



***'Where  
everyone  
DREAMS big!'***



OUR  
**SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER**

→ JANUARY 2024

# Head of School Message



As we settle into the swing of the new year, I couldn't help but reflect on how January always feels like the longest month. However, here at Biscovey, we have been making the most of this time by filling it with incredible opportunities for our children.

Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude for the amazing feedback we received from the recent parent survey. Your comments and suggestions are invaluable to us, and we are constantly striving to improve and provide the best education for your children. Your support and involvement in their learning journey is greatly appreciated.

In Year 6, our students have been actively engaged in the Mini Police project, which aims to promote community safety and develop positive relationships between young people and the police. This initiative has been a great success, fostering a sense of responsibility and leadership amongst our pupils.

Year 5 recently had an exciting Anglo-Saxon day, immersing themselves in the history and culture of this fascinating era. They participated in various activities including, dressing up in traditional clothing and re-enacting historical events. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn.

Our Year 4 students had the opportunity to visit Truro, where they explored the city's rich heritage and experienced its vibrant atmosphere. These trips not only broaden their horizons but also provide them with valuable real-life experiences that enhance their learning.

On a lighter note, we welcomed our new therapy rabbits to Biscovey Academy, and they have quickly become a hit with the children. The calming presence of these furry friends, has had a positive impact on our students' well-being and emotional development.

As part of our commitment to a well-rounded education, we continue to focus on our music curriculum. This term, Cornwall Music Trust have delivered Djembe drum sessions, allowing our children to explore their musical talents and develop a deeper appreciation for music.

I am delighted to announce that our choir has been a huge hit, with over 25 children attending each week. We are currently working towards recording our single and, who knows, maybe we will aim for the Christmas 2024 number one spot! The childrens' dedication and enthusiasm for music are truly inspiring.

Lastly, I am thrilled to inform you that Biscovey's Got Talent is back! Our annual talent show is a fantastic opportunity for our children to showcase their skills and talents to a packed audience. The talent this year is better than ever, and I cannot wait to see their amazing performances.

Please note that this term will come to a close on the 8th of February, as we have a Teacher Training Day on the 9th. I hope you all have a restful half-term break and return refreshed and ready for the second half of the spring term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Tyers

