



*'Where everyone DREAMS big!'*

# BISCOVEY ACADEMY

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Inspirational Educators for Mental Health WINNERS



November





# Head of School Message

Dear Biscovey Academy Community,

What a whirlwind November we've had! It's been a month brimming with excitement, achievement, and memorable moments that have left us all feeling incredibly proud of our Biscovey family.

Our pupils have been venturing far and wide, with trips to Wales broadening horizons and creating lasting memories. The sound of our choir's angelic voices has filled the air, while our spoken word performers have captivated audiences with their eloquence and creativity. It's heartwarming to see our children continuing to shine outside of school, demonstrating that their talents know no bounds.

I'm thrilled to announce the formation of our DREAM team – a group that embodies the spirit and ambition of Biscovey Academy. Their enthusiasm is infectious, and I can't wait to see the positive impact they'll have on our school community.

November/ Start of December has also brought a shower of accolades our way. It's with immense pride that I share the news of Miss Bignell being crowned SENDCo of the Year – a well-deserved recognition of her unwavering dedication to our pupils.

As we edge closer to the festive season, I'd like to draw your attention to some important dates:

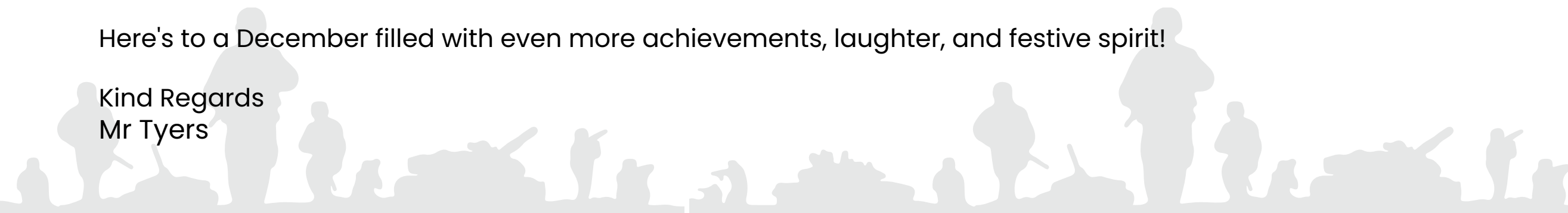
- 11th December: It's a triple treat! We'll be donning our favourite Christmas jumpers, enjoying a delicious Christmas dinner, and later that evening, from 6pm to 8pm, we invite you all to join us for our Christmas Fayre.
- 12th December: Our choir will be spreading Christmas cheer at Leekseed Methodist with a Carol Concert from 6pm to 7pm.
- 20th December: We'll be waving goodbye for the Christmas break at 1:45pm.

These events are wonderful opportunities for us to come together as a community and celebrate the joy of the season.

As I reflect on November, I'm filled with gratitude for the incredible pupils, staff, and families that make Biscovey Academy such a special place. Your commitment to excellence, your support for one another, and your enthusiasm for learning continue to inspire me every day.

Here's to a December filled with even more achievements, laughter, and festive spirit!

Kind Regards  
Mr Tyers







*presents...*

# *Behind the Stable Door*

*A Christmas story full of magic  
and laughter.*

*St. Mary's Church  
December 17th- 13:30  
December 18th- 11:00*



# Biscovey Academy 'Where everyone DREAMS big!'

Our school identity is something which we are incredibly proud of and as we welcome the fresh opportunities that this term brings, I wanted to take a moment to re-share our school's vision and values, which are at the heart of everything we do. We are incredibly proud of our school identity, and it is essential that our community remains aligned with the principles that guide us.

This term, we will be focusing on the R of **DREAMS**, which stands for **RULES**.

At Biscovey Academy, our core rules of being **Ready, Respectful, and Safe** are fundamental to creating a positive and nurturing environment for all pupils. These rules not only guide our daily interactions but also align closely with the principles of British values, which are essential in fostering a cohesive and inclusive society.

