



City Academy Whitehawk

School Community Newsletter 4
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Dear City Academy Whitehawk families,

It's hard to believe that we've already finished our first half term of the year! We've packed so much into eight weeks, and this is all down to the hard work of our wonderful staff and, of course, the enthusiasm and application shown by CAW students.

Huge thanks to our wonderful CAW PTA for raising **over £300** from our recent Bake Sales, and for furnishing us with some delicious after school treats. This money will go towards funding even more exciting PTA events in the future. Lots of exciting plans are in the pipeline...

I'm delighted to announce that our after school provision, WASP, is now registered to receive tax-free childcare vouchers. Full details are on the very next slide. Please check in with the School Office if you have any difficulties setting this up, or any questions. Thank you for your patience while we went through the registration process...we hope this means we will be able to provide our high quality after school care for even more families.

I'd like to say a big **thank you** to all Whitehawk families for your support over the last eight weeks. It's a huge honour to be Head of School of such an important part of the community. I'm looking forward to hosting a regular Family Forum so that I can hear the views from everyone and find ways to make our school even better. Keep an eye out for a date being announced early in Autumn 2.

Best wishes for a relaxing half term,

Russell Wood
Head of School

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.



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



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?
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the same details as your Asda
Rewards account.
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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

Congratulations to **AIR HOUSE** who took a late lead and won the Autumn 1 House Celebration! They enjoyed an amazing pumpkin themed event...more details on the next slide.

Scores will be reset for Autumn 2, so everyone has a chance to win the next event. Remember: **EVERY TICKET COUNTS!**



**8267 Air
points**

**7383 Earth
points**

**7121 Fire
points**

**7797 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 6	Greenfinches	Magpies
Week 7	Kites	Falcons and Eagles

Air House Pumpkin Celebration!

Thank you to Miss Furner and the CAW PTA for helping run our spooky Pumpkin Bowling event!





Year 6 Glyndebourne Opera visit

Year Six enjoyed a fantastic visit to Glyndebourne Opera to see Rossini's *Il Turco in Italia*. The beautiful setting added to the fun of the performance. The singers were amazing, bringing the humour and joy of the opera to life. The staging was creative and kept us entertained throughout. Overall, it was a wonderful day filled with great music and laughter!



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

Next week, our CAW Quality of the Week will be
EFFORT/HAVE A GO HORSE.

How can you make sure you give 100% in your
learning?



C**Collaboration****A****Aspiration****R****Resilience****E****Effort****E****Excellence****R****Respect****Autumn 2 Week 1 CAW Quality of the Week: EFFORT****THE GREAT BRITISH
BAKE OFF****CAW Significant Figure of the Week****Nadiya Hussein MBE***British Television chef*[Bake off
journey](#)[Facing
anxiety
head on](#)[Chicken
Biriyani](#)**OCOW: Who is Greta
Thunberg?****Our City,
Our World**

Nadiya Hussein was born on Christmas Day in 1984. She has become a successful television chef, author, and TV personality. She rose to fame after winning the sixth series of *The Great British Bake Off* and has become a regular contributor to *The One Show*. She was even invited to bake a cake for the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth! Throughout all of Nadiya's success, she has struggled with anxiety since she was a teenager and has had to battle racism and negative comments about her hijab. Nadiya puts EFFORT into her job and personal life and is a brilliant role model.

