



**Akademi Boskenvay Newsletter
Issue 10**

Where everyone **DREAMS** big!

Well, it would appear that the sun is making more of an appearance which can only be a good thing! In the run up to the half term break we have lots of exciting things taking place, all driven by our 10 big dreams! Soon, we will be heading off to Somerset to watch a 'Live' sporting event, our year 6 children begin their end of year performance preparation, our year 4's have explored the beautiful city of Bath, our school bands have been formed and band practice has commenced! Not to mention an amazing RAF VIP experience some of our pupils will be attending on the 23rd May.

Last week we conducted the Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) which is never an easy week but thanks our amazing staff, we pulled together to give the children the best opportunity to succeed. Equally, the hard work that our year 6 children have put in over the past few months has been nothing short of incredible and they all should be very proud of themselves.

Biscovey is truly a wonderful place to be! Keep your eye out on our social media page and make sure you are following us on twitter and Facebook!

Kind regards

Mr Tyers

Where everyone **DREAMS** big!



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

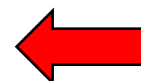
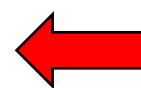
Visit a University

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

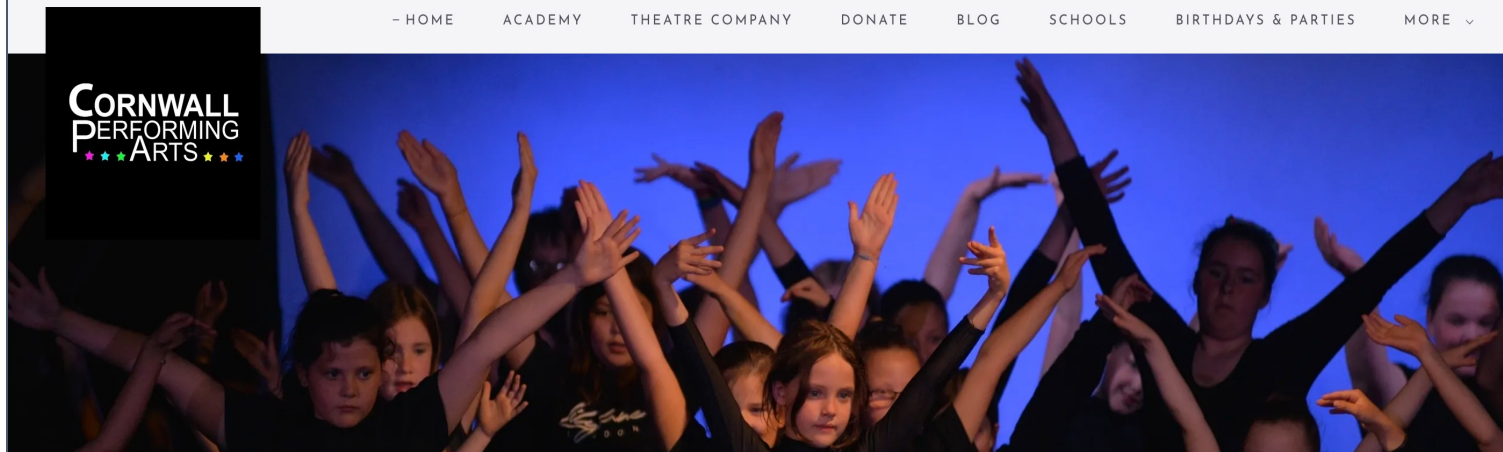
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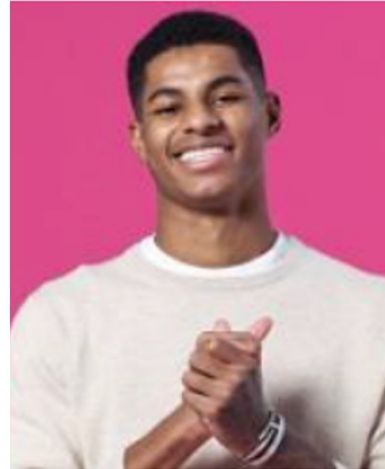
Summer Clubs bookings open now!

