



City Academy Whitehawk

School Community Newsletter 15
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Dear City Academy Whitehawk families,

The **Children's Parade** last weekend was, as ever, a truly joyous experience and it was a real honour for us to be representing Whitehawk in such a fantastic celebratory part of the Brighton and Hove culture. I am sincerely grateful to everyone who contributed time and expertise in creating our amazing lizard Chucksky, and for everyone who joined us on the parade and cheered from the crowd. Enjoy a montage of some of the photos on the next slides. I can't wait for next year's event!

Big congratulations are due to our fantastic Year Two children who worked so hard in their **Year Two assessments** this week. It was wonderful to how dedicated they were to showing their absolute best. **Next week we have the Year Six SATs** taking place. These are incredibly important assessments and I'm grateful to all families and staff for helping us create the best possible conditions for the children to succeed. We'll be welcoming the Year Sixes to school at 8am each day so that they can enjoy a free cooked breakfast and some games with staff members to help them feel relaxed and ready to do their best in their tests. If you have any questions about the SATs process, please do reach out to Mr. McAdam, Mrs. Luna and myself and we'll be happy to help.

We've got a bumper Newsletter today, packed with lots to celebrate from children across the school (including photos from our third annual Taylor Concert!), so please enjoy seeing lots of the things that are happening here at City Academy Whitehawk.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Russell Wood
Headteacher

PS Please keep checking [our school Facebook page](#) for daily positive updates about what we're doing at CAW, and for important information and announcements.

Children's Parade 2025!





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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.



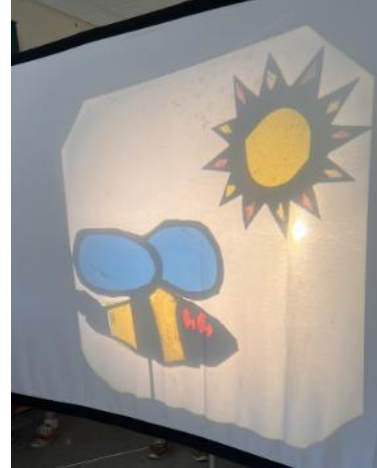
Reading Raffle

5 is well underway!

This reading raffle is unique as it is the very first to be made of prizes entirely chosen by children! These books were nominated by a range of children across the school. Remember, any sort of reading counts for the reading record. This could be RWI phonics books, books from home, library books, comics, magazines or even audio books!



Some Year 3-6 children have been taking part in an exciting shadow puppet workshop kindly provided by The Brighton Festival and run by artist Darren East. Look at their amazing creations!



Reading Target Achieved!

This certificate was awarded to _____

for achieving their Summer One Target.

Well done for putting effort into reading and quizzing your library books. I hope you enjoyed them! Keep it up for Summer 2



Date:

May 2025

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The first batch of Reading Target certificates will be given out next week! These are for Year 2-6 through our Accelerated Reader programme. Children quiz on school library books to earn points and have a personalised points target set each half term. To support your child in meeting their target, log on to their AR account (<https://tinyurl.com/3kuw2ppz>) to look at the progress and/or completed work sections

Taylor Swift Club Performance!





We had a lot of fun over the 12 weeks of the club in designing our set list, making up routines, lines and outfits!

Seeing all this hard work come together for our final show as incredible. Each and every child gave it their all and put on a highly entertaining, energetic and educating performance. Thank you to all the Swifties and Swiftie families who made performed and watched!

Year 5 had a wonderful time at the Royal Pavilion as part of our local history topic





And it was all yellow...
at the Royal Pavilion



We enjoyed exploring their summer of colour exhibition items and loved seeing the magnificent rooms up close. Did you know the Music Room ceiling is made of 26,000 shell shapes, all individually painted gold? All this learning was a bit tiring for a certain group who enjoyed a little rest break on a very posh sofa!

Attendance and Punctuality



100% Attendance Challenge

There are only 23 school days this term (until the May half term break).

Mrs Storey has pledged that **EVERY CHILD** who is at school every day between 22nd April and 23rd May can have a (small) prize to celebrate :)

Wheel of Fortune Prizewinners

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

28th April

Ellie-May - Kestrels

Hannah – Greenfinches

Lily – Falcons

Michael – Barn Owls

Karlean – Falcons

Alfie - Kites



[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)



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!





Air House Celebration

Children at CAW earn Learning Tickets for demonstrating our CAW qualities during the school day. Each week, the class with the highest total earn their class celebration and, at the end of every half term, the house with the most tickets, earns a house celebration. Last term, Air house won and enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt!

House Points

We've seen some huge scores already with thousands of Learning Tickets awarded, which shows just how hard the children are working to demonstrate our CAW Qualities.

