

Blowers Green

Bugle



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A message from Mrs Adams...

Spring has finally sprung and with it may I wish you a warm welcome to our spring edition of the Blowers Green Bugle! Once again, Blowers Green has been a hive of activity with sporting, reading, artistic and learning opportunities and activities aplenty. Our children have not only shown what wonderful learners they are but how their teamwork, dedication and enthusiasm has made for a fantastic start to 2023. Within this edition of The Bugle there are once again many examples of the exciting activities that have been happening across the different year groups, which have served to enhance and develop our curriculum even further. We love producing the Bugle and showcasing the range of learning opportunities that we have all shared in—we hope that you enjoy catching up with the latest news and sharing in their successes.

I would also like to take the opportunity, on behalf of all the team here at Blowers Green, to wish you a restful and happy break. We look forward to seeing you all back for the summer term.

Busy Blowers



Celebrating a jam-packed spring term here at

Birmingham
Botanical Gardens



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EASTER
COMPETITION



READ
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ABOUT
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Turn the page to find out more in
this special spring edition of the
Blowers Green Bugle.

Dreaming Big

BG perform on the BIG stage

Audiences wowed by superstar performers at
Young Voices 2023.

We already know we have some amazingly talented children here at Blowers Green and the children left us in no doubt about this after some wonderful singing and performances at this year's Young Voices concert.

The Young Voices experience is not simply a children's choir concert, it is the largest children's choir concert in the world!

The children of Blowers Green had the wonderful opportunity to be fully immersed in the magic of the show on Wednesday 11th January 2023 at Resorts World, Birmingham. Thirty singers from our school choir attended this fantastic event and sang their hearts out to songs from Disney's 'Pocahontas' and 'Hercules', DreamWorks' 'Trolls' and Bob Marley's 'Three Little Birds'. The choir even had the opportunity to sing with the voice of 90's pop band, 'M People', Heather Small. An amazing 6641 children from many schools in and around the area, made up Wednesday's choir!

You can still catch videos from this wonderful night on our past SWAY newsletters at the following link:

<https://sway.office.com/HjpVPNfMIrEICA9T?ref=Link>





Blowers Green children have had a very sporty term! The weather may have been cold, wet and miserable but that has not put off our intrepid sportspeople who have taken part in a range of events, competitions and activities.

Girls Football



Motivated by the success of England's lionesses, last summer, year 5 and 6 girls of Blowers Green have been showing their skills on the football field by taking part in the Dudley Girls Football Tournament. Our girls team played with bucket loads of passion and motivation and even picked up a win and a creditable draw along the way. Well done girls—we are very proud of you!

Cross Country

In February, year 5 and 6 children also took part in the Dudley Primary Schools Cross Country Race. The event took place at Summerhill secondary school and children competed against other local primary schools. Our children were immaculately behaved at the event and showed great courage, determination and fitness to complete the mile course.



Tennis

Year 3 and 4 children also showcased their sporting prowess during the Dudley Tennis Competition at David Lloyd Gym in Brierley Hill. Our teams competed in matches against players from other schools with Team BG finishing in third place over all—a fantastic achievement! Well done!

Learning that Inspires

Fantastic Flowers

Brilliant Biomes

Terrific Trees



It is always good to get out and about and year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. The children had chance to observe the huge variety of plants and animals together with the many different adaptations that living things develop. Exploring the biomes also supported our children's geography work in school where they have been learning about how locations are different across our wonderful world. Everyone here at school was extremely proud to receive a postcard from staff at The Botanical Gardens

complimenting our children on their excellent standards of behaviour and conduct!

Careers in the Classroom

Promoting jobs and careers is important to us here at Blowers Green. This term, children in year 5 had the opportunity to visit Thomas Dudley Limited and learn more about the world of work. The children visited the foundry and plastic manufacturing and enjoyed a tour of the factory as well as the opportunity to look at some of the everyday objects that are produced right here in Dudley. Children were shown how the products are planned and constructed and all of the job opportunities that these processes offer. It was a wonderful chance to see the links

between the skills we learn in the classroom and the workplace. Once again children were immaculately behaved and had a great time visiting this local business.

T H O M A S

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Maths Masters



A group of year 5 and year 6 pupils represented Blowers Green last week in the West Midlands Maths Championship 2023.

The children demonstrated determination along with some impressive maths skills throughout their engagement in an exciting range of mathematical challenges, puzzles and problem-solving tasks to accumulate points.

Although we did not win this heat, Blowers Green came third out of six schools – a super achievement! Organiser, Helen Owens, an independent School

Improvement Consultant, commented:

“The maths skills I saw in action were impressive. Well done everyone! The Maths Championship is also about working as team, trying your best and having fun. Your children did all of these. You must all be so proud of them! What fantastic young mathematicians.”