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Our year 6's end of year performance will be held in the Keay Theatre, St Austell, on the 18th July!!! Tickets and programs will be sold nearer the time! In preparation for this, we will be working with Cornwall Performing Arts, 3 times per week until the big performance! With the help of Cornwall Performing Arts we will be creating our own, unique play, all based around our vision and values of DREAMS. This is an incredibly exciting opportunity for our pupils to show case their talents and learn new skills.

25th May House Point Event!



Summer 1

Movie afternoon £1

Please send your child into school with a £1 coin on the 25th May. Pop corn will be provided, and all proceeds raised will go to this terms winning house points charity! Our last house point event raised over £200 for Children's Hospice SW.

Defining 'Bullying' at Biscovey

Aspire Academy Trust Anti-Bullying Policy

It is important that as a school community we are clear on what constitutes bullying and what doesn't. As a school we have a 'zero tolerance' approach to bullying and during our assembly this week, we re-shared with the children our school and trusts definition of bullying and unpicked the difference between a 'fall-out' and 'bullying'. I wanted to re-share with our parents and carers so as we are all consistent and have that shared understanding.

3.2. What is Bullying?

3.2.1. Bullying is defined by the DfE as "behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally" (Preventing & Tackling Bullying DfE 2017).

3.2.2. Bullying can take many forms including persistent name-calling, violence, threatened violence, isolation, ridicule or indirect action such as spreading unpleasant stories about someone. It often

3.2.3. Our Trust definition of bullying, in "child-speak", is "when a person or group deliberately and repeatedly hurts you physically, or hurts your feelings, making you feel sad or scared."

3.2.4. Our schools work hard to ensure that all pupils know the difference between bullying and the "falling out" that occurs between children and within friendships.

3.2.5. We take into account that child development research suggests that young children do not have the cognitive capability to be intentionally cruel, or to abuse a power differential. Bullying involves planning and complex thought. The ability to discern right from wrong (and how to systematically humiliate a peer) generally does not develop until the age of six or so.



involves an imbalance of power between the perpetrator and the victim.

[Governance - The Aspire Academy Trust](#)

Reels, stories and snaps explained



These are some of the features of different social media platforms and what they mean:

- **Reels:** are short videos that users can create, edit and upload to share with their followers.
- **Stories:** a way of posting photo and video content that typically vanishes after 24 hours. However, they can also be saved to a profile and viewed again.
- **Snaps:** a snap is a picture or video which is deleted automatically once it has been viewed. They can be viewed for only a few seconds before deleting.
- **DMs:** direct message, used to describe private messages send on social media.

Why do children use social media?

Children and young people use many different social media apps and sites. The most popular are Facebook and Instagram, with many others such as Snapchat, TikTok and Twitter.

There are lots of benefits to social networking. They can allow users to stay connected with friends and family. They can also learn many different things, from make-up or gaming tutorials to making slime, or how to create their own videos.

Like most things, there can be negatives too. For children and young people there are risks that you should be aware of, to help keep your child safe on social media.

Social Networks

Do you use any of these and did you know the age restrictions?



Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

Twitter
Facebook
Instagram
Pinterest
Google+
Tumblr
Reddit
Snapchat
Tik Tok



13

LinkedIn



14

WhatsApp



16



18

Youtube
Keek
Foursquare
WeChat
Kik
Flickr
Tinder

(13 with parents' permission)

May Fayre

26.05.2023

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
BISCOVEY ACADEMY'S
MAY FAYRE!
ON FRIDAY 26TH MAY 2023
AT 1.30PM



AS WELL AS COUNTRY AND MAY POLE
DANCING, THERE WILL BE
REFRESHMENTS, A CAKE STALL AND A
RAFFLE.

CAKE COMPETITION!

On Friday 26th May 2023 (May Fayre), we are holding a cake competition. The theme will be King Charles' Coronation in celebration of the month he has been crowned as our Monarch.



There will be a prize for the best decorated children's cake and one for the best decorated adult's cake.

- Please bring entries to school on the morning of the 26th May. The winners will be announced during the May Fayre in the afternoon. Unless otherwise instructed, cakes will be sold on the cake stall.



The Power of Play...