Remember: **EVERY TICKET COUNTS!**



**1720 Air
points**

**1878 Earth
points**



**1774 Fire
points**

**1372 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 1	Puffins	Jackdaws
Week 2	Greenfinches	Falcons

EXCELLENCE

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

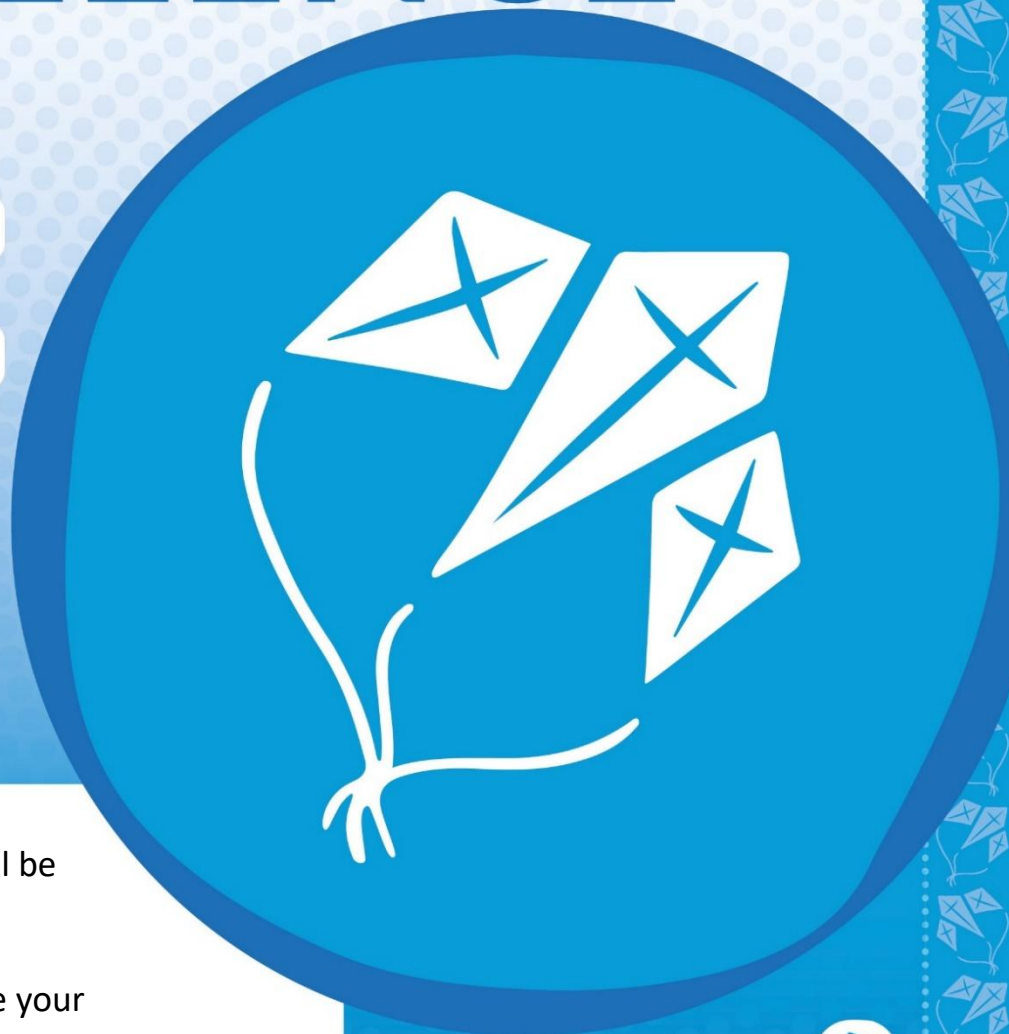
Years 1-6

- 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

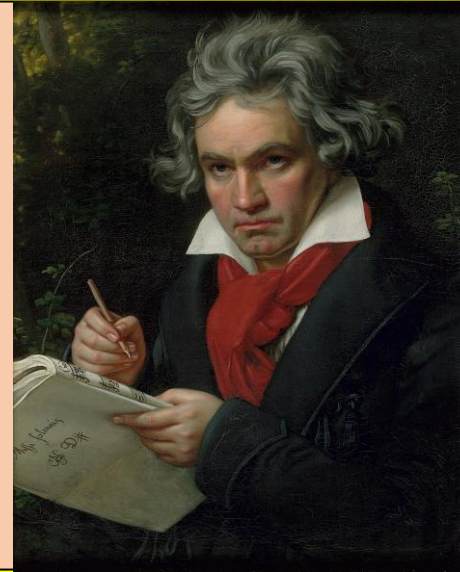
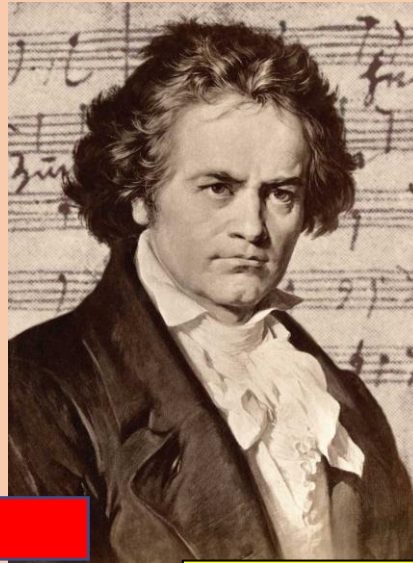
Next week, our CAW Quality of the week will be
EXCELLENCE/BE BETTER BEE.

