



## Headteacher Update - 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Students, Family and friends of Baines School

What a fantastic start to the term it has been and the last two weeks have been packed full of events. Over the last two weeks we have focussed on respecting each other and how proud we are to celebrate everyone as an individual.

### Star of the Week Awards



### Successes

#### Eve Whitaker Year 9

Eve was taken on by Manchester City at the end of Year 8. She is now training with Man City after school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday with a fixture on a Saturday. On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September they played Leeds and won with Eve scoring a hat trick!

This is a fantastic achievement and the hard work required to manage such a commitment is truly remarkable. Well done Eve.

**Charlotte Jones Year 9** has been selected for the Lancashire U15 Netball squad.

### Nepal 2017



Once again we enjoyed a wonderful experience in Nepal this Summer. On July 18<sup>th</sup> we departed for a 12-day visit to Kathmandu and the Chitwan National Park in the Terai sub tropical jungle region which is close to the Indian border. 10 Baines students took part in the visit which is organised jointly with St Mary Catholic Academy in Blackpool. We visited Buddhist and Hindu Temples and received many blessings from Hindu priests. We witnessed animal sacrifices which are still part of Nepali Hindu culture, and we rubbed shoulders with the holy men of Pashupatinath Temple which occupies the most sacred site for Hindu belief in Nepal. The focus of our visit is our work at Shubhakamana Academy in the Kathmandu valley. This is the school where our students deliver lessons in the classrooms to Nepali students aged from 11- 16 years. As a result of our involvement at Shubhakama Academy over the years our connections and supporters now sponsor 28 children who would not otherwise be able to afford to attend school. These are orphans and children from the very poorest of backgrounds.

### **Bikeathon 2017**

In July, 17 Year 12 students were accompanied by 16 former students, 7 riding staff and 3 drivers in the annual Coast to Coast ride from Bridlington to Blackpool. This year was extra special as it included our former students, some of which were the best friends of Fraser whose illness and loss inspired the first ride. The total for this year is approaching **£9000.00** for the **Teenage Cancer Trust** and is our largest ever fundraising effort. The Teenage Cancer Trust will be coming to school with their education team this term to lead sessions with students about Teenage Cancer and their work as a charity.

### **Year 11 History visit to Durham Castle**

Year 11 visited the Cathedral as part of their GCSE studies on what AQA term the 'Historic environment'. The Cathedral staff were exceptionally helpful and voiced their appreciation of our 77 pupils who were excellent ambassadors for the school. The Cathedral tour consisted of an interior and exterior explanation of this Norman World Heritage Site. The expectation is that the outstanding architecture and dramatic site will become firmly rooted so that students can answer key examination questions based on this unique structure.

### **Sixth Form Geography Field Trip**

Our Year 13 students have spent two full days collecting data for their NEAs (Non Examined Assessments) which contribute 20% of their final A Level grade. Students independently designed their own investigations. Evie is investigating, 'How perceptions and rates of crime change with increased distance from the CBD of Blackpool', Rebecca has chosen 'How different areas of Blackpool have undergone rebranding and regeneration' and Max is 'Comparing the coastal processes in operation along the Fylde Coast'.

### **Year 12 Traffic Awareness visit**

On Wednesday 20th Year 12 attended the Wasted Lives campaign at Winter Gardens. The campaign's aim is to highlight to young people, the dangers of inexperienced drivers taking unnecessary risks on our roads. Over 1000 local people have signed up to the "No More Wasted Lives" aims, while re-telling their own traumatic stories of losing a loved one. Their real life stories have been told to try and prevent more needless deaths through dangerous driving. Year 12 found the visit and emotional yet positive experience.

### **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award**

This week we launched the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh 2017 to Year 9. We have had a fantastic response and look forward to commencing the training this week. On Thursday, last year's Bronze students produced some excellent presentations highlighting their expedition aim. Well done to the twenty-eight students who have now successfully completed their Bronze Award.

