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A very warm welcome to our winter edition of the Blowers Green Bugle! Once again, the autumn term here at Blowers Green Primary has been a busy one.

This edition of the Bugle showcases the work and achievements of our wonderful children and we hope that you enjoy catching up with the latest news and sharing in their successes. The enthusiasm and positive attitudes of the Blowers Green children are what make our school truly special.

From all the team here at Blowers Green we wish you a merry Christmas and a very happy 2022!

A Message From Our Headteacher

As we are approaching the end of term, I want to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to you all; this, once again, has been an extremely challenging year and term for us all.

At this time of year, we normally reflect on the year that has passed and look forward to the New Year. Personally, I am so thankful for the hard work, determination and resilience that the children and staff have shown this year despite all the unprecedented challenges, of which there have been many.

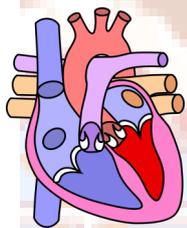
The children have been a true credit to all parents, carers and the community. I am so proud of the Blowers Green Family and how we continue to work together to get through the ups and downs of this global pandemic.

I would like to wish you all a lovely Christmas and Happy New year. I hope you all have a relaxing time over the festive season. We are looking forward to returning in January to a new year and new term with refreshed enthusiasm and hope for the future.

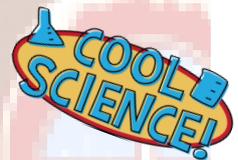
Learning that inspires

To Infinity and Beyond!

Our children journeyed into space, visited distant planets and explored the stars and constellations when the Explorer Dome came to visit our school. This immersive experience enabled the children in reception and class 4, 5 and 6 to learn more about the sun, moon and planets. Children crawled into the darkened dome where they were treated to stunning visuals and exciting practical activities where they could learn more about the night sky. The visiting experts delivered exciting and interesting learning that the children thoroughly enjoyed and will remember for a very long time!



Surgeons of the Future!



Budding scientists in Year 6 performed heart dissections to support their learning in science. Through first-hand experience, they developed their understanding of this important organ in our bodies. The children acted with precision and care to find out more about the heart, how it works and the role that it plays in the respiratory system.

It is clear that we have some budding heart surgeons of the future...

Blowers Green Go Wild!

Class 1, 2 and 3 took a walk on the 'wild side' this term when a collection of wild and wonderful creatures visited their lessons. The animals and insects were in school courtesy of *Zoolab*. Children learned about the different animals to support their science topics. *Zoolab* shared a variety of animals with the children, ranging from snakes and tarantulas to rats and centipedes.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience seeing so many creatures up close!



'Did you know—a tarantula smells through its hairs!' Ben, Class 3.

Oh Yes We Did!

The festive season is not complete without a pantomime and this year was no different. Once

again the corridors and classrooms were alive with laughter, music and festive cheer as everyone enjoyed a virtual performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.



It was great to see so many smiling faces as the children laughed along with the jokes and antics on stage. We really 'let our hair down' and enjoyed cheering the goodies and booing the baddies. Oh yes we did!!



A Book Bonanza in Christmas Countdown



Father Christmas certainly knows we all love a good book at Blowers Green! And this year, he really delivered! Each class received a bundle of award-winning books to enjoy in school. Every class had the absolute joy of a high quality book to open everyday during advent.

Children have been buzzing with excitement talking about all the new books that class teachers have been sharing with them. It has

been great to see everyone's enthusiasm and eagerness to share a great story!

Challenge Champions

Striving for excellence and being the best that we can be is what we all are aiming for here at Blowers Green. The school challenges are a great way to support learning and 'go that extra mile' in the pursuit of success. Whether it is poetry or spelling, reading or geography there is a challenge out there for everyone. A 'well done' to all children who have completed a challenge this term or have made great strides to earn a badge.

However, we must reserve a huge well done to *Miraj* who has now completed 10 challenge badges so earns himself a challenge medal! What an achievement — well done Miraj.

We would also like to take time to congratulate our two Challenge Champions who have completed the most challenges this term — congratulations to Haider and Shalvi who both earned themselves a £15 Amazon voucher.



