



# City Academy Whitehawk

**School Community Newsletter 12**  
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Dear City Academy Whitehawk families,

We're excited to be celebrating [Red Nose Day](#) next Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> March! Children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform if they would like to. We'll be collecting voluntary donations for this amazing cause via ArborPay. In recognition of all the amazing work he has done to help Comic Relief raise over £1.4 billion over the years, Lenny Henry is our Significant Figure next week: check out Slide 13 for more details about him that we'll share with children in our assemblies.

We missed having the children in school today, but it was great to collaborate with other schools from the Aurora Academy Trust. Mr. McMorris led a range of truly inspirational workshops on how we can deliver even better learning opportunities for children, and we're very excited to put these techniques into action in future lessons.

We are so proud as a school to be part of the Whitehawk community, and it's important to me that we work together to provide the best possible experience we can for the children we are privileged to care for. I enjoyed spending time with families at our recent forum, and they shared lots of great ideas that we're working on realising. I was also lucky enough to be given a tour of the Crew Club this week, and we look forward to building even closer ties with an incredible part of our community. If you have any questions or ideas to improve our school, please do catch me on the school gate in the morning, on the playground after school, or email [admin@cawwhitehawk.org.uk](mailto:admin@cawwhitehawk.org.uk) to arrange a meeting. I'd love to hear from you.

All the best,

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



**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](http://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...! 😊

### 3rd March

Whitney – Kites Raven – Magpies

Johnny – Kestrels Sydney-Rose – Greenfinches

Scarlett – Magpies Jason – Magpies

### 10th March

Esme – Kites Ollie - Eagles

Shyla - Eagles Amelia – Kestrels

Massimo – Goldfinches Michael - Barn Owls



[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)





## **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>



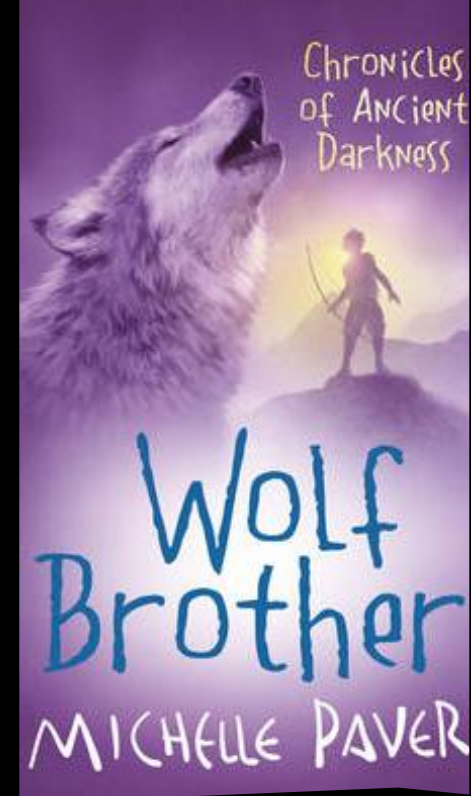
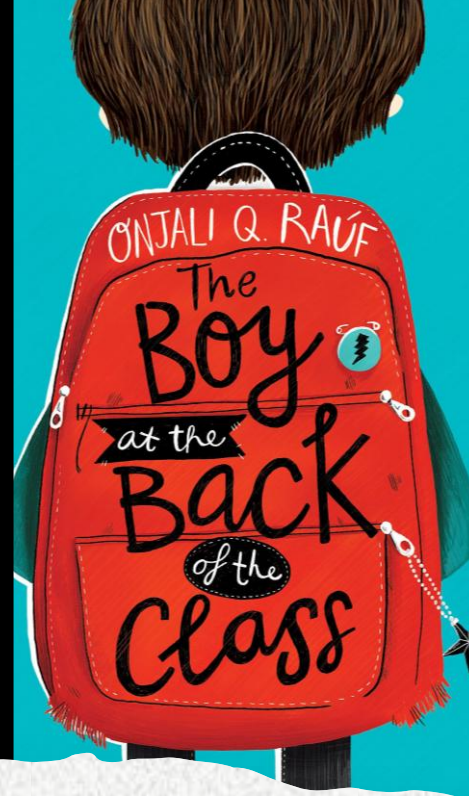
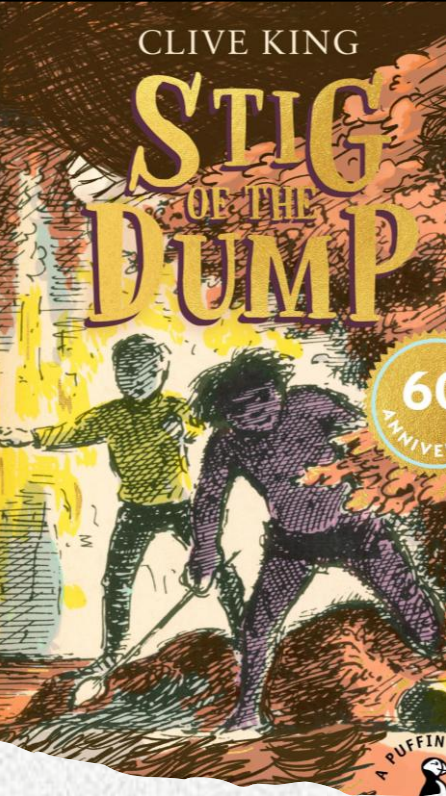


# Reading Raffle 3

[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**  
Jackdawes  
Magpies



**Year One**  
Puffins  
Woodpeckers



**Year Five**  
Barn Owls  
Hérons



**Year Two**  
Goldfinches  
Greenfinches



**Year Six**  
Eagles  
Falcons



# House Points

Air House are still in the lead for the Spring 2 House Point Competition, but there's all to play for!

Remember: **EVERY TICKET COUNTS!**



**2163 Air  
points**

**1908 Earth  
points**

**1660 Fire  
points**

**1755 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 2	Puffins	Magpies

# 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

Next week, our CAW Quality of the Week will be  
**COLLABORATION/TEAMWORK TERMITE.**

How can you work together with your peers and the  
staff in the school to help your learning?



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

# Spring 2 Week 4 CAW Quality of the Week: COLLABORATION



## CAW Significant Figure of the Week

**Lenny Henry**

*Comedian, actor, Comic Relief co-founder*

[Lenny Henry's  
top three  
writing tips](#)

[Lenny Henry  
World Book  
Day 2023](#)

[Red Nose  
Day 2025  
\(Newsround\)](#)

**How can we reduce  
food waste at  
school?**



**Our City,  
Our World**

Born in Dudley in 1958, Sir Lenworth Henry's parents had emigrated to the UK from Jamaica. He loved making people laugh from a young age, and won a talent competition at the age of 16 doing impressions of famous people. He went on to become a household name as a comedian and children's television presenter. In 1985, he collaborated with Richard Curtis to set up **Comic Relief** to organise comedians to raise money for charities in the UK and abroad. Comic Relief and Red Nose Day has raised over £1.4billion pounds so far: that's the power of **COLLABORATION/TEAMWORK TERMITE!**