How will you use the CAW Qualities to achieve your
personal best in your learning?



CITY ACADEMY WHITEHAWK



C**Collaboration****A****Aspiration****R****Resilience****E****Effort****E****Excellence****R****Respect****TERM 5 Week 4 CAW Quality of the Week: Excellence**

Beethoven
[music](#)

[Who was Beethoven?](#)
Listening challenge

CAW Significant Figure of the Week**Ludwig van Beethoven**

Ludwig van Beethoven was a famous composer and pianist, known for his amazing music. He was born in Bonn, Germany, and started traveling and performing music when he was just a boy. In his twenties, he moved to Vienna, where he made a living from his music.

Even after losing his hearing in his thirties, Beethoven didn't give up. In fact, some of his best music was written after he became deaf! His story shows us that true excellence comes from never giving up and following your passion, no matter the challenges.

How can we repurpose clothing?



**Our City,
Our World**

RESILIENCE

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

Years 1-6

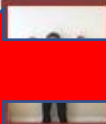
- Try hard
- Practise lots
- Keep going
- Try new strategies
- Ask for help
- Start again
- Take a brain break

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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TERM 5 Week 3 CAW Quality of the Week: RESILIENCE

[Paddington Bear](#)
[2012 Olympics](#)
[Queen's birthday speech](#)
CAW Significant Figure of the Week
Queen Elizabeth
How can we recycle clothing?

**Our City,
Our World**

Queen Elizabeth II holds the record for the longest reigning monarch, surpassing 70 years on the throne. Before becoming the Queen of England, Elizabeth served in the Auxiliary Territorial Service where she trained as a mechanic, earning the rank of honorary junior commander. As Queen, Elizabeth played a unifying role, embodying the British nation and the Commonwealth, while also serving as a symbol of stability and continuity.

She also attended the opening of Roundabout Nursery in Whitehawk in 2007!



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:

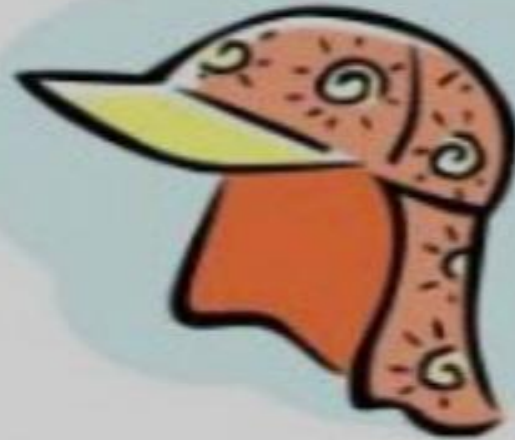
<https://www.ourcityyourworld.co.uk/>

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

As the weather is warming up, please ensure that your child comes to school every day with:



Suncream Applied



Sun Hat



Named Water Bottle

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	› Domba	› Fon	› Guarani	› Hunsrik	› Japanese	› Kikongo	› Lao
› Abkhaz	› Avar	› Batak Simalungun	› Buryat	› Corsican	› Dutch	› French	› Gujarati	› Iban	› Javanese	› Kinyarwanda	› Latgalian
› Acehese	› 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
› Afar	› Anzhan	› Bambara	› Cebuano	› Croatian	› Esperanto	› Friulian	› Hausa	› Ilocano	› Kannada	› Komi	› Ligurian
› Alur	› Bambara	› Bhojpuri	› Chamorro	› Czech	› Estonian	› Fulani	› Hawaiian	› Indonesian	› Kanuri	› Konkani	› Limburgish
› Amharic	› Baoulé	› Bikol	› Chechen	› Danish	› Ewe	› Ga	› Hebrew	› Inuktitut (Latin)	› Kapampangan	› Korean	› Lingala
› Arabic	› Bashkir	› Bosnian	› Chichewa	› Dari	› Faroese	› Galician	› Hiligaynon	› Inuktitut (Syllabics)	› Kazakh	› Krio	› Lithuanian
› Armenian	› Basque	› Breton	› Chinese (Simplified)	› Dhivehi	› Fijian	› Georgian	› Hindi	› Irish Gaelic	› Khasi	› Kurdish (Kurmanji)	› Lombard
			› Chinese (Traditional)	› Dinka	› Filipino	› German	› Hmong	› Italian	› Khmer	› Kurdish (Sorani)	› Luganda
			› Chuukese	› Dogri	› Finnish	› Greek	› Hungarian	› Jamaican Patois	› Kiga	› Kyrgyz	› Luo

Bingo!



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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.

Dates for your Diary

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

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

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