



# City Academy Whitehawk

**School Community Newsletter 2**  
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Dear City Academy Whitehawk families,

It's been another busy fortnight since I last wrote to you all, and it always amazes me just how much we manage to pack in to two weeks! As you know, maths is a huge priority for us, and we've been so impressed by just how enthusiastically the children in Years Four, Five and Six have taken to **Times Table Rockstars!** We're excited to be running competitions between classes, year groups, and even against other schools in the Aurora Academy Trust. Mrs. Baker launched everything with an amazing Rock Festival in the hall on Monday, with a chance for children to dress as rock stars. More details about TTRS are on the very next slide...please do encourage your children to practise on this as much as possible: it's positive screen time that really makes a difference to their mathematical fluency. Rock on!

For children in the other year groups, maths is still a big priority, and we've been delighted to celebrate success in each class by awarding the golden nugget of our weekly Maths Certificate! The deserving winners can then add their name and mathematical thinking to our new maths display, as overseen by the ever-creative Mr. McAdam. The display is by the main office, so please do have a look next time you are in school.

Please keep checking our CAW Facebook page for daily positivity and information about exciting events happening here at school. We're so proud of the children's learning and it's wonderful to be able to share it with you.

All the best,

Russell Wood  
Head of School



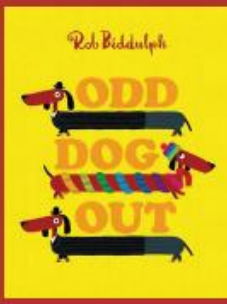
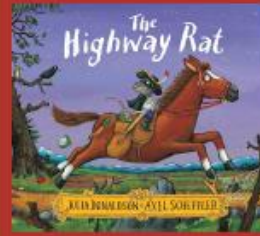
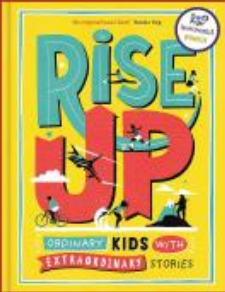
# TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

- 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.



# Reading Raffle 1

2024 - 2025



CHOOSE  
YOUR  
OWN!



Children have made a fabulous start to our first Reading Raffle of the year!

Children earn a purple reading raffle ticket after every 5 reads in their reading record. These don't have to be on consecutive days. At the end of term we'll draw one lucky winner for each book!

Please do remember that children can read their school library books, phonics books or other books they have at home.



Mr McMorrin's Book Club has got off to a great start for this year, in their new location of our library, City Academy Wilderness! They are reading Harry Potter and the Chamber Of Secrets!



# 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/>



## 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!  
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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 remain in 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!**



