



City Academy Whitehawk

School Community Newsletter 10
Friday 7th February 2025



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Dear City Academy Whitehawk families,

We've had a jam-packed fortnight since the last Newsletter and it's wonderful to look back and see how much the children have achieved. A big thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Parental Engagement events this week...we love the opportunity for families to join us in school and see the great work the children are doing, and it's a very special event for our students. Check out some of the amazing artwork created by Year Fives on the very next slide.

We loved celebrating the [NSPCC Number Day](#) today! Mr. McAdam organised a maths-rich day of events, including 'vertical learning' opportunities for children from different year groups to work together, and high energy 'mathletics' in the afternoon!

Our Early Reading Leader Miss Delaney is continuing to host Phonics Drop Ins, with the next one taking place on Monday (10th February). This is a brilliant opportunity to come and ask questions and to find ways to help support your child with reading at home. Slide Five has more details...it would be lovely to see you there!

Year Six enjoyed a visit to the AmEx stadium this week (photos on Slide Seven), which was an exciting trip to enjoy an important part of our local community. We wish the Year Six children all the best for their mock SATs assessments next week. This will allow the children to experience how the tests will be administered in May.

All the best,

Russell Wood
Head of School

**Year Five masks inspired by Beninese culture
Created during the Parental Engagement
Events this week**





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.



Invitation to families...



Hello Everyone

From January, the Puffin classroom will be open from 3.30, fortnightly, for anyone who has any questions about Phonics or Reading in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. No need to book. Just Drop in!



Drop in dates for this term are:

- Monday 13th January
- Monday 27th January
- Monday 10th February



Thanks

Miss Delaney
Early Reading Leader

Attendance and Punctuality



Your future starts at school

Attend Aim high Achieve

Being at school is about much more than academic success.

It's a way of...

- making friends
- learning new skills
- building confidence
- discovering your talents
- accessing support

We're here to help all pupils enjoy their time at school.

If you need support getting your child back into attending school, speak to school staff or visit www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/school-attendance

Brighton & Hove City Council

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...! 😊

27th January & 3rd February

Lisa – Kites

Waide - Kestrels

Fraizer - Herons

Aisha - Woodpeckers

Johnny – Kestrels

Henry – Eagles

Jamie - Magpies

Finley - Woodpeckers

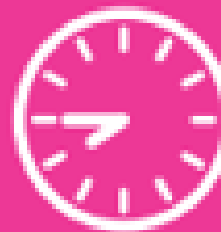
Karam – Woodpeckers

Eva-Rose – Falcons

15 minutes
late every day

=

two weeks
of learning lost
each school year



[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

[How to improve your child's school attendance and where to get support - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](http://blog.gov.uk)



We would like to extend our thanks to the Albion in the Community Team for organizing an exceptional STEM Day. The event was a resounding success, offering our children a unique opportunity to engage with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

We appreciate the commitment to education and community engagement demonstrated by the Albion in the Community Team.

Thank you for making this memorable day possible for our students!



Y6

AMEX Visit



CITY ACADEMY KIDS GO FREE*

**WHITEHAWK FC, EAST BRIGHTON PARK, 3PM KO SATURDAYS
WALK THROUGH THE PARK TO THE GROUND**

**08 FEB v HORSHAM
22 FEB v CANVEY ISLAND
08 MAR v CHATHAM
22 MAR v CARSHALTON
29 MAR v BOGNOR REGIS TOWN
12 APR v DARTFORD**

ADULT £8 WITH THIS VOUCHER *WITH AN ADULT

Come and join us at WASP!

WASP is our extended after school provision to help families with their childcare needs. Children do lots of fun activities with our dedicated team of trained playworkers.

WASP is open from 3.15pm to 6.00pm during term time and places can be booked via the Arbor App up until midnight of the day before.

If you need to book a space on the same day, please call the WASP mobile to check availability and book – tel: 07394 140550

Sessions are charged at £10 per day with a reduced rate for the first sibling of £7 and £5 for the second sibling. We are also able to accept payment via the Tax-Free Childcare scheme and can provide documents to enable costs to be claimed back via Universal Credit for those families that are eligible.

World Book Day – book selecting!

