



City Academy Whitehawk

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Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

Welcome to the 13th edition of our Headteacher Newsletter.

We had another great week at school, starting the half term at a great pace picking up our new areas of study and building on our learning from last term. I've been incredibly proud of the standard of work that has been brought to me throughout the week and we remain really, really proud of the attitudes that we see in classrooms day in day out.

I'd like to start by offering a huge thank you to all families who supported children to attend school every day this week; we're excited by our new reward system so please flick through to Mrs. Storey's page of the newsletter for this week's winners on the Attendance Wheel of Fortune! As we say to all children in our Monday morning assemblies, school is where we come to be successful and build relationships, so I look forward to welcoming everyone back after the weekend!

Children have been working towards our CAW Quality of RESEPECT this week so I'm excited to award certificates on Monday morning.

Relationship and Sex Education Family Meetings

These meetings will focus on explaining the content each year group will look at for the RSE lessons which take place in Summer 1. We will look at what the children will be doing in school so you can support at home. These will be adults only meetings due to the nature of the discussion. Younger siblings will need alternative care.

Friday 1st March

9am – Year 5 and Year 6

Monday 4th March

9am – EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

Monday 4th March

2:30pm – Year 3 and Year 4

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 4!



Reading Raffle 4 is here! Another amazing offer of prizes, 13 in total! If children read today, and every day over half term, they could earn 2 raffle tickets on Monday! Or every other day would be 1 ticket.

Remember, children can read school books or books from home. We encourage children to read for 15 minutes.

Good luck and happy reading!



World Book Day 2024 is on Thursday 7th March and this year we are doing a cosy pyjama day! This means your child will come to school in their pyjamas (or otherwise snuggly clothing) and bring slippers to wear inside instead of a costume! More information about the day will come later in the term but we wanted to let you know that costumes are off the cards for this year!



Attendance and Punctuality



This week we have sent emails to families whose children's attendance has fallen below around 93% letting them know that we are keeping an eye on their child's attendance. At this time of year this means that children will have missed over 8 days – or nearly 2 weeks of school.

If you would like to chat about your child's attendance please contact Mrs Storey in the school office



This week's Wheel of Fortune Prize Winners

Picked from children who had **100% attendance** and **no late marks** for the **whole term** from January until February half term!

Ayla - Goldfinches

Ganan - Greenfinches

Bella - Jackdaws

Iris - Goldfinches

Farah - Jackdaws

Evelyn – Herons

WELL DONE!

Some useful links:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/03/improving-school-attendance/>



House Points

Huge congratulations to **FIRE HOUSE** for triumphing in the Spring 1 House Competition! All of the Learning Ticket scores reset at the start of this half term, meaning that everyone started at the same place.

Here are the scores after our first week! Water House have taken an early lead.



**187 Air
points**

**154 Earth
points**

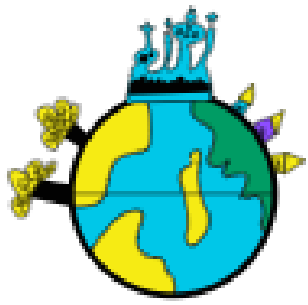
**150 Fire
points**

**212 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
Spring 1 - Week 5	Kites	Magpies
Spring 1 - Week 6	Herons	Woodpeckers



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

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Collaboration



A

Aspiration



R

Resilience



E

Effort



E

Excellence



R

Respect



Spring 2 Week 2 CAW Quality of the Week: EXCELLENCE



CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Taylor Swift

Record breaking singer, songwriter, business woman, trailblazer and philanthropist
Whether you like her music or not, it is hard to argue with Taylor Swift's positive impact on the world. She released her first album when she was

just 16 and has gone on to release 10 more. During this time, she not only gained fans from her songs but also changed the music industry. For example, she is one of few artists to release albums with different styles of music and has fought hard for artists to own their own music. She speaks openly about gender equality, the importance of voting, eating disorders and LGBTQ+ issues and regularly makes donations and gifts to charities and the team that work for her. She loves words and reading too, and several of her albums are inspired by stories. Her Eras tour has broken many records and is even credited for helping save the American Economy! By holding herself to such a high standard and often not accepting things the way they are if they could be improved or are unfair, she creates and inspires excellence on a daily basis. – From Miss Scozzafava #1 Swiftie!

