



'Where everyone DREAMS big!'

**BISCOVEY
ACADEMY**

Where everyone
DREAMS big!!

Inspirational Educators for Mental Health **WINNERS**



October



Head of School Message

Dear Biscovey Academy Community,

Welcome back to the Autumn 2 term! We hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for an exciting new term filled with enriching experiences for our pupils.

This term is packed with thrilling trips and activities designed to inspire and engage our children. We are particularly excited to kick things off with Year 6's World War II Day, where our pupils will immerse themselves in history through interactive learning and activities. This hands-on experience will help bring their studies to life and deepen their understanding of this significant period, I believe at some point Winston Churchill may even make an appearance!

Additionally, we have a fantastic trip planned to the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff this weekend! This outing promises to be an unforgettable experience, offering our pupils the chance to watch international rugby at one of the best stadiums in the world!

Finally, as we approach the festive season, we will also begin preparations for our annual Nativity performance. This cherished tradition allows our younger pupils the chance to showcase their talents and creativity, and we look forward to sharing this special event with you. It's a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate the spirit of Christmas.

As always, we appreciate your continued support and involvement in our school community. Together, we can ensure that our pupils have a memorable and impactful term ahead.

Here's to a fantastic Autumn 2 term filled with learning, growth, and adventure!

Kind Regards

Mr Tyers



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.

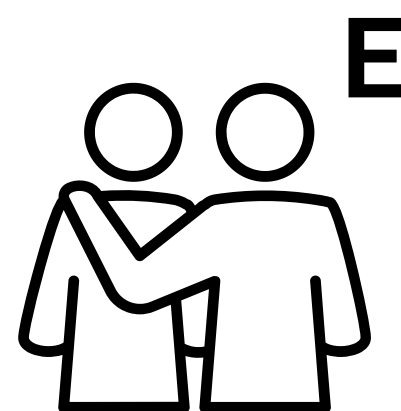
By embracing our rules of being Ready, Respectful, and Safe, we not only enhance our school community but also prepare our pupils to be responsible citizens in a diverse society.



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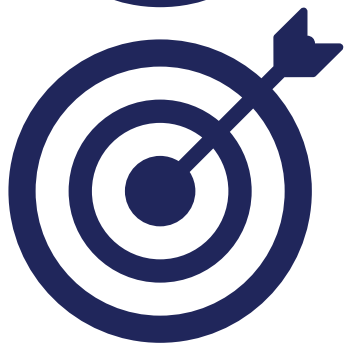
Embed an oracy offer across the curriculum to develop our communication and interaction offer for all pupils.

2



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

3



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

4



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

Award Nominations at Biscovey



National Award Finalists 2024



We are incredibly proud to have been nominated for both Primary School of the Year as well as, our very own Miss Bignell being nominated for SENDCo of the year! We feel really lucky to have been recognised for the experiences provided to all our pupils alongside the provision for our pupils with SEND! Fingers crossed!!!