### **Jeans for Genes Day**

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September the school supported Jeans for Genes Day by wearing Jeans and donating £1 or 2. Jeans 4 Genes is the annual fundraising campaign for Genetic Disorders UK, the national charity that supports individuals and families affected by a genetic disorder. Monies raised on Jeans for Genes Day fund the work of the charity and provide grants to organisations for projects that aim to transform the lives of children with genetic disorders. The school raised £472.40.

## Results from the PE Department

Congratulations to the Year 10 Netball team who beat Fleetwood 26-0 in their opening match of the season.

The Year 10 Football Team beat South Shore Academy 5-1 in the cup. Next round is the quarter final. Man of the match Ben Evedon.

Year 10 Football Team results:

Baines 3 Cardinal Allen 3

Baines 4 Fleetwood High School 0 - Man of the match: B. Grundy

Year 9 Football Team results

Baines 5 Fleetwood 2 - League - Man of the match: Kyle Higham

Baines 5 Cardinal Allen 0 - League - Man of the Match: Adam Meadows

Baines 16 Aspire 4 - Cup - Man of the Match: Brad Norman

Year 11 Football team results

Baines 1 Cardinal Allen 1 - Man of the Match - Joe Warren Plant

Baines 3 Fleetwood 0 - Man of the Match - Luca Hardman

## Macmillan Cake Sale

Some sixth form volunteers are planning our very own Macmillan fundraising event by holding a cake sale on the 29<sup>th</sup> September at lunchtime in the main school hall. It is a while since we had a cake sale at Baines School and I want the school to be able to support such fantastic causes. **Please take note of the following health and safety notice: the cakes are made by volunteers at their own homes or purchased from shops, so we as a school have not supervised their production and are not aware of the ingredients for allergy information. If you have any concerns about the cakes, please advise your child not to purchase any, they may of course make donations.**

## Health Update

As we approach autumn, with that comes colds, coughs etc. We really want to encourage students to maximise their attendance and not take time off school for a basic cold. However, we do want to make sure we support health and well-being and are asking for your assistance in minimising the spread of norovirus.

Please be vigilant with your child for any outbreaks of diarrhoea and vomiting.

Symptoms will begin around 12 to 48 hours after becoming infected and will last for 12 to 60 hours, they include: -

**nausea**

**vomiting**

**watery diarrhoea**

**raised temperature (for some people)**

**headaches (for some people)**

**aching limbs (for some people)**

If you suspect your child has norovirus, please follow the advice from NHS Direct. You are most infectious from when your symptoms start until 2 days after they have passed. If your child has these severe symptoms, please ensure they have been symptom free for 48 hours before returning to school.

### **Additional Music Lessons**

In addition to the music lessons in curriculum time, we offer peripatetic music lessons for a range of instruments. A number of students have already signed up for these and lessons will recommence week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September. It still isn't too late to express interest in lessons - pupils need to speak to Miss Cleary at reception ASAP and ask for a letter. They need to return the letter with the payment of £65 (shared lesson) or £85 (individual lesson). Lesson times will be available on the music department notice board near the sixth form common room on a Friday afternoon. If anyone is still unsure, please see Mr Farmer or Mr Hartnett and they will be able to explain.

### **Forthcoming Events:**

- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Prospective Year 7 Open Evening 6.30-9pm
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Year 12 & 13 'Live n Learn' Session in the School Hall
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September & Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Year 11 GCSE Geography Field Trips
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Years 7, 9 & 12 School Photographs
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October – 'Meet the Head' Coffee Morning 10-11.30am
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Years 7, 11 & 12 'Meet the Tutor' Event 5.30-7pm

### **Staff Vacancies**

We are advertising for two posts at the school, **Assistant Site Supervisor** and **Librarian**. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please find the details on our website under staff vacancies (very bottom of the homepage)

I hope you have enjoyed reading this update, as you can see there are lots of things happening at school. If you have any queries or wish to share successes with us, please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@baines.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:info@baines.lancs.sch.uk).

**Nil Sine Labore**

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