

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, suggesting a winter or late autumn setting. The sky is overcast.

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15th December 2023

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

Thank you so much for your support during this Autumn Term. 14 weeks of children's hard work was topped off by some truly amazing performances this week. I was so proud of the RESILIENCE and EXCELLENCE on display from children; the singing, dancing, acting, poetry and 'jokes' were tremendous and it was lovely to see how much hard work had gone in to making these possible. I'd like to publicly thank the school staff that made these ambitious opportunities so special and so inclusive for the children. Thank you to those families who were able to come and support their children; I feel really lucky to be a part of such a special community.

This edition of the newsletter is filled with highlights for the term and for things to look forward to for next term, including our clubs offer for the spring. Give each page a good read and pay special attention to the dates page.

EXPLORING
SENSES
PRESENTS

GEOMETRICS MUTATIONS

AT
WHITEHAWK LIBRARY

TUESDAY 19th DEC
2PM - 4PM

EXPERIMENT AND BE
CREATIVE WITH TECHNOLOGY
USING iPADS AND
3D PENS

8YRS+





Wednesday 20th December

Devise your own stories and perform them at the end of the day!

Available paid places for Stage Stompers: 9

Available paid places for Little Yetis: 6

Available HAF places for Stage Stompers: 5

Available HAF places for Little Yetis: Very low!

Thursday 21st December

The Littlest Christmas Elf performance!

Winter Arts and Crafts run by Jubilee Library

Available paid places for Stage Stompers: 9

Available paid places for Little Yetis: 8

Available HAF places for Stage Stompers: 5

Available HAF places for Little Yetis: Very low!

Monday 18th December

Spun Glass Christmas Stories by Spun Glass

Theatre funded by Tesco Stronger Starts

Performance and storytelling workshop

Available paid places for Stage Stompers: 8

Available paid places for Little Yetis: 4

Available HAF places for Stage Stompers: 7

Available HAF places for Little Yetis: Very low!

Tuesday 19th December

Story Tree Stories storytelling workshop for Stage Stompers

Story Tree Stories performance for Little Yetis

Available paid places for Stage Stompers: 6

Available paid places for Little Yetis: Very low!

Available HAF places for Stage Stompers: 7

Available HAF places for Little Yetis: 7

Learn fun drama skills, create and perform your own stories
Monday 18, Tuesday 19, Wednesday 20, Thursday 21 December

Jubilee Library 9am-3pm

£17.50 per day

HAF FREE places for children on benefits related free school meals.

Stage Stompers Years 3-6, Little Yetis Years R-2

BOOK ONLINE eequ.com - search for Bigfoot Arts Education South

bigfootartseducation.co.uk | 07746 313410

**FREE
holiday
activities**



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Year 5 visited Newhaven Fort as part of their History and Geography learning. We handled objects and weapons, experienced an air raid simulation, explored the grounds and learnt some incredible facts. Ask any Heron or Barn Owl about what Churchill did to Britain's piers to find out more!





Year 5 visited Jubilee Library, thanks to the Rotary Club for funding our transport and Jo from Brighton & Hove Libraries giving us a behind the scenes tour! Children also finished reading their class text, *The Girl Who Speaks Bear*, with a tasty hot chocolate and went fact finding in the non-fiction section for our new topic, Ancient Mayans.



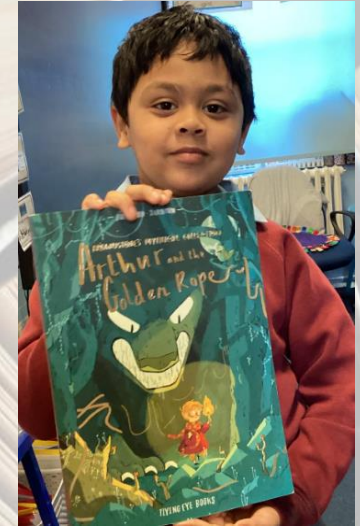
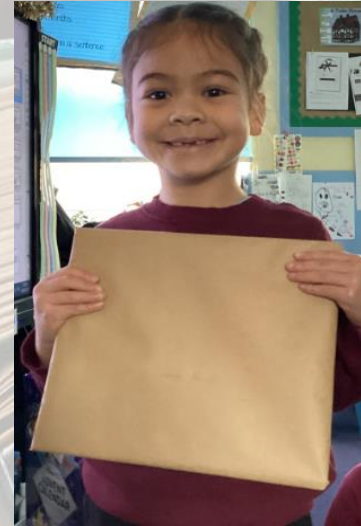
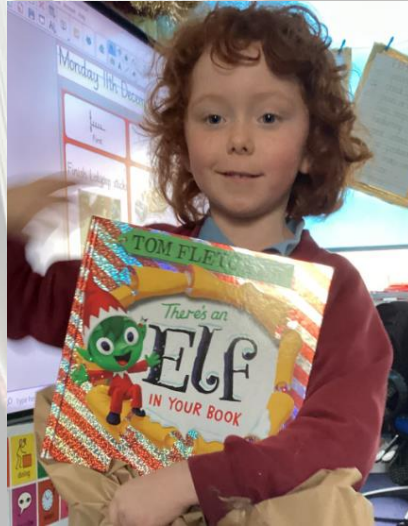
Y2 Great Fire of London

