



Blowers Green Bugle Summer Special.

The Summer of Fun

Here we are again! The end of another academic year. The summer term is always a busy one at Blowers Green but this year the end of term has been filled with fun and excitement that will live long in the memory. After another year interrupted by lockdowns, home-learning, restrictions and plenty of hand-washing we have been busy 'making memories' of a more positive kind. In this issue of the 'Blowers Green Bugle' you can read all about the range of fun and exciting opportunities and

activities that have been taking place across school and putting smiles on all our faces. From music to sport, from crafts to drama - it's all been happening!

As always, the children of Blowers Green have been the stars of the show. Their resilience and adaptability continue to astound us. Whether we are in the classroom or completing our work on Seesaw, the

children and their families always give their best. Staff at school have been amazed by everyone's efforts in what has been another challenging year; we hope that you enjoy reading about all our exciting exploits and join us in celebrating another year of great achievements for our children.



Message From Mrs Sehmbi

"As we reach the end of another extraordinary school year, I would like to take this opportunity to state how incredibly proud I am of our whole school community for the continued energy, resilience and passion with which children, staff and our wider school community have approached this year. We have continued to face challenges and have been required to change our approaches to daily routines in the light of the ongoing pandemic, but our children and their families worked together to continue to make a positive difference every day and to keep our school community safe. Thank you. May I take this opportunity to wish you a safe and happy summer and look forward to welcoming you back to school in September."

A Year with a Difference

The academic year 2020 / 2021 was certainly a different one. We have all had to get used to class bubbles, one-way systems, sanitising stations, staggered lunchtimes and home-learning. But as ever Blowers Green children demonstrated their resilience and teamwork to 'keep calm and carry on'. Here are some memories of the year that children have shared with us:

"Working and playing in bubbles was frustrating as we couldn't play with friends from other year groups. But I did get to know my friends in my class really well."

Grace Y4



"Each class had different lunchtimes and breaktimes which took a little getting used to!"

Emilie Y5



"We washed our hands – a lot! We know how important it is to do this as it is not only keeping us safe but those around us and our families too."

Matthew Y4



"Home-learning allowed us to manage our own time and be more grown up. It was a different way of learning which was a good experience for us."

Eva Y5

We Don't Like Cricket.

WE LOVE IT!

The cricket skills of years 5 and 6 were seriously put to the test on the afternoon of Friday 2nd July as PE staff from The Link Academy delivered cricket coaching sessions for our budding batters and bowlers. We were blessed with some excellent cricketing weather and the children not only showcased their tremendous sporting talents but also had great fun during the sessions. Staff were 'bowled over' by the skills that were on display!



Hit for six! A super afternoon of sport for children in Year 5 and 6.

And All That Jazz!

With theatres and musical venues closed because of COVID restrictions here at Blowers Green we made sure that the 'show could go on!' Instead of travelling to see a concert we brought the concert to school. Classes 2, 3, 4 and 5 were treated to a live music experience. Members of the Dudley Performing Arts team were recently in school performing a jazz concert exclusively for our children. Not only did the children watch the show but they also learned about the history of jazz and the various instruments that were used in the concert. The interactive show was a fantastic and memorable experience that really got our fingers clicking and our toes tapping.



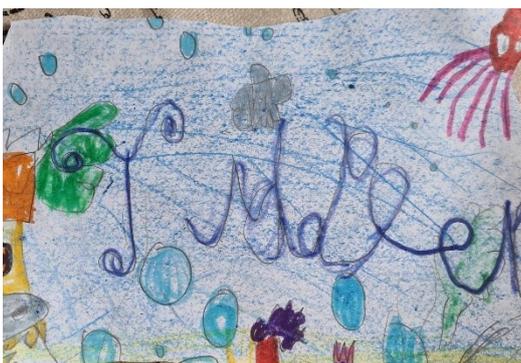
Authors that Inspire

Reading, books and stories are the key to our learning here at Blowers Green. The power of a good story and time to lose yourself in a book has such a positive impact on our learning. Over the past few weeks, classes across school have had 'virtual visits' from a range of children's authors. Through the power of technology these amazing authors have been beamed into our classrooms through online webinars, tutorials and live streams. The authors have read to the children, shared advice on what it takes to be an author and answered questions from the children themselves. Children in Year 4 were particularly pleased to hear their questions read out and answered by comedian and acclaimed children's author David O'Doherty.

Year 6 listened to author Ben Miller read an extract from his recent book '*The Day I fell into a Fairytale.*' Ben also answered questions about life as an author and what it takes to write a creative and bestselling story! Year 5 shared a similar experience with the author Paul Howard whose books about sporting exploits were a hit with class.



Reception class had a wonderful experience sharing a webinar event with the acclaimed children's author Julia Donaldson. Julia shared her story '*Tiddler*' with the children using puppets to engage and entertain the class. There was also time for a sing song together, as well as meeting her most famous character – *The Gruffalo!* As well as all that, Axel Scheffler showed the children how he illustrated Julia Donaldson's books. The children had a go at designing their own front covers for a Julia Donaldson book. We clearly have some budding illustrators in Reception. Can you work out the Julia Donaldson books from the children's work below?



