



Headteacher Update - 28th October 2019

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

Welcome back! I cannot believe we are now at the start of the second half term, as we head towards winter please try to encourage your child to wear a coat to school and as it is dark early, please also encourage them to be able to be seen in the dark. While I am talking about safety, please encourage helmets if your child cycles. I always worry about them on the roads, as we cannot predict the behaviour of all drivers, especially on country roads. On a final safety note, as it is close to Halloween and Bonfire nights, please discuss with your child ways to keep themselves safe and to keep our community safe. Many members of our community are elderly so please to be supportive and sensitive to this, they may not wish to answer the door on such evenings. I hope our students will attend professionally organised Bonfire and Firework evenings so that there are no risks to their safety.

Thank you for all your patience (and especially from the students) about the sports facilities at the moment. The astro-turf should have been completed by now but because of the torrential rain, the foundations became saturated. The governors have approved for additional drainage work to be completed so that our new astro-turf will be of quality to last many years. Unfortunately, the unforeseen work has doubled the cost of the astro-turf. I am hoping that this will now only be a few weeks before it is ready for use.

Unfortunately, I do not have much to update you about regarding the repairs and clean up from the fire yet. Many companies have visited the site to assess the work that needs doing. We are still waiting for the results from the forensic team ascertaining how the fire started, (please be reassured it was not malicious in any way). Once this has happened, then the repairs and cleaning can start. At the very least I hope that the changing rooms will be in use very soon so that PE lessons can resume on the school field. The PE team have been fantastic in adapting to the circumstances and I am very confident that our students will have a great understanding about muscles and how PE and physical activity contributes to improving the health and fitness of our bodies. We are rotating students so they are getting some practical work, focussing on fitness such as circuits, aerobics, dance and how exercise affects the heart.

You may be aware that the deadline is fast approaching to apply for a Secondary School place to start in Year 7 for September 2020. All places have to be applied through the Lancashire portal: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/?page=1> . Lancashire have asked us to remind parents and carers that even if you have another child at our school, you still need to apply for all students who are in year 6 by the end of October 2019.

A gentle reminder that the deadline to return your votes for our Parent Governor vacancies is Tuesday 29th October at 9.00am. We will be unable to accept any votes after that date. I shall inform you of the successful candidates once the votes have been counted and ratified. A number of parents and carers have expressed an interest in re-forming the Friends of Baines (as a community group). It is lovely to

know we have members of the community who want to help develop our school through social events and fundraising ideas. Mrs Doherty will be arranging a meeting for anyone interested to come and give their ideas.

Finally, on the community theme; we now have a James Baines Community Room, this is where the Former Pupils Group meets and in time the newly formed 'Friends of Baines'. It is a lovely room where we are developing the school archives and recording living memories. Muriel Ryding organised an event last week where members of the Former Pupils Association and former teachers came to see the room and the archives. It was lovely to meet staff and former students who have happy memories of our school. We will extend this invite to others in the future.

The DfE announced the draft Progress 8 results last week. We still have some amendments to make as the results for one of our vocational courses had been missed from their calculations, we now have a two-year improving trend for our Progress 8 result. We still have some way to go for me to be happy but if we can improve the attendance for students, this will lead to improved results and if we can help all of our students to want to achieve their best and have the work ethic for this (some are happy to settle for a lower grade), then again that will lead to the gains required. The majority of our students are displaying positive learning behaviours, we just need to work with the few who need to improve this. So please praise all your children who do work really hard, and please have a word with those who perhaps don't!

Stars of the Week



Sporting Success

Year 7 Football Tournament- Mr Vernon

Baines Year 7 boys played brilliantly at their first football tournament together and WON! This puts them through to the next round.

They beat St Mary's 2-1, Montgomery 4-1 and drew 2-2 with Carr Hill to seal the victory after being 2-0 down at half time.

I am very proud of them and it's a great start to their fixtures at Baines.

Year 9 Football Lancashire Cup-Mr Flynn

The boys travelled to Broughton in the first round of the Lancashire Cup. They played on a hockey Astro pitch which was a new experience for the players as they were not used to it.

The boys went two nil down but managed to come back to win Broughton 2-3 Baines. Man of The Match performance was from Jackson.

The boys play will play away at St. Wilfred's, Blackburn in the next round.

Other Success

Irish Dancing Championships

Katie competed in the All Scotland Irish dancing championships which was held at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall. She was competing in the Great British Championships during half term, I look forward to learning about this experience.



