



Biscovey Academy Newsletter
October 2023
Issue 2

This term's value

John Blanke (also known by Blancke or Blak) (fl. 1501–1511):

John was a musician of African descent in London from the early Tudor period, who probably came to England as one of the African attendants of Catherine of Aragon in 1501.

Blanke is **one of the earliest recorded black people in the United Kingdom** after the Roman period. Blanke was a person of colour who was held in very high regard within the King's musical procession. An individual who isn't always talked about during the Tudor topic!



Cool fact:

His annual wage of £12 was twice that of a farm labourer and thrice that of a servant. He successfully petitioned Henry VIII for a wage increase from 8d to 16d.



Behaviour at Biscovey

As a school we have worked tirelessly with our pupils and parents to set the highest expectations for all our children and as a school we have seen a marked improvement across the board. A few weeks ago we took 54 of our pupils to Exeter to watch the Exeter Chiefs play the Cornish Pirates. It was an incredible event and all of our children loved it!! A few days after the event we received the following email.

As a school we were so proud to receive the email!

Our pupils are testament to our school; it is lovely to see our wonderful children being recognised by the wider public!

To: Hello from Biscovey Academy <hello@biscovey.org.uk>

Subject: Cornish Pirates vs Exeter Chiefs

Hello

I just wanted to let you know what a credit your pupils are to your school. We were sat in front of them at the match, they were all very well behaved and enthusiastic about the game - it was a lovely to see.

Kind regards

The Next DREAM to achieve...



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We have an incredible opportunity to take a large amount of our pupils to watch another 'live' sporting event. This time we will be heading off to watch the Women's Super League in Bristol! The game will be Bristol City -v- Manchester United!!

Sunday 26th November. K.O 14:00.

We will aim to leave school mid morning and return at around 19:00ish. It takes place in Ashton Gate stadium, a superb modern ground, with the women often drawing crowds of 5,000-8,000!!

We will confirm places later this week once we have finalised details.

Biscovey
DREAMS
Big!



Experience another culture

Visit a City

Watch LIVE sport

Go to the theatre

Sky Dive (Indoor)

Hold a concert on the field

Visit a University

Take part in a musical

Visit museums

Fly on a Plane

Record a music single

10 big DREAMS to achieve before
you

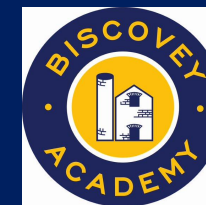
leave Biscovey Academy

#DARETODREAM

#BABIG10



Supporting Behaviour



Here at Biscovey Academy we are a Trauma Informed School. We believe that behaviour is a result of an unmet need and that it is our job to work out what is being communicated to us through the behaviour. Our ethos is further communicated through our behaviour support policy, which has been reviewed and can be found on our website. A few updates for you in readiness for the new term:

1. Gold awards reset for the academic year.

However, the rewards for achieving each milestone remain the same.

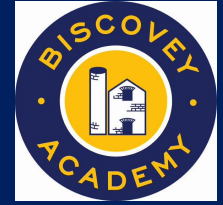
Gold Awards!

25	Take your place in the frame of fame!
50	Take your token and exchange it for a little slice of reading magic!
75	Golden Ticket! Hold on to your golden ticket and you will be invited to a special golden event!
100	£50 Amazon Voucher to be spent by the child for the benefit of the whole class.

2. Hot Chocolate club returns!! Each week 2 children will be invited from each class to attend our hot chocolate club which will be held every Friday 14:30-15:00



Uniform Expectations



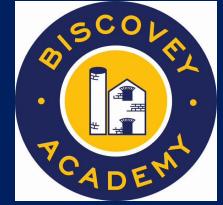
We are very proud of how smart the children look in our school uniform and can see a noticeable difference in their approach to school life when they are well presented. As a school we will continue to have very high standards for uniform.

As a reminder our school uniform is as follows:

- Navy blue v- neck jumper with school logo
- White shirt
- School tie
- Black or grey trousers
- Black or grey skirt (knee length or below),
- Black or grey shorts (late spring/summer term only)
- Blue and white checked summer dress (late spring/summer term only)
- Black, navy or grey socks/ tights.
- Black shoes (not trainers)
- Black, low heeled, shoes (not trainers) Optional:
- Navy fleece with school logo (in addition to, and not in place of, v neck jumper)
- School book bag with school logo

A copy of our uniform policy can be found on our school website for further information.