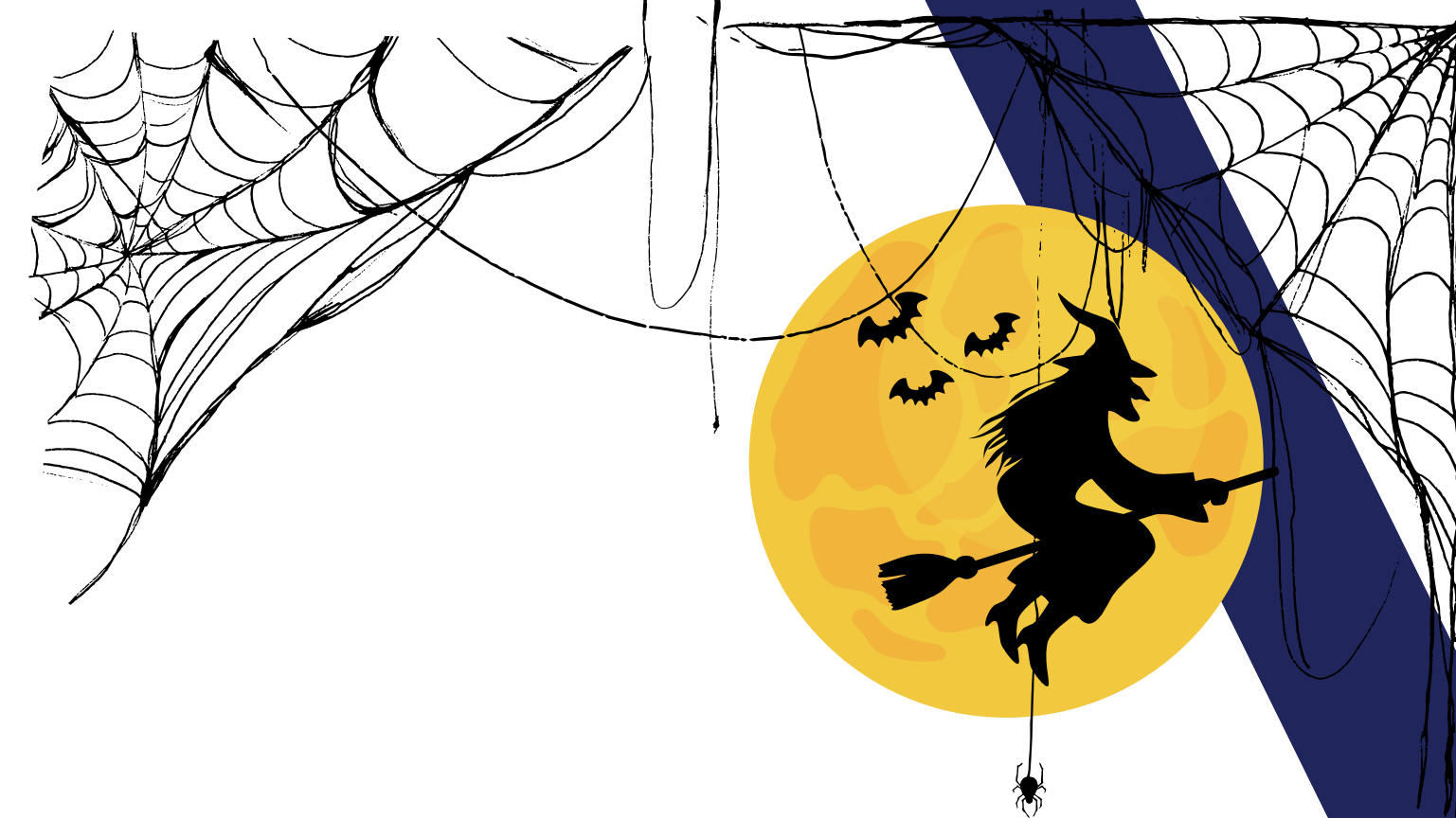
Winners Announced 6th
December 2024!

www.educationtodayawards.co.uk/finalist-2024

Friends of Biscovey – Halloween Disco



A huge thank you to our AMAZING PTA for putting on an incredible Halloween disco 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!



November

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4TH NOV

Autumn 2 term starts!

6TH NOV

Year 3 visit to Plymouth Aquarium

10TH NOV

Cardiff Rugby Trip!

11TH NOV

Remembrance Day

11TH NOV

Scholastics book fair starts

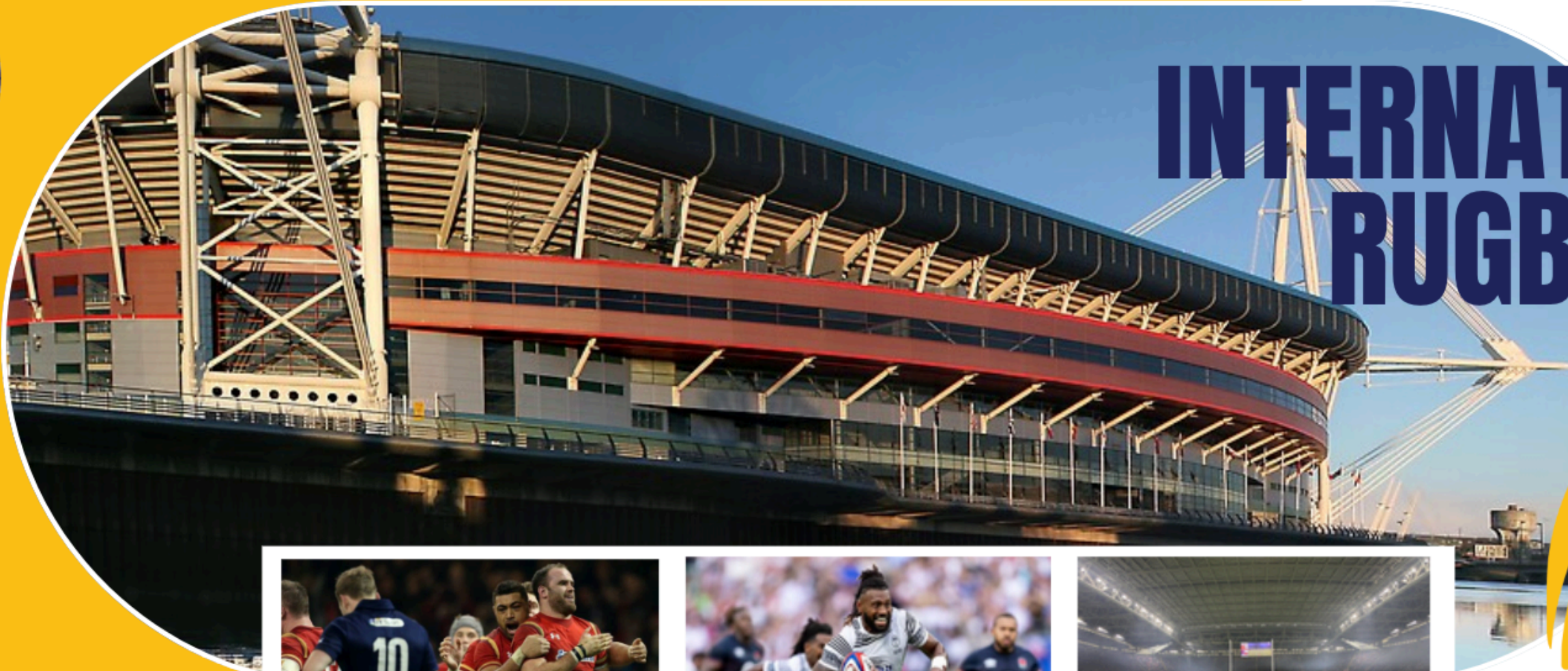
22ND NOV

Non-school uniform day



Key Dates

AMAZING experiences fast approaching!



INTERNATIONAL RUGBY TRIP



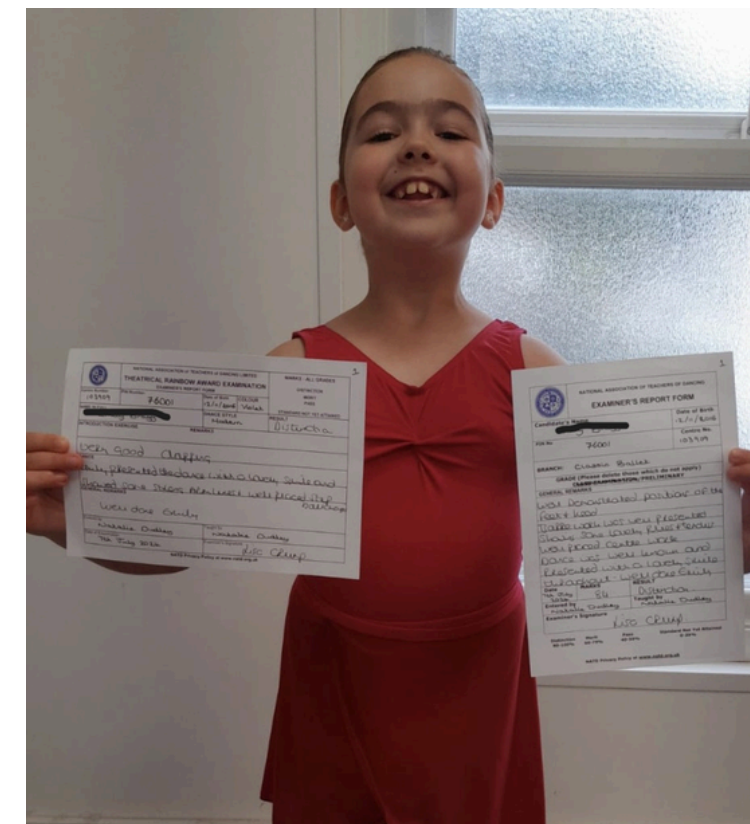
What are we watching?
WALES-V-FIJI

Year groups:
Y5 AND Y6

When/ Where:
Sunday 10th November 24 in
Cardiff

Cost:
£20. Including food, travel
and tickets.

Celebrating our AMAZING pupils outside successes!



X4 Word Champion at Biscovey!



It isn't every day that you get to meet a World Champion, let alone a x4 World Champion! Her latest during her time in the Czech Republic, where she did team England proud, winning another World title in points, silver in continuous and bronze in low kick. She competed against 33 countries, learned a lot, swapped shirts with a competitor from Germany (which means they look up to you) and made new friends.