Fleetwood Music & Arts Festival



Eleanor in Year 7 entered 3 classes in the Fleetwood Music & Arts Festival this year.

Class 112 – Prepared Prose Reading, age 10 and 11. For this Eleanor had to read a piece of prose by the festivals chosen author, to an invited audience and an adjudicator. Eleanor gained first place.

Class 82 – Set Verse Speaking, age 10 and 11. The festival had chosen 2 poems for this class. Eleanor chose her favourite poem, learnt it and then delivered this with expression to a judge and invited audience. She gained first place in this class.

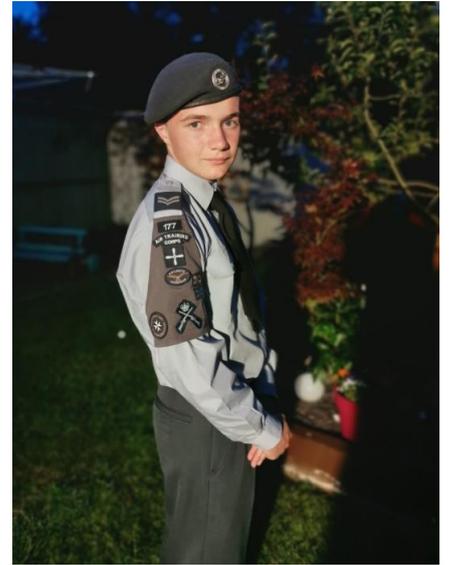
Class 91A – Novice Verse Speaking, age 10 and 11. The competitors for this class chose their own poem. Eleanor chose her poem, learnt it and then delivered this to a judge and invited audience. She came second in this class.

As she had won the Set Verse Speaking, she was invited to the evening championship, to recite her poem again to a panel of judges and an audience. What a fantastic experience for Eleanor and I look forward to following her as she progresses through the years at Baines.

Air Cadet Success

Elliott one of our Year 10 students took part in the Air Cadets inter-squadron swimming gala at Preston in September. This competition is between all local air cadet squadrons from the Cumbria and Lancashire wing, where he won a silver medal for 50m butterfly.

From this he was selected to swim in the junior boy's freestyle relay team for Lancashire and Cumbria wing, against all the wings in the North region, at Catterick at the beginning of October. There the relay team won gold. He has now been selected to represent the North region at the national swimming competition against all regions from across the country, at RAF Cranwell with the relay team on the 26th October. This is a fantastic achievement and opportunity for Elliott. He has also recently been promoted to the rank of Corporal at cadets.



Little Miss Teen pageant



Aaliyah in Year 7, saw off rivals from across Great Britain to be named as one of the semi-finalists in the Little Miss Teen competition. The competition aims to empower young girls from across the country and promote positive body image and charity work - and the final takes place at Blackpool's Globe Theatre.

In October, Aaliyah will be attending the semi-final's in Liverpool, and hopes to book a place in the grand final in October next year. The competition places emphasis on raising money for charity and over the years it has raised thousands of pounds for the chosen cause, together for Short Lives, which helps families with very ill younger children.

Aaliyah regularly attends a youth club at Grange Park, The Boathouse, which runs a busy schedule of activities for members, and Aaliyah will be fundraising there for 'Together for Short Lives'. The Little Miss Teen judges were impressed with Aaliyah's photographs and her online written résumé, in which Aaliyah explained her interests and what the competition meant to her. Good luck Aaliyah!

Blackpool Ice Show – Beauty and the Beast

At the end of this update you will see a poster about the BIDCA ice show. It is usually a fantastic spectacle (last year was Mary Poppins) and proceeds go to local children's charities. Four of our students, Sienna, Finley, Louie and Hatti are all in it!

Visit to Blackpool Sixth Form

I was so pleased to visit Blackpool 6th Form recently where I met with Jill Gray (the Principal) and with some of our Year 11 students who left last year. They have all settled in well and are studying a range of subjects, mostly in A Levels. It is lovely to see how they are progressing well, some even returned to



school to help out at the careers fair recently as Baines Student Ambassadors. A number of the students are part of the Sixth Form Excellence Academy, volunteering, playing in the band / orchestra and drama groups, working towards the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, in addition to their studies. I look forward to welcoming them back on the GCSE Awards Evening at the end of November and keeping in touch as they further develop.

