



City Academy Whitehawk

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Dear City Academy Whitehawk families,

We've been delighted to welcome **seven American teachers from Colorado, USA** to CAW this week! They travelled to the UK as part of an exchange programme to see what the British educational system looks like in action. The City Academy Whitehawk children have been absolutely wonderful in making our guests feel welcome and have spoken so confidently about their learning and everything they experience here at school.

A big thank you to the Whitehawk community for raising £135 on last week's [Red Nose Day](#). It's such a great cause that supports people in the UK and abroad, and I'm grateful for your generosity towards it.

Maths continues to be a big academic driver for us as a school, and it was great to welcome the [Aurora](#) Maths Lead to school last week. We were proud to show how we are continuing to develop our maths offer, with a focus on a range of learning across fluency, reasoning and problem solving, with physical resources to support understanding. The CAW LAB members joined us to see some of our great maths lessons in action, and spoke with some children from Year Two, Year and Year Six about their learning.

Please do encourage your children to keep going with [Times Table Rockstars](#)! It's a really fun way to embed key maths knowledge that will help the children throughout their lives. More details on Slide 4.

All the best...see you on the gate in the morning and the playground after school!

Russell Wood
Head of School

Our US exchange visitors proudly wearing their City Academy Whitehawk hoodies!





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.




Reading Raffle
4 closed today!
The lucky
winners will
get their prizes
in assembly on
Monday!



Reading Raffle 5 will be launched next week, chosen entirely by children! We've had some amazing suggestions so far. Children have a few more days to get their ideas in before the new selection gets announced.

WE NEED YOU!



Do you have a good book that you think should be part of the next reading raffle?

If so, complete a suggestion card from outside the library and put it in the suggestions envelope. The whole reading raffle 5 will be chosen by children!

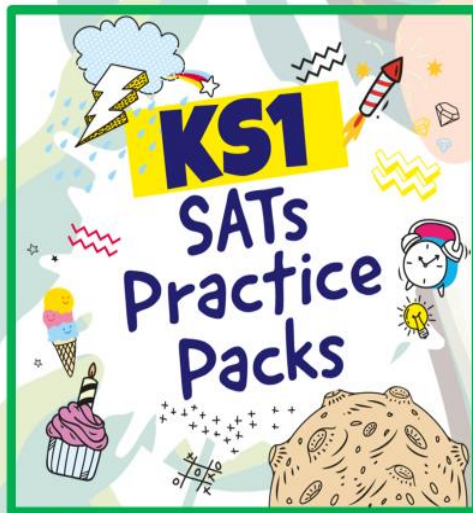
We want to hear your best ideas for picture, short chapter, graphic novel, long chapter, non-fiction, comics and poetry books!

Miss Delaney and Miss Scozzafava will look through all the suggestions and pick out 7 books that have a range of ages and genres. If your book gets chosen, you'll earn a special bookmark!

Year 1 and Year 2 family reading meeting

Year 2 families are invited to a SATs preparation reading meeting. We will celebrate the reading success of Year 2 children so far and look ahead to the SATs papers they will be sitting. Everyone that attends will take home an exciting SATs practice pack!

Year 2 Wednesday 23rd
April 2.50-3.10

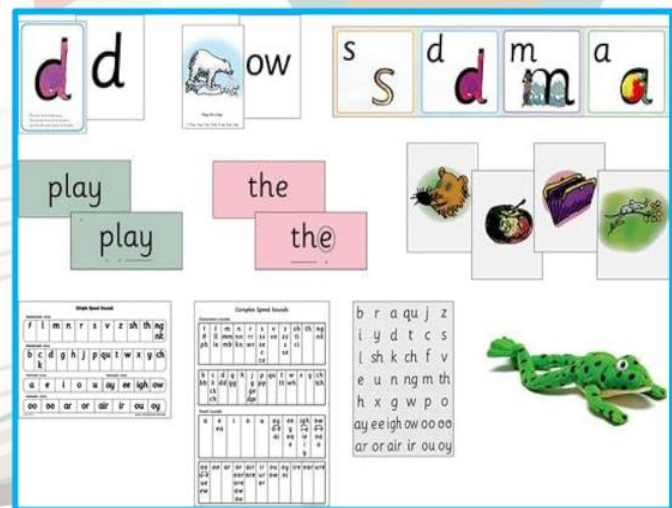


I look forward to
seeing you there!



Year 1 families are invited to a Phonics Screening Check meeting. We will celebrate the success your child has made so far and look at some easy ways to help your child feel prepared for the Phonics Screening Check. Everyone who attends can take away an exciting Reading resource pack!