Parent Coach Programme



Biscovey Academy



Parent Coach Programme

Based on the work of behavioural expert Paul Dix, writer of 'When the Parents Change, Everything Changes'. Join us for the start of our new parenting programme on November the 7th at Biscovey Academy! Hosted by TIS lead Mr Kessell and TIS practitioner Mrs Wells, it promises to be a safe space full of learning and laughter.



Biscovey Academy
Lamellyn Road, Par, PL24 2DB



9:00 AM START.
Thursday 7th November 2024

'Your behaviour is the only behaviour over which you have absolute control. To change your child's behaviour, you must first change your own'.

- P. Dix

WHEN
THE
PARENTS
CHANGE
EVERYTHING
CHANGES
PAUL DIX



For more
Information:

<https://www.pauldix.org/>



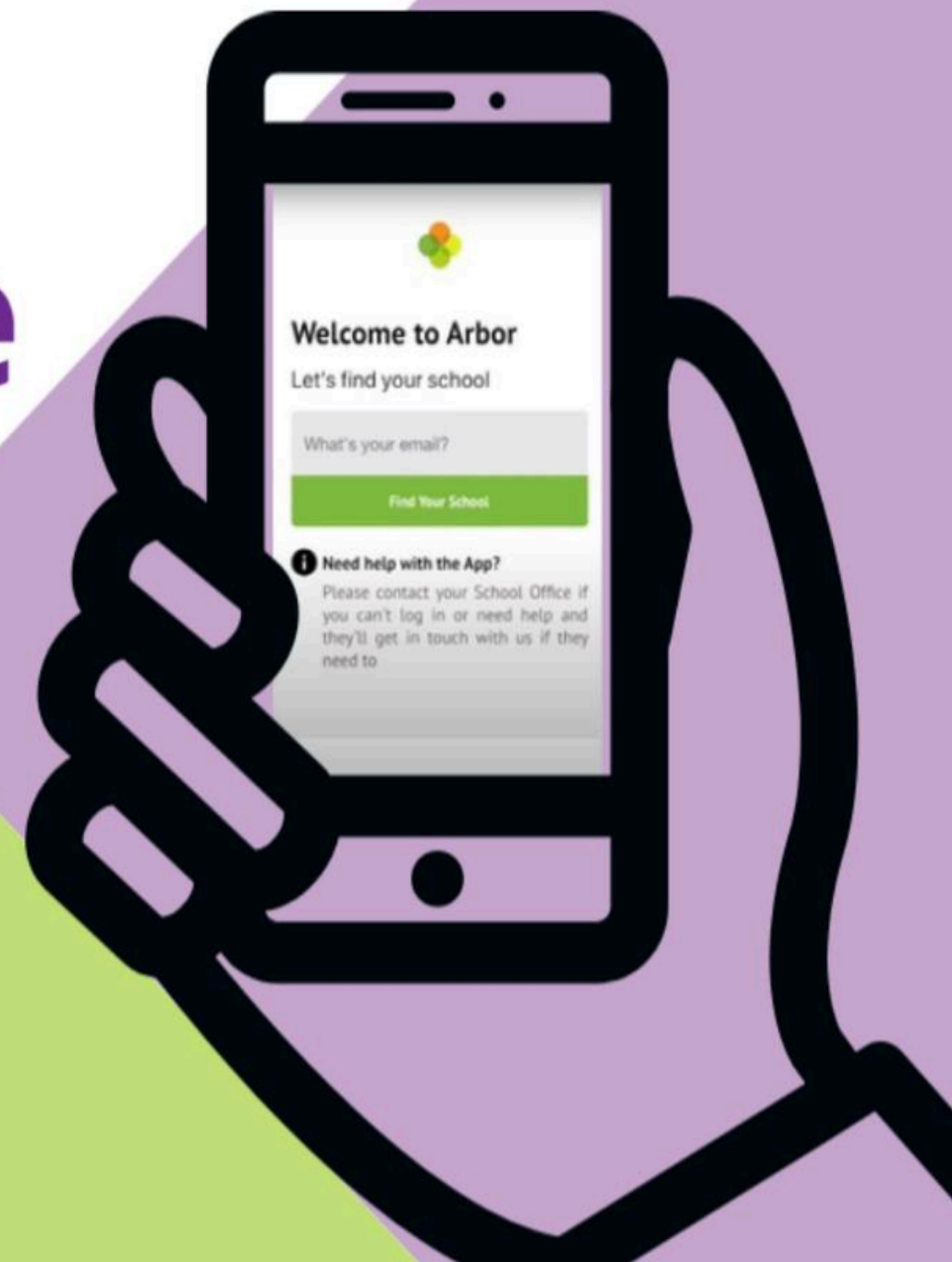
Arbor reminders

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