Year 2 have recently immersed themselves in the Great Fire of London, crafting Tudor houses for a hands-on DT project. In a spectacular finale, they set their creations ablaze to see how the fire spread back in 1666.



Reading Raffle 2

Congratulations to the Reading Raffle 2 winners pictured below and the four other lucky winners. Keep it up!



585 tickets were entered into reading raffle 2 ... that's a huge 2925 reads!

RR2 Highest ticket-earning classes were...

1. Woodpeckers (91)
2. Greenfinches (68)
3. Herons (63)

Well done you!



Book Votes

Book	Total
Jolly Christmas Postman	160
There's An Elf In Your Book	143
Castle of Tangled Magic	60
Arthur and the Golden Rope	24
Virtually Christmas	39
Young Gifted and Black	13
Train to Impossible Place	57
Choose your own	89

Reading Raffle 3

Reading Raffle 3
is underway!

Remember to read
at home over the
holidays too as
these reads will
also count!



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	Lego 3.10 – 4.10 Miss Linehan Hall
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

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



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

CAW Christmas Presents for every child in the school!

As a school that values the love of reading so highly, we were absolutely delighted to give every single child an early Christmas present of a book (personally selected by their teacher).

Father Christmas was ever so busy getting everything ready for Christmas Eve, but we were lucky to have some of his helpers to read a festive story to the children in our very own Grotto.

Huge thanks to the kind and generous members of the CAW PTA for their patience with wrapping and decorating, and for hosting the grotto so magnificently.



House Points

Huge congratulations to **EARTH HOUSE** for their victory in the Autumn 2 Learning Ticket competition. Earning over 6000 tickets is a phenomenal result and every member of **EARTH HOUSE** should be immensely proud.

The scores will reset in the new year, so every house has the same chance of winning.



**5360 Air
points**

**6009 Earth
points**



**5805 Fire
points**

**5786 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 5	Kites	Falcons
Week 6	Goldfinches	Barn Owls

Earth House Hot Chocolate in the Grotto Autumn 2 House Celebration



C**Collaboration****A****Aspiration****R****Resilience****E****Effort****E****Excellence****R****Respect****Spring 1 Week 1 CAW Quality of the Week: ASPIRATION****CAW Significant Figure of the Week****Helen Keller (1880-1968)***Author, campaigner and lecturer*

Born in Alabama, USA in 1880, Helen Keller made an incredible impact on the world. Before she turned two years old, an illness meant that she lost both her sight and her hearing. This did not stop her showing incredible amounts of **ASPIRATION**, and she went on to campaign for rights for disabled people and for women to have the right to vote. She wrote 14 books in her lifetime, and hundreds of essays and lectures. A truly inspirational person and an incredible role model.

[Who is Helen Keller?](#)

[BBC profile of Helen Keller](#)

[Disability is not debilitating \(for older children\)](#)

How is our energy generated?



**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

Next term, our first 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?



CITY ACADEMY WHITEHAWK



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[Ayo](#)
[interviewing](#)
[rugby players](#)

[Ayo gives tips for](#)
[working in the](#)
[media](#)

[Ayo's presenting](#)
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[presenters](#)

**CAW Significant Figure of the Week****Odunayo 'Ayo' Akinwolere***Television presenter*

Born in Nigeria, Ayo moved to the United Kingdom with his family when he was eight years old. He went on to become a television presenter, working on *Blue Peter* for five years, and has gone on to present on *Match of the Day* and make a documentary about sprinter Usain Bolt. He was recently diagnosed with ADHD. He's a great example of someone working hard and aspiring to follow their dreams.

You can do it too!

