



Headteacher Update - 3rd June 2019

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

I hope you have all had a wonderful half term break, it is a shame that the sun wasn't shining for most of it. As we move into the final half term, I really want the students to focus on making sure their work reflects their ability and shows that they have a high learning ethic. I will be spending time in lessons looking at the quality of their work and the pride that they show in their books. We need to help the students have a strong commitment and be developing independence in their approach to learning.

I am really looking forward to our very first **Children's University Graduation** which will be at 6.30pm on Tuesday 4th June in the school hall. We have over 30 students from Years 7, 8 and 9 who will be receiving their awards, recognising learning out of lessons. We are still waiting for a few responses from parents/carers to let us know if they are attending. We are also waiting for some photographs of the children taking part in some of their activities out of lessons.

Hopefully your child brought home a letter about Activity Day on the last day before the holiday. It explains the different trips available to each year group and the estimated cost (estimated on predicted upon student numbers). We need the reply slips as soon as possible so that we can finalise trip numbers and start collecting payments through ParentPay.

Thank you to those of you who have completed our online survey for the review of the Pastoral Structure. The deadline for parent/carer responses is this Wednesday. The students will give their feedback during form time this week. All responses will contribute to the review and decisions we make about our pastoral structure for September.

Please use this link to answer the questions: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9Q97FKR>

I was so pleased to receive interest from a number of people for our parent/carer governor vacancies. I am just waiting for some final information from the Local Authority about how to proceed and will then make contact with all of those who have shown an interest.

Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter as a reminder about our special evening to celebrate the Sixth Form. Anyone who has had a link to the Sixth Form is most welcome, and I know some have said they would like to reminisce with a game of table tennis. We do need to order the food so please contact us for tickets no later than the end of the **11th June**.

One last thing which is a little sensitive, over the last few weeks I have received an increase in the number of requests for leave of absence due to holidays. We are also aware that some students have gone on holidays without requesting the leave. As you are aware, I am unable to authorise holidays during term time unless it is exceptional circumstances but I do appreciate those people who do fill in the requests and following the correct processes. It is always a difficult conversation or letter to write when we have been made aware that a student is on holiday without the official leave request being made.

Stars of the Week



Sporting Success

Athletic Competition



The Year 8 and 9 girls did really well at the Combined Events athletic competition at Stanley Park.

There were 12 schools competing in each age group. Each girl had to compete in the 800m, one of the sprints, long or high jump and one of the throws.

The year 8's were carrying a couple of injuries but managed to finish in 6th place, and Chanter was 2nd overall in the Year 8 girls Shot out of approximately 50 competitors.

The Year 9 team were outstanding and managed to finish joint second overall with Kirkham Grammar School.

Swimming success

Jacob (Year 7) took part in the Blackpool Rocks ASA open swim meet over the early May Bank Holiday weekend. He had 6 fantastic swims, achieving a personal best in all 6 races and included the following excellent positions:

GOLD medal (100m backstroke 1.19)

2 SILVER medals (200m backstroke 2.49 and 50m freestyle 31.96)

4th (200m freestyle 2.37)

5th (200m IM 2.56 and 100m freestyle 1.11). These are fantastic results and reward for all the hours of hard work that Jacob puts in.

Other Successes

International Women's Day Festival

On Thursday 25th April, two of our year 9 girls, Abigail and Niamh, were selected to represent Baines School at an additional presentation following the success of the International Women's Day Festival 2019. The girls were given the opportunity to provide a presentation to approximately 80 sponsors in the hope of gaining support so the event could run again next year.

On the day, the girls were fantastic. They were calm, confident and a true representation of the incredible students we have at Baines. Although they were very nervous, they were able to deliver their presentation with an air of confidence and pride. The students received a wealth of positive feedback and praise from sponsors and other schools alike, commenting on their delivery, appearance and manners.

It was a really fantastic evening and the event was met with real positivity. Hopefully, we will be able to see another group of girls (and hopefully boys for International Men's Day) attend another excellent event next year.

Baines students excelling in the Ogden Awards Ceremony this year!



This year we had so many winners at the Ogden Awards ceremony and we are so proud of each and every one. The Ogden Trust are committed to promoting a love of the physical sciences and provide opportunities for students to take part in all sorts of events **making physics matter** that are rooted in Physics or Chemistry disciplines.

This year seven Baines students picked up Chemist and Physicist of the Year awards and Torah won two of the competitions and picked up a fantastic 2 awards. Well done everyone you really are Baines at its Best!



It was also very nice to see former Baines Student Vicky, picking up her award for Sixth form 'Physicist of the Year'.

Year 9 Theatre Trip

Towards the end of April, our Year 9s experienced a breath-taking live theatre performance. Blood Brothers at Winter Gardens is a spectacular show that explores the class system, family loyalty and friendship. Our students embraced the musical with enthusiasm and maturity - laughter mixed with tears, another fantastic theatre visit!

Eco Schools Bronze logo



Report from the Eco-Committee. We have successfully gained the first award in recognition of our work to make the school more environmentally friendly. The first step was to establish an eco-committee. This was formed out of a group of enthusiastic and passionate year 7, 8 and 9s. The process then became student-led, following elections for post-bearers. The group delivered assemblies to recruit more

members and inform the school of our aims.

