



## Headteacher Update – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Christmas Fair. We managed to raise £662 which will be used for Student Council projects.

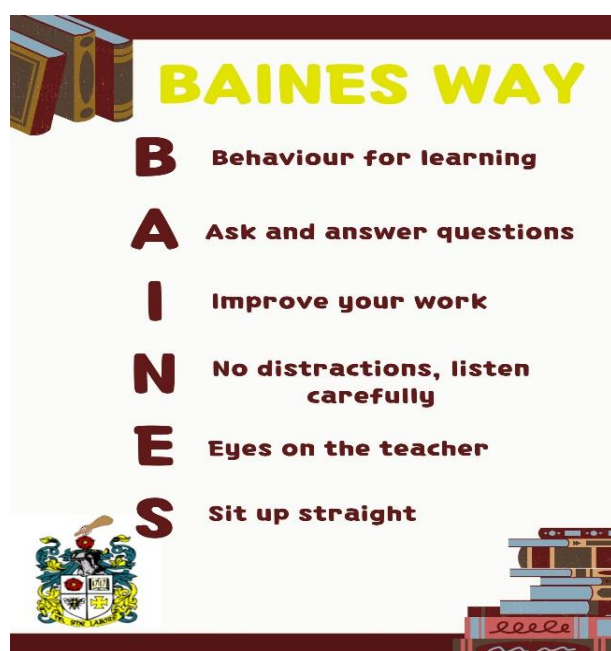
The science department organized a fantastic STEM event on Wednesday where invited students were challenged with either diagnosing a medical condition by testing 'urine' samples, or designing a car. The medical students who supported stayed behind at the end of the day to talk to our students about careers in medicine, dentistry or veterinary science. Thank you to Mrs Hutchinson who organised this event.

The letter and rationale concerning our consultation regarding joining Cidari Multi Academy Trust went out on Synergy last week. There will be a parent / carer meeting tonight in the hall at 5pm.

Just a polite reminder about uniform. On PE days students should wear their PE tracksuit with their PE kit underneath (or in their bag). On normal days students should wear their brown uniform. Students should only wear their tracksuit additionally if they have a PE fixture in the afternoon as it saves time getting changed. If students have a PE practice they should wear their brown uniform as normal and get changed at the end of the day.

Please can we keep uniform tight in the run up to Christmas. This includes natural eyelashes and nails as well.

We will be introducing BAINES today in school to the students. BAINES is a shared language to support all teachers and students in the classroom. It will be introduced over a period of a few weeks and we will be starting with Eyes on the Teacher today.



# 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:

Mr Shillitoe (DSL – Assistant Headteacher)

Mrs Moxham (Pastoral Manager)

Mrs Doherty (Headteacher)

Mrs Streetly (Assistant Headteacher Wellbeing and Mental Health)

If you have any ideas how you feel we could improve our safeguarding of students, please feel free to email Mr Shillitoe ([rsh@baines.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:rsh@baines.lancs.sch.uk))

Mr Shillitoe will be leading assemblies 'Keeping Safe over the Christmas Period'. Top Tips for parents / carers include:-

1. Enable apps to find and track mobile phones. For more information about staying safe whilst using your Apple or Android device visit [www.cyberstreetwise.com](http://www.cyberstreetwise.com) or [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org).
2. Tell your child to avoid talking to people they don't know when you're not around
3. If your child is travelling alone, tell them to sit near other families on the train or bus
4. Monitor their use of social media and agree a balance of time away from their mobile phone.

If you are worried about the mental health of your child, or need some food from our food hub (tins, pasta, cereal etc.), sending home, please contact the wellbeing team on [wellbeing@baines.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:wellbeing@baines.lancs.sch.uk). We will be extremely discrete.

## Golden Ticket Winners



7: Ollie  
8: Zoreslava  
9: Maycee  
10: Izzy  
11: Lucia  
Well done to all our students who have been awarded Golden Tickets.

Form winners for the most positive points include:  
Year 7 → 7HWD  
Year 8 → 8KJO  
Year 9 → 9CCL  
Year 10 → 10SMK  
Year 11 → 11JHU

## Stars of the Week



**Dates for your diary:**

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Assembly Theme – Keeping yourself safe at Christmas Christmas Lunch served all week
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Science Competition
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Science Competition
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Year 7 Christmas Founders Service during the school day – <b>This has changed from 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Assembly theme – Celebration Year 11 Reward Christmas Trafford Trip Year 9 Reward Christmas Activity during the school day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Year10 Reward Christmas Activity during the school day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Creative Arts Winter Showcase doors open 5.45pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Rossendale Ski Trip Year 7 & 8 Reward Christmas Disco 6-8pm – <b>This has been changed from 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	Celebration assemblies School closes at 1pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	School reopens

The whole school calendar can be accessed by following this link:

<https://baines.lancs.sch.uk/calendar/>

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