**Air**  
**4373 points**

**Earth**  
**4068 points**

**Fire**  
**3899 points**

**Water**  
**4564 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	Goldfinches	Barn Owls
Week 3	Kestrels	Jackdaws

# RESPECT

## AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

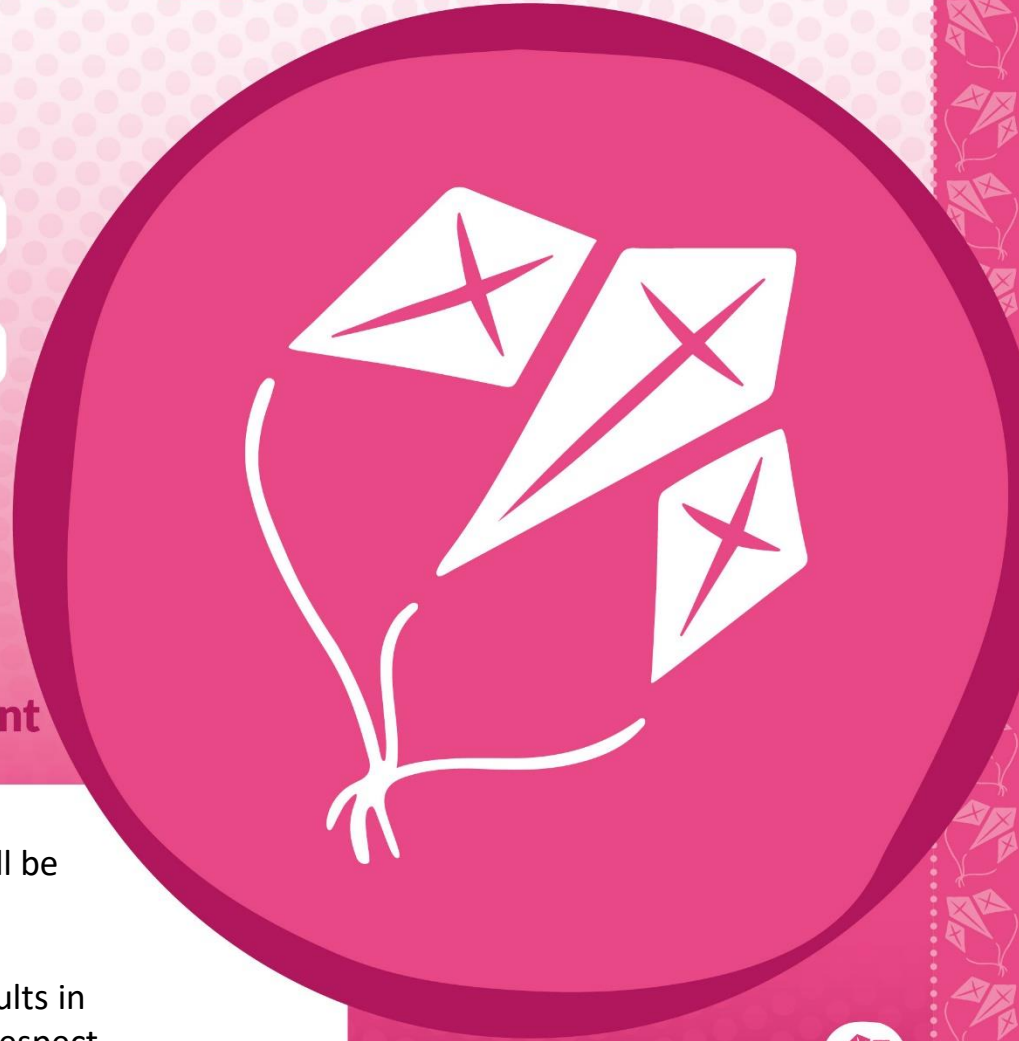
Years 1-6

- Listen to others
- Be kind when you disagree
- Explain things to help others
- Be tolerant
- Take care of the school environment

### Teacher's Comments

Next week, our CAW Quality of the week will be  
**RESPECT/RESPECTFUL RABBIT.**

How will you show respect to children and adults in the school? Remember that it is important to respect yourself too!





C

Collaboration



A

Aspiration



R

Resilience



E

Effort



E

Excellence



R

Respect



## Autumn 1 Week 5 CAW Quality of the Week: RESPECT



[The Dame Kelly Holmes Trust](#)



### Celebrating Black History

### CAW Significant Figure of the Week

### Dame Kelly Holmes

*Double Olympic Champion*

[Olympic Gold Athens 2004](#)



**What are the causes and impact of Climate Change in Africa?**



**Our City,  
Our World**

Kelly Holmes is a celebrated, black Team GB trailblazer! She is the first British woman to win two Olympic gold medals. Kelly started running at secondary school. At 18, she joined the army. She was awarded an MBE for services to the British Army in 1998. In 2018, Kelly was appointed Honorary Colonel of the Royal Armoured Corps by Queen Elizabeth II. Kelly founded [The Dame Kelly Holmes trust](#) - a charity that enables worldclass athletes to mentor young people and help them live a positive, fulfilling life. Through her work and achievements, Kelly has shown great RESPECT for her country and sport, always endeavouring to support others!