The group then carried out an audit of the school in ten areas: bio-diversity, energy, global citizenship, healthy living, litter, marine, school grounds, transport, waste and water. The results of the survey are available for all the school to read and a copy is displayed on the eco-school's noticeboard.

For the bronze award it is recommended that schools focus on three areas, decide actions, and allocate timescales and people responsible for making sure the actions take place. We decided to focus on biodiversity, litter and waste.

In the first category we have undertaken the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch and plan to undertake other surveys in the warmer months (such as butterfly and bee surveys); we are providing habitats for wildlife in the form of bug shelters, bird and bat boxes; we have made bird feeders and will replace and refill these as required.

In the litter category we took part in the Great British Spring Clean and picked litter every lunchtime for a week, we conduct regular surveys monitoring bin use and the amount of litter. We plan to carry out a litter pick at least monthly. We are setting up recycling areas and have registered as a collection point for crisp packets and dental products for recycling (so feel free to send them in to school!).

Looking at waste we will work with the refectory to reduce and eventually cut out single use plastics. We are creating a survey for staff to monitor use (and waste) of resources such as pens, rulers and paper to see if we can reduce waste in these areas. We will liaise with teachers to promote the use of online homework to reduce printing waste.

We have a lot of good ideas and have plans for big projects to reduce fast fashion waste and promote technology recycling, so watch this space!

If you are interested and would like to get involved, we would welcome participation from more students, parents and carers, governors and staff members.

Year 11 Update from Mr Flynn

As the exams progress, subject briefings will continue, which are led by a member of the department in the refectory before every exam, this is a privilege for the students and will be respected accordingly.

The yearbook is complete and with the publishers for printing. I would like to thank the Head Boys and Head Girls for all their hard work in putting this together.

A reminder that the Prom is at The Grand Hotel, Blackpool on Thursday 27th June, 7pm for a 7:30pm start. This is a lovely opportunity for families and friends to see the students arriving. The final invites will be issued after the end of the very last exam for those students who have displayed the Baines values, including high standards in relation to attendance, work ethic, behaviour, commitment to their own and the learning of others throughout Year 11 and the examination period.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best for these exams as they are an accumulation of five years' hard work.

Year 10 Post 16 Choices (Careers Education)

As part of our on-going Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance program we will be actively supporting our Year 10 students in making their post 16 choices. Over the coming months there will be focused opportunities and guidance available including; careers and mock interviews, a post 16 options evening (showcasing local providers), assemblies delivered by visiting speakers and targeted one to one support. The first two key dates are the **3rd and 8th of July** when students will be taken off site to spend the day at either **Blackpool Sixth Form or Blackpool and Fylde College**. These visits will give students the opportunity to find out about student life at their chosen establishment and to learn more about the subjects offered. **Students have received a letter in registers, please complete and return the reply slip as soon as possible.**

New Appointment: Progress Leader of Tomlinson

Miss Pass has been promoted to leader Tomlinson House, with a specific focus on Y10 for the remainder of this academic year. Mr Hartley will be moving his expertise and focus onto 'XYZ'.

Miss Pass has stated 'Tomlinson House and our cohort of Y10 pupils are a fantastic group of young people, I am looking forward to leading these pupils, to support pupil progress and maintaining the high standards we expect at Baines School.

Student Council

The student council are currently organising two exciting weeks for July; a Random Act of Kindness week and a Charity week.

More information to follow in the next update!

Safeguarding Updates

E-Safety Update -Educating children about the dangers of misuse online

ARE YOU PROTECTING YOUR CHILD
online?

Keep Updated:
@Blackpoolpolice#opsafetynet
Blackpool police

PC Van Der Goss presented a fantastic E-safety session to parents on Thursday 23rd May.

These leaflets were distributed and are really informative for parents and carers of children who have access to connective devices.

KEEP SAFE Please keep a record of your IMEI number and your serial number for your device:

IMEI Number: _____

Device Serial Number: _____

Children are at risk from sharing too much information about themselves online. You can help by...



-  Having parental controls in place on all devices in your home. You can find help with this by visiting an NSPCC GURU in O2 store or booking an appointment online www.o2.co.uk or visit the NSPCC website.
-  Making sure, if they are exposed to something which makes them feel upset, worried or unsafe, that they are able to talk to someone and know how to **LEAVE THE WEBSITE, BLOCK IT & REPORT IT.** (www.nspcc.org.uk & <http://www.ceop.police.uk/>)
-  Keeping their privacy settings as high as possible.
-  Ensuring their personal locations are kept secret at all times.
-  Discussing the dangers of meeting up in the real world with 'online friends'. **THEY OFTEN AREN'T WHO THEY SAY THEY ARE!**
-  Only allowing age-appropriate apps and games. Social media accounts have a minimum age limit due to their often inappropriate content.
-  Making a family agreement, which you can all use to stay safe, with agreed sites to use and time limits for being online.
-  Sharing and being involved with their online life, always knowing who they are talking to and the sites they are exploring.
-  Telling them that making, possessing and distributing any imagery of someone under 18 which is 'indecent' is illegal. This includes imagery of themselves if they are under 18.