[Life of Taylor Swift](#)

[Read Aloud of TS Biography](#)

[Generous Giving Timeline](#)

(Teachers, may want to skip #11)

[Charity](#)

[TS Museum](#)

What animal habitats are in Brighton and Hove?



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EXCELLENCE

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

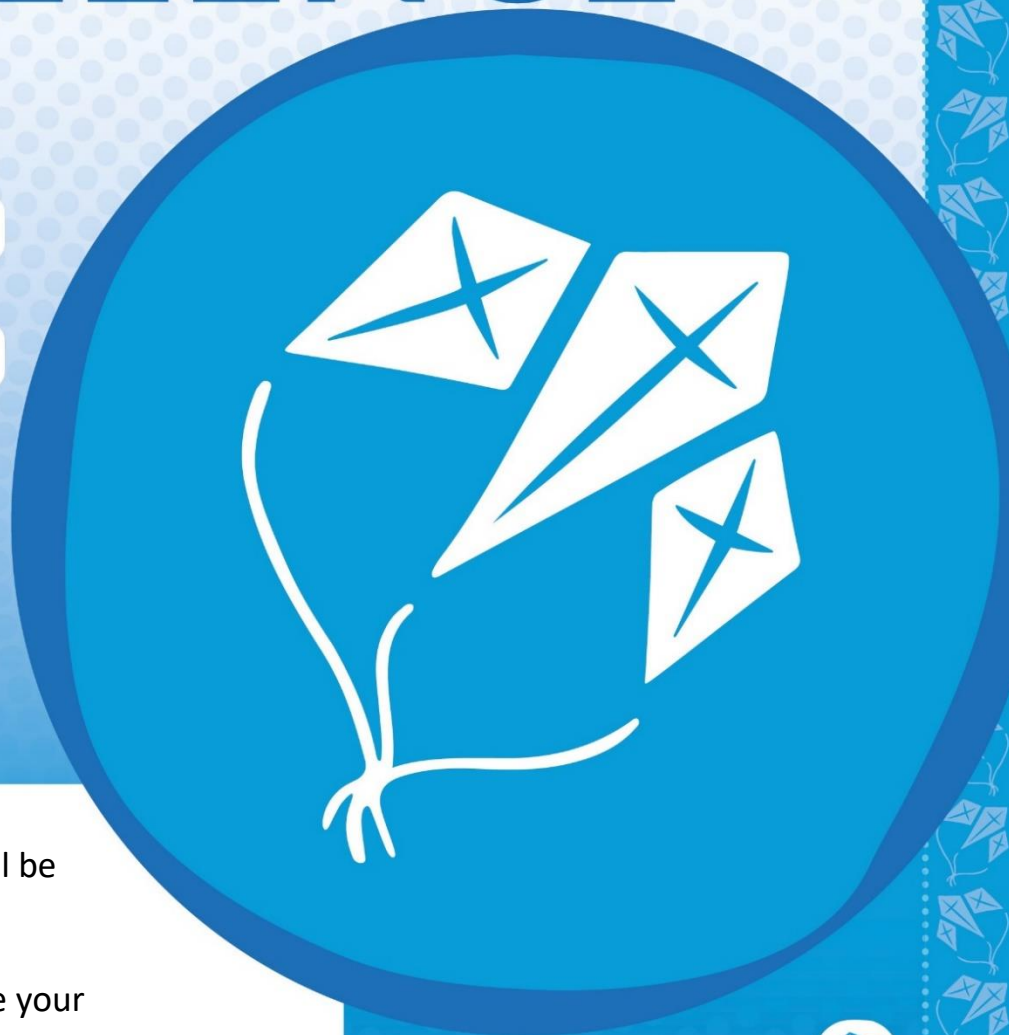
Years 1-6

- 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?



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Spring 2 Week 1 CAW Quality of the Week: RESPECT



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[2009 winning performance](#)

[Invictus Games Closing Ceremony](#)

[Diversity 2019 performance](#)

CAW Significant Figures of the Week

Diversity

UK dance troupe

What animal habitats are around our school?



[Every BGT performance \(30mins\)](#)

Diversity are a group of dancers from the south of England. A group of friends who loved to dance got together to form Diversity, and they went on to win the 2009 *Britain's Got Talent* competition. This allowed them to tour all over the world and perform in front of thousands of people. Some of the members of Diversity, such as Ashley Banjo, have gone on to become television presenters and support charities like [Dance Aid](#) to help raise money for children through the medium of dance.

