

Newsletter

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful end of term we have all had! The children have enjoyed participating in the 'Bethlehem Bake Off' and the Key Stage 2 Carol Concert and I hope you all enjoyed the performances.

We raised £289.29 from donations of these and this money went towards the parties in school and any money left over will go towards trips out for all children this academic year.

I would just like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you manage a restful time, full of the excitement that young children bring to this special time of the year.

As always, best wishes.
Mrs Gill Finney,
Headteacher.



Dates For Your Diary

Please check dates on every newsletter as new dates are **always** added. New dates will be printed in **red**.

- 08.01.24 - New term begins - 8.45am
- 02.02.24 - Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight checks in school
- 05.02.24 - Anne Frank Workshop for Year 5
- 06.02.24 - Young Voices in Manchester - 12.30pm
- 07.02.24 - Anne Frank Workshop for Year 5
- 05.03.24 - Governor Afternoon in school
- 09.05.24 - Class Photographs
- 09.05.24 - Induction Evening for new Reception Parents
- 13.05.24 - Year 6 SATS Week
- 20.05.24 - Health Week
- 22.05.24 - Blue Moose Dance Company all day
- 24.06.24 - Health Week- Sports Cool Inflatable Day
- 25.06.24 - Governor Afternoon
- 27.06.24 - Curling Day
- 27.06.24 - KS2 Sports Day - am
- 27.06.24 - KS1 Sports Day - pm

Goodbye and Good Luck

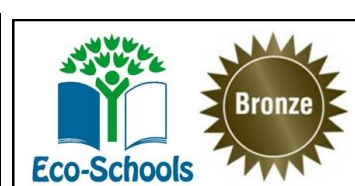
We say goodbye to Mr Leah today who has worked at Baines for 12 years as Deputy Headteacher. We would like to thank him for his work here at Baines and for all the memories he leaves with both staff and children. We wish him the best of luck in his new adventures, which I know he is looking forward to. I will miss his support.



Thank you to all the pupils, parents and staff, past and present, who took the time to say goodbye last week at Mr Leah's Leaving Afternoon. He was very touched by the people who attended.



We also say goodbye to Mrs Day who has worked at Baines since 2006. It is an emotional time for her, but she is leaving to take up a post that she has always wanted to do and we wish her all the very best. Mrs Day has been a breath of fresh air for us all and I know she has loved working here at Baines.



Merit Winners—Well done Everyone!
Friday 15th December 2023

Reception - Jenny Longworth and Thomas Martin

Year 1 - All of Year 1

Year 2 - All of Year 2

Year 3 - All the Children at Baines

Year 4 - Jack Saxon and Harry Longworth

Year 5 - All of Year 5

Year 6 - Billie Butler and Izzy Bray

Headteacher Award - Freddie Mason and Leo Booth

Lunchtime Awards - Edie Sharpe and Jamie Nickson

Attendance - Year 4

Housepoints - Normans

Places Available

Just to let you know that we have places available in Reception and Years 3, 4 and 5. If you know of anyone wanting a place or who is moving into the area, please let them know. They will then need to contact The Admissions Team on 01524 581112, where arrangements will be made for you.

Reception
on-line Applications



Closing dates for Reception places
15th January 2024.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Reuben in Year 3 for some wonderful results in his Tap Dance exam. He did really well and came out with a Distinction. Well done Reuben—I am so proud of you! Keep up the good work.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to write a Christmas card or wrap a present for me. This is very much appreciated and never taken for granted. Thank you so very much!

Friends of Baines

Thank you so much to all the parents who organise and help at the Friends of Baines events. Thank you also to all the children and parents who support these. We have managed to raise quite a lot of money this term with the following events:

Autumn Disco—£987.14

Christmas Fair—£1637.00

We still have some unclaimed raffle prizes from the Christmas Fair—please check your numbers and come to the Office if you have a winning ticket:

Blue 113—Slush Puppy Machine

Blue 376—£20 Suntrap Voucher

Blue 600—Blackpool Active Gift Bag

Pink 810— Blackpool Active Gift Bag

Blue 640— Blackpool Active Gift Bag

Blue 576— Blackpool Active Gift Bag

Orange 272— Blackpool Active Gift Bag

Blue 884— Blackpool Active Gift Bag

Year 1 Teacher



We welcome Miss Finney as our Year 1 teacher for the first half of the Spring term in the first instance.

Miss Finney has had her own Year 1 class and is experienced in teaching this year group and we hope you will all welcome her into the Baines family after Christmas.

Merry Christmas

I wish all our school community a
very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New
Year.



Our School Performances

Our Key Stage 1 Nativities were just wonderful, as always. It is so lovely to see the children dressed up, all singing their hearts out and enjoying the limelight. Thank you so much to staff and parents for all your hard work sorting out costumes and helping to perfect lines and thank you to the children for working so hard and entertaining us all!



Thank you to the Key Stage 2 children and staff for a wonderful Carol Service on Friday afternoon at St Johns Church. It was wonderful to hear the children reading poems and passages and singing so confidently, telling us all about the Christmas story. Thank you particularly to Mr Leah and Mrs Holland for putting all this together and making it work so well. It is very much appreciated.

Thank you to Reverend Jane Atkinson for all her support and for allowing us to use the church at this very special time of year and to the Governors for their support at both of these events.

We raised £289.29 from your donations at these events, which will all be spent on your children. Thank you.