**Ready:** Being ready means coming to school prepared to learn and engage with our lessons. This value encourages pupils to take responsibility for their education and personal development. It reflects the British value of **individual liberty**, where each pupil is empowered to make choices about their learning and future.

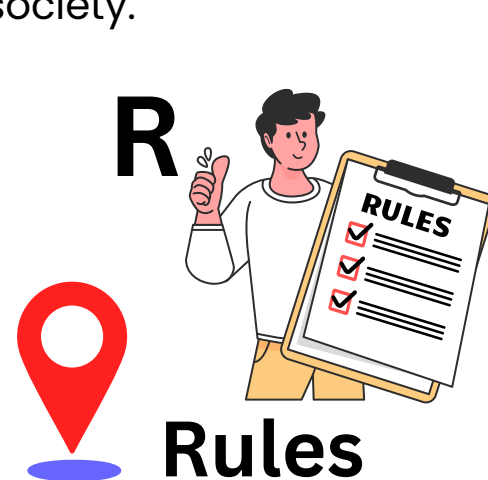
**Respectful:** Showing respect for one another is crucial in building a supportive community. This rule promotes understanding and tolerance, which are vital components of the British value of **mutual respect and tolerance** for those with different faiths and beliefs. By treating each other with kindness and consideration, we create an atmosphere where everyone feels valued and accepted.

**Safe:** Ensuring a safe environment is paramount for effective learning. This rule encompasses both physical safety and emotional well-being. It aligns with the British value of the **rule of law**, where we understand the importance of rules and regulations that protect us. A safe environment allows pupils to express themselves freely, explore new ideas, and develop confidence.

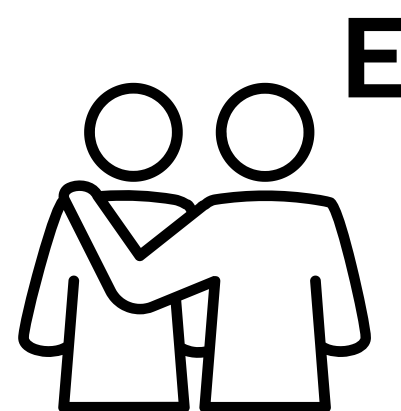
By embracing our rules of being Ready, Respectful, and Safe, we not only enhance our school community but also prepare our pupils to be responsible citizens in a diverse society.



**Diversity**  
Autumn 1



**Rules**  
Autumn 2



**Empathy**  
Spring 1



**Aspirations**  
Spring 2



**Motivation**  
Summer 1



**Success**  
Summer 2



## What are we working on at Biscovey?

Following the overwhelming success of last academic year which saw us achieve **'making a difference' Primary School of the year, Inspiration Educators of the year for Mental Health** and incredible end of key stage 2 academic outcomes. I wanted to share with you what we will be working on academic year 2024-2025.



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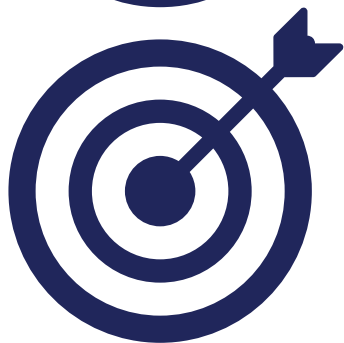
**Embed an oracy offer across the curriculum to develop our communication and interaction offer for all pupils.**

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**Embed a bespoke arithmetic offer across the school which matches the age and ability of pupils.**

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**Empower and further professionally develop support staff using research informed professional development.**