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Our World**

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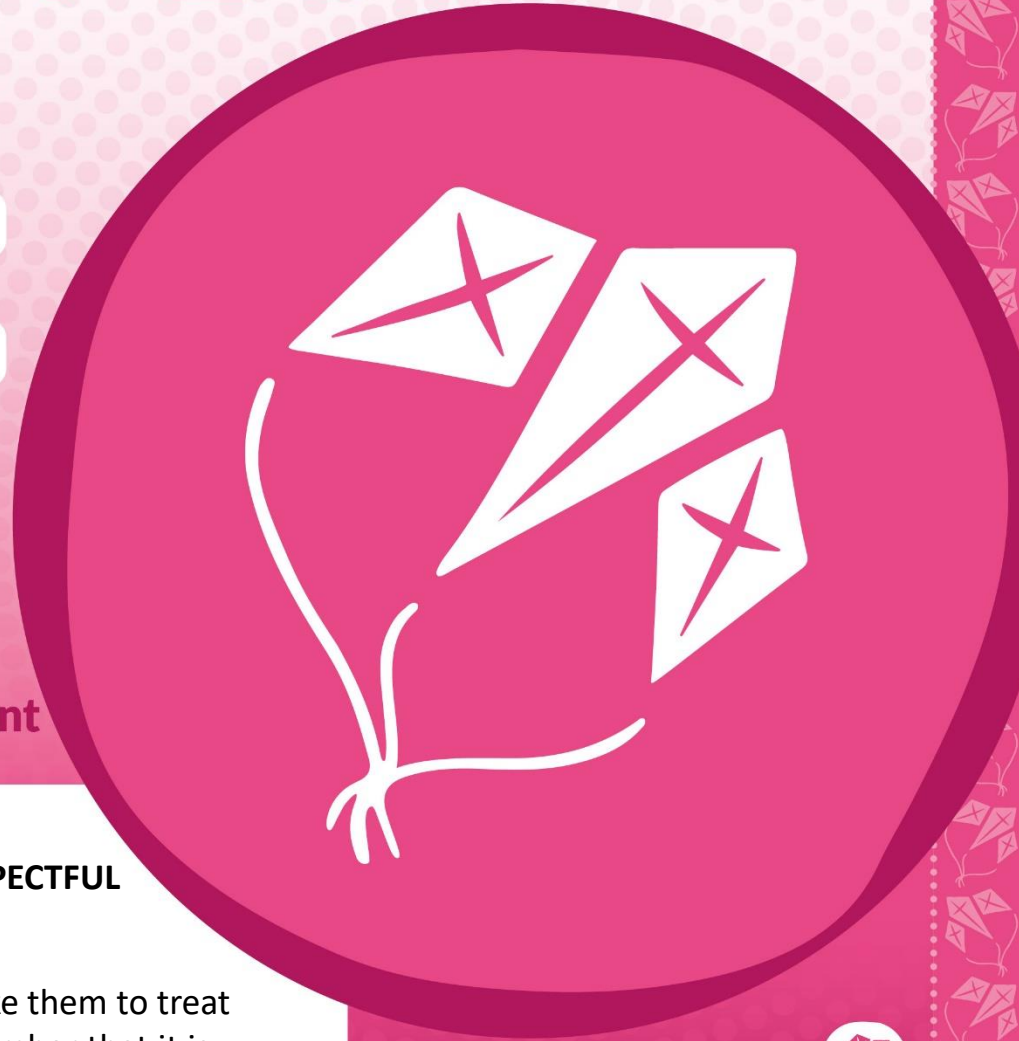
Years 1-6

- 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.



Dates for your Diary

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

Wednesday 28th February 8:30am: School Nurse Drop-in Session

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day

Friday 8th March: INSET Day

Wednesday 13th March: Class Photographs

Friday 15th March: Non-uniform day for Comic Relief 2024

Wb. 25th March: Family Engagement Events [tbc]

Thursday 28th March: End of Spring 2

Monday 15th April: Start of Summer 1

Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday

Wb. 13th May: Year 6 Assessment Week

Thursday 23rd May: Engagement Event: Arts Week Exhibition

Friday 24th May: INSET Day

Thank you for reading our Newsletter. We hope to see as many of you as possible at our upcoming RSE consultations.

Have a great weekend and I'll look forward to welcoming back to school on Monday morning.

Sincerely,

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher