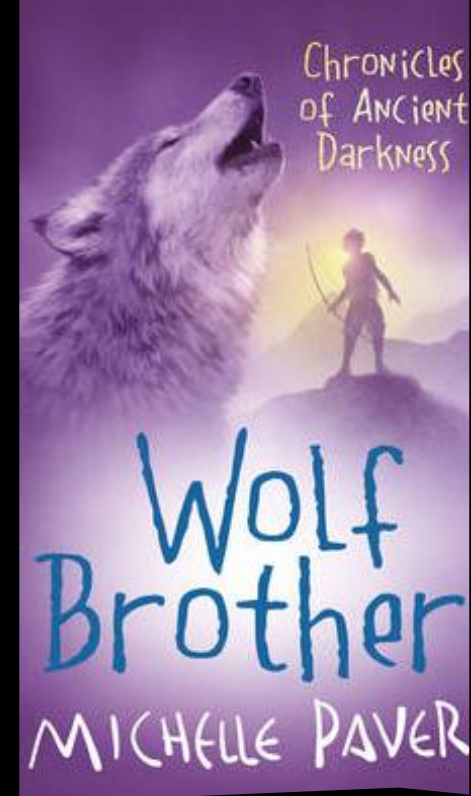
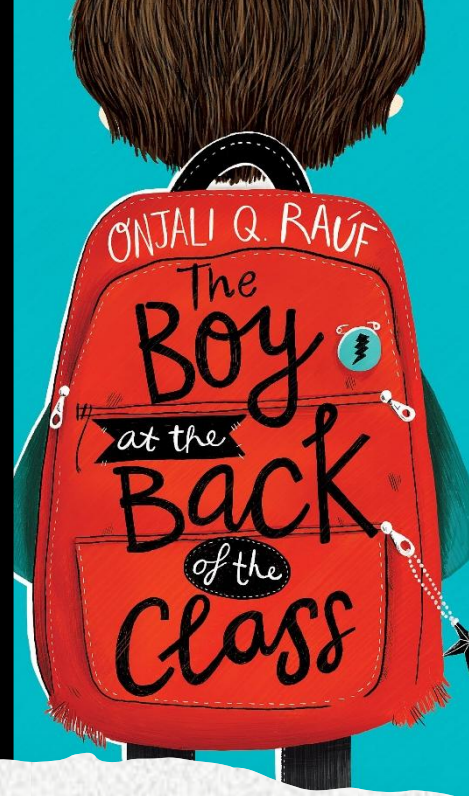
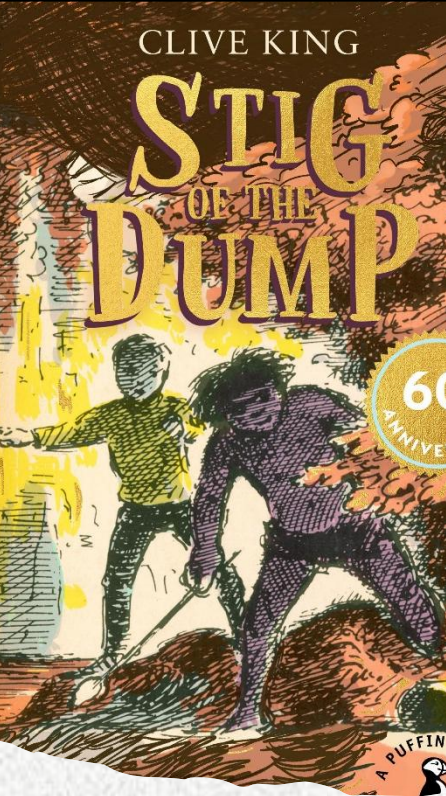
Plans are underway for this year's World Book Day celebrations! Before these are launched, we are keen to find out what book children would like to take home from this year's amazing selection! Please check your emails to find out more or click this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/WV1KdtK8cS>



Reading Raffle 3

[Reading Raffle 3](#) launched this term with some exceptional titles, especially Beanie The Banshee illustrated by CAW's friend, Steve McCarthy! After every 5 entries in a Reading Record (doesn't have to be consecutive days) your child will earn a raffle ticket to vote for a book they'd like to win. Please remember that we only count one read per day.





Year 3 – 6 Texts for Spring

These are our texts for the Spring Term starting with Year 3 on the left. It's a real mix including children's classics with Stig and Barney's antics; epic missions of bravery from Tash, Sam and two trusty Yaks in Nepal; children fighting for equality and justice (and a near disastrous trip to London in the mix) for Year 5's Boy At The Back Of The Class and Torak finds his true calling in the epic Wolf Brother. We hope your children enjoy meeting their new characters!