Careers at Baines – ‘Encouraging our young people to reach their full potential’

A key part of our Careers Programme is ensuring our students have the opportunity to receive impartial advice and guidance regarding their next steps. On Thursday 10th October Year 11 students attended our post 16 evening where we showcased the alternative Post 16 provision that students have access to in order to make informed choices for their best destination next year. The evening was both useful and informative and we were pleased to welcome Blackpool and Fylde College, Blackpool Sixth Form, The Army, RAF, UCLAN and Myerscough.

Young Chefs Award-Mr Grundy

Fourteen of our Year 10 and 11 catering students have been attending The Blackpool and Fylde College Young Chefs Award on a Wednesday evening. This is to gain work experience and enhance their chef's skills. This will ultimately lead to the students running The Cloud 6 Restaurant with paying customers.



Baines school is the only school that's been invited to work with the college in this manner. The students are really enjoying learning advanced skills and working in a professional environment. This is a wonderful opportunity to aid a smooth transition from school to a further education and professional catering environment.



Teaching & Learning: Questioning

Over the last two years we have been working hard at refining how we formulate questions and at improving students' responses to our questioning. We are also working to help students to have the confidence and depth of knowledge to ask more challenging questions.

Our **No Hands Up** practice came through this work so that every learner anticipates that the teacher may select them to answer a question so that they should have thought of an answer. Often we don't simply want 'an answer' to a question but 'the best answer' a student can give to a question.

This best answer should incorporate topic-specific vocabulary and a student should explain their answer and/or give their opinion as well as, perhaps, other points of view or factors.

We try to give students an appropriate amount of thinking time to formulate an answer. We may ask a closed knowledge-based question (who/when) which requires little thought but if asking a challenging question then we may give a student 5/10/20 seconds or even longer: a challenging question will require time to prepare an answer. We may then use **Think-Pair-Share**: after providing individual thinking time we pair students up to learn from one another, compare their answers to improve their own answer and fill any gaps. Answers may then be shared with other pupils, a different table or the whole class. The purpose of each stage of this is to help students to give clear and accurate answers.

How can you help support your child in this?

Whilst your questions may be met with tired monosyllabic teenage language at the end of a half-term, try giving your child time to think about an answer. If their answers are shorter than you'd like, immediately jumping to a 'why' or 'how' question may be a stage too far for them. You may need to build to this more demanding style of question. Closed questions (when? what did you do? who with?) are less taxing and can help lead a student to the more challenging how/why answers.

If your child already excels in providing detailed answers and justifying opinions whilst being considerate of others' points of view, then give them a big 'pat on the back' so that this never stops!

Our half-termly celebration assemblies took place during the last week before half term

There have been thousands of rewards points awarded over the last half term, we have awarded 96% positive compared to only 4% behaviour points. This is exactly how the relationship should be between rewards and sanctions. I am amazed that some students have already received their bronze reward badge, this definitely bodes well for the gold and platinum awards later in the year. There were many students who received 100% attendance certificates. Please keep encouraging both excellent attendance and positive learning with your child.

Year 7 Celebrations-Mrs Cuthbertson

Stars of the Week	Bronze Award (200+ Points)	Top 5 Performers	Form Tutor Awards
Tyler	Sophie	Sophie	EGS-Harry
Noel	Noel	Noel	LAL-Maria
Magda	Ollie	Ollie	CDS-Hatti
Ollie	Magda	Magda	DWA-Ralphie
Sophie	Mary-Jane	Mary-Jane	MMA-George
Bella	Erin		THA-Magda
William			HGI-Liam

Year 8 Celebrations-Mr Patel

Stars of the Week	Bronze Award (200+ Points)	Top 5 Performers	Form Tutor Awards
Matthew	Jamie	Jamie	SPE – Mimi
Harrison	Sian	Ricky	DVN – Jenson
Sian	Ruby	Sian	RSH – Lily
Ruby	Ricky	Ruby	NBL – Ella
Jamie	Victoria	Mimi	SRU – Trayden
Ricky	Mimi		DGR – Logan
Keira			

Year 9 Celebrations- Dr Metcalfe

Stars of the Week	Bronze Award (200+ Points)	Top 5 Performers
Kya	Livs	Ollie
Lilly	Jocelyn	Domi
Ollie	Torah	Livs
Livs		Torah
Kody		Esmee
Finn		Jessica
Hope		

Year 10 Celebrations-Mrs Pass

Stars of the Week	Bronze Award (200+ Points)	Top 5 Performers
William	Sienna	Ashleigh
Brooke	Kerri	Jerry
Sienna	Ashleigh	Kerri
Thomas		Abi
Bryn		Jasmine
Ashleigh		

Year 11 Celebrations- Mr Flynn

It has been busy this half term. The prefects are doing a great job around the school assisting in the day to day running. This is overseen by the head boys and girls, who also do a great job.