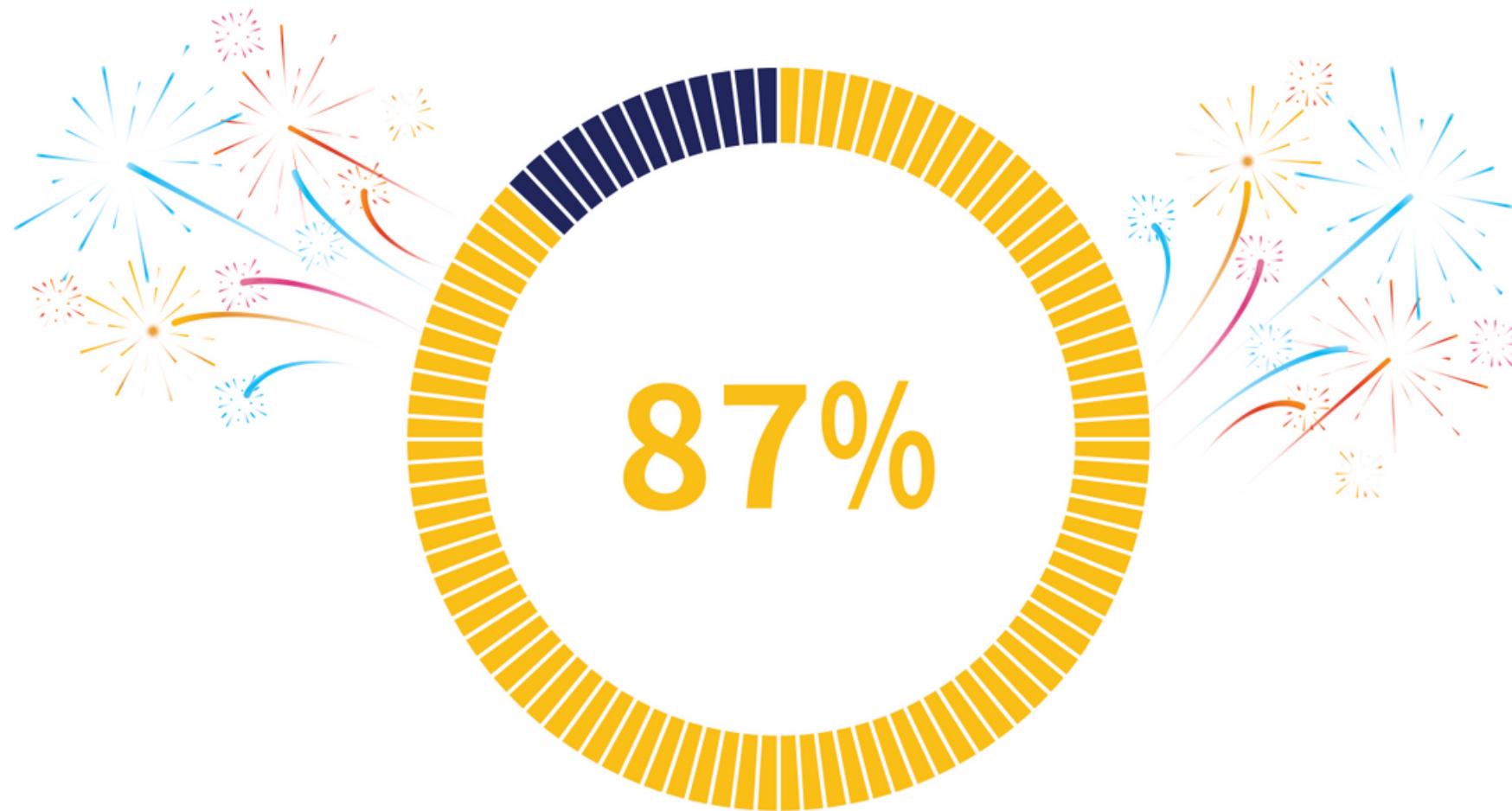




# Parent Survey Results



I would like to again express my gratitude for the amazing feedback we received from the recent parent survey. Your comments and suggestions are invaluable to us, as we constantly strive to improve and provide the best education for our children. Last week, you will have received a comprehensive overview of the feedback you provided us with. Have a check through your emails if you haven't seen it already. From all of us here at Biscovey, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to the whole school community!



**SAID THAT YOU WOULD RECOMMEND  
BISCOVEY TO ANOTHER PARENT!**

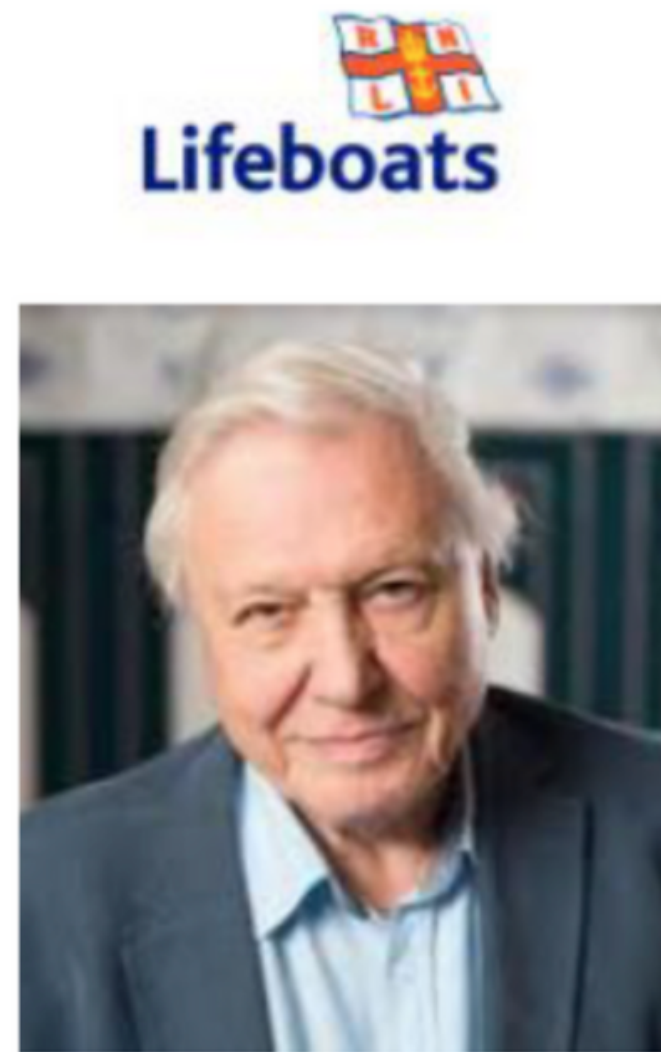
***'THE ETHOS THAT IS  
TAUGHT TO MY CHILD AT  
BISCOVEY IS IMPORTANT  
TO ME. IT IS IMPORTANT  
THAT MY CHILD BELIEVES  
THEY CAN BE OR ACHIEVE  
ANYTHING. I LOVE THE  
EXPERIENCES MY CHILD IS  
ALSO OFFERED OUTSIDE  
THE CLASSROOM'. –  
Biscovey Parent***