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

House Points

Congratulations to **AIR HOUSE** who are leading the Spring 1 House Celebration Competition for Learning Tickets. Only one week to go in the House Competition, and the scores are very tight. Who will win?

Remember: **EVERY TICKET COUNTS!**



**4430 Air
points**

**4479 Earth
points**



**4445 Fire
points**

**4414 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	Goldfinches	Hérons
Week 4	Kestrels	Barn Owls

RESILIENCE

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

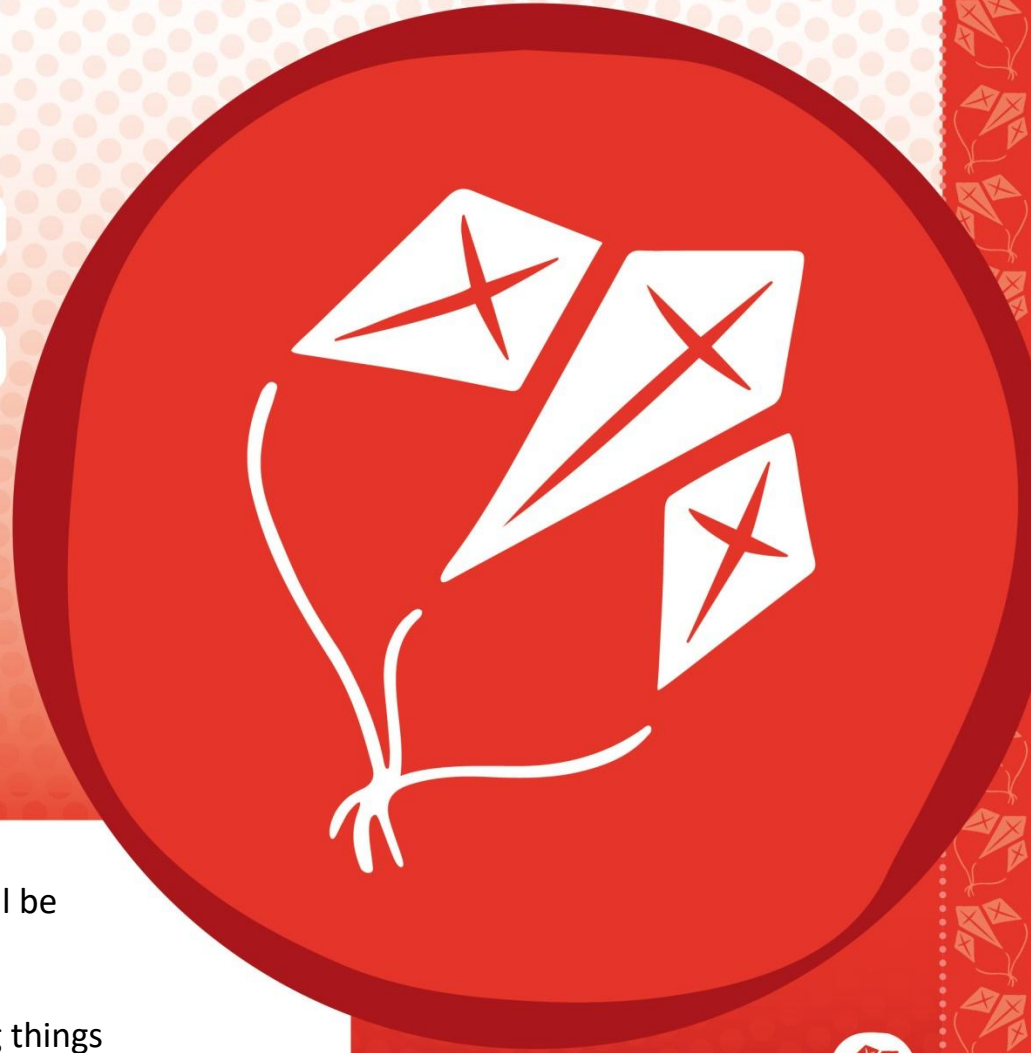
Years 1-6

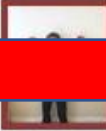
- Try hard
- Practise lots
- Keep going
- Try new strategies
- Ask for help
- Start again
- Take a brain break

Teacher's Comments

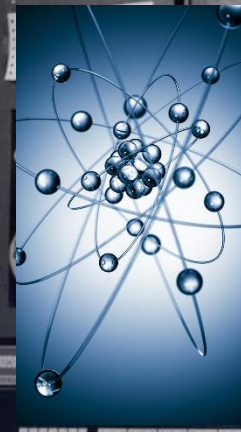
Next week, our CAW Quality of the Week will be
RESILIENCE/PERSEVERING PENGUIN.

How will you keep going, even if you are finding things difficult?



C**Collaboration****A****Aspiration****R****Resilience****E****Effort****E****Excellence****R****Respect**

Spring 1 Week 6 CAW Quality of the Week: RESILIENCE


[Biography](#)

[The women
whom
science
forgot](#)

[Interesting
facts
\(video\)](#)

CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Chien-Shiung Wu (1912-1997)

Experimental physicist

Born in the Jiangsu province in Eastern China, Chien-Shiung Wu loved learning about science and maths from an early age. After studying to be a teacher, Chien-Shiung decided to continue learning about physics, and went on to show incredible excellence in this field. She moved to the USA in 1936 help develop humanity's understanding of particle physics. Chien-Shiung worked on The Manhattan Project to develop the nuclear bombs that the Allies dropped on Japan at the end of World War II. Chien-Shiung's talents make her an amazing role model for women across the world.

Who are [The Real Junk Food Project](#)?



**Our City,
Our World**

COLLABORATION

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

Years 1-6

- Be positive
- Listen to each other
- Everybody has a job to do
- Accept feedback from others
- Care about the team's success

Teacher's Comments

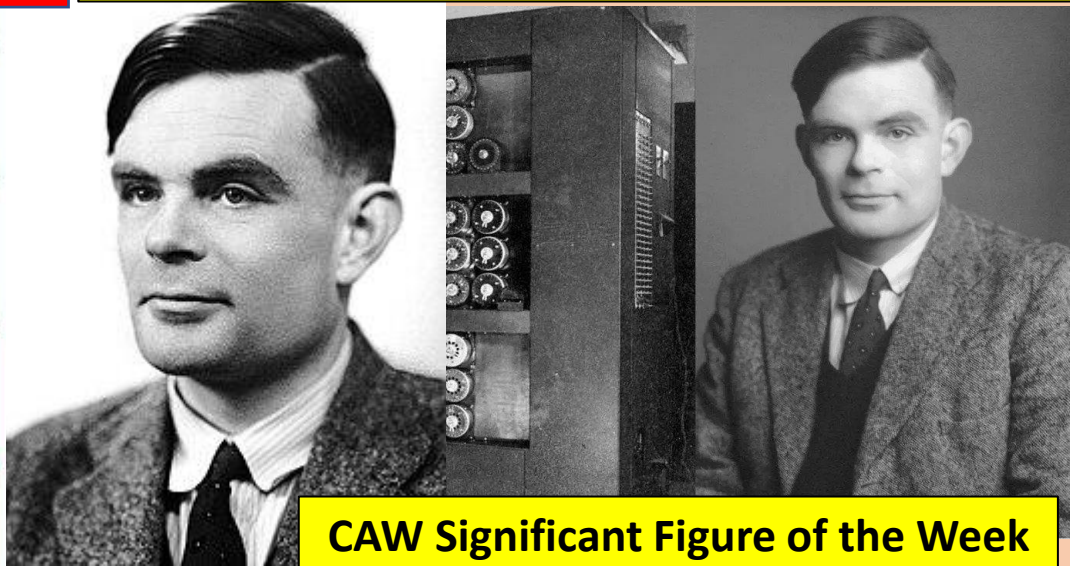
We'll be awarding certificates for **COLLABORATION/TEAMWORK TERMITE** qualities in the next assembly.

COLLABORATION means working together to achieve success! This can be in the form of helping others, but also in *accepting* help from other children and adults. Together we are stronger!



