

City Academy Whitehawk

An aerial photograph of City Academy Whitehawk. The school is a large, multi-story brick building with a long, rectangular main section and a smaller, circular section in the foreground. The circular section has a red-tiled roof. The school is surrounded by a dense residential area with many houses, many of which have solar panels on their roofs. The foreground is filled with bare, brown trees and bushes, suggesting a winter or late autumn setting. The sky is overcast.

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1st December 2023

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

Happy Advent to those of you celebrating Christmas this year! Our rehearsals are well underway for our performances in the final week of term so we look forward to welcoming you in to school to share these. We're excited for our Christmas dinner day on Thursday 14th December and would like to remind you that we invite children to wear Christmas jumpers as well as their uniform on this day!

Children have had a fabulous fortnight since our last newsletter – we've had an exciting range of learning opportunities at school culminating in a visit from scientists to year 5 today! Learning in classrooms remains something we're really proud of and children will now enter the closing two weeks of their [current](#) areas of study.

As ever, please give each page of our newsletter a good read and have a good look at the dates for Christmas performances!

Christmas Lunch Thursday 14th December

Our Christmas lunch will be served on Thursday 14th December and is available for all children in Reception to Year 6.

You will be sent a form to complete via the Arbor App, please note that if this form is not completed, we will assume your child will bring their own packed lunch on Thursday 14th December

Children are welcome to wear Christmas Jumpers.

HARRISON
food with thought

Celebrate Christmas

Thursday 14th December

Traditional Roast Turkey with Pigs in Blankets,
Roast Potatoes and Gravy

or

Vegetarian Quorn Roast with Vegetarian
Cocktail Sausage, Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Served with Brussell Sprouts, Steamed Carrots
and Garden Peas.

Dessert

Festive Christmas Biscuit with Ice Cream
(Gluten/Dairy free available)



Winter Performances

CAW CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE TIMETABLE 2023		
Tuesday 12 th	9:15 Year 6	2:15 Year 5
Wednesday 13 th	9:15 Reception & Nursery	2:15 Year 3
Thursday 14 th	9:15 Year 1	2:15 Year 2
Friday 15 th	9:15 Year 4	

So that all children get a chance to be celebrated by their families, please note that we are encouraging no more than 2 family members to attend these events. Doors will open at 9:00 and 2:00 for the shows. Please use the 'Disco Door' entrance via main car park.

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
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
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
Friday	Karate 3.10 – 4.10 Hall SAMA (charged)	Chess 3.10 – 4.10 Mr Wood Y2 Classroom	Book club 3.10 – 4.10 Mr McMorrin Mr McMorrin's office

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



PE Kits

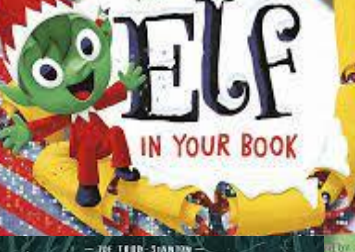
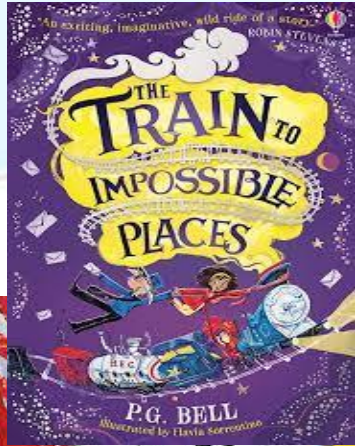
For Autumn 1, we will continue to ask that children come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Please remember, as ever, that it is fine to wear trackies and school jumpers in colder weather but that these should be worn in line with our uniform policy. Children cannot participate in our PE lessons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

Reading Raffle 2

8 DAYS TO GO!

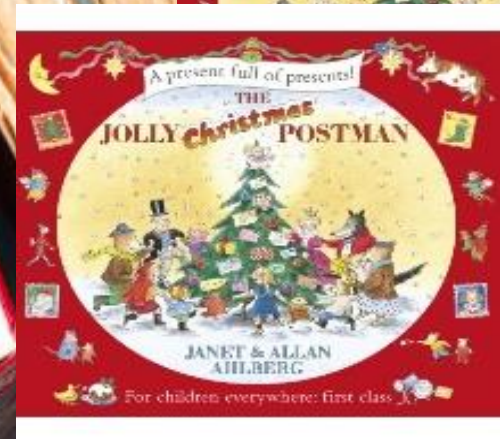
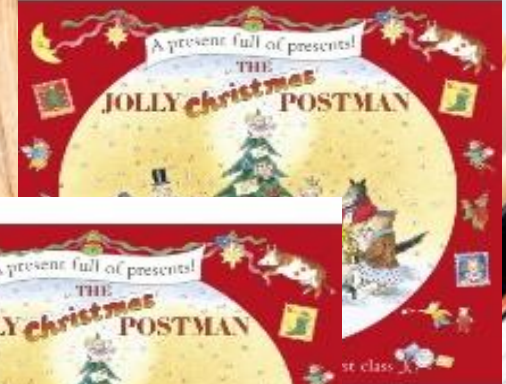
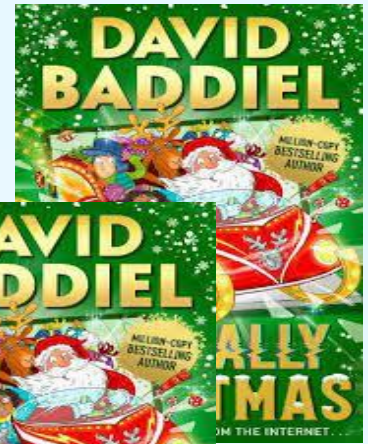
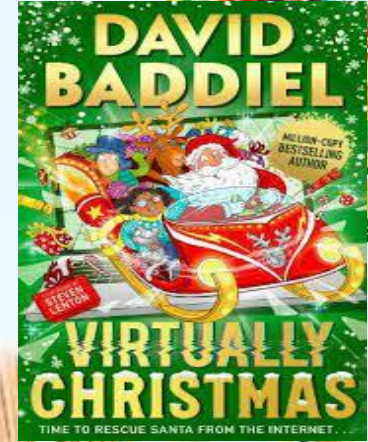
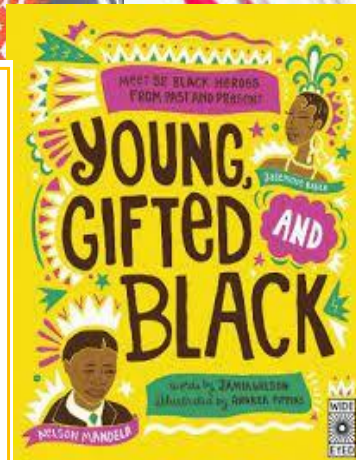
Reading Raffle 2 closes on Friday 8th December!
Who can get one more ticket by then?! We've added another Virtually Christmas and another Jolly Christmas Postman as they have been so popular!



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!





Attendance and Punctuality

Two weeks to go..!

Good luck to all children in years 4, 5 and 6 who are taking part in a special two-week attendance challenge – every single pupil who is at school and on time every day will win a prize in the last week of term!



If your child is going to be absent for any reason please contact the office before 9.00am

Please speak to Mrs Storey in the school office at any time if you would like to chat about your child's attendance or punctuality 😊

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE CITY ACADEMY WHITEHAWK

AWARDED TO

Name:

Class:

- You are an Attendance Superstar!
- Be proud of your Amazing Attendance
- Being at school means that you are not missing out
- Keep on coming into school every day as much as possible

Mrs Storey's Comments

House Points

Here are the most recent Learning Ticket House Scores. Congratulations to Earth House who are now in the lead! Remember that **EVERY TICKET COUNTS!** It's great to be able to reward children for demonstrating the City Academy Whitehawk Qualities in every part of their school life.



**4033 Air
points**

**4655 Earth
points**



**4366 Fire
points**

**4354 Water
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	Kites	Eagles
Week 4	Puffins	Falcons

C

Collaboration



A

Aspiration



R

Resilience



E

Effort



E

Excellence

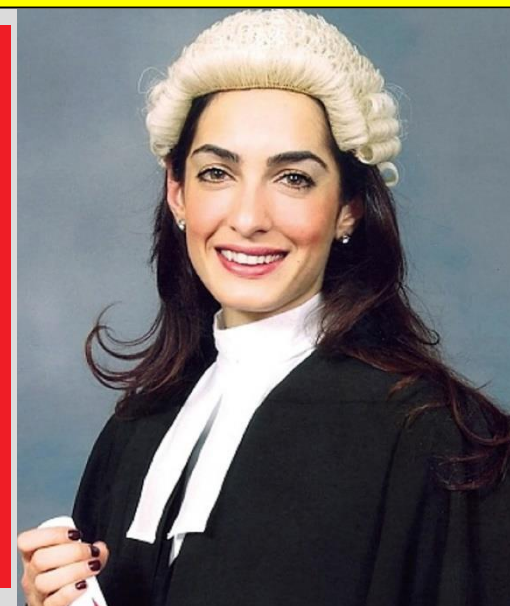


R

Respect



Autumn 2 Week 6 CAW Quality of the Week: EXCELLENCE



[The Clooney Foundation for Justice](#)

[Amal Clooney meeting with Syrian refugees](#)

CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Amal Clooney

Barrister, charity founder and human rights advocate

Born in Beirut (the capital of Lebanon), Amal Clooney left to escape the country's civil war when she was two years old, with her family moving to the United Kingdom. She went on to become a world famous barrister, as well as working for the United Nations and becoming a Professor of Law at an American university. She has co-founded a charity that strives for human rights for all and justice for women. 'Amal' means 'hope' in Arabic (أمل), which is very fitting for someone who has shown such excellence in helping the world.

What are the 5 Rs?

Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle



**Our City,
Our World**

EXCELLENCE

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

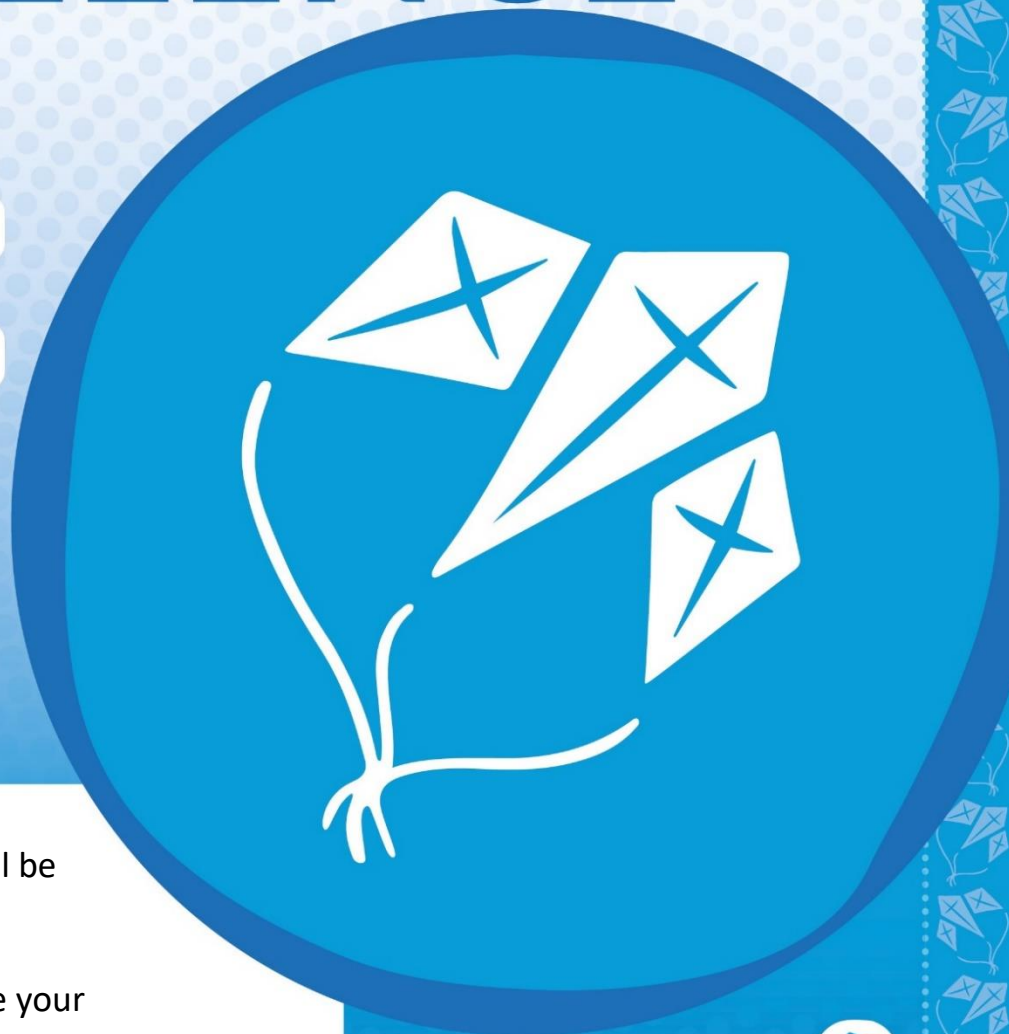
Years 1-6

- 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**

Autumn 2 Week 5 CAW Quality of the Week: **ASPIRATION**



CAW Significant Figure of the Week

[Turning human waste into drinking water...!](#)
[\(Newsround\)](#)
[The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation](#)
[Transcript of interview by children](#)
[\(2001\)](#)

[BBC interview \(44mins!\)](#) **Bill Gates**

Coder, inventor, entrepreneur and philanthropist

Born in Washington, USA in 1955, Bill Gates enjoyed coding on computers at school and as a hobby. He went on to found Microsoft and was responsible for producing computers that are used all over the world. He is currently the fourth richest person in the world (worth over \$133 billion dollars). His main job now is working for charities to make the world a better place, including helping reduce climate change.

How can we recycle at home?



**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

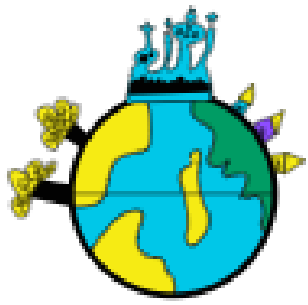
We'll be awarding certificates for **ASPIRATION/LEARNING LION** qualities in the next assembly.

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

Year 5's Brighton College Science visitor

Year 5 enjoyed a visit from Dr Davies today.

This was linked to our Science topic 'Light'.

Children observed and participated in a variety of exciting activities based on light and sight!



Fiona Escott

Welfare Manager



I am delighted to be part of the City Academy Whitehawk team and proud to be working with the close-knit community here.

I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead and work closely with all members of the community to ensure that our children feel safe and happy. Please do come and say hello at the school gates in the morning or on the playground at home time! Alternatively, please contact me via the school office if you would like to have a chat about how I can help you.

(cawadmin@auroraacademies.org)

I have worked in education for over 20 years and in that time, I have been a Year 6 teacher, SENCo and Deputy Head at a Primary School in East Sussex. I have most recently worked as an Advisory Teacher for East Sussex, where I supported schools across the county with pupils with additional needs (ASC, Dyslexia, Dyscalculia and Speech Language and Communication Needs plus others)

Outside of school reading, running, cycling and listening to music are my main interests. I also enjoy visiting the many seafood restaurants that Brighton has to offer!



Gabby Gosztanyi **Assistant Headteacher** **for Inclusion (SENDCo)**

I am delighted to have started at CAW at the beginning of this term. I have felt very welcomed by families and staff.

Prior to this role, I have led and co-ordinated provision for children with special educational needs at another primary school and taught in both special and mainstream schools.

Inclusion has long been a passion of mine. We all think, learn and feel differently. I aim to work closely with children, parents and staff to identify, understand and remove barriers to learning so that personal success can be achieved by all. It is a privilege to advocate for children and families, and I am very much enjoying getting to know the CAW community.

If you have a question about your child and SEND, please email
cawadmin@auroraacademies.org

2020-2021 Dates for your Diary

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

Wb Monday 11th December: Christmas Performances [See page]

Thursday 14th December: School Christmas Dinner

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.

Have a great weekend,

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher

