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Welcome to the winter edition of the Blowers Green Bugle. Another busy term has flown past. Children have been working hard and rising to challenges throughout the previous three months and we have much to report.

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 children and their families really do make Blowers Green a special place.

From all the team here at Blowers Green we wish you a merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy 2023!

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 year has been a year has been particularly successful with our outstanding Ofsted grading in April 2022. To accomplish this standard really is validation that Blowers Green is a very special place to be! Parents and carers, thank you for your continued support of the school and your child's learning; I and all of the staff appreciate everything that you do to work in partnership with us to provide the very best for our children.

The biggest thank you, of course, has to go to the children who have continued to work and challenge themselves, proving that they are resilient young learners who make the best of every learning day. I am incredibly proud of what we do as a school and am extremely proud of our amazing children.

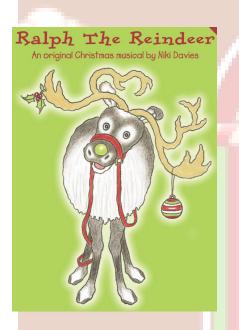
As a staff team, we wish you all a happy and peaceful break and are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Wednesday 4th January 2023.



Learning that inspires

Ralph the Reindeer Wows Audiences

Festive cheer was in the air as children in EYFS and KS1 performed their joyful production of *Ralph the Reindeer*. This years production captivated audiences with fantastic singing and wonderful dance routines. Smiling faces and confident performers told the story of Ralph the Reindeer who came to the rescue when Rudolph was taken ill with a case of the seasonal flu! The production, complete with elves, reindeers, stars and Father Christmas himself was a triumph! It takes a huge amount of effort and dedication to produce such a polished performance so a massive 'well done' to all those who had to learn lines, remember dance routines or help with set design. The festive production has really has put everyone at Blowers Green in the festive spirit!





Mayor Marvels at Super Singers

On the evening of Monday 12th December children from Blowers Green Primary School took part in a special Christmas concert for the Mayor of Dudley, Cllr Anne Millward, at Dudley Town Hall. Music and festive cheer filled the air as our children performed five songs from *A Miracle in Town*. Our pupils also took on the important role as narrators and spoke confidently telling the story of The Nativity. The Town Hall was packed to the rafters and, once again, Blowers Children performed with confidence and enthusiasm wowing the audience in attendance. Thank you to all the family and parents that supported children at this special event. A thoroughly enjoyable evening.



SPORTSNEWS

Team BG Sports Stars Make us Proud.

Super sporty pupils have been making us proud this term. Blowers Green children have competed in the *Dudley Tag Rugby Tournament* and also represented the school at the *Dudley North Sports Hall Athletics Festival*. Both events saw a mixed team of boys and girls from classes 5 and 6 represent our school in fixtures and events against other local primary schools. Children showed great determination and skill, as well as demonstrating exemplary behaviour and good sportsmanship throughout both events. Although we did not win any medals at either event we secured some fantastic performances achieving creditable draws in the tag rugby tournament and Grace in KS2 winning the girl's javelin competition. A super effort by everyone involved.

Surgeons of the Future!

Budding scientists in class 6 performed heart dissections to support their learning in science and to develop 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 in our school.

Leading together

Winter Fayre 2022

Children get crafty and Brrrr-illiant Bargains to be had at this year's Winter Fayre.

Despite the bitterly cold winter weather, this year's Blowers Green Winter Fayre was a roaring success. We are thankful to our families and community who came together to make the event such a happy one.

This year, all the classes at Blowers Green 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. Pupils put their creative minds together to create gifts, crafts, decorations, games and so much more to help raise money for our school fund, which will in be used to enhance and support the learning opportunities for our children. All classes made a profit and the items flew off the shelves as our families purchased their Christmas bargains. All classes returned a profit, but a HUGE congratulations goes to Nursery and Reception class who made a winning £70.70 profit!



LEADING TOGETHER Pioneering Pupils

It was certainly worth the wait! After what seemed like months of preparation, 34 intrepid pupils from years 5 and 6 journeyed out into the Shropshire countryside to the Pioneer Centre for a two night residential.

An action-packed and fun-filled three days saw the children take part in a wide range of outdoor and adventurous activities. Pupils demonstrated determination, perseverance and willingness to succeed in pursuits that took them out of their comfort zone. There was climbing, abseiling, zip-wires, fencing, caving and archery activities as well as team-building games, singsongs and even a camp fire complete with hot chocolate. Children were fearless on the climbing walls and descending the abseil towers and showed great skill and ability in all of the challenges that came their way. Their behaviour and conduct was also excellent throughout the trip. There were a few tired heads on our coach journey home but some fantastic memories were created and it was clear that the trip was a resounding success!











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 you donations for a number of charity events we have participated in during the autumn term.

Black Country Foodbank

Thank you so much for your Harvest collection of food and toiletries for families and individuals in your local community. The families and friends of Blowers Green were so generous in their donations that an amazing 224kg of food and 19kg of non food items were

collected ensuring that 448 meals could be provided! This is absolutely wonderful; we are so thankful that you have helped support this cause.

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 £62.00 for this charity, your support is very much appreciated.

Christmas Jumper Day



On Friday 8th 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.



Special Thanks

Blowers Green Primary School would like to extend a special **<u>'thank you'</u>**to local businesses and members of our local community for supplying a wide variety of truly amazing prizes for our Winter Fayre Raffle.

Another 'thank you' must also go to our children who wrote numerous letters to local businesses asking for support with our Winter Fayre. The response we

had was phenomenal— their powers of persuasion are clearly very effective! The draw for the raffle was made on **Thursday 15th December** and we hope winners enjoyed their prizes.



Dear Santa...

We must have been very good boys and girls this year because Father Christmas ha<mark>s</mark> left everyone a present.



<u>Santa</u>

Two merry blue eyes and very little nose, A long snowy beard and cheeks like a rose, A round chubby man and a big bulging sack, Hurrah for Santa, we're glad he's come back!

Dreaming big

Rewarding Effort

Trust Award Winners

Everyone has worked hard and it has been a term of fantastic achievements. Our star learners and challenge champions have shown a great commitment and were rewarded with a £10 voucher and a certificate from our CEO of Dudley Academies Trust, Jo Higgins.

A very **BIG** well done to:

From all the staff and children here at Blowers Green Primary School, we would like to wish you a very...

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