Year 11 have had a careers evening when many local post 16 providers came to Baines to guide the students in their choices. There was a variety of providers there from the local colleges to the army. The students were very interested in what they all had to offer and gained some valuable information to help guide them onto the right course.

The preparation for the yearbook has already started. This is a huge job and requires a vast amount of time hence the reason why it is already underway. The prom venue is booked. **The prom this year will be on Thursday 25th June at the Glass House, Staining Golf Club.**

The stars of the week for year 11 are as follows: Sophia, Freya, Callum, Tomas, Lauren, Ethan. From a sporting point of view, the boys have been taking part in the local rugby fixtures at Garstang Academy and the girls have been busy taking part in the local netball league (narrowly missing out on the championship a few weeks ago). The boys football team are through to the next round of the English Schools Cup with a win on penalties against Maricourt Catholic High School from Liverpool.

As we look forward to the next half term there are many events planned in for year 11. There will be a mini rewards trip to the Trafford Centre on Thursday 28th November for a little Christmas shopping (get your orders in!). Students will be leaving at lunch time and returning in the early evening. The London trip run by the English department is also taking place.

There will be prelim exams before Christmas (details to follow shortly). The year 11 mock exams start on Monday 10th February and finish on Friday 28th February. These are vital for students as they highlight any gaps in learning and give them an insight into the experience of a full exam timetable and the requirements needed to fulfil that. Students should already be undertaking a revision programme.

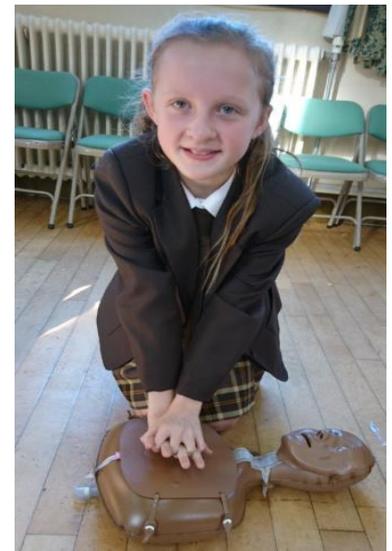
Restart a Heart Day



Restart a Heart Day
16 October 2019



All Year 7 students completed the Restart a Heart programme on Thursday. The students were exceptional and have learned a valuable skill! Thank you to the ambulance service for their support and expertise in volunteering for the whole day.

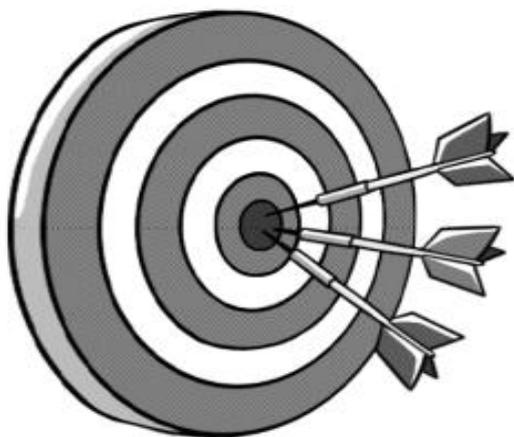


Safeguarding

Setting Safety and Privacy Settings for Social Media apps/Parent Zone

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/setting-safety-and-privacy-settings-social-media-apps>

Did you know?



An important part of teenage life should be relaxation. It is an essential part of maintaining health and wellbeing and being able to calmly deal with stress and pressure which, as we know, can be quite intense during the school years and especially being an adolescent.

Research shows that young people face many different kinds of stress, worry, anxiety and can feel overwhelmed for various reasons. Relaxation has been defined as a 'state of being free from tension and anxiety'. We often forget to switch off as adults but it is important that we do that in order to help children learn important skills.

Many studies highlight the benefits of relaxation and here are a few:

- Slows the heart and breathing rate
- Improves concentration and mood
- Reduces anger and frustration
- Reduces the activity of stress hormones
- Improves digestion
- Increases blood flow to the muscles
- Relaxes the muscles
- Improves sleep quality



What can you do?

One of the simplest relaxation techniques is to practice breathing. Teach your child to take deep slow breaths when they are feeling anxious. Just a few deep breaths can provide an instant calming effect that can help reduce stress. Look out for mindfulness apps or video resources on YouTube that offer example breathing exercises, such as Headspace or Calm.

Learning to relax is something that you can do together as a family. Try having a go a Yoga or a relaxing activity together. Yoga will improve flexibility, posture and give you and your child a sense of inner calm. Encourage your child to go to a local class or

follow a simple Yoga session on YouTube. Other things could be having quiet time to read, going for a walk, listening to music or watching a feel-good film.

Another technique for your child to try is 'imagery', having a vision about a happy place so their brains can take a break. Ask them to write down a description of their happy place which includes how it looks, feels, smells and sounds. When they are stressed out, ask them to close their eyes and to think about it. Just like new skills, relaxation techniques require practice so keep prompting them to find out what works for them.

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better future - brighter hope

Operation Christmas Child

The Student Council are supporting Operation Christmas Child this year, and would like to invite all Baines students to get involved. All forms are being asked to fill one box between them, using donations from the students. If you could support this, the Student Council would be very grateful.

The deadline for donations is Friday 8th November.

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2019

Operation Christmas Child 2019

By Abi on behalf of the Baines Student Council.



GIFT SUGGESTIONS:

- ✓ **SOMETHING TO WEAR:** T-shirt, polo shirt, shorts, skirt, cap, beanie, sandals, etc.
- ✓ **SOMETHING TO LOVE:** teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.
- ✓ **SOMETHING SPECIAL:** carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklaces, craft kits, wind-up torch, a personal note, a photo of yourself, etc.
- ✓ **SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL:** exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.
- ✓ **SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH:** tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, etc.
- ✓ **SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE:** soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, scrunchies, hair-clips, etc.

DO NOT INCLUDE:

- ✗ **ITEMS THAT LEAK OR MELT:** (these can spoil boxes) including toothpaste, shampoo, bubbles, crayons and plasticine/play dough
- ✗ **FOOD OR LOLLIES OF ANY KIND:** (due to customs regulations) including medicines and vitamins
- ✗ **USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS:** (due to customs regulations) including worn clothing and old toys
- ✗ **BREAKABLE ITEMS:** including glass, porcelain and mirrors
- ✗ **ITEMS THAT CAN SCARE OR HARM A CHILD:** including Halloween, war or pirate-related items such as toy guns, knives, military figures or skull and crossbones
- ✗ **GAMBLING-RELATED ITEMS:** including play money, playing cards and dominoes
- ✗ **RELIGIOUS LITERATURE:** including tracts and Bibles (every child is given an Operation Christmas Child evangelistic book at an outreach event)

Remember to pray for the child who will receive your shoebox!



These items are prohibited to protect children or to comply with overseas government and customs restraints.



Thank you to everyone who has been clicking on our School Angel link on our website before purchasing online. It is an easy way to raise money for the school without it costing you anything. As it nears Christmas, it would be wonderful if you could remember to click our link before shopping (especially for places like Amazon).

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 £220.00 raised for school. I am hoping that this will increase as people start shopping online for Christmas. There is a PowerPoint on our website explaining how to use the School Angel website. Over the next few weeks we will show the students the site and email the PowerPoint home again as a gentle reminder. It is a little something you and family and friends can do to support Baines without it costing you anything. 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

4th November-Year 11 Pre-Lims begin

11th November- Creative Arts Festival (all day)/ Remembrance day.

12th November- Creative Arts Festival (all day)

13th November- Creative Arts Festival (all day)

18th November-Year 11 Inspector Calls, Footlights Theatre Company-9am In the Hall

27th November-Year 11 Class of 2018 GCSE Awards Evening at 7pm

28th November-Year 11 London Theatre Visit

29th November- Year 11 London Theatre Visit

Friday 29th November Inset Day (Twilighted)-School Closed for Staff and Pupils

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Alison Chapman, Headteacher

Beauty AND THE BEAST

A TIMELESS TALE ON ICE



PRESENTED BY BLACKPOOL ICE DROME CHARITIES ASSOCIATION AT THE ARENA

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