



Baines' Bulletin

February 3, 2020

Be Strong and Courageous...do not be afraid or discouraged (1 Chronicles)

The value for his half term is **Courage** and we have been learning about how we can all support each other to be a little more brave in all aspects of our lives. Our Worship Monitors have been leading Class Worship and the children are enjoying discussing their ideas about courage and what makes a person courageous.

Communication with Parents

I will continue to write to you all about school life in our monthly newsletter, but more regular updates and information will be coming out via our school app, so please check your emails and register with Parentapp as soon as possible! Twitter will be our way of celebrating our achievements with the wider community and we are currently looking at how teachers can inform parents of what happens each week in their classrooms. This decision is taking a little longer, since we want to ensure that the safety and privacy of the children is paramount.



Tweet, Tweet...

Please check us out on Twitter, for regular updates on what we are getting up to in and out of school. Take a look on Twitter @bainesendowed. We are celebrating school achievements on Twitter, but will not be posting these on Facebook, so if you are not currently following us on Twitter, please join us!

Parentapp

At the end of last term our newsletter contained information regarding our new parent communication system: **Parent App**. You should have now received a link to enable you to register to use the app. If you have not yet received the invite, we do not have a current email address for you, so please can you contact Miss Forsch in the school office so your records can be updated.

Year 2 SATs Information Evening 6th Feb 4:30-5:30 p.m.

We would like to invite all Year 2 parents to a SATs information evening, to give you the facts about Year 2 SATs. Staff will be available following the presentation, to answer any questions or concerns that you may have about your child sitting the national tests this year. Please come along to find out more!

Online Learning

As a school we provide our pupils with passwords for: My Maths, RM Easimaths and Purple Mash. Please encourage your child to log onto the internet and use them at home to support their learning. Please take the necessary precautions, to ensure that your child uses the internet safely. Thank you.

Parent Partnership

Reception parents/carers are invited into school to join their children in learning together. These sessions take place each Wednesday at 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. in our Reception department. The sessions are running until Wednesday 12th February. All Reception parents are invited to attend.

Calling Nursery, Early Bird and Bridges

We have updated our telephone system. To call the Nursery and Before and After School Clubs, please dial 01253 762532 and select option 3. For enquiries relating to the Children's Centre activities, please contact the Family Hub Team at Revoo, on 01253 798016 or email RevooFamilyHub@blackpool.gov.uk

Boccia Competition Results: Congratulations!

Two teams from Baines' Endowed competed in the Lancashire County Finals this month and one of our teams has been successful in getting through to the Regional Finals in Liverpool on 6th February. Baines' will compete against other schools from the North West and if they are successful, may progress to the next round. We are all wishing our team the very bests of luck! Go Baines'!

Schools' Alive

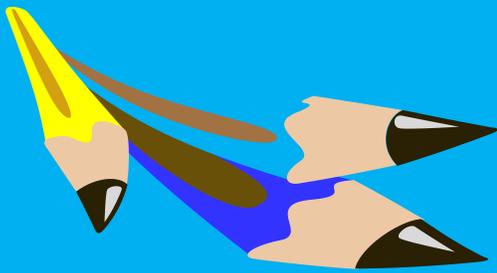
Blackpool's Annual Schools' Alive event will be taking place this year, at The Grand Theatre on 11th February. Baines' will once again, be taking part in this well-loved local show. Year 5 and 6 children who are taking part will have brought a letter home with further details about the arrangements for the evening. We look forward to supporting them in their performance on the night! Tickets are on sale from The Grand Theatre at a cost of £8.00.

Global Awareness: African Writing Week

We will be having a Writing Week the week beginning Monday 10th February to develop non-fiction writing skills across school and also to develop global awareness and a tolerance of cultural diversity.

Exciting News!

We have been awarded an **International School Award** and are taking part this year, in **Connecting Classrooms**, a project run by the British Council. We are partnering with Siphwe Primary School in South Africa, to work together on a Zero Waste project, to develop an awareness of sustainability in our community and in that of others around the world. We are hoping that the project allows our children to learn about another culture, whilst seeing the similarities between our two countries. At the same time, the project will allow us to look at how we can improve sustainability in our own school and local community. As part of the project, staff from South Africa will visit our school later in the year. More news to follow next half term!



Epiphany and Class Assemblies

Many thanks to our Year 4 pupils, who led our Epiphany service in school at the start of this half term. Thanks too to 5JP for their Class Assembly last week. We are very proud of the confidence and speaking skills that are children are developing and mastering. It takes courage to stand up in front of a large audience and all children who took part in these services did a great job! Well done! Please keep an eye on the 'Dates for Your Diary' for your child's Class Assemblies/Services that are taking place this term.

Christingle – Many Thanks!

Thank you to our wonderful Year 3 pupils, who led us in a lively and fun Christingle Service last week. *Thank you* to Mr. Rushton for leading our service on behalf of St. Paul's Church.

Thank you to all the Year 3 parents who were invited to join us in the service.

Thank you to all our parents/carers who have returned their Candle Boxes with donations for The Children's Society; these were sent home last week. *If you would like to, and are able to make a donation, can you please send your donation into school by Friday 7th February. Thank you!*

Colder Weather

The weather has become particularly cold recently, so can we please ask that all children come to school with a warm winter coat, hat and gloves to keep them warm whilst outside playing at playtimes. Can I also ask that everyone takes care crossing the yard in the mornings. When it is icy, we will grit the yard, but please take extra care in case of any slippery places that may have escaped the grit.

Test Weeks in May and June

Each year we hold our test weeks for pupils in May (SATs and NFER Tests) and June (Year 1 Phonics Screening Check). **We especially do not want children to be out of school during May and June**, as this is when children are assessed and these assessments are recorded and used for future reference for you child. In recent years, the number of holidays taken during term-time has increased. Can I politely remind all parents that holidays are not authorised during term-time and school has the ability to issue penalties for absence due to holidays taken during this term. Thank you.

Transcendental Meditation

As part of looking after the well-being of our pupils and staff, several staff embarked on Transcendental Meditation training last October and this week they completed their final check. Well done to all the staff that took part! (They are the ones that look more relaxed!)

Parent Top Tips

Need an NHS Dentist? Call 0300 3112233

Dates for your diary

January:

Wednesday 15th Jan. – 12th Feb.: Parent/Family Partnership for Reception Pupils

February:

Week beginning 3rd: Years 2 and 6 Mock SATs week. Wednesday 6th: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Year 2 SATs talk for parents. Access through the Main Hall.

Week beginning 10th: Writing Week in school: Africa: Developing Global Awareness
Tuesday 11th: Internet Safety Day
Tuesday 11th: Schools' Alive 7:00 p.m – 9:00 p.m. Those children involved will receive a letter with further details. *NOTE: Not Thursday 13th as previously advertised.*

Thursday 13th: PTFA Movie Night 3:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Friday 14th: 1CW Class Assembly. All 1CW parents are welcome to attend.

Friday 14th: School closes for half-term at 3:15 p.m.

'The World At Your Feet' – The Grand Theatre 28th Feb – 1st March

Some of our children are performing in this show later this month. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact The Grand on 01253 290190.

Sunday Services at St. Paul's

9.00 a.m. Morning prayer
10.00 a.m. Family Eucharist with all age activity/ teaching



*Thank you for your continued support for our school.
Mrs. Rusling*