As a school we believe in the immense power of 'play'. What we know about play it brings about something called social joy. When children are struggling, social joy provides a release of 'feel-good' chemicals such as oxytocin and opioids, these chemicals are anti-anxiety and anti-anger, helping children to feel well again in themselves and the world. Through our PACE (playful, accepting, curious and empathic) approach we use play in many different ways across the school but know that social joy can only be brought about when play is experienced with an emotionally available adult. Here is some further information about the importance of play...

[The Power of Play hub | Great Ormond Street Charity \(gosh.org\)](https://www.gosh.org)



Kind Words...

Last week we hosted some training which saw us welcome 20 professionals from across the trust to our school. They were all bowled over by the behaviour of our pupils, how remarkably they walk down the corridor and how polite they all were.

As a team we feel incredibly proud to see all the hard work we have done in regard to behaviour paying off and external professionals recognising just how wonderful our pupils and school are!

Thank you all for your continued support.

Community Notice Board

- We are on the hunt for local bands! If you know any great bands who are available on **20.07.23** please do let the office staff know!
- We are on the hunt for some sponsors for an event we are hoping to hold. If you know of any business who might be interested please email hello@biscovey.org.uk
- Food! If you know of any local hot food businesses, we would love to hear from you so please do get in touch!
- We are about to run another SPACE course (supporting parents and carers in education) if you would like more information about this please Laura Marks (PSA)
- As a school, we are working towards achieving our 'Go Cornish' award. We have immersed ourselves within the Cornish language and want to continue celebrating our glorious region by entering the Young People's Awards. The task Mr Parker has chosen for us is to write a poem based on a Cornish theme! Please email all entries to hello@biscovey.org.uk by May half term.
- **RAFFLE PRIZES:** we are collecting raffle prizes for our May Fayre raffle and would hugely appreciate and donations. Please drop them in to reception.



BISCOVEY BALLERS

Join in the beautiful game!



Biscovey Ballers aim to develop ball skills and introduce team play for those children starting out in football. These are fantastic football sessions designed to develop young players taking their first steps in the game. As well as developing their football skills we help increase their confidence and introduce them to new friends too.

For Ages 4 to 6

£2.00
per week
10 till 11 am
Saturday
Mornings

At Starrick Moor the home of
Biscovey Youth Football Club.

STARTING
Saturday the 15th of April.



FA Qualified. DBS Checked.
FIRST AID and SAFEGUARDING Trained COACHES

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



...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?

Lateness at Biscovey Academy:

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

Key Diary Dates (Summer Term)

17.04.23- Return to school.

19.04.23- Y3 Rivers trip.

20.04.23- Rock Steady Launch Party!!

05.05.23- Y4 visit the Roman Baths

08.05.23- Bank Holiday for the King's coronation.

WC 08.05.23- Y6 SATs week starts (09.05.23).

WC 15.05.23- Cornwall Performing Arts in to being working with Y6.

17.05.23- Family support worker drop in sessions 9:00-11:00.

17.05.23- Hello Lamppost in to work with Y6 pupils.

18.05.23- Year 5 cricket festival- **Postponed**

18.05.23- Year 6 city visit provisional date.

23.05.23- RAF experience

24.05.23- Somerset 20/20 cricket trip

25.05.23- Y6 cricket festival

26.05.23- Biscovey Academy May Fayre event

WC 29.05.23- HALF TERM

WC 05.06.23- Y4 Multiplication check starts.

05.06.23- Return to school

06.06.23- Year 3 and 4 Sports Day

06.06.23- Y6 Trip to Bodmin Jail

07.06.23- Year 5 and 6 Sports Day

08.06.23- Year 4 Cricket festival

WC 12.06.23- Y6 Camp (Great Woods)

19-23.06.23- Y4 Camp (Go Active)

28-30.06.23- Y5 Camp (Porthpean)

03.07.23- Poltair Transition Day (Y6)

04.07.23- Fowey Transition (Y6)

07.07.23- End of year reports to go out.

17.07.23- Y6 dress rehearsal

18.07.23- Y6 end of year performance

20.07.23- End of Year Festival of DREAMS
5:30pm- 8:30pm

Last day 21.07.23
Breaking up at 1:45pm



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



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