# EXCELLENCE

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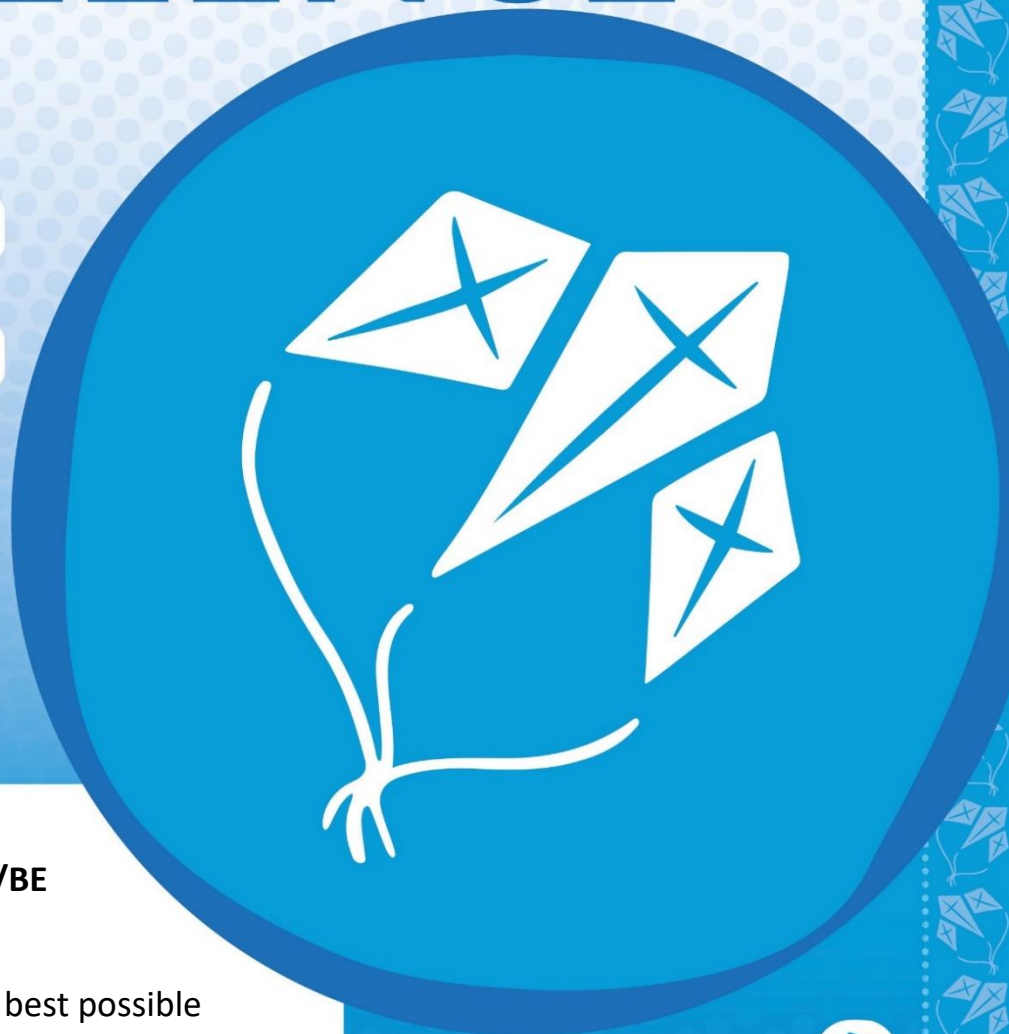
Years 1-6

- 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

We'll be awarding certificates for **EXCELLENCE/BE BETTER BEE** qualities in the next assembly.

**EXCELLENCE** is shown when you produce your best possible PERSONAL best. You can do it! Be the best 'you' that you can be.



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Autumn 1 Week 4 CAW Quality of the Week: EXCELLENCE



[Paris 2024:](#)  
[British vs.](#)  
[French](#)  
[food](#)

[World](#)  
[Championship](#)  
[Gold at 14!](#)

[Newsround:](#)  
[Olympic](#)  
[medal](#)  
[winner](#)

[Sky Brown](#)  
[at the](#)  
[Olympics](#)

CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Sky Brown 澄海

*Teenage skateboarding sensation*

What is Climate Justice?



**Our City,**  
**Our World**

Born in Japan in 2008, Sky Brown is a world championship skateboarder. Her father is British so she chose to represent Britain at lots of international skateboarding competitions. She has won many tournaments, including the two bronze medals at the Olympics. There is no skate park near her house so her family built a skate ramp in her back garden! In 2021, Sky won the BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year. Sky has already shown incredible EXCELLENCE and she's still only 16 years old!



