



Headteacher Update – 4th March 2024

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

It has been another busy week for the Baines Family with the Meet the Professional Panel on Wednesday with guests from **Addison Group** (Engineering), **UCLAN** (Journalism) and **P&O Cruises** (Travel & Tourism) speaking to our students in Years 8, 9 and 10, and Mock Results Day for Year 11 students on Friday. Students collected their results in an envelope, just like they will in the Summer. It really was brilliant to see so much improvement since the prelim examinations in November. The students seem more confident and were definitely better prepared.

On Wednesday 6th March some Year 11 students will be involved in Drop Down Day to support their vocational studies. More information will be sent out nearer the time to the students involved, and the Year 11 Geography fieldtrip which was postponed from October due to staffing will now run on Friday 22nd March and Monday 25th March. Mrs. Mycock will inform the students studying GCSE Geography which day they will attend.

Mr. Flynn has already started to organise the Year 11 Prom and it will take place at The Glass House in Staining on Thursday 11th July 2024. The Year 11 Prom is invite only and is based on attendance, behavior and effort.

We were excited to find out last week who will be our class of 2029 as Year 6 students across the country were notified about their next steps. We look forward to meeting our new parents and carers on Thursday 4th July and our new students on Friday 5th July. If in the meantime you would like a tour of the school, during the day to see us in action, please email Miss Pyatt (lyt@baines.lancs.sch.uk) and we will organize a visit for you.



Baines School Bingo:

Our bingo caller, Mr. Johnson is currently preparing for March 26th when once again he will be the Bingo Master leaving us on the edge of our seats as we play for Easter eggs.

Please join us for an eggciting evening. Money raised from Easter bingo and the Christmas and Summer fairs is used for extras for the students.

We have recently purchased basket balls and hoops for Years 7 and 8 students for break and lunchtime. These have proven to be so popular we have also purchased them for Years 9, 10 and 11.



ILC Information

Mrs Simmons Librarian
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Dates for your Diary

- 4th-10th National Careers Week
- 7th March World Book Day
- 8th March International Women's Day
- 10th March - Mother's Day
- 8th-17th March British Science Week
- 21st March World Poetry Day
- 20th-27th March Scholastic Book Fair
- 28th March-15th April Easter Break

World Book Day Events

The Masked Reader

Look out for our Masked Reader videos that will be posted on Facebook from Monday 4th March. We will also be showing them on Friday lunch in the ILC. If you can follow the clues and guess all 7 readers you could win a £5 voucher to be used at our book fair. Collect your answer sheet from the ILC.

Author Visit

On Tuesday 5th March we will be welcoming Nathan Parker who will be working with our students, running workshops and celebrating our readers.

Where's Wally

On Thursday 7th March five Wallys will be hidden around the school. Collect your answer sheet from the ILC and locate all five Wallys to be in with a chance to win a £5 voucher that can be used at our book fair.

Short Story Thursday

Over the course of World Book Day itself students will hear parts of a short story throughout the day, by the end of the day they will have heard the whole story - we hope you enjoy it!

The Big Book Giveaway

From Monday 4th March we will be giving away the £1 World Book Day Books. If you would like a free book please visit the ILC at break and lunch and take your pick from a choice of six titles (no book token required)

Competitions

Cryptic Book Descriptions and First Lines

For more information on these competitions please visit the ILC.

Book Face

Find a book with a face on it and make it look like your face. More details can be found on the Baines Facebook page and on Synergy.

All winners will receive a £5 voucher that can be used at our book fair.

Scholastic Book Fair 20th-27th March

The Book Fair will be arriving in school soon, with hundreds of new books to browse and buy. There are over 200 titles for you to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone.

World Book Day Tokens

This can be used towards any book purchase, both in stores and in school. Vouchers are available from the ILC

Paying using Gift Vouchers

Gift vouchers are available at
www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents

Paying by cash

Students can pay for their chosen books with cash - change will be available.

Paying online

Scan the QR code below to pay for your books online or visit:
www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay

Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get free books for our school ILC.

Students will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair during their English lessons, and it will also be open at break, lunch and after school.

During the week, beginning 4th March, we will be running competitions for a chance to win a £5 voucher to be used at the Book Fair.



Art Exhibition

We have a fantastic display of Year 8 and 9 student work in the Young Seaside Exhibition 2024. Students will be made aware if their work has been selected, but all are welcome to go and view this wonderful exhibition.

Artwork is showcased from a large range of local Primary and Secondary schools.

Uniform Update

In the Summer Term when the weather is very warm we have previously made the decision to allow students to wear PE kit to school for comfort. This is to support the students when the weather can become so warm it can become uncomfortable. In preparation for this year, students will only be allowed to wear their PE kit on the warmer days (if needed this year) if they have the following pair of Baines shorts, the black and gold double shorts or the black and gold football shorts:



I am sending this out well in advance as although we are trying to support students' wellbeing, some students wear shorts which are not appropriate for school. From September, plain black shorts and cycling shorts on their own will no longer be part of the PE kit and all students will be expected to wear one of the above pairs.

We Will Rock You

We Will Rock You - Ticket Sales

Tickets for the Baines School production of We Will Rock You are currently on sale.

Tickets are to be purchased using the link below - please note that you cannot purchase tickets direct from school. Tickets will sell fast so put this date into your diaries and get your tickets bought soon before they all go!

We Will Rock You Ticket Sales

www.ticketsource.co.uk/baines-school



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.lanacs.sch.uk)

Please see below for a link to advise parents and carers about Facebook

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/your-family/online-safety/parent-s-guide-to-facebook>



Home Advice ▾ How we can help ▾ Get involved ▾ Forum 

 Live chat: online

 Email: open

 Helpline: open

Talk to our team 

Homepage > Advice > Your family > Online safety > Parents' guide to Facebook

Parents' guide to Facebook

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. We will be extremely discrete.

Golden Ticket Winners



7: Evie B
8: Connor L
9: Lucy D
10: Khadija A
11: Leon WD
Well done to all our students who have been awarded Golden Tickets.

Form winners for the most positive points include:
Year 7 → 7JCU
Year 8 → 8KJO
Year 9 → 9CDS
Year 10 → 10KBL
Year 11 → 11Galileo

Due to Year 11 forms switching intervention sessions in the mornings we have renamed their forms after academics rather use their form tutors to identify the group.

Stars of the Week



Dates for your diary:

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| Monday 4 th March 2024 | Assembly theme – National Careers Week Year 9 Options evening 5.30-7.30pm Coffee Morning 9-11am |
| Thursday 7 th March 2024 | World Book Day |
| Friday 8 th March 2024 | School Photographs Year 9 & 11 Individual and Year 11 Group International Women's Day |
| Monday 11 th March 2024 | Assembly theme – Reviewing My Progress (Year 11) National Science Week (Year 7 – 10) Musical Dress Rehearsal (2pm - 5pm) |
| Wednesday 13 th March 2024 | Musical Dress Rehearsal (Full Cast - 2pm - 5pm) |
| Thursday 14 th March 2024 | Year 11 Elevate Support Presentation and information evening Musical Dress Rehearsal (Full Cast 5pm – 9pm) |
| Monday 18 th March 2024 | Assembly theme – World Poetry Musical Dress Rehearsal (Full Cast 5pm – 9pm) |
| Tuesday 19 th March 2024 | Musical Performance 7pm Start (School Hall) |
| Wednesday 20 th March 2024 | Musical Performance 7pm Start (School Hall) |
| Thursday 21 st March 2024 | Musical Performance 7pm Start (School Hall) |
| Friday 22 nd March 2024 | Year 11 Geography Field Trip |
| Monday 25 th March 2024 | Year 11 Geography Field Trip |
| Wednesday 27 th March 2024 | Steve Wright – Inclusivity and British Values Show School closes for Easter holidays at 3pm |
| Thursday 28 th March 2024 | INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS |

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

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

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Headteacher