



## Headteacher Update – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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

Welcome back to Half Term Two at Baines School! I hope you had a restful break and made the most of the nice weather as the evenings begin to draw in now.

This week I will be doing assemblies with the students about having a Growth Mindset and being open to learning and being able to do more. It is easy to give up when things get hard, and we teach the students about Positivity, Professionalism and Perseverance in all they do. The students will be asked to set themselves a goal which they will try to achieve over the next seven weeks at school. I wonder what goal we could set ourselves?

Mrs Wild will be launching the rewards activities soon which will be in the last week of the term. The criteria will be 95% attendance and minimal negative points. Year 7 & 8 students will be having a Christmas Disco, Years 9 & 10 students will be a film afternoon, with popcorn and nibbles, and Year 11 will be a Christmas shopping trip to the Trafford Centre.

### Show Racism the Red Card



### **Why was Show Racism the Red Card Day successful?**

On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October our school participated in 'Show Racism the Red Card' fundraiser. I took part by wearing red on this day to raise awareness about the racism that happens in this country and during football games. The whole school was excited as it was the first non-uniform day in 12 years. The school succeeded in raising over £600 for the charity and we hope this money will help the charity educate more people who are ignorant towards racism. This week we learnt about the important work the charity does and how it all began. Shaka Hislop, who was one of the first ambassadors of the charity, was an ex Newcastle goalkeeper who was abused by 'fans' at a petrol station, but when they realised who he was they began asking for his autograph. Shaka understood the importance of getting the message across about stopping racism and joined this charity and as a result this fundraiser has been happening for 10 years and was successful in different schools across the country since then.

By Lily T Year 11



## Careers @ Baines

As part of our commitment to Careers we have a number of activities scheduled throughout the year to ensure all students from Years 7 to 11 experience employer encounters, develop employability skills, audit their skills, experience the World of Work, meet employers of their choice, practise interviews and support completing their applications to college and beyond. Only recently I shared how a student who met a palaeontologist when he was in Year 10 here at Baines has just started a palaeontology degree. Careers education is so important.

Our students have recently had assemblies where we engaged with a range of guest speakers to encourage students to start considering what future career role or industry area they may be interested in.

Year 7: NHS - Healthcare Careers

Year 8: BAE Systems - Engineering and Technology Careers

Year 9: Royal Air Force - Emergency Service Careers

Year 10: Civil Service - Government Careers

A group of Year 10 students visited Blackpool Sixth Form College to attend the Health and Social Care Careers Fair. Students had the opportunity to explore a wide range of stalls to speak with a variety of NHS professionals about their job role. There were a vast variety of NHS professionals at the event, some examples include: radiographer, paramedic, biomedical scientist, midwife, nurse and speech & language therapist. Students also had the opportunity to have a tour of an ambulance with paramedics.

This series of careers events ended on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October when we had over 20 visiting companies, further education and higher education establishments available to speak to both students and families about students' next steps and what is available to them. It was the best attended fair we have had for a number of years, and I want to thank Miss Kinder for the amazing careers programme she runs at school, and for families for supporting both our students and school.

Our careers provision empowers students to take ownership over their next steps.



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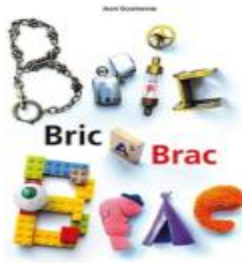
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## Christmas Fair Donations

Our Christmas Fair will be Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November this year from 3-6pm. Our bottle tombola, tombola and white elephant stalls only run due to the generosity of the Baines Family. If you have capacity to make any donations, we would be very grateful.

Anyone who would like to be considered for a stall please contact [cdo@baines.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:cdo@baines.lancs.sch.uk), as the stalls are given on a first come, first serve basis.



## 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))



As Halloween approaches, below are some safety tips to keep our students safe:

### Trick-or-Treat Safety Tips for Older Kids

Older kids and teens often go trick-or-treating on their own. Review these safety tips with your kids before they go out and coach them on how to help the whole group be safer.

1. Review safe walking routes on well-lit streets and point out any specific places to avoid, like empty properties, homes with unleashed pets, or locations with “No Trespassing” signs posted. Teach them how to stop and check a map or GPS app on a smartphone for directions to stay on the safest route.



2. Remind them to only visit homes where the porch light is turned on and to never go inside another house or car.
3. Agree on a specific time to return home. Consider giving them a cell phone for the night so they can talk with you and make sure they know how to call 999 for emergencies.
4. Make sure they carry a flashlight or a cell phone with a light and wear reflectors or reflective tape on their costume.
5. Coach older kids to always walk (not run) on the pavement while trick-or-treating. Remind them to only cross the street with their group at crosswalks or intersections and to never walk across drives, through alleys, or between cars in the street.

If you need any support with any of our safeguarding updates please contact one of the safeguarding team.

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: Jasper  
 8: Jack  
 9: Carmela  
 10: Ben  
 11: Annabel  
 Well done to all our students who have been awarded Golden Tickets.

Students with the most positive points this week:  
 Year 7 → Agnes  
 Year 8 → George  
 Year 9 → Victoria  
 Year 10 → Abi  
 Year 11 → Holly

Form winners for the most positive points include:  
 Year 7 → 7LOF  
 Year 8 → 8COL  
 Year 9 → 9STE  
 Year 10 → 10OGD

### Stars of the Week



## Dates for your diary:

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Theme of the week – Setting a goal
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Year 10 (5pm) and 11 (6:30pm) Information evening
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	Blackpool and Fylde College Assembly – Year 11
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Chemistry Week starts Assembly – Remembrance
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Year 8 Consultation Evening 4-7pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Theme – International Men's Day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Year 7 PGL departs
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Year 7 PGL returns Year 11 Remembrance Assembly
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Assembly – Parliament Week Launch Reverse Advent
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	Year 11 Class of 2024 GCSE Awards Evening 6PM Start
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2024	INSET Day – School closed for students

Clare Doherty

Headteacher



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