**What can we change at
school to improve our
5 RS?**



**Our City,
Our World**

ASPIRATION

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

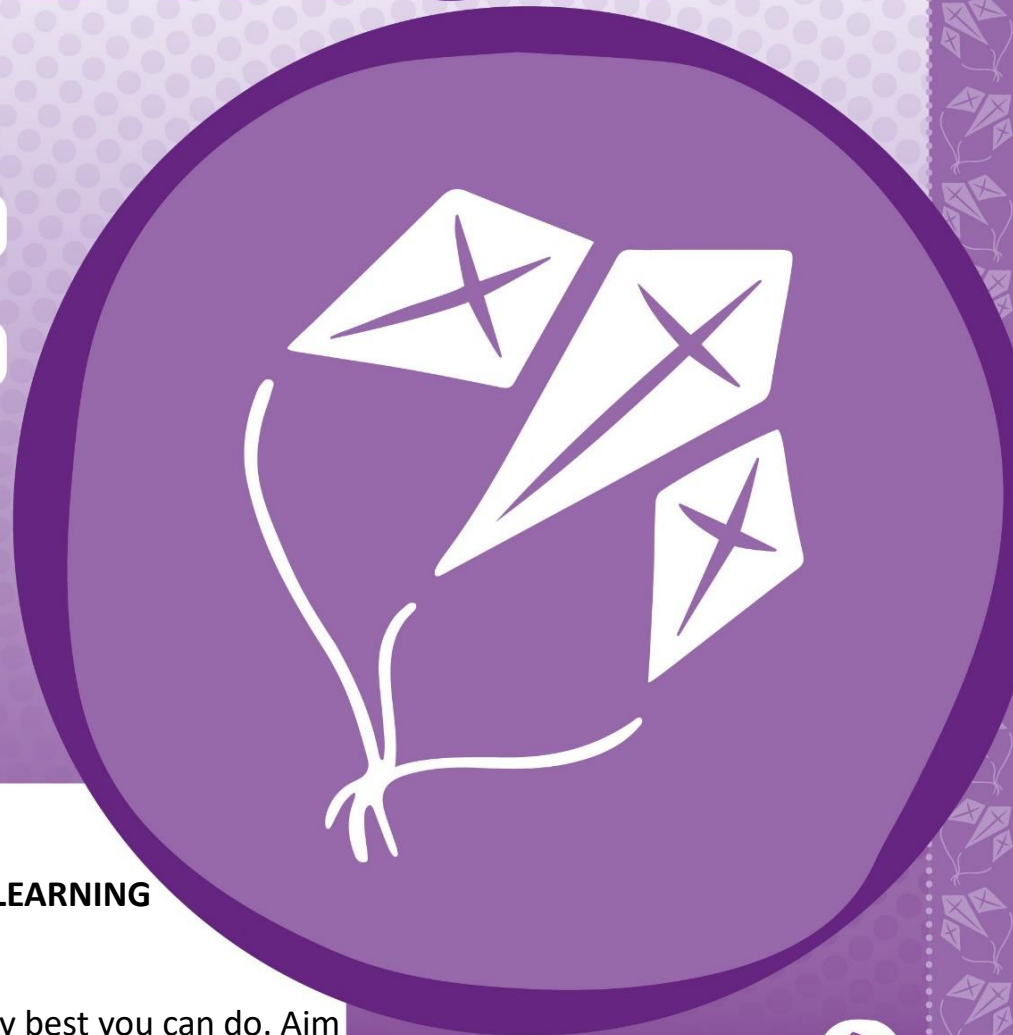
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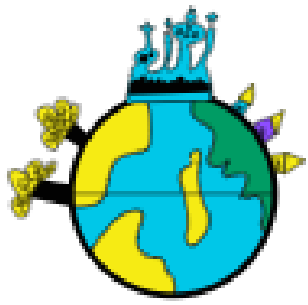
We'll be awarding certificates for **ASPIRATION/LEARNING LION** qualities in the next assembly.

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.ourcityourworld.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

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



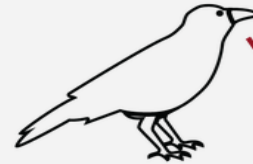
Nursery
Hatchlings



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



2020-2021 Dates for your Diary

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

Tuesday 2nd January: INSET

Wednesday 3rd January: Start of Spring 1 for children

Wb. 5th February: Family Engagement Events [tbc]

Tuesday 6th February: Family/Teacher Consultation [15:30-19:00]

Wednesday 7th February: Family/Teacher Consultation [15:30 – 17:00]

9th February: End of Spring 1

19th February: Start of Spring 2

Friday 8th March: INSET Day

Thursday 28th March: End of Spring 2

On behalf of all CAW staff, thank you so much for the cards and gifts we have received from you this week. We're so grateful for your generosity. We hope the children enjoy the book gift they brought home from school last Friday. To those of you celebrating Christmas, have a wonderful time with your loved ones. To the rest of the Whitehawk community, I hope you have an amazing two weeks with family and I'll look forward to welcoming you back to school on Wednesday 3rd January.

Have a great weekend,

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher

