

City Academy Whitehawk

An aerial photograph of City Academy Whitehawk, a large brick school building with a red-tiled roof and a central tower. The school is surrounded by a residential neighborhood with many houses, some with solar panels. In the foreground, there is a green field and a road.

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Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

Happy New Year! It was lovely to welcome everyone back to school on Wednesday. The children have had three days of their new areas of study and we've already had dozens of very proud children coming down to our offices to show us EXCELLENT learning! We've started as we mean to go on; Jackdaws loved their first forest school session and the Kestrels had a brilliant first swimming lesson. I'm looking forward to awarding certificates during Monday morning's assemblies.

We emailed you earlier this week to let you know about changes to school dinners; you can see our new menus [here](#). On Monday 8th January, we will be on the Week 1 menu.

It is incredibly important to us that all children feel that they belong here at school and also that children are appropriately dressed for all learning tasks. Uniform helps us achieve these things. Please ensure that children come to school in their uniform and wearing appropriate school shoes or black trainers. Children should not be wearing crocs to school in any instance. We have a stock of school shoes and unnamed uniform here at school that we are happy to donate to families so please let us know if you need support.

Please have a good read of our letter to learn about this term's Reading Raffle and upcoming dates.

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
Jackdawes
Magpies



Year One
Puffins
Woodpeckers



Year Five
Barn Owls
Hérons



Year Two
Goldfinches
Greenfinches



Year Six
Eagles
Falcons

Reading Raffle 3

Reading Raffle 3 is underway!

Remember that for this raffle, all children who are regularly reading and earning plenty of raffle tickets will be rewarded for their efforts at the end of term!



What should I write in my child's reading record?!


We've been getting this question from a few families so wanted to re-share the guidance!

Each time your child reads please record

- Date
- Pages (e.g. p.40 -65) or just the title if it's the whole book
- Adult signature

Older children can write the information in and then an adult can sign it off. Raffle tickets will only be given if there is evidence of an adult signature or adult written message.


This a great example of what a completed reading record page could look like.



Date	Name of book and page number	Comments and signature
6/9/21	BFG p.1 - 22	Matilda loved the start of this book but found the made up words hard to read. Z.Wormwood. ✓
7/9/21	BFG p.23 - 40	Matilda read by herself and then told me what happened. She thinks BFG is Z.W. great! <i>Mea too!</i> ✓
8/9/21	BFG p.41 - 60	Matilda and I practised looking at the unusual words before reading the pages - it helped. <i>Great strategy</i> ✓
9/9/21	Fantastic Women who changed the world p.15-20	Matilda loved learning about scientists and we looked at what the word 'hypothesis' means. Z.Wormwood. ✓
10/9/21	BFG p.61 - 85	Matilda read by herself and found it hard to recall the plot so far today. Z.Wormwood. ✓

1 x RFT

A simpler version could look like this! Although we'd love to see a comment each time, it's okay to put your signature too.



Date	Name of book and page number	Comments and signature
5/1/24	91 Storey Treehouse p.83 - 204	<i>[Signature]</i>
6/1/24	91 Storey Treehouse p.240 - 248	<i>[Signature]</i>
7/1/24	91 Storey Treehouse p.248 - 287	<i>[Signature]</i>
8/1/24	91 Storey Treehouse Finished book	Kaci loves this book! <i>[Signature]</i>
9/1/24	Human 2.0 (fact book) Read 6 pages of interest	<i>[Signature]</i>

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 McMorris Mr McMorris's office

PE Kits – updated for Spring 1

For Spring 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. Crocs are not permitted.

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)	Monday	Thursday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday
		Thursday	Friday	Monday (Kites) Thursday (Swimming) Kestrels	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday



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

It's a new term and a new year, which means Learning Ticket scores start from zero again, and each house has an equal chance of triumphing in the House Celebration Competition.

For the first time EVER, we have a joint tie for the lead! Congratulations to **FIRE HOUSE** and **WATER HOUSE** for already being on 700 Learning Tickets. Magnificent!



**658 Air
points**

**599 Earth
points**

**700 Fire
points**

**700 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
Autumn 2 Week 6	Goldfinches	Barn Owls
Autumn 2 Week 7	Greenfinches	Falcons

C

Collaboration



A

Aspiration



R

Resilience



E

Effort



E

Excellence



R

Respect



Spring 1 Week 2 CAW Quality of the Week: EFFORT

History of the typewriter and uses for blind and partially sighted people (Science Museum)



CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Henry Mill (circa 1683 – 1771)

Engineer and inventor

Born in the UK over three hundred years ago, Henry Mill was an engineer who worked to create waterways to distribute water around the country. He was also an inventor who recorded the first ever **patent** for a typewriter. A patent is a way to make sure only you are allowed to reproduce something you have invented. Typewriters developed into computer keyboards and are a very important part of our modern lives.