# ASPIRATION

## AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

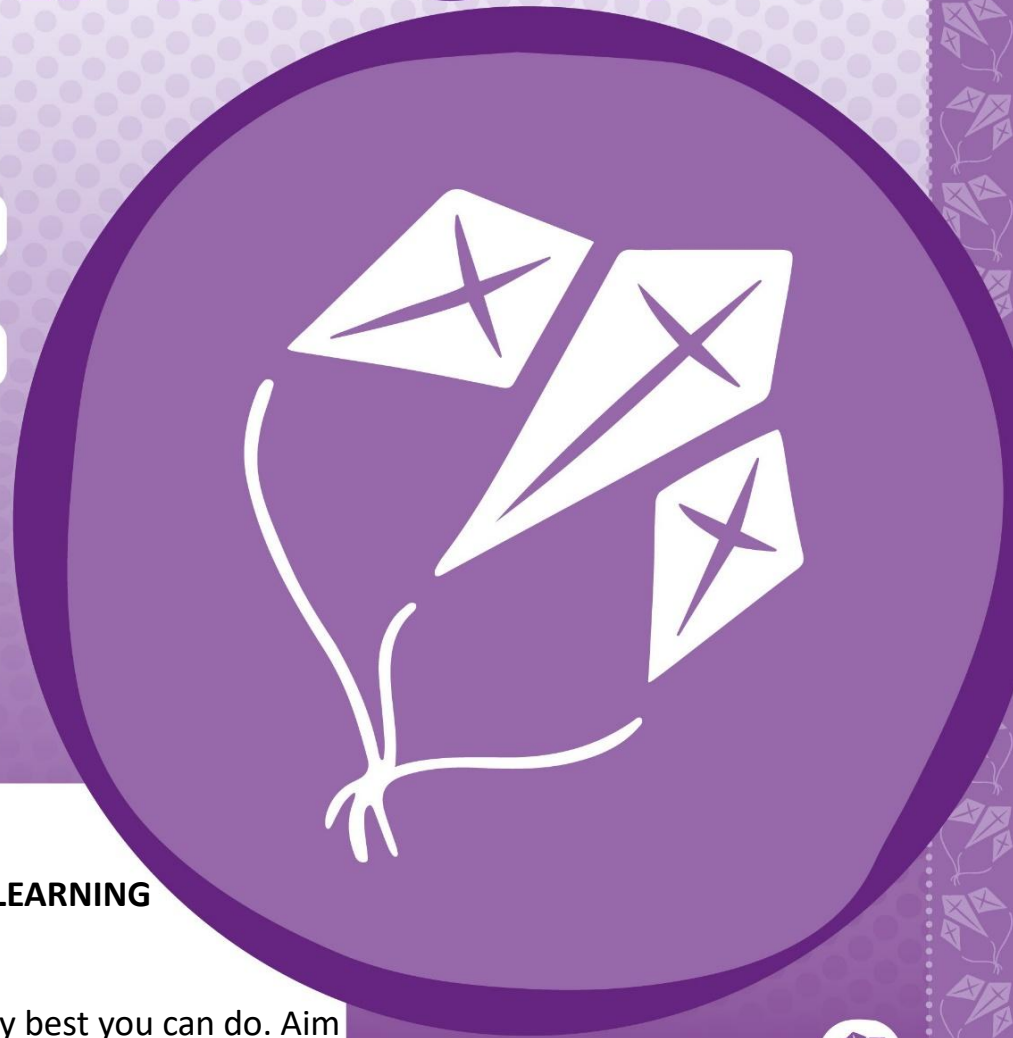
Years 1-6

- 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!



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[Nicola Adams Boxing Highlights 2012](#)

[An interview with Nicola Adams](#)

**Nicola Adams OBE**

Nicola Virginia Adams OBE is a British former professional boxer who competed from 2017 to 2019. She retired with an undefeated record and held the World Boxing Organisation female flyweight title in 2019. Nicola was one of the stars of London 2012 when she lit up the ring to become the first woman to win an Olympic boxing gold medal. Her aspiration propelled her to become the first ever female boxer to retain an Olympic title after securing her second Olympic gold medal at Rio 2016.

**How can we reduce food waste at home?****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](mailto:cawadmin@auroraacademies.org)



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(<https://www.caw.brighton-hove.sch.uk/>) can  
be automatically  
translated?



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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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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!



# FOOD SOS

## Food Donation Plea

Get involved now  
**BHFOOD.ORG.UK/FOODSOS**

**#FOODSOSBTN**



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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](#)

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

Thursday 13th March: Class Photographs

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

Friday 4th April: Last Day of Spring Term 2