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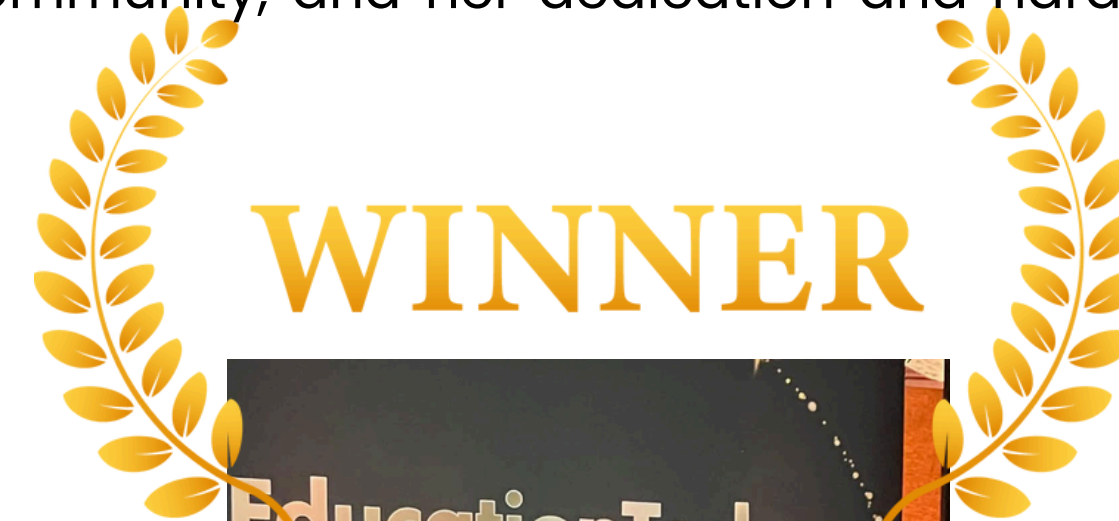
**Further develop our writing curriculum to enable children's grammatical understanding to go grow over time.**



# Award Winners at Biscovey

On Friday, 6th December, the prestigious Education Awards took place at a remarkable venue near Covent Garden in London. During this event, Biscovey Academy was nominated for Primary School of the Year, and our very own Miss Bignell was nominated for SENDCo of the Year.

I am thrilled to announce that Miss Bignell has WON this esteemed award! It is truly a remarkable achievement, and it isn't every day that one can claim to have the best SENDCo in the country, but Biscovey Academy can! A heartfelt congratulations to Miss Bignell for this well-deserved recognition. We feel incredibly proud to have her as part of our school community, and her dedication and hard work have made a significant impact on our pupils.





# St Austell Music and Speech.

It's been a busy week for us with lots of our children performing at the St Austell Festival of Music and Speech! Our wonderful children stood bravely on stage and performed a selected poem. They all did incredibly well and we even came in 1st and 2nd place! A few days later, our wonderful choir, led by Mr Kessell stood proudly on stage and sang 2 popular songs incredibly well! They should all be so proud of themselves because we sure are!!





# Friends of Biscovey- Gift Grotto and Bingo

THANK  
😊 YOU



A huge thank you to our AMAZING PTA for putting on an incredible gift grotto and Bingo evening for our pupils! We have heard nothing but brilliant feedback about the evening! We are all so grateful for the time and effort you put in to offer such great opportunities and experiences to our pupils! THANK YOU ALL!

## Friends of Biscovey Academy's Gift Grotto

During the school day, Friday 6  
December 2024

Every child at Biscovey Academy will  
have the chance to visit our gift  
grotto, to grab a gift for a loved  
one.

A cash donation of £1, to be  
brought in on the day please.



Parentkind  
Member Association



# International Rugby Trip. Wales v Fiji.



WOW! What an experience this was! The atmosphere of watching the Welsh rugby team play in Wales was simply incredible! As part of our 10 big DREAMS to achieve by the time our pupils leave Biscovey, watching live sport is one of them and we can definitely tick that off the list after this amazing trip!