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Malicious Communications Act 1988
 1988 CHAPTER 27

An Act to make provision for the punishment of persons who send or deliver letters or other articles for the purpose of causing distress or anxiety.

Offence of sending letters etc. with intent to cause distress or anxiety. E+W

(1) Any person who sends to another person—

- (a) a letter, electronic communication or article of any description] which conveys—
- (i) a message which is indecent or grossly offensive;
- (ii) a threat; or
- (iii) information which is false and known or believed to be false by the sender; or
- (b) any article or electronic communication] which is, in whole or part, of an indecent or grossly offensive nature,

is guilty of an offence if his purpose, or one of his purposes, in sending it is that it should, so far as falling within paragraph (a) or (b) above, cause distress or anxiety to the recipient or to any other person to whom he intends that it or its contents or nature should be communicated.



#opsafetynet Educating children about the dangers of online misuse

Did you know?



Research states that mental health issues affect about 1 in 10 children. The emotional wellbeing of children is just as important as their physical health. Good mental health allows young people to develop resilience, cope with the ups and downs in life and grow into healthy adults.

Surveys suggest that most young people are mentally healthy but more children are having problems due to life changes, traumatic events, feeling vulnerable or not coping with difficult situations. The Guardian has recently published that tens of thousands of young people in Britain are struggling with their mental health and are seeking help online for problems.

Research indicates that common mental health problems for young people include depression, self-harm, eating disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and panic attacks. Poor mental health in childhood affects educational attainment, increases the likelihood of smoking, alcohol and drug use, and has consequences for poorer physical health in later life.



What can you do?

Take time to do some research about mental health issues and symptoms with young people. Point your child towards websites or helplines that can give them information as well. Here are some useful websites to get you started:

www.mind.org.uk www.youngminds.org.uk

Seek further advice from a professional if you are worried or concerned about your child.

Talk to your child about any worries they have, be supportive and show empathy and understanding. Try to avoid persistent questioning but encourage them to open up to you and reassure them that you are there to help them. Try to make your child feel loved, trusted and safe.

Don't blame yourself for any problems your child is having as this will not help the situation. Be honest and explain that you are worried and help them access the right kind of help. Encourage your child to take up healthy habits to help them to maintain a positive state of mental health. Examples are:

- Healthy eating
- Good sleep routine
- Seeing friends and connecting with others
- Taking time out to relax
- Exercising
- Doing hobbies
- Spend time outdoors

e: enquiries@pixl.org.uk www.pixl.org.uk

better future - brighter hope

Changes to Buses



There will be the following bus changes after the half-term:

607 Thistleton/Elswick/Gt Eccleston/Poulton Schools. Will be provided by Bradshaws Travel.

648 Fleetwood/Poulton High Schools. Will be provided by Archway Travel Ltd.

Race for Life



Thank you to everyone who has joined Baines in entering the Race for Life. We will send out additional information shortly, when we have all the registration numbers.



Thank you to everyone who has been clicking on our School Angel link before purchasing online. It is an easy way to raise money for the school without it costing you anything. Any online purchases you make through the link on the Baines website will earn the school a small percentage of the money you spend. This does not cost you any additional money but the companies make a charitable contribution to our school. We now have just over £200.00 raised for school. There is a PowerPoint on our website explaining how to use the School Angel website. Please continue to support us by sharing the link with family and friends for online purchases.

<https://www.schoolangel.org.uk/baines-school.html>

Forthcoming Events:

3rd June- School Re-opens

4th June – Children’s University Graduation (invited families only)

10th June-Year 7 Consultation Evening 4-7pm

12th June-Year 5 Moving Up Evening 6-7.15pm (final session for any families who wish to attend)

19th June –Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip to the River Wyre

20th June- Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip to the River Wyre

21st June – Celebration of our Sixth Form Evening

21st June- Year 8 MFL Paris Trip Departs

24th June- Year 8 MFL Paris Trip Returns

26th June- Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip to the River Wyre

27th June- Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip to the River Wyre

27th June- Year 11 Leavers Ball-The Grand Hotel.

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Alison Chapman, Headteacher

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BAINES 6TH FORM 'THE FINAL CELEBRATION'

**We would like to invite you to our 'Final celebration' as we say
goodbye to our Sixth Form.
A chance to reminisce, share stories and socialise with old friends**

**Friday 21st June – 7pm
Baines Sixth Form**

**Tickets available from the Main school office
£8**

**Ticket price includes hot food and dessert
A Bar will be available on the evening
(cash only)**



The Creative Arts Department & friends
presents



Summer Creative Arts Evening

Featuring:
School Music Ensembles - Dance - Musical
Theatre - Instrumental/Vocal Soloists

A fantastic evening celebrating performances and work from
the Creative Arts Department plus friends

Tuesday 9th July 2019 at 7.00pm

Creative Arts Gallery - viewing from 6.15pm

Tickets available on the door

£3 adults - £2 children/students/concessions

Baines School
Highcross Road, Poulton-le-Fylde
Lancashire



Creative Arts Department