History of typewriters

Disabled typewriter artist

World Typing Day Monday 8th

January 2024

What is renewable energy?



Our City,
Our World

EFFORT

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

Years 1-6

- Jump in!
- Try hard
- Grow your brain
- Be brave
- Learn from mistakes
- Be excited to try new things

Teacher's Comments

Next week, our CAW Quality of the Week will be
EFFORT/HAVE A GO HORSE.

How can you make sure you give 100% in your
learning?



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:

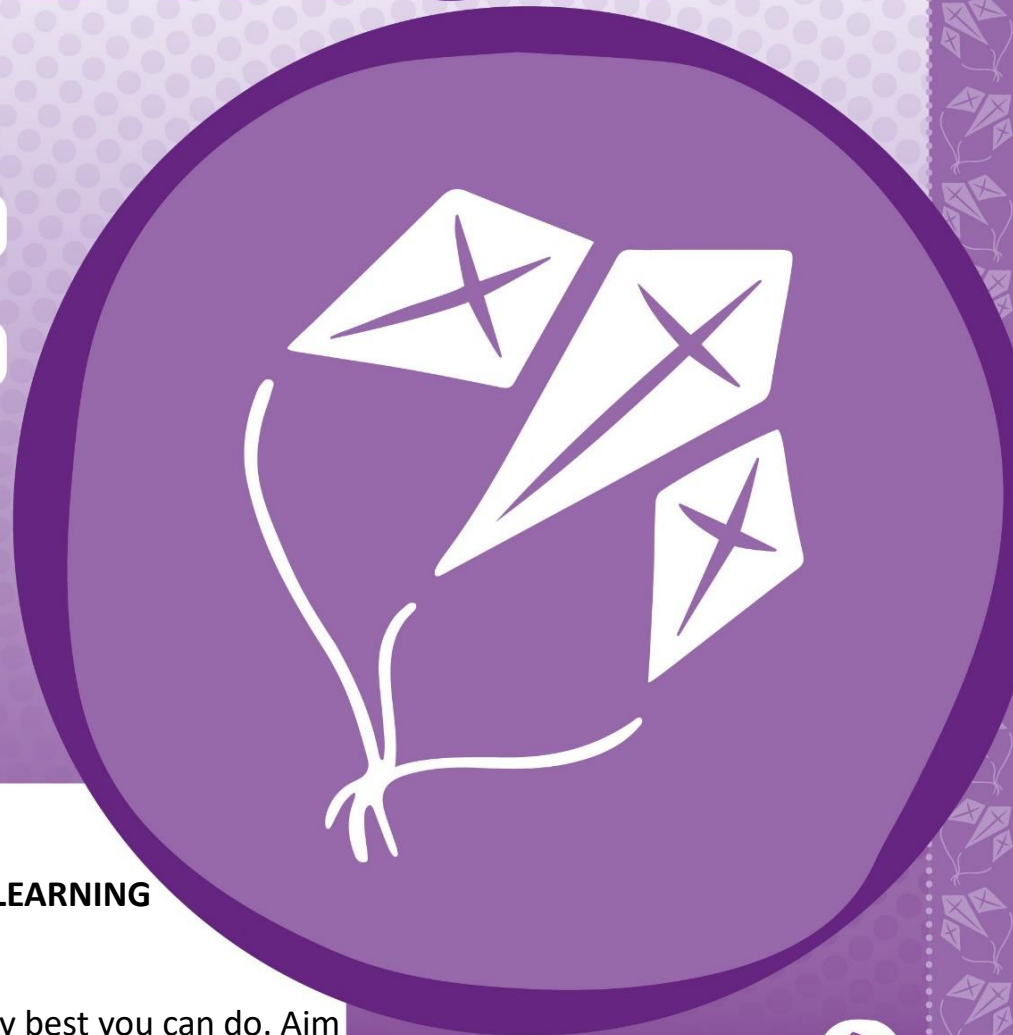
Years 1-6

- 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

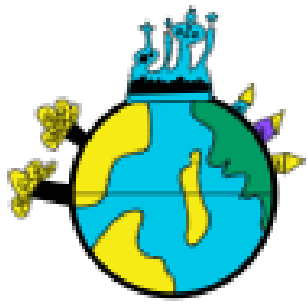
We'll be awarding certificates for **ASPIRATION/LEARNING LION** qualities in the next assembly.

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

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

Thank you for reading our newsletter. It'll be great to see you on the gates on Monday morning.

Have a fabulous weekend,

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher

