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Queen's Platinum Jubilee Souvenir Edition



Welcome to the Platinum Jubilee souvenir edition of the *Blowers Green Bugle*. As ever, our school newspaper is bursting at the seams with news from a truly 'outstanding' term! It has been an incredibly busy time in school; children have been working tirelessly and have once again shown what amazing learners they are.

Since our last edition we have celebrated the Platinum Jubilee in style; been out and about on school trips; achieved sporting success and enjoyed a variety of new curriculum experiences that have supported children's learning. The

children should feel proud of their efforts and achievements. We hope that you enjoy catching up with all the latest news and sharing in our children's successes.





Platinum Picnic as Patriotic Pupils Party



A host of celebrations and events took place in school to commemorate the 70 year reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

Blowers Green staff and children celebrated the Platinum Jubilee with a range of activities and events throughout the school. The culmination of our celebrations was our very own tea party and picnic on the school field. The afternoon of Friday 27th May 2022 saw all classes enjoy an afternoon in the sun, complete with picnic blankets, snacks and even a visit from the ice cream man. Children dressed in red, white and blue, designed and made paper crowns and flags and decorated our school site with patriotic bunting complete with messages of congratulations for our monarch. There were plenty of smiling faces and even a rousing rendition of the *God Save the Queen* that would have made her majesty proud – a truly wonderful afternoon.



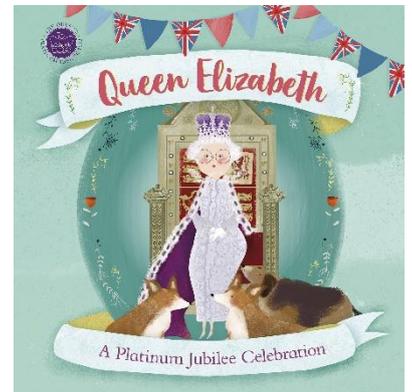
Jubilee Book Box Bonus!



To mark the historic 70th anniversary of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, a host of celebratory books to commemorate the occasion were added to class 'special books' box. We hope that these exciting, vibrant and engaging books can be enjoyed by pupils for many years to come.

Each family also received a commemorative

book to mark Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee to keep for their own home libraries. Designed as an official once-in-a-lifetime commemoration of the Platinum Jubilee and written in collaboration with royal experts and historians, the book tells the story of a young girl, Isabella, visiting her Great Granny Joyce who tells her all about the Queen and this year's Jubilee.



Kitchen Cook up a Jubilee Celebration



Our wonderful kitchen staff ensured that our children had Platinum Jubilee lunch to remember. The dining hall was decked out with union flags and bunting. Children were served up a delicious treat - Jubilee themed cakes and biscuits!

Dudley Catering services also ran a Jubilee themed colouring competition. The overall winner was Mawa from Class 6 who won an Amazon voucher for her 'creative and colourful design'. Well done Mawa!



Plant a Tree for the Jubilee.



Members of our school Eco Warriors Team plant a cherry tree in the school grounds to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



THE PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

The Queen's Green Canopy is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Everyone across the UK was invited to plant trees from October 2021, and here at Blowers Green we wanted to play our part. As part of our Jubilee celebrations, our Eco Warriors Team planted a cherry tree sapling in our school grounds. The children understand that this will create a green legacy of its own, with every tree planted bringing benefits for people, wildlife and climate, now and for

the future. We look forward to seeing the cherry tree blossom in years to come – a wonderful legacy for future Blowers Green Children provided by the pupils of today.



Jubilee Celebration



Across School



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II serving for seventy years on the throne is certainly a reason to celebrate and here at Blowers Green we certainly got into the jubilee spirit with events and activities right across school. Reception 'got creative' using junk modelling to create famous landmarks in London, as well as producing an amazing patchwork banner of artwork to create a magnificent portrait of Her Majesty the Queen.



On Monday 23rd May classes throughout school also took part in a special online art lesson when they joined in with The Platinum Jubilee live draw-along with artist Steve Antony

Steve Antony is the author and illustrator of several children's books including: *The Queen's Hat*, *The Queen's Handbag*, *The Queen's Present* and *The Queen's Lift-Off*. During the interactive lesson Steve taught the children how to draw the Queen and illustrate their own simple stories.

Children produced some super sketches, learned about a career in illustration and had lots of fun at the same time.