# Up and coming events.



children's hospice SOUTH WEST

BISCOVEY ACADEMY

CHRISTMAS  
*Carol Service*  
12TH DECEMBER, 2024  
LEEK SEED METHODIST CHURCH  
18:00-19:00

CORNWALL AIR AMBULANCE

BISCOVEY ACADEMY'S CHOIR WILL TAKE US ON A CHRISTMAS JOURNEY, SINGING CAROLS OLD AND NEW. JOIN US FOR AN EVENING THAT IS SURE TO GET YOU IN THE CHRISTMAS MOOD! DONATIONS FROM THE EVENING WILL GO TO CORNWALL AIR AMBULANCE AND CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SOUTH WEST.

MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY

BISCOVEY ACADEMY

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

DECEMBER 11TH 2024 | 6-8:30 PM

FREE ENTRY

SANTA MEET & GREET

at the Christmas Fayre

£3 per ticket (includes a gift)

Cash or Card

Tickets will be on sale before and after school in the wooden hut - Monday 18 November to Friday 22 November

Parentkind Member Association

BAG 2 SCHOOL

Our next Bag2School collection has been arranged for

17th December 2024

Please drop off donations between 9th-13th December

Any questions - please ask your school collection organiser Friends of Biscovey Academy



# Celebrating our AMAZING pupils outside successes!





# Parent Coach Programme Learning Journey Weeks 1-5



Sadly, the first cohort of our parent coach programme has come to an end after 5 transformational weeks. The feedback from the course has been overwhelming. Thank you to all the parents that took part, your willingness to share, be vulnerable and talk openly about the challenges of parenthood allowed for real personal growth and fresh perspective on how best to support their child.



For those of you who were unable to attend this weeks parent coaching meeting, here are some quick pointers based on the topics discussed this week.

- Shouting to punish is counter intuitive and risks damaging your relationship. Whilst not shouting at all, can seem unrealistic. Set yourself the goal of shouting less to start with.
- Take an emotional pause when responding to behaviours that challenge. Work out what exactly pushes your buttons and why.
- Pause, Step back, relational response.
- Adult behaviour matters: children see, children do.
- Respond with empathy not sympathy.
- Pause, reflect, react calmly.
- Give them what they **NEED** not what they **DESERVE**.
- If you struggle, aim for 8 out of 10 and forgive yourself when you fall off the wagon.

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### Positive noticing:

- By implementing positive noticing, you get more of the behaviour that you notice most.
- If a child is labeled as something enough, whether it be positive or negative, they will filter their perception of who they are, and who they will become through those labels.
- Positive noticing builds emotional currency that translates to trust and respect.
- Your child's healthy internal voice depends on you positively noticing them
- Think about what you would have liked to be noticed for when you were a child, and the impact that would have had of your self esteem both then and now as an adult.
- If you could imagine a Paddington Bear-sized label hanging off your child's school bag as they walk out of the door - what would you want it to say?
- Gently notice and positively comment on three things to your child every day this week. Start before breakfast to give yourself a good chance!

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### Consequences:

- A consequence doesn't have to be a punishment.
- Consequences need to be delivered as soon after the incident as possible. This is critical for younger children, otherwise they forget why they have a consequence.
- Small consequences can be highly effective. There is no evidence that the bigger the consequence the better behaviour gets.
- Shame is not an acceptable punishment.
- Consequences need to be natural consequences. They can be a conversation, small inconveniences, payback tasks - the key is proportionate and rational. For example helping to clear up the mess they made with you.
- Create a list of small, rational, proportionate consequences you can share with your child. Check the list for any traces of shaming.
- Think about how you will share this plan with your child.

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### Repairing :

- Restorative conversations work when everyone is calm.
- Restorative conversations should never be across a desk or eye-to-eye.
- For older children you might want to think about repairing in a different way. For example a note under the door or a text message may be more suitable.
- Here are some key restorative questions. Think about when they can be useful and what they teach us.
- What happened?
- What were you thinking at the time?
- What have you thought since?
- How did this make people feel?
- Who has been affected?
- How have they been affected?
- What should we do to put things right?
- How can we do things differently in the future?
- Why do you think things went wrong?
- What would make it easier for us to work
- If it happens again what will you change?
- Have restorative conversations for things that need to be restored, not in response to every incident.
- Have at least one restorative conversation with your child this week and notice their response.