EXCELLENCE

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

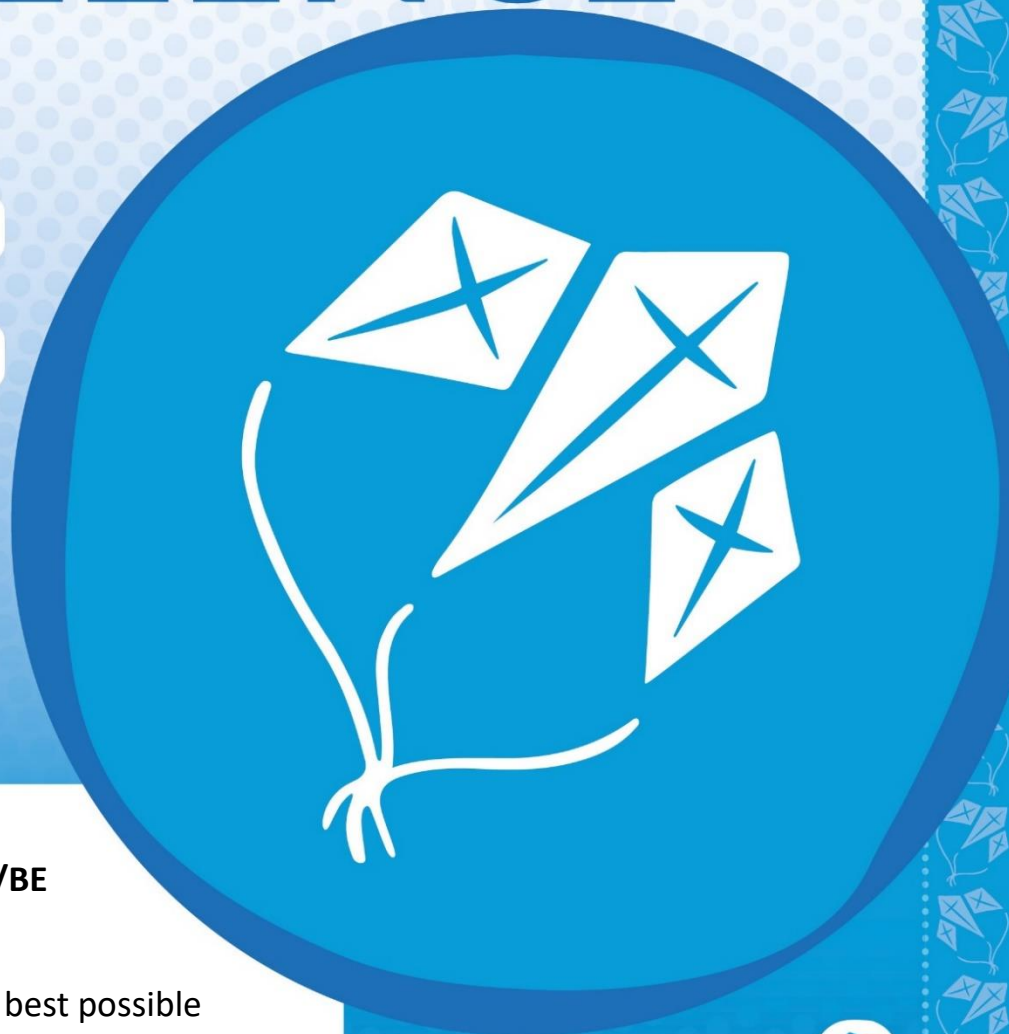
Years 1-6

- 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

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 8 CAW Quality of the Week: EXCELLENCE

C

Collaboration



A

Aspiration



R

Resilience



E

Effort



E

Excellence



R

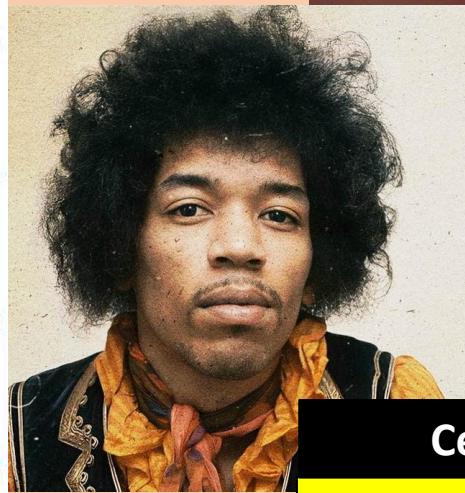
Respect



How can we help
with Climate Justice?



Our City,
Our World



Celebrating Black History

CAW Significant Figure of the Week

JIMI HENDRIX

Legendary guitarist and rockstar

[Hendrix at
the BBC](#)

[Playing with
his teeth!](#)

[Playing with
his tongue!](#)
[-1:30](#)

[Acoustic](#)

Jimi Hendrix (1942–1970) was an iconic guitarist, singer, and songwriter known for his electric guitar skills and wild showmanship. Aged 12 Hendrix began teaching himself how to play the guitar and because he was left-handed, had to play upside down. Jimi joined the army aged 19, but was honourably discharged a year later, after suffering injuries from a parachuting accident. Focusing now on music, Hendrix blended elements of blues, rock, funk, and psychedelia to create modern electric guitar sound. Hendrix performed across the world and became so skilled he could play the guitar with his teeth!



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



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 25th October: Individual Photographs

Friday 25th October: Last Day of Autumn Term 1

Monday 4th November: First Day of Autumn Term 2

Thursday 14th November: Children In Need

Friday 15th November: INSET

Week of 16th December: Christmas Shows

	Tues 17 th	Wed 18 th	Thur 19 th	Fri 20 th
9:15	Y2	Reception & Nursery	Y4	Y6
2:15	Y1	Y3	Y5	

Friday 20th December: Last Day of Autumn Term 2

Tuesday 7th January: First Day of Spring Term 1