



City Academy Whitehawk

School Community Newsletter 1
Friday 13th September 2024



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Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

It's a huge privilege to be a part of this school and community, and I couldn't be prouder of the work that has already been completed this year. The children have returned from the summer holiday energised and enthusiastic, and it's been a joy to see them engaging with their learning with such passion. Our new students in Nursery and Reception have settled so well and we have been delighted to welcome them to City Academy Whitehawk.

Maths continues to be a big focus for us as a school this year, so you'll be hearing lots about how we are celebrating it and continuing to build a maths culture. I'm so excited that we have Times Table Rockstars to roll out for the older children: there will be a big launch later this term. Check the next slide for more details!

Please do keep checking [our CAW Facebook page](#)...we've been sharing daily updates of some of the wonderful activities taking place in school. It a chance to share and celebrate what's happening here, so please do have look and drop us a 'like'!

Have a wonderful weekend, and know that my door is always open to catch up with, and support, CAW families,

Russell Wood
Head of School



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

- Children in Year 4, 5 and 6 will be using a new maths programme to support their times table learning in school.
- **Times Table Rock Stars** is a fun way of helping your child consolidate their knowledge of important times table facts.
- Please support your child at home, by using the log in stuck into your child's reading record.
- Follow the link below to find out more about **TTRS!**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ZxZbRVvbYM>
- If you have any questions, please talk to your child's teacher.



Attendance and Punctuality



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



Wheel of Fortune Prize Winners



Our lucky winners are selected from children who were at school and on time every day in the previous week...! 😊

9th September

Massimo – Goldfinches

Reuben M – Barn Owls

Aria – Kites

Ronnie – Jackdaws

Reuben D – Barn Owls

Amelia – Goldfinches

Frazer - Eagles



Push on Punctuality...

Please remember that all children in Reception to year 6 are welcome to come into school every day from

8.30am.

Everyone arriving after 8.45am will be marked as late.



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/>



CAW PTA Meeting



Come along to our first PTA meeting of the
academic year, after school on
Monday 16th September.



Let us know what you'd like to do this year,
and find out how you can get involved.

No commitment necessary.



All parents/carers and children welcome!



JEANS FOR GENES

**Wear jeans to school
on Monday (16th
September 2024)!**

Learn more here:

<https://www.jeansforgenes.org/>

We are so proud to support the wonderful Jeans for Genes charity, and to celebrate people living with genetic conditions. On Monday, EVERYONE is invited to wear jeans to school! Please wear your normal shoes, polo shirts and jumpers from the school uniform.

If you would like to make a voluntary donation to the CAW Jeans for Genes collection, you can do so at this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/caw-1726136036389>

You will also see a connection to our Significant Figure for Week 3!



DON'T FORGET TO OPT-IN...

...once signed up, you can check
your app to see your school's
Cashpot so far.

Here's HOW:

- 1 Download the Asda Rewards app
and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
- 2 Choose your primary school
- 3 Shop in-store across Asda & George,
and scan your Asda Rewards app at
the checkout.
- 4 Shopping online?
Simply log in to Asda.com using
the same details as your Asda
Rewards account.
- 5 We'll do the rest!
We donate ££s to your chosen
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so they can spend it on
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Selected stores. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. UK 18+. App & opt-in required. 0.5% of the value of a customer's shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools. Must register with Parentkind charity 1012833. Full T&Cs at asda.com/cashpotforschools. Rewards T&Cs at asda.com/rewards/terms. Minimum spend £21. Ends 30.11.24



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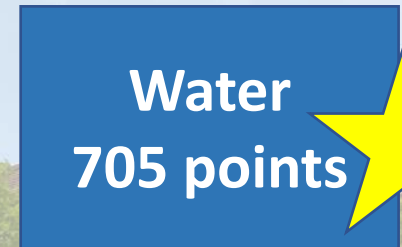
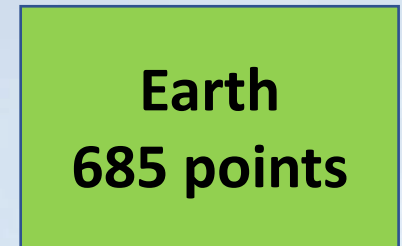
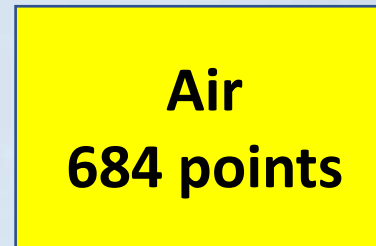
Please click [here](#) for an update about what your children are up to this term!



House Points

Congratulations to **WATER HOUSE** who have taken the lead in the Learning Ticket competition!

The house with the most Learning Tickets at the end of the half term will win a very special House Celebration event. Remember: **EVERY TICKET COUNTS!**



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 1	Puffins	Hérons

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 3 CAW Quality of the Week: EFFORT



[World record
and gold
medal!](#)

[Ellie's life](#)

[Newsround
profile](#)

[Cha cha cha](#)



CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Ellie Simmonds OBE

British swimmer and Paralympic medal winner

Born in Derbyshire in 1994, Ellie Simmonds was adopted into a loving family. She lives with the genetic condition **achondroplasia** which meant that her arms and legs did not grow in the same way as the rest of her body. This did not hold her back! Through incredibly consistent **EFFORT**, Ellie became a championship swimmer and has won medals at Paralympic games and World Championships. She has gone on to appear on lots of television programmes, including *Strictly Come Dancing*, *The Great Celebrity Bake Off* and *Cooking With The Stars*.

What is being done to
limit Climate Change?



Our City,
Our World

RESILIENCE

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

Years 1-6

- Try hard
- Practise lots
- Keep going
- Try new strategies
- Ask for help
- Start again
- Take a brain break

Teacher's Comments

We'll be awarding certificates for
RESILIENCE/PERSEVERING PENGUIN qualities in the
next assembly.

RESILIENCE means keeping going, even when you are tired or tasks
are difficult. Keep believing in yourself: you can do it!



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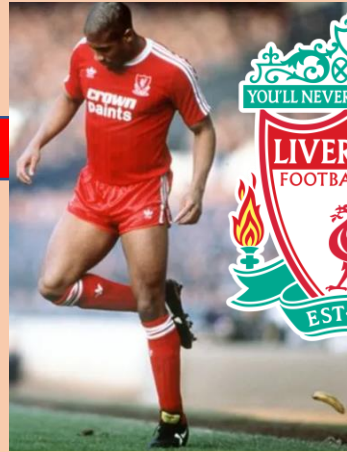


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Respect



Autumn 1 Week 2 CAW Quality of the Week: RESILIENCE



[Goals and skills](#)

[World In Motion \(feat. John Barnes rap\)](#)



CAW Significant Figure of the Week

John Barnes MBE

Football legend

[Discussing racism in football](#)

OCOW Recap: What do you know about Climate Change?



**Our City,
Our World**

Born in Jamaica in 1963, John Barnes moved to England when he was 12 years old. He went on to play football for many clubs, most notably Liverpool (where he won the First Division twice), and England. 'Digger' Barnes is one of the most technically gifted and talented footballers to ever play for England. He was subjected to a lot of racist abuse, including having objects thrown at him while he was playing football. He always showed remarkable **RESILIENCE**, and has campaigned to end racism in football, and create a fairer society.



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:

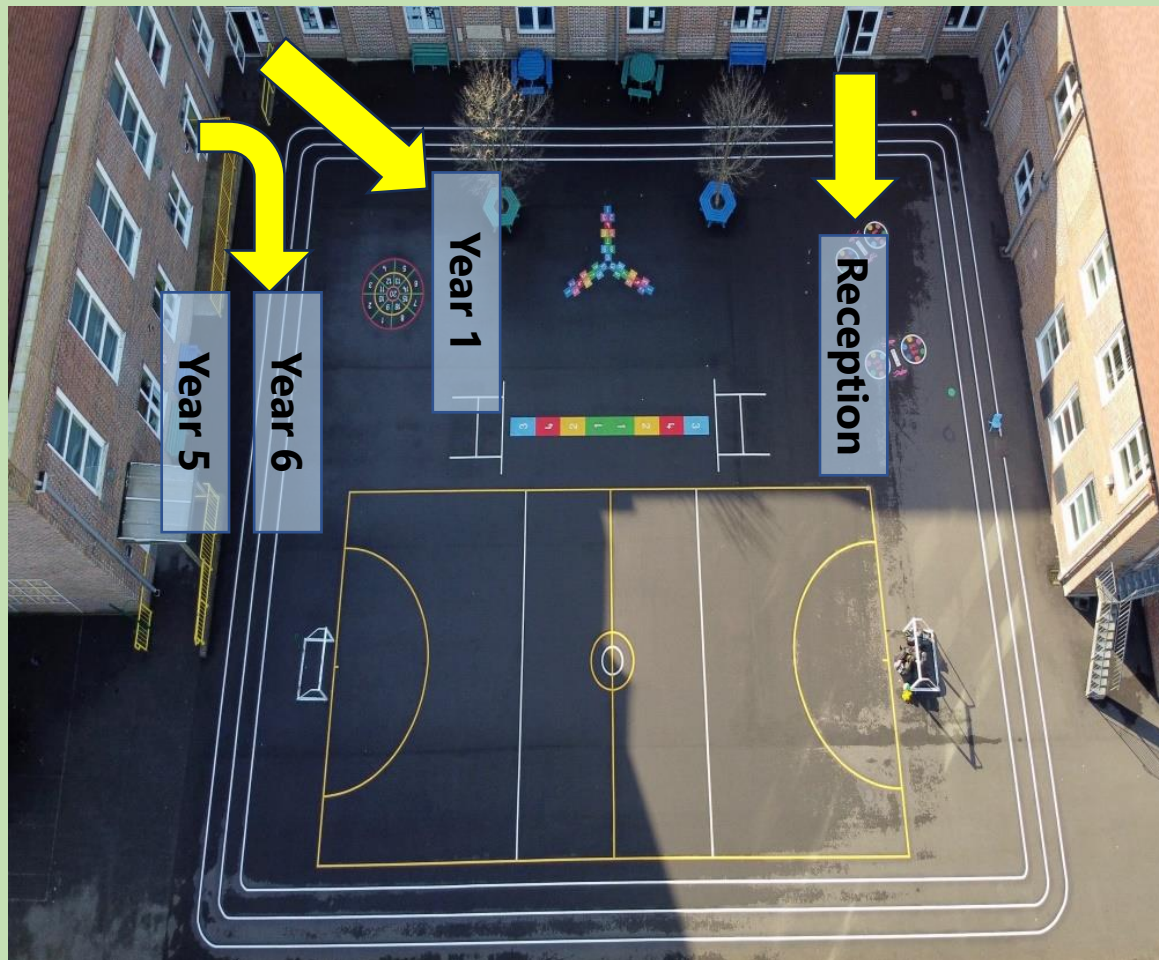
<https://www.ourcityyourworld.co.uk/>

We welcome any ideas that families may have to support this important work! Please send any suggestions to Mr. Wood at: cawadmin@auroraacademies.org

South Playground

Wet Play Collection for Reception, Y1, Y5 and Y6

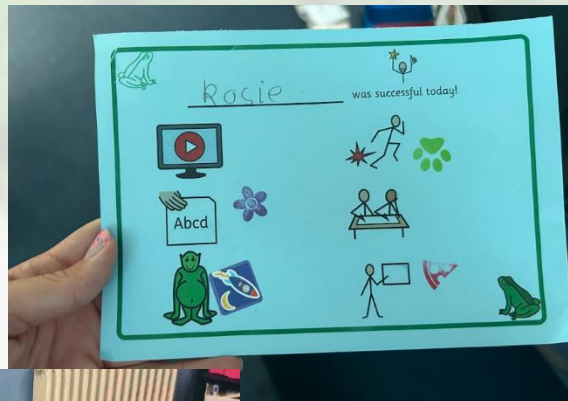
When it's raining, the collection arrangements for the South Playground are slightly different, and are shown below. This is done to help us release the children safely without too much of a traffic jam.





Fred's Phonics club

Fred the frog invited some Year 1 and 2 children to his new afterschool club and they all had so much fun!



Fred is hoping to invite more children to his club next year.





Brighton & Hove Inclusion Support Service (BHISS)

Autism and Language Online Workshops for Parents/Carers Autumn Term 2024

- *Applying to Secondary Schools* - Tuesday 17th September 2024, 9.30–11.30 a.m.
- *Post-16: What Next?* - Tuesday 22nd October 2024, 9.30–11.30 a.m.
- *Thinking About Autism – and how to navigate support for your family* - Thursday 14th November 2024, 9.30–11.30 a.m.
- *Thinking About Developmental Language Disorder* - Friday 6th December 2024, 9.30–11.30 a.m.

Please follow the link to the flyer for
more information:



BHISS Workshops

Dates for your Diary

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

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September: INSET Days

Wednesday 4th September: First day of school for children

(Reception aged children have received plans for their first 10 days of school)

Friday 25th October: Last Day of Autumn Term 1

Monday 4th November: First Day of Autumn Term 2

Friday 15th November: INSET

Friday 20th December: Last Day of Autumn Term 2