CITY ACADEMY WHITEHAWK



C**Collaboration****A****Aspiration****R****Resilience****E****Effort****E****Excellence****R****Respect****Term 3 Week 5 CAW Quality of the Week: COLLABORATION**[CBBC
Biography](#)[Alan Turing
£50 Note](#)[Imitation
Game
Trailer](#)**CAW Significant Figure of the Week****Alan Turing (1912-1954)**

Alan Turing was born in London in 1912. At school Alan loved maths. He spent most of his time at school solving complex problems and learning advanced science. Alan was autistic and dedicated his life to learning. In 1939, World War II began, and Alan and fellow mathematician Gordon Welchman invented a new machine called the Bombe. In total, 211 of these machines were made, and they were vital in helping codebreakers crack the Enigma code. By 1945 Britain had won the war. It's estimated that the codebreakers' efforts saved many thousands of lives! In 1946, he produced a design for the first electronic computer – the Automatic Computing Engine (ACE), although he couldn't build it! Alan was treated harshly after the war for being gay, in 1952 he was convicted for having a relationship with a man, lost his job and agreed to have a medical treatment. He tragically died young in 1954 from dangerous medicine.

**Who are American
Express?****Our City,
Our World**



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

Did you know that
our website
(<https://www.caw.brighton-hove.sch.uk/>) can
be automatically
translated?



Choose a language...

Select Language	Assamese	Batak Karo	Bulgarian	Chuvash	Dombe	Fon	Guarani	Hunsrik	Japanese	Kikongo	Lao
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Acehnese	Awadhi	Batak Toba	Cantonese	Crimean Tatar (Cyrillic)	Dyula	French (Canada)	Haitian Creole	Icelandic	Jingpo	Kituba	Latin
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			Chechen	Danish	Ewe	Ga	Hebrew	Inuktit (Latin)	Kapampangan	Korean	Lingala
Alur	Bambara	Bhojpuri	Chichewa	Dari	Faroese	Galician	Hiligaynon	Inuktit (Syllabics)	Kazakh	Krio	Lithuanian
Amharic	Baoulé	Bikol	Chinese (Simplified)	Dhivehi	Fijian	Georgian	Hindi	Irish Gaelic	Khasi	Kurdish (Kurmanji)	Lombard
Arabic	Bashkir	Bosnian	Chinese (Traditional)	Dinka	Filipino	German	Hmong	Italian	Khmer	Kurdish (Sorani)	Luganda
Armenian	Basque	Breton	Chuukese	Dogri	Finnish	Greek	Hungarian	Jamaican Patois	Kiga	Kyrgyz	Luo

Bingo!



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FOOD
Partnership

If you are experiencing food insecurity, please visit

<https://bhfood.org.uk>

and go to the '[Emergency Food](#)' page for a list of helpful links and contacts to support you through this challenging time.

Tax-Free Childcare for WASP

We are delighted to be able to confirm that our WASP after school club is now registered to accept payments via the Tax-Free Childcare scheme.

To check if you're eligible and sign up for the scheme please use the link below -

[Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare)

If you would like to make payment using this scheme, please advise the office of the payment reference from your account for each child you wish to book into WASP.

PLEASE NOTE - you must make payments for each of your children individually and not send one lump sum for multiple children.

When you opt to pay the school through your Tax-Free Childcare Account, it is sent to the school's bank account. We will then need to upload the funds to your Arbor account to enable you to book the place for your child at WASP.

As a minimum, we will upload the payments weekly on a Tuesday. You will then be able to book the days that you require via Arbor as normal. We will be unable to credit your Arbor account until the funds are showing on the school's bank account.

This is a new process for us, so we thank you for your patience whilst we embed this.



It's [Dyslexia Awareness Week 2024](#)! This year's theme is **“What's Your Story?”** It has three key messages:

- **Every story is different** – showcasing the diversity of the dyslexic community and highlighting that everyone's experience of dyslexia is unique. 10% of the population are dyslexic – that's over 6.7 million stories to tell.
- **A strong opening sets the scene** – raising awareness of the importance of early identification and intervention to ensure that every person with dyslexia can flourish.
- **It's never too late to change your story** – highlighting how the British Dyslexia Association (BDA) can provide support and signposting to help dyslexic people begin a new chapter.

Please follow the link for information on spotting the signs of dyslexia, how to talk to a child about dyslexia and some hints and tips for supporting a dyslexic child at home and school:

[BDA Parent and Carer Information Pack](#)

Dates for your Diary

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

Monday 3rd February: Safer Internet Week

Friday 7th February: NSPCC Number Day

Friday 14th February: Last Day of Spring Term 1

Monday 24th February: First Day of Spring Term 2

Thursday 6th March: World Book Day (more information to follow soon)

Friday 14th March: INSET Day (school closed to children)

Friday 4th April: Last Day of Spring Term 2