Raising a concern



It is very important to us that you have any concerns dealt with swiftly and promptly. I wanted to share the process with you all again for raising concerns to ensure that any queries, questions or concerns are raised with the appropriate person.

1. Any concerns should be raised directly with the class teacher in the first instance. This is an opportunity for the matter to be investigated and findings fed back to you.
2. If you feel the matter is continuing, or that you are unhappy with how it has been dealt with, then you need to raise your concerns with the year group's phase leader (Mr. Salway Y3 and Y4. Miss. Munson Y5 and Y6). If the issue is a matter regarding either Mr. Salway or Miss. Munson, then it needs to be raised with either Miss. Bignell or Mr. Wallbank.
3. If the matter continues following your meeting with the phase leader then a meeting or conversation is to be had with Mr. Wallbank or Miss. Bignell.
4. If following Mr. Wallbank and Miss. Bignell's investigation/ handling of the matter you are still unhappy, then a meeting will then take place with Mr. Tyers.

Biscovey Academy House Points



Marie Curie
Blue

Supporting Cornwall Air Ambulance



Barack Obama
Green

*Supporting Children's Hospice
SW*



Marcus Rashford MBE
Red

*Supporting Cornwall Search and
Rescue*



Sir David Attenborough
Yellow

Supporting the RNLI

Key Attendance Messages



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%.

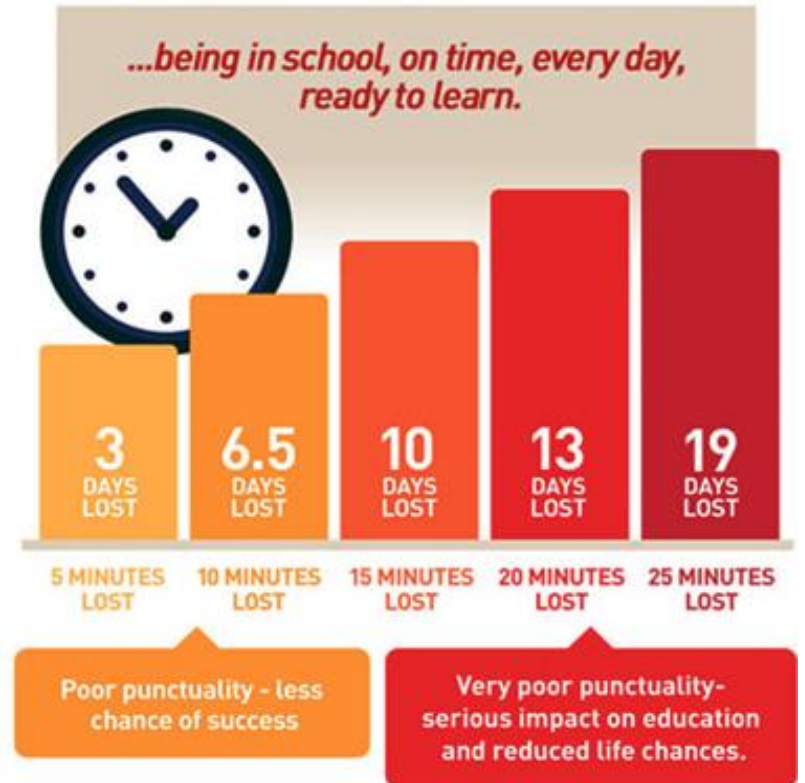
How do YOU measure up?

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?

Lateness at Biscovey Academy:

X2 lates= Text message home
X2 more lates= A letter sent home
X2 more lates= A meeting with SLT

Holidays during term time:

Dear all,

We are seeing a large increase in the number of holidays being taken during term time. Whilst we fully acknowledge the financial strains placed upon families by taking a holiday during term time in the middle of a cost-of-living crisis, we cannot authorise holidays taken during term time and this may result in a fine being issued to you.

I appreciate that this can be frustrating, and I apologise for any upset this causes.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Mr Tyers.

Head of School.

Interactions with staff:

Dear all,

We understand that at times situations can arise within school which can leave you, as parents, feeling frustrated and annoyed. As a school we will go above and beyond to best support both you and your child and whilst there might be occasions where we get it wrong, we will never go out of our way to intentionally cause upset.

All we ask is that, whilst you are completely allowed to feel frustrated, it isn't directed at our staff members. As a school, similar to other professions, we will not tolerate foul language or any form of aggression directed towards any of our staff members. If such a situation does arise, you will be issued with a letter of warning. If the behaviour continues then it could result in a ban from site.

Please be mindful of this in your interactions and know that we will always work with you to resolve any concerns you may have.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Mr Tyers.

Head of School.

We have a World Champion at Biscovey Academy!

Earlier this month Sienna travelled across to Germany to take part in the World Martial Arts Championship 2023. Not only did Sienna win, she won 3 WORLD titles!

- Gold in points
- Gold in continuous
- Gold in kick light

We are so incredibly proud of Sienna and feel very lucky to have her at our school!



Key Diary Dates (Autumn Term 1)

04.09.23- INSET Day

05.09.23- Children return to school.

13.09.23- Film Crew in to collect footage for our promotional video

13.09.23- Roald Dahl Day.

16.09.23- Exeter Chief's Match!

19.09.23- Year 4 parent information morning 9am-9:45am

19.09.23- Parent drop in coffee morning

20.09.23- Year 5 parent information morning 9am-9:45am

20.09.23- Parent and Toddler sessions begin.

21.09.23- Year 6 parent information morning 9am-9:45am

10.10.23- Harvest Festival

WC 23.10.23- Half term week

Further dates will be communicated with you over the course of the term.



Key dates thinking ahead to Autumn 2:

- **07/12/23-** Biscovey Academy Christmas Fayre. 15:30-17:30.
- **12/12/23-** Leekseed Methodist Church Choir Performance. 18:00-19:00 with a shared meal after.
- **14/12/23-** Year 3 and 4 Nativity Performance:
Performance 1= 10:00 (Doors Open 9:45) enter via reception for a performance in the Hall.
Performance 2= 14:00 (Doors Open 13:45) enter via reception for a performance in the Hall.
- **14/12/23-** Year 6 pupils watching Peter Pan at the Hall for Cornwall.
- **18/12/23-** Year 5 and 6 Carol concert.
Performance 1= 10:00 (Doors Open 9:45) enter via reception for a performance in the Hall.
Performance 2= 14:00 (Doors Open 13:45) enter via reception for a performance in the Hall.
- **19/12/23-** Whole school Christmas cinema trip.
- **19/12/23-** Break up for Christmas 13:45

2023-2024 Term Dates

Cornwall Council

2023/2024 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools



September 2023						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thurs		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24		

October 2023						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

November 2023						
Mon			6	13	20	27
Tue			7	14	21	28
Wed		1	8	15	22	29
Thurs		2	9	16	23	30
Fri		3	10	17	24	
Sat		4	11	18	25	
Sun		5	12	19	26	

December 2023						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thurs		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

January 2024						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

February 2024						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23		
Sat	3	10	17	24		
Sun	4	11	18	25		

March 2024						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thurs		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

April 2024						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24		
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

May 2024						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

June 2024						
Mon		3	10	17	24	
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

July 2024						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

August 2024						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2023
Boxing Day	26 December 2023
New Years Day	01 January 2024
Good Friday	29 March 2024
Easter Monday	01 April 2024
May Bank Holiday	06 May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2024

AUTUMN TERM (72 days)

4 September - 19 December 2023
(HALF TERM 23-27 October 2023)

SPRING TERM (56 days)

4 January - 28 March 2024
(HALF TERM 12-16 February 2024)

SUMMER TERM (67 days)

15 April - 24 July 2024
(HALF TERM 27-31 May 2024)

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The five additional days are allotted for In-Service Training (INSET). Schools allocate their own INSET days.

Support within the community



Here at Biscovey Academy we are working alongside St Austell foodbank to help our families in need.

We can issue foodbank vouchers, which can be exchanged for food parcels.

The Light & Life Centre,
Units 4-5 Brunel
Business Park,
St Austell,
PL25 4TJ



Help reduce food waste, whilst filling your cupboards. Drop by and help yourself to what you need.

Every Wednesday

St Blazey 12:30-13:00

Burrows Centre, Lamellyn Road,
PL24 2DD

St Blazey 13:30-14:00

St Blazey Football Club, 61 Station
Road, PL24 2ND



Local shops provide Remake Cornwall with surplus food, which is then available for you to pop in and help yourself to.

Check out their Facebook page to see what's available in the fridge!

86 stennack Road
St Austell
PL25 3JQ
07480 135818

Safeguarding at Biscovey



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

Mr. Wallbank- Designated Safeguarding Lead



Important Contact Numbers:

MARU: 0300 123 116

NSPCC: 0800 800 5000

Police: 999/ 101

Mr. Tyers- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



School: 01726 812949