post!



Reading Raffle 2

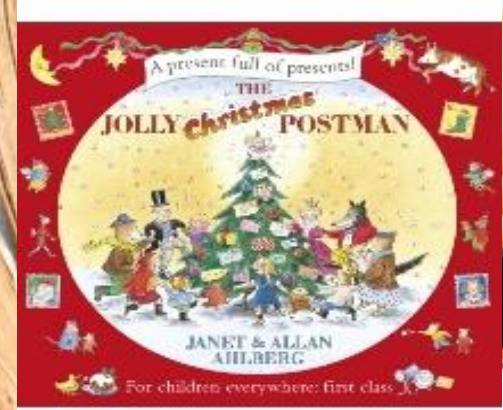
Here's a sneak peak at the RR2 Prizes!



Choose your
own book!



If you win this prize, you will get to sit
down with Miss Delaney or Miss
Scozzafava who will help you choose the
perfect book and order it just for you!



There are 10 days (including today!) between now and coming back to school. Each child could earn two Raffle Tickets if they read every day between now and then. Who's up for the challenge?!

Poetry Day At Whitehawk Library

Thanks to those who joined us at Whitehawk Library for Poetry Day. We had a lot of fun exploring poetry and eating snacks together! Whitehawk Library is open every day except Sunday and the lovely librarian Lyndsay is there on a Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Please go and say hello and sign up for a library card if you don't already have one!



Opening hours

Day	Time	Access
Monday	9am to 6pm	Libraries Extra
Tuesday	9am to 5pm	Staffed
Wednesday	9am to 6pm	Libraries Extra
Thursday	9am to 5pm	Staffed
Friday	9am to 5pm	Libraries Extra
Saturday	9:30am to 4pm	Staffed
Sunday	Closed	

House Points

It's been an amazing half term with **over 21,000** Learning Tickets awarded! This is absolutely incredible and shows just how hard working and dedicated the City Academy Whitehawk children are to our growth mindset CAW Qualities.

Congratulations to **WATER HOUSE** who will enjoy their House Celebration on the afternoon of Friday 3rd November.



Air
4925 points

Earth
4993 points

Fire
5096 points

Water
6187 points

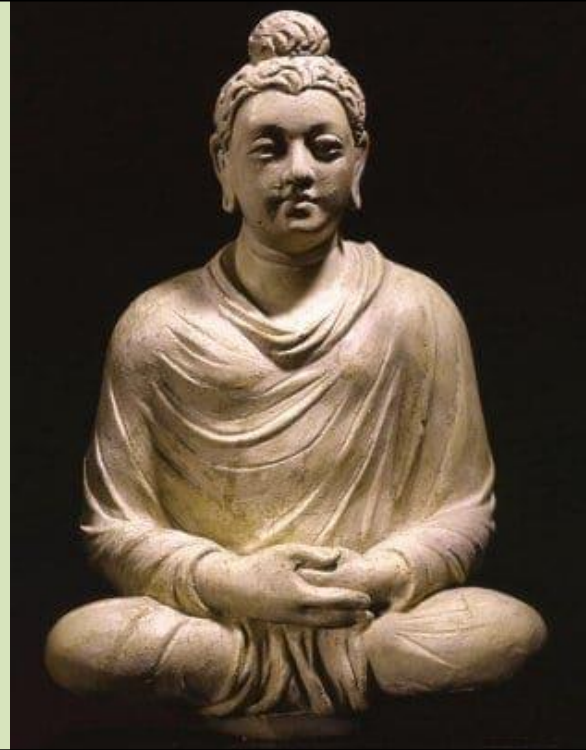


Each week there are two classes who win a Class Celebration. Congratulations to our previous winners:

	Year 1 to 3	Years 4 to 6
Week 5	Puffins	Jackdaws
Week 6	Kites	Barn Owls

C**Collaboration****A****Aspiration****R****Resilience****E****Effort****E****Excellence****R****Respect****Autumn 2 Week 1 CAW Quality of the Week: RESPECT**

[What is Vesak](#)
[\(the celebration](#)
[of The Buddha's](#)
[birthday\)](#)
[Newsround](#)



[BBC Bitesize](#)
[Key Stage 1](#)
[Links about](#)
[Buddhism](#)

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[Key Stage 2](#)
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CAW Significant Figure of the Week**Siddhartha Gautama***The Buddha*

Born in South Asia in the 5th or 6th Century BCE (around 2500 years ago), Siddhartha Gautama was the founder of the Buddhist religion. He was a wandering teacher who strived for spiritual enlightenment. His teaching continues to inspire tens of millions of people to this day, and his ideas about kindness towards others are the epitome of **RESPECT**.