Cartoon Capers for World Book Day



World Book Day is a worldwide celebration of books and reading and is marked in over 100 countries around the globe. The first World Book Day in the UK and Ireland took place in 1997 to encourage young people to discover the pleasure of reading. This year, children at Blowers Green enjoyed sharing their favourite stories with their friends. Year 2 also delivered a fantastic assembly about the joy of reading. 'Kev The Comic Man', a published author

and illustrator for *The Beano* and *Marvel* worked with the children to produce their own cartoons and story books. A fun day focused on reading was truly had by all!



Keen Readers Quiz

Their Way to Success

During March, year 5 and 6 learners took part in Dudley Libraries' prestigious annual Book Quiz, 2023. This highly competitive and challenging quiz afforded the children an opportunity to experience different authors, genres and themes, helping the children to develop their reading stamina and, more importantly, fostering a fantastic sense of teamwork and cooperation. The team have worked incredibly hard preparing for the quiz and have absolutely loved the 4 books chosen (featured below):



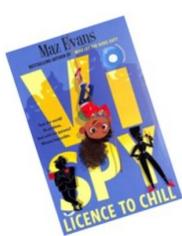
VI Spy: License to Chill - Maz Evans
Alex Neptune, Dragon Thief - David Owens
The Mountain Rescue Dog - Juliette Forrest
Picture Perfect - Serena Williams

Team BG showed a great understanding and recall of the books they had read, answering questions about the events in the books and about the authors themselves. Our talented team won the first round and went through to this year's **semi-final** as a result. They lost to the winners by just one point! We are so proud of their achievement and success in this competition.

Our team represented Blowers Green fantastically well—not only on the day of the competition itself, but through their willingness and hard work to read the novels that they were quizzed on this year.

The team have been so enthused by their reading, they have even contacted the author of 'VI Spy, License to Chill', Maz Evans, and are delighted to have received a response via Twitter.

If you would like us to contact any of your favourite authors then let us know! Don't forget to check out our school [twitter](#) feed interactions with the authors!



Blowers go with the Snow

March usually sees the daffodils emerge and the blossoms return to our trees, but this year we were hit by some significant late winter snow that took us all by surprise! That didn't stop Blowers Green children and staff taking a short break from learning and having a super time building snowmen, playing in the snow and more importantly making memories. Check out our snow creations below!



Standards are **Egg**ceptional



in Easter Competition



This year saw the much anticipated return of the ‘Decorate an Easter Egg Competition’. There have been some ‘**eggcellent**’ entries this year with eggs decorated in a wide variety of exciting ways. The entries to this year’s competition have been on display outside Mrs Adams’ and Mrs Martin’s offices and everyone has been ‘**eggcited**’ to see the creative ideas and creations that our talented children and families have been working on. Thank you so much for all the fantastic entries and a huge congratulations to Ronnie, Zoya-Fatiha, Ayra and George —our overall winners!





'All The World's a Stage.' Blowers Green Take on the Bard.

Year 2 shared in a Shakespeare workshop.

Budding actors and actresses from year 2 took to the stage earlier this term to take part in a workshop all about the play *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare. The children learned all about the play and its characters, as well as acting out lines for a fun performance. Children also produced artwork inspired by the story. We clearly have some talented performers in year 2 who thoroughly enjoyed their introduction to Shakespeare and his plays. We are sure that our children will be performing at The Globe Theatre in years to come!



Year one - helping put an end to animal cruelty

Once again, this year, year one's class charity is the RSPCA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals). To raise awareness of the work of the RSPCA and to support them and other animal rescue charities that do such good work, they had a very special visit from the CEO of Dudley Academies Trust, Jo Higgins, and her wonderful dog Ronnie. Rescued and supported by Rain Rescue based in Rotherham, Yorkshire, Ronnie is a rescue dog who, thankfully, was rescued as a puppy and given the opportunity to lead a much better life! Children in year one learned all about Ronnie's journey so far, including some of the challenges he has faced as well as his favourite past times. We always love having Ronnie in school so thank you so much for visiting year 1 Ronnie! The children loved giving you lots of tummy rubs and you helped them to understand how vital and helpful charities such as the RSPCA are to animals in need of care, support and a loving home and family. We hope you enjoyed the doggy treats! Please come and visit us again soon!



Times Table Rock Stars of the Term!



National expectations are that all children should be secure in rapid mental recall of all times tables up to 12×12 by the end of year 4. Times tables are so important as they are the foundation of all mathematics! Once you know them you're set for maths for life! Well done to all our rock heroes!

Well done to these children who earned the most coins on Times Ta-

Zoya-Fatiha 6,366
Daniela 20,269
Mohammed 66,996
Noor 37,710
Mujtaba 387542



Well done to class 4 who are our

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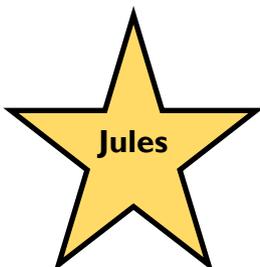




STAR LEARNERS



**Our superstar learners who have
been wowing staff this term:**



A fantastic effort—well done!