



Headteacher Update – 13rd June 2022

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

I would like to say a massive thank you to all parents/carers and students in supporting us in returning to high standards of appearance during the last week. I have seen such a positive difference and appreciate everyone for helping to ‘sweat the small things’.

I would like a push on equipment next week, because it does slow learning down in lessons where we have a few students who are not equipped with the basic equipment in their pencil case (pens, pencils, ruler, rubber, highlighter), reading book and calculator. You all know me well enough by now, that my leadership style is to try to focus on everyone buying in to policies positively, we understand that occasionally a student may forget a piece of equipment or their pen may break or run out during the day. It isn't these students that I want to focus on, it is the ones who come to school every day without the correct equipment, which shows they do not have the correct learning attitude. We do sell pencil cases with the basic equipment in the ILC at £2 each for anyone who hasn't got one. We also sell the recommended scientific calculator online at our school shop. This calculator is good enough for them to use all the way up to their GCSE examinations so is a good investment. Use of the calculator app on mobile phones is not acceptable and children struggle in exams if they have not got used to a calculator they will use in the actual exams. For reading books, every student can loan up to five books at any one time from the ILC so this should not be a problem. We gave every year 7 student a pencil case at the start of term, so they may be hiding under beds or in drawers somewhere. If you have financial challenges and are struggling with the basic equipment, please contact Mr Hartley (mha@baines.lancs.sch.uk).

Our staff have been visiting primary schools to meet and start to get to know the year 6 students who will become our new year 7 in September. We look forward to welcoming them to our Baines family. We have the face to face parental evening on Thursday 30th June and the induction day for students on Friday 1st July.

This final half term is absolutely packed with enrichment activities and should be a fantastic end to the academic year. There is something for everyone! The events include: Race for Life, Musical in a Day for year 7, sports events (both in school and fixtures against other schools), Creative Arts Concert, Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition, Geography Field Trips, Year 10 Work Experience and College taster days, our first Summer Fayre, Awards Evenings, Year 11 Leavers Assembly and Prom and finally, the whole school activity day on Thursday 21st July. I would like to thank you in advance for supporting all of these fantastic events, it is important that we provide opportunities to enrich the lives of our young people beyond the academic curriculum and I hope you appreciate that there is a lot on offer. I have to thank all the staff, students and parents/carers in advance for their hard work and support in running all of these events. It takes a lot of time which is outside of their usual day to day role and they do it because they care – be that student/parent/carers volunteers, people from industry or staff at Baines. At truly heartfelt thank you for making these events a wonderful success.

A personal plea, at times you may be concerned or upset about something that you may have heard has happened. We always work hard to investigate and resolve situations to see what has happened and respond appropriately. While we do this, please try to remain calm, the staff in the main office are

wonderful and are so helpful but have been on the receiving end of verbal abuse from parents/carers. I ask that we work together in a positive way as no-one feels good if they are shouted at or receive an abusive email. I say to the students, life is difficult and there is a lot of sadness and cruelty in the world. We can at least be kind to each other. Thank you again for your support with this as I don't want to have to ask any parents to leave because of the behaviour they have modelled.

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Stars of the Week (Week 1)



Stars of the Week (Week 2)



Successes



Emily in year 9 took her Grade 3 piano exam and was awarded a distinction. She has now jumped to grade 5 and has started to learn her pieces for her next grading. Well done Emily,

Tennis

Just before half term, 8 year 9/10 boys travelled to Stoneyhurst College to play their tennis match. We were welcomed with great hospitality and the boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Harry managed to beat their top seed 7-5! Unfortunately, we didn't win the whole match. We look forward to the return match in a few weeks time.



Platinum jubilee talent competition



Evelyn entered the staining platinum jubilee talent competition and she won not only her category for KS3 (senior school) but she won the competition overall. We are so proud of her so wanted to share her achievement.

Jayden Fox– Soap Awards

Saturday night many of you will have watched the British Soap Awards and seen our fabulous year 8 student Jayden Fox as he was a finalist in the Best Young Actor category. Jayden plays Bobby Costello in Hollyoaks. While he didn't win, it was such a tough category with such talent, it was amazing to see him at the event, looking so smart and proud while with his fellow soap actors. Here are a couple of photographs from the evening, one on his own and the other with former Baines Student, Joe Warren-Plant who stars in Emmerdale. Well done Jayden, a fantastic achievement your family and your Baines family are so proud of you!



Year 7 Founders Service at St Chad's

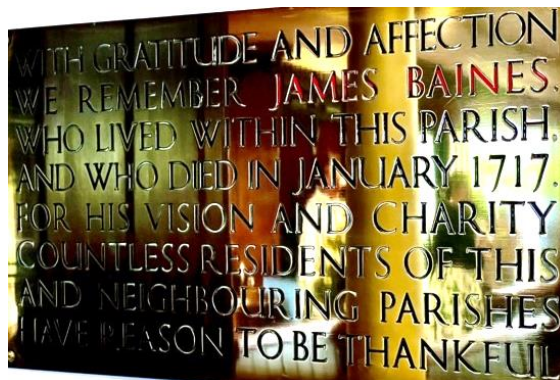


This year it was great to be able to hold our Founder's Service at St Chad's Church in Poulton-le-Fylde. In recent memory we have held this important celebration in December but, for Covid-related reasons, we postponed this year's event until the summer which was the time of year it was traditionally held many years ago.

It is usually the role of our Year 11 Prefects to host this evening but they were unavailable due to GCSE examinations happening at this time of year so this year's service was compered wonderfully by some of our fabulous Year 7 students, with Harrison leading proceedings. We listened to Daisy and Connor speak about the founding of our school and the values that still hold true today. We enjoyed really excellent musical performances listening to solo performances by Jed and Lacey as well as a group performance of a Bruno Mars song, led by Zack. As is tradition, parents/carers heard a rousing rendition of our Year 7s singing our school song, which is always a highlight.

We listened to Ewan and Lydia reading eloquently and saw students presented with Achievement Certificates and their Becoming X Certificates. Year 7s also thanked their Progress Tutors for the support that they provide each day.

Thank you to the teachers who helped to organise this, the many students who played a key role in the service and the parents/carers and family members who attended. We would like to thank David Chadwick who played the organ during the service as well as Rev. Martin Keighley and St Chad's Church for the use of the church where you will find a plaque commemorating James Baines.



Mathematics – Mr Harrison – Hegarty Maths League

First name	Year	Total questions answered correctly	Total hours of learning
Senna	11	900	10.8
Nafisa	8	684	6.2
Maisie	11	611	14.3
Valentina	10	577	5
Laila	11	517	4.3
Laila	8	496	14
Emma	11	488	13
Charlie	11	486	8.9
Zaida	9	416	15.1
Mia	8	380	4.8
Sophia	8	365	8.1
Ethan	7	353	5.3
Alfie	8	339	5.6
Carys	10	309	4.9
Domi	11	300	7.5
Cerys	10	276	2.2
Holly	8	275	1.6
Amber	8	263	2.2
Ethan	11	240	6.4
Jackson	11	238	5.4
Harry	7	231	1
Amelia	8	230	2.8
Cordelia	11	219	4.8
Milly	11	219	1.9
Matthew	10	217	3.7
Khadijah	8	213	2.9
Nadra	8	209	6.9
Jack	8	205	4.1

The number of students who are answering over 200 questions has increased drastically over the past few weeks. This shows how useful a revision tool this has been for exams. The number of year 11's who are on this list now that is increasing as the exams draw nearer. Let's hope the amount of independent work the students are doing has a positive impact on their attainment. It is also great to see a number of students across the other years pushing themselves, especially year 8.

Good luck to the year 11's in their revision for the final two exams. We hope they do well and I look forward to seeing how the leader board develops over this last half term when year 11 have left. Who will be the top 20 students for the year?

Year 11- Mr Flynn

It is with great pleasure and pride that the year 11 students got to wear their 'leavers hoodies' on Friday 27th May for the first time. They have been a credit to the school, and we wish them all the best in the exams and their future studies.

A reminder that the Prom is on Monday 27th June, 7pm for a 7:30pm start.



Literacy Update- Mrs Streetly

Reading Plus

Our top leaderboard students are: ILC - Holly, Cameron, Ruby, Levi and Lilly. In B1 - Aaliyah, Hallie-Jay, Thomas, Miles and Freya.

Read Around:

This month we will be reading around **Modern Foreign Languages**. We have some excellent extracts from books to explore French and Spanish culture from Shadow of the Wind to Chocolat. These short extracts will help us to visualise life in these countries to help contextualise learning.

Root of the Week:

'logy' meaning the study of

'meter'/'metr' meaning to measure

Teacher Training (SCITT) provision

We work with two main school-led teacher training providers.

This information is provided by the Fylde Coast SCITT. If you are interested in a career in primary or secondary teaching, please click the link and make contact with Katie Casey, using the information provided.

Of course I am biased but teaching is a wonderful and most rewarding career (yes hard work, but making a difference to the lives of young people is such a privilege).

Please click on the following link: [information leaflet](#) to a promotion for a local School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) provision, that we would like to share within our community

Please don't hesitate to contact Katie Casey for further enquiries.

Mental Health 'Coffee Morning Drop In'

The Mental Health Nurses organised a 'Coffee morning Drop In' for Baines parents, which was well attended.

The nurses gave advice and helpful information to parents and carers who were interested in supporting their children. Some advice and useful contact information can be found on Class Charts.

Mrs. A Chapman

Headteacher Update



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Careers@Baines

Careers Assemblies

During the week commencing 13th June, our assembly focus will be on Careers and we have decided to have a technology focus. We are thrilled to have Innovate Her on board to deliver a virtual assembly to Year groups 7 to 10. Innovate Her aims to inspire interest into STEM subjects and as a company they are striving to change the way that STEM careers are viewed. These assemblies will provide our students with an insight into the tech sector including what they can do both inside and outside of school in order to pursue a career in the technology industry.

Year 10 - Work Experience

Work Experience week is fast approaching and will begin on Monday 20th June 2022. During this week, Year 10 students will be provided with one day's work experience within their chosen career. There will be a mixture of virtual and in person sessions across the week and timings for these will vary depending on the employer's availability. Mrs Doherty will be delivering an assembly to the Year 10 cohort to outline the programme for each day along with which students are involved.

We are thrilled to have over twenty employers on board to support this event. We have tailored our work experience programme to student's individual career aspirations, which has resulted in a fantastic variety of employers and industry areas. We look forward to welcoming our employer guests and want to say a huge thank you to them for giving up time to support and inspire our students.

Professional Panel

We are hosting a Professional Panel on Thursday 30th June 2022. This event is being delivered to students in Years 8, 9 and 10 with year groups rotating throughout the day.

The aim of the event is help students explore a range of industry areas and to learn about the variety of different job roles within these sectors. We will have four professional guests on the panel from different industry areas to provide an insight into their company and job role. We hope that this event will help to broaden horizons and will encourage students to explore the wide range of career options which are available to them after Baines.

Year 10 and 11 - College Open Events

Myerscough College: Course Advice Day - Sunday 12th June 2022 from 10am until 2pm at the main Preston Campus.

Blackpool and The Fylde College (B&FC): Open Event - Saturday 18th June 2022 from 10.30am until 2.30pm at Bispham Campus and University Centre (Park Road, Blackpool). Please visit the campus where the course you're interested in is delivered – you can check this on the college website.

As part of the **B&FC Bispham Campus event, there will be an Apprenticeship Job Fair** which you can visit to get all the information you need to join an apprenticeship programme with B&FC. You'll also have the opportunity to meet some employers who are looking for apprentices right now! This could be the chance you were looking for to get matched with the perfect employer.

Student Council

Current projects include:

**Year 7 Student Council
Summer Fair Stall** 

When? Friday 15th July from 3pm
Where? We will have a stall in the school hall

Cactus Stall!!

**Year 8 Student
Council Summer
Fair Stall** 

When? Friday 15th July from 3pm
Where? We will have a stall in the school hall

White Elephant Stall!!

**Year 10 Student
Council Summer
Fair Stall** 

When? Friday 15th July from 3pm
Where? We will have a stall in the school hall

Tombola!!

If you feel you are in a position to donate towards the white elephant stall, the normal tombola, or bottle tombola, we would be very grateful. As always, these things only happen due to the generosity of our community.

**Week of 27th June 2022 is our
Charity Week**

**This year we are collecting for
Blackpool Food Bank**

Long life milk
Instant mashed potatoes
Tinned food
Dried food
Toiletries
All donations are very gratefully received.

The student council is also supporting the organisation of Race for Life. As we did last year, all students will be able to run the Race for Life in school and raise money for a very worthy cause.

Year 7X - Friday 8th July periods 1 and 2

Year 7Y - Tuesday 5th July periods 1 and 2

Year 8X - Monday 4th July periods 3 and 4

Year 8Y - Thursday 7th July periods 1 and 2

Year 9X - Wednesday 6th July periods 1 and 2

Year 9Y - Wednesday 6th July periods 3 and 4

Year 10X - Tuesday 5th July periods 5

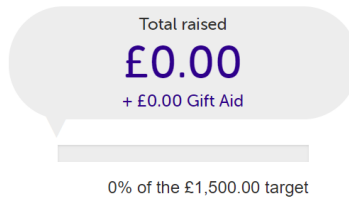
Year 10Y - Friday 8th July periods 4



The sponsorship forms will be handed out this week, with our just giving page going live as well.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/baines-school-1>

Baines School



We will keep you updated with our running total!

Themes of the Week

The theme for the next two weeks are LGBTQ+ and careers.

LGBTQ+ Update

Maintaining an inclusive culture at Baines is very important to all of us. This week all students will attend an assembly as a reminder about how everyone can contribute to this culture. We will be paying attention to respectful and accurate LGBTQ+ terminology and the impact our language can have on others. For anyone who would like advice or information please contact Mrs Moore or Mrs Malone.

Friends of Baines

If you would like to be involved with our own version of a PTFA – Friends of Baines, please contact Mrs Doherty (cdo@baines.lancs.sch.uk) .

We are currently organising a Summer Fair!!! It will be on Friday 15th July from just after 3pm on school premises. We have changed the time to make it earlier for students to browse as well. If you would like a stall, please contact Mrs Doherty. The stalls cost £10 (they will be set up for you in advance), which we will ask to be paid upfront to secure your place. We are hoping to get a selection of stalls and the student councils will be supporting with our tombola.

If anyone has any prizes which they are happy to donate, either for the bottle stall, the usual tombola or for the grand raffle, we would be extremely grateful! Thank you in advance for your support.

We very much value your input in shaping our community.

Safeguarding and Wellbeing

Just a reminder that if you or your son / daughter has any safeguarding concerns, please contact a member of the safeguarding team:

Mrs Doherty (Deputy Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead)

Miss Harkins (Pastoral Manager and Safeguarding Person)

Mr Shillitoe (Head of Creative Arts and Safeguarding Person)

Miss Hayes (Mental Health and Medical Lead)

If you have any ideas how you feel we could improve our safeguarding of students, please feel free to email Mrs Doherty (cdo@baines.lancs.sch.uk)

Please see the link below regarding e-safety

Guides and resources

Parents and Carers



<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Background on the Duke of Lancaster -23rd May 2022

The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment is the Infantry Regiment of the North West of England. This is highlighted by the fact we have the Freedom of 28 cities and towns across the Region and our Regimental recruiting area stretches from the Mersey to the Scottish Border and the Pennines to the Isle of Man. Our cap badge is the Red Rose of Lancaster surmounted by the Royal Crown and surrounded by a Fontenoy laurel wreath, with the regimental motto on a scroll beneath the rose. Today, the Regiment consists of one Regular and a Reserve Battalion. On 1st December 2021, our 2nd Battalion was redesignated the 3rd Battalion the Ranger Regiment, but retains close links with the Regiment. It also has a large cohort of veterans who along with our cadets are part of the wider Regimental family

To support this event, our top, Class Chart scorers from key stage 3, went with Mrs Porter and Mr Spencer to cheer the regiment on! Fortunately, it was sunny and the students and staff enjoyed the event.



Forthcoming Events:

14th June – Year 10A & 10B Geography Field Trip

15th June – Year 10C & 10D Geography Field Trip

20th June – Year 10 Work Experience week

27th June – Year 11 Prom Arrival 7pm for 7.30 start– 11pm Glass House

28th June – Year 10 Taster Day Blackpool Sixth Form

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Alison Chapman, Headteacher



Baines ILC

Check it out!

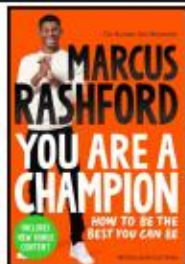
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Dates for your diary

- **6th June**
School reopens after half term
- **9th June**
Empathy Day
- **19th June**
Father's Day
- **20th-26th June**
Independent Bookshop Week



The British Book Awards were held on Monday 23rd May to showcase authors and illustrators. It was a celebration of publishing, writing and illustration.

And the winners are....

Overall Book of the Year

You are a Champion by Marcus Rashford

Author of the Year

Marian Keyes

Illustrator of the Year

Dapo Adeola

Book of the Year-Fiction Debut

Open Water by Caleb Azumah Nelson

Book of the Year-Children's Fiction

When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle

Book of the Year: Audiobook Fiction

Wizards of Once: Never and Forever by Cressida Cowell

<https://www.thebookseller.com/awards/the-british-book-awards>

Reading Around Physical Education



Over the month of May we were encouraging the students to Read Around Physical Education.

Students read extracts from sport biographies, looking at their careers and experiences, considering the type of person you need to be to be dedicated to your career and we also challenged our students to read a biography this month. Students have been reading extracts from the following books:

Coming up for Air by Tom Daley

My Story by Bradley Wiggins and with William Fotheringham

Too Many Reasons to Live by Rob Burrow

Being Freddie: My Story so Far by Andrew Flintoff

Well done!

To celebrate our students achievements we invited our top 10 borrowers and those students who had moved up a level on the Reading Plus programme, to come to the ILC to enjoy a pizza party a Reading Hour.





Check it out!



Independent Bookshop Week 2022 will take place Saturday 18th-Saturday 25th June. IBW is part of the Books Are My Bag campaign, and seeks to celebrate independent bookshops in the UK and Ireland. Your local bookshop will have their own way of celebrating, and we encourage you to visit to celebrate with them. Here are some independent bookshops local to you:

Storytellers Inc-Lytham St Annes.
www.storytellersinc.co.uk

Book Bean and Ice Cream-Kirkham.
www.bookbeanandicecream.co.uk
www.booksaremybag.com

Reading Around...

Modern Foreign Languages



During the month of June we will be Reading Around Modern Foreign Languages. Students will be provided with a recommended reading list that supports the topics they are studying in MFL and each title is available to borrow from the ILC.



Read for Empathy

On the 9th June we celebrate Empathy Day and this year's theme is Empathy, Our Human Superpower. The annual event focuses on using books, and talking about them, to build understanding of the importance and practice of empathy.

EmpathyLab have created a reading list that include books on kindness, understanding, support and how we can make a difference. These titles can also be borrowed from the ILC and our eBook Platform.

- After the War by Tom Palmer
- Black and British by David Olusoga
- Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi & Salaam Yusef
- The Sad Ghost Club by Lize Meddings
- The Crossing by Manjeet Mann
- When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle
- The Year I Didn't Eat by Samuel Pollen
- When Life Gives You Mangoes Kareem Getten
- The Girl Who Stole an Elephant by Nizrana Farook
- How to be Me! by Cath Howe



WE ARE READERS

- This month's most popular author is **Alice Oseman**
- Our top borrowers this month are **Year 7**
- 153 books issued
- Congratulations! **7PDU**
- You have borrowed the most books this month **30 books issued**
- This month we have issued **382 Books**

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