What is recycling?**Our City,
Our World**

RESPECT

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

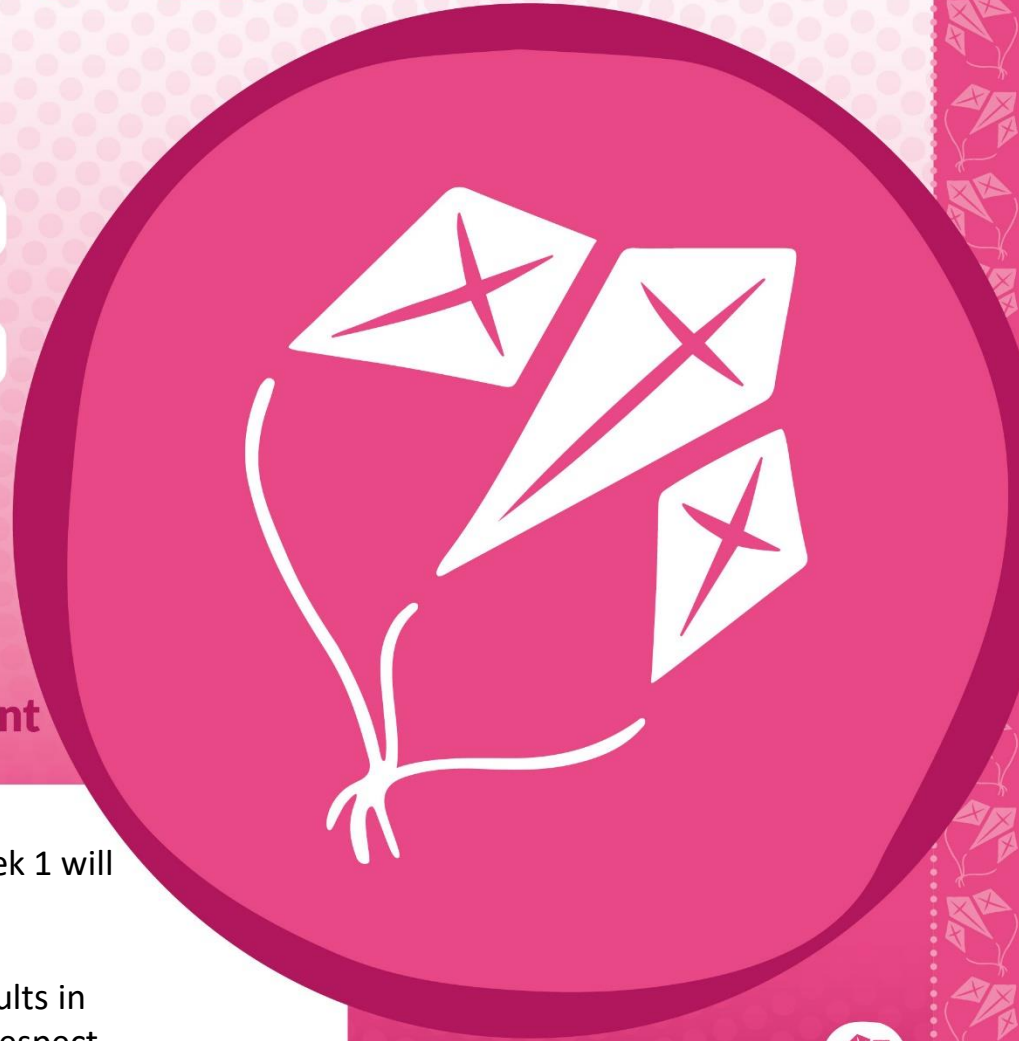
Years 1-6

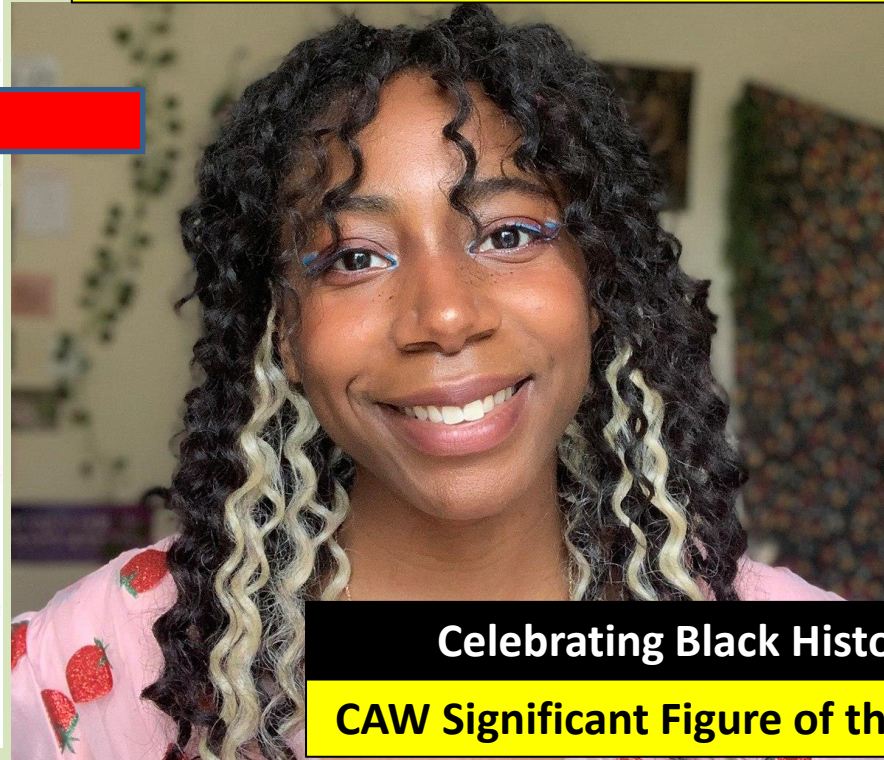
- Listen to others
- Be kind when you disagree
- Explain things to help others
- Be tolerant
- Take care of the school environment

Teacher's Comments

Next term, our CAW Quality of the Week in Week 1 will be **RESPECT/RESPECTFUL RABBIT**.

How will you show respect to children and adults in the school? Remember that it is important to respect yourself too!



C**Collaboration****A****Aspiration****R****Resilience****E****Effort****E****Excellence****R****Respect****Autumn 1 Week CAW 7 Quality of the Week: ASPIRATION**

[Dominique Palmer talking about her aspirations](#)

[Biography and articles written by Dominique \(for older children\)](#)

[Interview about Dominique's vision](#)

Celebrating Black History**CAW Significant Figure of the Week****Dominique Palmer***Climate justice activist, writer and student*

Born in London in 1999, Dominique Palmer may only be 23 but she has already had a positive impact on the world! Inspired by Greta Thunberg, she has campaigned for 'climate justice': she has encouraged people all over the world to help reduce the impact of Climate Change. Dominique spoke at the 2019 United Nations Climate Change Conference, sharing her **ASPIRATION** for a better world.

What is our carbon footprint?**Our City,
Our World**

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

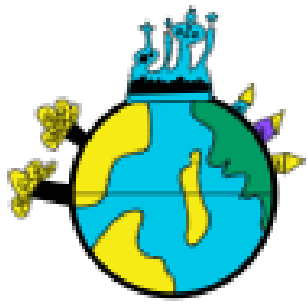
We'll be awarding certificates for **ASPIRATION/LEARNING LION** qualities in the next assembly.

ASPIRATION means always aiming to do the very best you can do. Aim for the stars and have high expectations of yourself. You can do it!



CITY ACADEMY WHITEHAWK





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

Dates for your Diary

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

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

Wb 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

Enjoy the week with your wonderful children and I look forward to welcoming them back to school on Monday 30th October. When we return from this Autumn break, we'll be shining a bright light on the CAW Quality of Respect, talking about what it means to treat one another kindly.

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.

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher

