



City Academy Whitehawk

School Community Newsletter 6
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Dear City Academy Whitehawk families,

It's very nearly December and rehearsals for our **Christmas productions** have begun...the school corridors have been filled with the wonderful sounds of classes practicing their songs! These performances are always a highlight of the calendar and we can't wait to share them with families in the week beginning 16th December.

Reading remains a driver for everything we do at City Academy Whitehawk. We know that developing fluent readers allows children to have greater success in every area of the curriculum. *Learning to read, and reading to learn*. Developing a love of reading is so important to us as a school, and this is promoted by every member of our team. Our next slide shows Executive Headteacher and Aurora Director of Education Mr. McMorris enjoying his weekly Book Club in our Wilderness Library.

We were so proud that the children of City Academy Whitehawk finished second (out of seven schools!) in our **Aurora Academy Trust Times Table Rockstars competition**. This was a wonderful challenge that really inspired the children, and we'll be aiming for first place in the next competition in the Spring term. Check out Slide 4 for more details about Times Table Rockstars and how it can help to develop children's maths fluency skills.

I'm looking forward to hosting our next **Family Forum** at 2pm on Monday 9th December. This will be a great chance to discuss our approach to delivering our Behaviour Policy, and I hope to welcome as many families as possible.

All the best,
Russell Wood
Head of School

Mr. McMorrin's Book Club in our Wilderness Library





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.



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.

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...! 😊

18th November

Tommy – Greenfinches

Ollie - Eagles

Whitney – Kites

Albie - Herons

Caius - Magpies

Hallie – Woodpeckers

25th November

Massimo – Greenfinches

Aminah - Falcons

Amelia – Greenfinches

Leah – Barn Owls

Jamie - 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.



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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2024

What else is on?



Light Up
Cards



Magical
Minecraft



Ingenious
Inventions



Comet
Crackers



Festive
Filming

Different activity theme each day, please check our website for your camp activities.

What to bring ...



Packed Lunch
and Snacks



Water
Bottle



Medication



Weather
Appropriate
Clothing

HOW TO BOOK

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



House Points

Congratulations to **AIR HOUSE** who have taken the lead in the Autumn 2 House Point competition.

It's very close, so keep showing our CAW Qualities and you can help your House increase their score. Remember: **EVERY TICKET COUNTS!**



**2711 Air
points**

**2532 Earth
points**

**2577 Fire
points**

**2328 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	Puffins	Hérons
Week 4	Greenfinches	Eagles

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

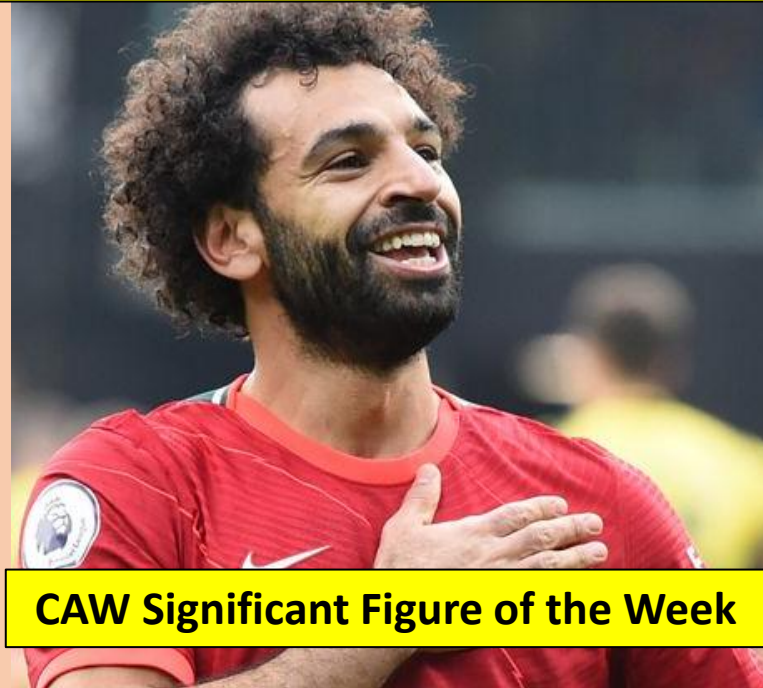
R Resilience

E Effort

E Excellence

R Respect

Autumn 2 Week 5 CAW Quality of the Week: **COLLABORATION**



CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Mohamed Salah

Egyptian footballer

[Get to know Mo Salah](#)

[Working with refugees](#)

[Mo Salah Highlights](#)

OCOW: Who is Tori Tsui?



**Our City,
Our World**

Mohamed Salah (also known as Mo Salah) is one of the world's best and most prolific footballers and is a serial winner with Liverpool FC since arriving at Anfield in the summer of 2017. Salah was born on June 15, 1992 in small village in Egypt. He played football with his friends and brother as a child and was always inspired to achieve his dream of becoming a footballer. Salah does a great amount of charity work including helping refugees integrate into the community, and sharing his experiences with refugees and help them build a future. He was ranked as the eighth most generous person in the United Kingdom. Salah shows great **COLLABORATION** by working with others to help them achieve their dreams like he did.

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!



C

Collaboration



A

Aspiration



R

Resilience



E

Effort



E

Excellence



R

Respect



Autumn 2 Week 4 CAW Quality of the Week: EFFORT



World Champion

Sacrifices

CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Jonnie Peacock MBE

Inspirational amputee sprinter

'Everything is possible'

Who is David Attenborough?



**Our City,
Our World**

Born in Cambridge in 1993, Jonnie contracted meningitis when he was five years old. This disease meant that he had to have his right leg amputated below the knee. This did not stop Jonnie becoming an incredible athlete! He is a sprint runner and has won lots of medals (including golds!) at Paralympic Games and World Championships. He has shown incredible EFFORT/HAVE A GO HORSE qualities throughout his life, and these have allowed him to achieve amazing success.



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

Greta Thunberg



Activist
Autistic
intelligent
determined

Criminal?
Inspired
Child




Greta Thunberg was born in January 3 2003 in Stockholm, Sweden.




she helps the world



Greta was born on January 3 2003 and has a quote: "I'm sometimes a bit depressed and that's a superpower"

Greta started speaking at age 11. her favorite is Larrot.



Our City, Our World



Climate Change in South America



Entrepreneurial



Leader
Persistent
dropout
Ambitious
Resourceful



Boyan Slat





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](#)

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