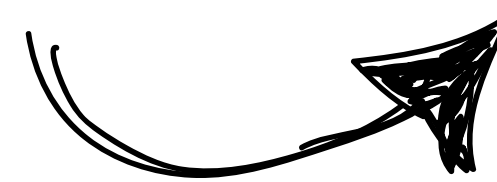
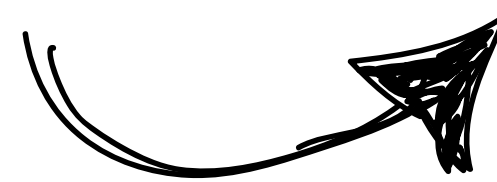
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### Rules:

More rules do not mean better behaviour; quite the reverse. The rules need to fall from the mouths of the adults every time. Children need to learn the rules and then how to apply them in different contexts. Talk to your child about the rules. Think about some of the emotions you experience when behaviour is wobbly and how they fuel your adult behaviour. Children need boundaries to feel safe and to know what is expected from them. Carefully explain how the rules apply each time you meet a new situation that demands some control over behaviour. Implement three rules using three words, eg: kind, respectful, safe.

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# Parent Coach Programme



*'By tuning into my own behaviour, I feel I am better able to communicate with my child which makes daily task like getting ready for school more manageable. We have seen a decrease in shouting at home by at least 50%'- Parent of Biscovey.*



*'I have learnt to attune to my child emotions and by practicing active listening I am able to really hear where the behaviour may be coming from. As a result I am better placed to best support them with what the behaviour is actually communicating to me'- Parent of Biscovey.*

**ALL ATTENDEES RECEIVED A TRANSITIONAL GIFT AS THEY PARTED WITH UPLIFTING EMPOWERING MESSAGES.**



# DREAM team... assembled.



**Biscovey Academy**



*Introducing the newly elected*  
**DREAM Team!**



*Year 3*



*Year 3*



*Year 4*



*Year 4*



*Year 5*



*Year 6*



*Year 6*

*Where everyone  
DREAMS big!*

After a democratic voting process we are incredibly pleased to announce our new DREAMS ambassadors! Their task is simple, to make big DREAMS happen! Our first meeting is set for the 20th November, with important DREAMS data already being gathered from across the school!

A huge well done to the 8 children selected to be the DREAM team this year. Their job is a simple one. To make BIG DREAMS happen! The data has been gathered and plans are in place! Watch this space to see this amazing group of children achieve magical things!





# Key Dates

<b>6TH DEC</b>	<b>11TH DEC</b>	<b>11TH DEC</b>
PTA Gift Grotto All Day.	Christmas Jumper Day. Christmas Dinner Day	Christmas Fayre 6pm-8pm
<b>12TH DEC</b>	<b>13TH DEC</b>	<b>17th/ 18th DEC</b>
Choir performing at Leekseed Church	Hall for Cornwall Panto trip	Year 3/4 Nativity
<b>19TH DEC</b>	<b>20TH DEC</b>	<b>20TH DEC</b>
Year 5/6 Christmas performance.	Whole School Christmas Cinema trip	School breaks up for Christmas at 13:45.





# Arbor reminders

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** From October half term, parents/carers will receive instant messaging via the Arbor Parent App ONLY. The old SMS service is being withdrawn. If you haven't already done so, please download the ARBOR APP via the App Store or Google Play. The app allows you to receive the latest messages from your child's school, book parent/carer consultation slots (where applicable), track your child's attendance, view club information and manage/update the information that we hold about both you and your child, including consents.



## Setting up the Arbor App

For Parents & Guardians





# 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



...being in school, on time, every day, ready to learn.



Poor punctuality - less chance of success

Very poor punctuality - serious impact on education and reduced life chances.

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



# 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