# The winning house point donation



As part of our school house point system, every half term we hold a whole school event with the aim of raising money for the terms winning house point charity. This term we welcomed the RNLI into school to donate **£200**, which was raised from last terms Christmas Fayre. Millie, our May Queen, was able to personally hand over the cheque following the RNLI's assembly on water safety.



**Sir David Attenborough**  
**Yellow**  
*Supporting the RNLI*





## **Key dates for the diary!**



**5th Feb: Year 4 Truro Trip**

**6th Feb: Year 6 Cardinham Trip**

**6th Feb: Biscovey-v- Carclaze**

**8th Feb: Biscovey's Got Talent 5pm Start**

**9th Feb: Teacher Training Day**

**19th Feb: All Children Return**

**5th Mar: Y5 Falmouth Maritime Museum  
trip**

**12th Mar: Parents Evening Day 1**

**13th Mar: Parents Evening Day 2**

**28th Mar: Break Up for Easter**



# Pastoral offer at Biscovey

We are incredibly proud of our pastoral offer at Biscovey. We believe that it is one of the areas which makes us stand out amongst many other schools. This term, we further strengthened our Trauma Informed offer with Miss Bignell and Mrs Wells both successfully achieving a **DISTINCTION** within their level 5 Trauma Informed Diploma! A huge well done to both of them! Additionally, we have been nominated for an 'Inspirational Educators Award' for our pastoral offer at Biscovey. If successful, we will be invited to an awards event in London in April! We will keep you posted about how we get on - fingers crossed!





## **Our School Choir**

Our school choir is in full flow with 25+ children in attendance each week. Over the past 3 weeks, we have been working on becoming familiar with our set list, which we are now in a position to share with you!

**Song 1: Someone You Loved- Lewis Capaldi**

**Song 2: Re-write the Stars- Zac Efron+ Zendaya**

**Song 3: Help!- The Beatles**

**Song 4: Love Story- Taylor Swift**

**Song 5: Radioactive- Imagine Dragons**

**Song 6: Times Like These- Foo Fighters**

**Song 7: 22- Anne Marie**

Our first 'live' performance will be at Biscovey's Got Talent, where our choir will be opening and closing the show!

Over the course of the next few months we will be fine-tuning our song list and deciding on which song we will choose to record at the studio.

Watch this space! The choir has some pretty cool things lined up!

**Choir Homework:** Listen to Help! by the Beatles wherever and whenever you can!



## **SCHOOL CHOIR**



# Safeguarding reminders



If any concerns about the welfare of a child, please contact a member of the Biscovey Academy safeguarding team:

**Mr. Wallbank-** Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Mr. Tyers-** Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

## **Important Contact Numbers:**

**MARU:** 0300 123 116

**NSPCC:** 0800 800  
5000

**Police:** 999/ 101

**School:** 01726  
812949



# Attendance reminders

## Lateness at Biscovey Academy:

X2 lates= Text message home

X2 more lates= A letter sent home

X2 more lates= A meeting with SLT

# ATTENDANCE

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

### ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below  
Drastic effect on  
academic achievement

95% - 90%  
Cause for  
concern

100% - 96%  
Excellent



**DID YOU KNOW?** If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year?





INTRODUCING

# BISCOVEY'S GOT TALENT!

**Calling all talented performers and shining stars!**  
**The stage is set, and the spotlight is waiting for**  
**you at the highly anticipated Biscovey's Got**  
**Talent!**

Tickets will be sold through parent pay and will be **£2** per ticket.



**THURSDAY**

8th February, 2024



**PERFORMANCE AT:**

17:00-18:00

**Biscovey Academy | Junior Hall | Doors will open at 16:45**

Refreshments will also be available to buy on the evening for a small price.