# 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/>

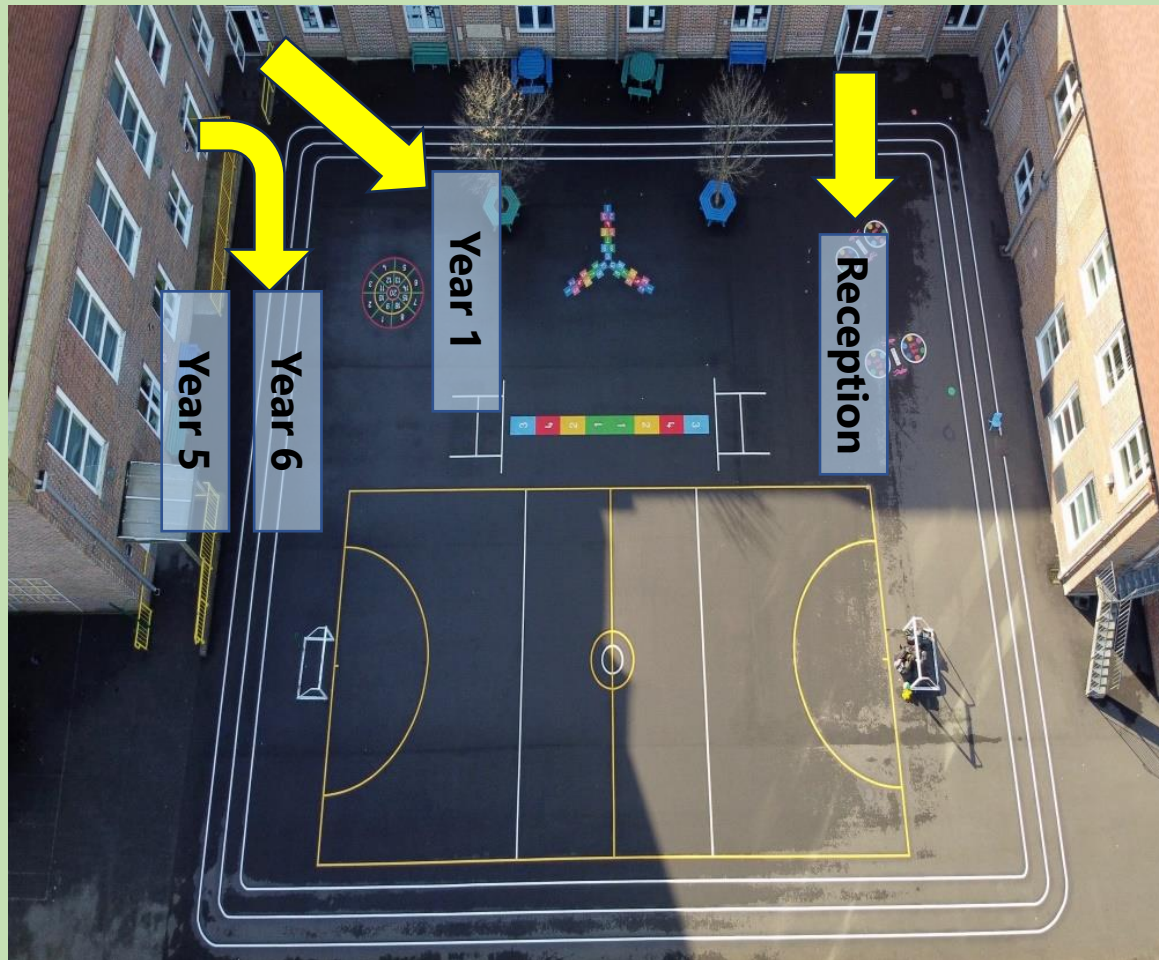
We welcome any ideas that families may have to support this important work! Please send any suggestions to Mr. Wood at: [cawadmin@auroraacademies.org](mailto:cawadmin@auroraacademies.org)



# South Playground

## Wet Weather 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.





# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September:** INSET Days

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September:** First day of school for children

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

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October:** Last Day of Autumn Term 1

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November:** First Day of Autumn Term 2

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November:** INSET

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December:** Last Day of Autumn Term 2