Leading Together

Winter Fayre 2021

Children get crafty with brrrr-illiant bargains to be had at this year's Winter Fayre.

Although we were nearly beaten by the stormy and cold weather, the *Winter Fayre* was once again a super success. This year, classes competed in an enterprise competition to design, make and produce products to be sold at our Winter Fayre. Classes were each given a budget of £10 to purchase equipment and materials to help them make their product. All classes made a profit and the items flew off the shelves as the children purchased their Christmas bargains. All monies raised have been added to school fund to enhance and support learning over the coming year. All classes returned a profit, but a HUGE congratulations goes to Nursery class who made a winning £44.10 profit!



Nursery Class Enterprise Stall
Salt dough tree decorations



Class 3 Enterprise Stall
Sock snowmen

Dreaming Big

At Blowers Green we are always 'Dreaming Big', and this term has seen no exception. On Tuesday 30th November 2021, Blowers Green held their very first Gender Stereotyping Careers Event. An insightful and interesting morning saw members of our local community who work in a variety of trades and careers, visit school to be quizzed about their roles by our Year 5 and 6 children.

Through their careful questioning, children had to guess the jobs of our visitors. After a short break, all was revealed and each of our visitors explained their job role and the journey they have been on to be successful in their careers. Our visitors had such diverse jobs, from helicopter pilots to policewomen, from plumbers to charity workers and from dancers to nurses.

The children were clearly interested and inspired to hear all about their different career paths and exciting journeys.

Through this event we were able to help children understand that anyone can be an engineer, a nurse or a pilot and your gender does not affect your career choices.



Respecting each other and our world

Here at Blowers Green we recognise the importance of supporting people and charities in our local community and in the wider world. This term we must say a massive 'thank you' to our school community for being so generous with your donations for a number of charity events we have participated in during the autumn term.

On Friday 8th October, Blowers Green dug out their neon socks, yellow bow ties and wristbands to show young people they are not alone with their mental health. Children donated £1 and, as a result, this fundraising event for the YOUNG MINDS Mental Health charity has raised:

£141.80

This is a fantastic achievement and an amazing amount of money raised for such a good cause!

We're fundraising for
YOUNGMINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

Children in Need

On **Friday 19th November** we supported Children in Need by wearing something spotty to school. Thank you to everyone who took part to help us raise nearly £200 for this charity, your support is very much appreciated.



Christmas Jumper Day



Save the Children.

On Friday 10th December, children and staff showed their support for the Save the Children charity by wearing Christmas jumpers. Everyone looked wonderfully festive and it was great to raise awareness and funds for this important charity. School raised £116 that will help children all around the world.





Lest We Forget

Armistice Day (11th November) is always an important day in our school calendar and this year was no exception. Children, staff and our community came together to reflect on the sacrifices of those brave men and women we have lost and be thankful that we can live freely today.

Children not only took part in immaculate moments of silence in school but we also marked the occasion with some creative and thoughtful pieces of art displayed at Dudley College during the service of remembrance on the evening of Thursday 11th of November. Year 6 also represented our school wonderfully at the event; their excellent singing talents were admired by many. Thank you to all four families who also attended. We are very proud of the children!



Dreaming big

Rewarding Effort



Star Learners



Everyone has worked hard and it has been a term of fantastic achievements. Our star learners have shown a great commitment and this was rewarded in our end of term assembly.

A very BIG well done goes to:



Rewarding Effort

Perfect Presentation

A huge congratulations to all of the children who achieved an award for their presentation from the Chief Executive of Dudley Academies Trust, Ms Jo Higgins. The presentation of children's work at Blowers Green always impresses us and it is wonderful for our children to be awarded for their efforts.



A £10 Amazon voucher was awarded to individuals and then the overall winner was awarded a £25 Amazon voucher! Well done to all of our winners! Your books look stunning and we are very proud!

Dear Santa...

We must have been very good boys and girls this year because Father Christmas has left every child in school a present.



From everyone here at Blowers Green
we would like to wish you all a very
Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2022!