Clowning Around

The Circus Comes to Town as Children Enjoy Circus Skills Workshops

Juggling, plate-spinning and magic tricks were the order of the day as children in years 1-6 took part in circus skills workshop. Hand-eye coordination, strength, balance and teamwork were tested to their limits as children mastered a range of circus tricks and skills. It was amazing to see how quickly children grasped some of these difficult skills as well as showing great determination and perseverance to master some of the trickier activities on offer. Smiles and giggles really made for a fun time and we are certain that we have some budding 'Big Top performers' in our classes.



Bouncy Blowers

With many soft-play centres, playgrounds and activities closed over the last 12 months many of our youngest members of school have missed out on these fun and pleasurable activities. So, to make up for all of that we made sure our Nursery and Reception children had the opportunity for a 'soft-play' right here at Blowers Green. Children were crawling, climbing, bouncing and most importantly, having fun, whilst playing on a range of soft-play equipment in school. Being active is an important part of our children's development and the activities on offer were a super opportunity to develop strength and coordination as well as having fun with our friends.



Children Marvel at Comic Book Visitor

Children in Classes 3 and 4 had a marvellous treat when a real-life comic book artist, Kevin F. Sutherland bought his Comic Art Masterclass Workshop to our school. Kevin has created artwork for famous comics including *The Beano*, *The Dandy* and *Doctor Who*. The children were taught all there is to know about making comic strips and illustrating stories. The groups also each produced a comic containing a strip by every single member of the class. Kevin also turned our children into cartoon characters with their own caricatures! An amazing and wonderful opportunity to not only improve drawing and art skills but to also enjoy creating and presenting stories in exciting and interesting ways.



Our children had some amazing ideas and produced some truly excellent cartoons. What a fantastic experience!

Getting Gooney!

Children Have a Great Time Making Slime.

Making a mess and having heaps of fun were the order of the day when all classes had the opportunity to make their own slime! The talented Mrs Darnley from our school office supported the children in creating their own gooney concoctions in a range of colours. Budding chemists mixed ingredients to create safe slime to play with and enjoy with their friends. A memorable experience had by all!



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Celebrating Excellent Attendance

Coming to school every day is essential. School education lays the vital foundations of a child's life. Research clearly demonstrates the link between regular attendance and educational progress and attainment. With this in mind, we have celebrated those children in school who have had excellent attendance this term.



Children with 100% attendance this term received a goody bag in recognition of their efforts. Those children who have achieved 98% attendance or above were also treated to an activities afternoon. Sporting and craft activities laid on by Miss Parkes were reward for their efforts in ensuring that every second of their education counts by being in school as often as possible.



First Class First Aiders

Year 6 Learn First Aid Basics.

During the Summer Term Year 6 children completed a day of first aid training. The opportunity to learn basic First Aid is a vitally important life skill that supports children's own and others' health and wellbeing. The training was delivered by Miss Parkes and specialist St John's Ambulance trainers, who equipped children with the knowledge, confidence and understanding to support someone who requires first aid. Children learned how to risk assess situations to ensure their own safety but to also assist others who may have cuts bruises or stings. The training also taught children how to bandage limb and head injuries as well as how to make emergency calls confidently. Children were also introduced to the recovery position and the important role it can play in saving someone's life. All children that completed the training received a certificate and more importantly gained an important life skill.



Brilliant Balance Bikers

The playground was filled with smiling faces as Reception and Class 1 both took part in a bike riding workshop last week. The 'Balanceability' programme uses balance bikes to engage children in fun activities that build confidence, spatial-awareness and dynamic balance skills to improve children's own balance and lay the foundations for learning to ride a pedal bike. With restrictions and lockdowns hampering all of our efforts to get 'out and about' over the last year it was great to see our younger children being active and learning new skills. Check out the photographs of some of our 'speedsters' below!



Goodbye Year Six...

Once again it is time to say goodbye to our Year Six children. Although their Year 6 experience was interrupted by another lockdown, the class have shown their adaptability and perseverance to continue to work hard in the face of the challenges that this year has presented. We are very proud of your efforts and achievements – Well done.

All the children in Class Six received a gift to celebrate their time at Blowers Green. Blowers Green staff would like to wish our wonderful Year 6 children every success and happiness for the future as they move on to the next stage of their education at secondary school.





The End of the School Year

The end has come so very quick – it's time to move along.
The final days of this school year have been and come and gone.

This year has been a different one; the time has gone so fast,
We've learnt so much; had lots of fun – the time has whizzed
right past.

Enjoy your summer holidays and get some well earned rest,
To start the new year full of beans; prepared to try you best.

The children have worked so hard this year; the staff here all agree,
The happy faces, caring smiles, the amazing Team BG!

**HAVE A GREAT
SUMMER!**