Year 1 Wednesday 30th
April 2:50-3:10



High Speed Words															
f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng	ed				
ph	le	me	ke	er	ai	er	er	er	er	er	er				
b	c	d	g	h	j	p	q	t	w	x	y	ch			
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e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e
oo	oo	or	or	or	or	or	or	or	or	or	or	or	or	or	or

Common Speed Words															
at	an	am	as	be	by	do	for	he	in	is	it	me	on	of	so
the	to	us	we	you	are	can	could	did	had	has	isn't	may	might	must	shall
should	that	was	wasn't	will	won't	you'd	you'll	you're	you've	you'd	you'll	you're	you've	you'd	you'll

b r a q u z
i y d t c s
l s h k c h f v
e u n g m t h
h x g w p o
ay ee igh ow oo oo
ar or air ir ou oy



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...! 😊

17th March

Aria- Puffins Casey - Puffins

Edith - Kestrels Evie-May – Jackdaws

Annie K - Goldfinches Renato - Magpies

24th March

Ronnie-Mae - Puffins Miran - Herons

Aria - Kites Harlie - Falcons

Harley - Kestrels Ava - Magpies



[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

City Academy Whitehawk Mascots at Whitehawk FC last Saturday!



Whitehawk F.C. 2
Carshalton Athletic F.C. 0
22-03-25



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.

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



House Points

Huge scores in the Learning Ticket House competition, which means we are seeing our CAW Qualities in action across the school. Fantastic!

Remember: **EVERY TICKET COUNTS!**



**3595 Air
points**

**3312 Earth
points**

**3183 Fire
points**

**3205 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	Eagles
Week 4	Kites	Hérons

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 2 Week 6 CAW Quality of the Week: RESILIENCE



[My World -
Jaiyah
Saelua](#)

[Breaking down
barriers -meet
FIFA legend
Jaiyah Saelua](#)

CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Jaiyah Saelua

American Samoan footballer

[American
Samoa in
the South](#)

How can we source
food responsibly?



**Our City,
Our World**

Jaiyah Saelua (full name Jaiyah Tauasuesimeamativa Saelua) is an American Samoan football player who currently plays for Ilaoa and To'omata SC and formerly the American Samoa national team. She is known as the first transgender woman to play in a FIFA World Cup Qualifier. Jaiyah Saelua showed true resilience throughout her lifetime and her footballing career, to break down barriers and stigma connected to gender within football.

EFFORT

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

Years 1-6

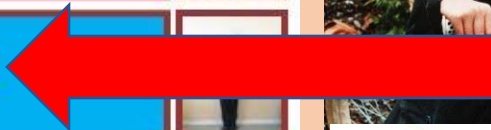
- Jump in!
- Try hard
- Grow your brain
- Be brave
- Learn from mistakes
- Be excited to try new things

Teacher's Comments

We'll be awarding certificates for **EFFORT/HAVE A GO HORSE** qualities in the next assembly.

EFFORT is always trying your best. Through hard work it's possible to overcome almost any difficulty, and realise your full potential. Keep working hard!



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Spring 2 Week 5 CAW Quality of the Week: EFFORT



[Blue Peter interview \(1984\)](#)

[Data top five](#)

[“Hold on to your potatoes!”](#)



CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Ke Huy Quan (pronounced ‘Kee Hoo-I Kwan’)

Academy Award winning actor

Born in Viet Nam in 1971, Ke Huy Quan emigrated to the USA with his family after the Viet Nam war ended in 1975. He loved acting and became famous for playing Short Round in *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* (when he was 13) and Richard ‘Data’ Wang in *The Goonies* (when he was 14). He continued to show EFFORT throughout his acting and directing career, and was awarded the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor in the surreal film *Everything Everywhere All At Once*.

What is the [Brighton Surplus Food Network?](#)



**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
Abkhaz	Avar	Batak Simalungun	Buryat	Corsican	Dutch	French	Gujarati	Iban	Javanese	Kinyarwanda	Latgalian
Acehnese	Awadhi	Batak Toba	Cantonese	Crimean Tatar (Cyrillic)	Dyula	French (Canada)	Haitian Creole	Icelandic	Jingpo	Kituba	Latin
Acholi	Aymara	Belarusian	Catalan	Crimean Tatar (Latin)	Dzongkha	Frisian	Hakha Chin	Igbo	Kalaallisut	Kokborok	Latvian
Alur	Bambara	Bhojpuri	Chichewa	Dari	Faroese	Galician	Hiligaynon	Hindi	Irish Gaelic	Khasi	Kurdish (Kurmanji)
Amharic	Baoulé	Bikol	Chinese (Simplified)	Dhivehi	Fijian	Georgian	Hmong	Italian	Jamaican Patois	Kiga	Kyrgyz
Arabic	Bashkir	Bosnian	Chinese (Traditional)	Dinka	Filipino	German	Hungarian	Kazakh	Korean	Krio	Kurdish (Sorani)
Armenian	Basque	Breton	Chuukese	Dogri	Finnish	Greek					

Bingo!



FOOD SOS

Food Donation Plea

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#FOODSOSBTN



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FOOD
Partnership

If you are
experiencing
food insecurity,
please visit

[https://bhfood.
org.uk](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](#)

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](#)

Friday 4th April: Last Day of Spring Term 2

Monday 21st April: Bank Holiday (children not in school)

Tuesday 22nd April: Children return to school after Easter holidays

Monday 12th-Thursday 15th May: Year Six SATs

Monday 19-Friday 23rd May: whole school Arts Week