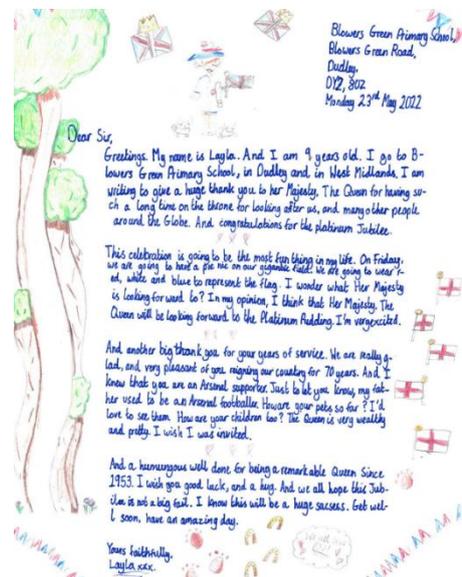
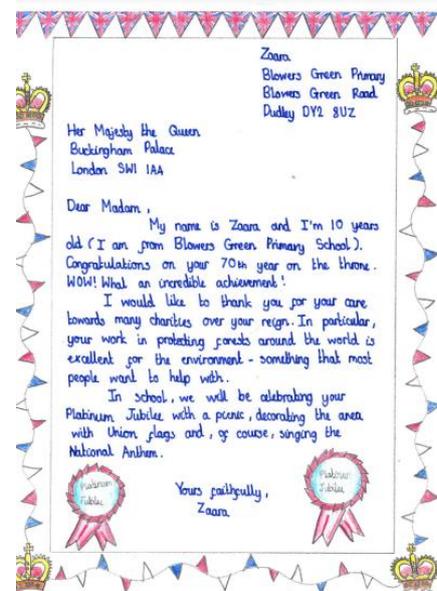
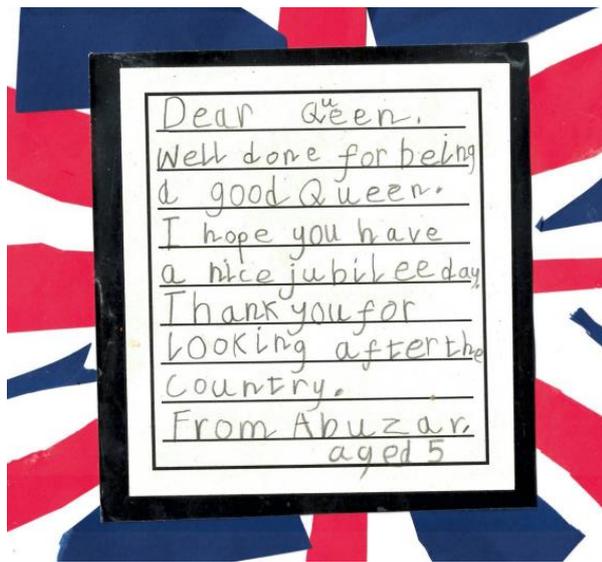
Royal Writing

Really Rocks



Children impress with their writing of letters to Her Majesty

We know we have fabulous writers here at Blowers Green and we are always looking for opportunities to 'polish' our skills and put pen (or pencil) to paper. So, the Jubilee seemed like the perfect chance to write a letter to Queen Elizabeth II. We are sure that Her Majesty will have enjoyed reading our letter and as you can see from the photographs, I am sure she will not have failed to be impressed by the super content and presentation of our letters.



Forging Ahead

Children explore different career paths with a visit to Thomas Dudley

On Tuesday 5th July Year 5 children visited the factory and foundry at Thomas Dudley – local leading manufacturing business.



An exciting and interesting afternoon allowed children to see for themselves how many everyday objects are designed and made. The visit also inspired and informed our pupils

about how to pursue a career in design and engineering. Children toured the factory and foundry, seeing a variety of everyday products being made from metals and plastics.

Here at Blowers Green we encourage our children to 'dream big' so it was very exciting to meet with Chief Executive Martin Dudley who shared his own inspiring career experiences with the children. There was also the opportunity to meet with a range of Thomas Dudley employees carrying out a range of roles within the company who discussed their own career pathways and qualifications needed to work in the different positions within the company. It was so interesting to see how products are designed, refined and developed and how staff have used creative ways to solve problems to make further improvements to the products available. Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Science (STEAM) influence everyone's everyday lives. So, it was fascinating for our children to see how an interest and ability in these subjects can open up many 'doors' to rewarding career paths for our children.



The children asked some very intelligent and thoughtful questions and showed a keen interest throughout the trip – they really were a credit to our school. As a memento of the day, Thomas Dudley also provided each child with a metal monopoly game piece forged in the factory: a lovely souvenir from an inspiring and interesting trip.



Champions!

Blowers Green Bowl them Over at Cricket Tournament



Blowers Green celebrated sporting success recently, when the year 3 and 4 cricket team were crowned champions at the Dudley Commonwealth Games Cricket Festival. The team made up of boys and girls from across the two classes attended the festival at King Edwards VI Sixth Form College Cricket Club and put on an amazing display of super cricketing skills.

The weather was perfect for cricket as Blowers Green competed in five matches against other Dudley Primary Schools. Throughout the day, the Blowers Green team played some excellent cricket, showcasing their excellent batting skills and wonderful ability in the field. After winning **all five** of their matches and beating Netherton C of E Primary School in the final, Blowers Green were champions.

The children were a credit to our school – their team work and sportsmanship were exemplary. We certainly have some very talented cricketers who look destined for more success in the future. Children received medals and certificates in assembly and are looking forward to more cricket matches next year. With such talented cricketers in our classes we may need to change the name of the school from Blowers Green to Bowlers Green!



‘We are the Champions!’ - The Year 3 & 4 Cricket team proudly posing with their medals.

Officially Outstanding



It is pleasing to report that once again our school has been rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, following a recent inspection on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th April 2022. This is a momentous achievement as the academy was rated 'Outstanding' in 2016 and again in 2022. It is a very rare occurrence for a school to retain its 'Outstanding' Ofsted judgment. What a wonderful achievement for our school!

Zoe Adams, Headteacher at Blowers Green Primary, said, "I am overjoyed that our school has retained its 'Outstanding' judgement. Every individual who is part of our educational community is committed to providing only the best for our young people. As noted in the report 'teachers know exactly what pupils must learn and the order they must learn it in. They follow this structure and sequence with precision'. With the support of Dudley Academies Trust, the school has been able to ensure subjects have continued to be "organised in depth and detail".

The Ofsted inspection report celebrates the hard work and pupils and staff. Some of the key highlights are listed below:

- *"No child is left behind."*
- *"This attention to vocabulary and language forms the heartbeat of the reading curriculum."*
- *"Leaders think deeply about every decision they make and every action they take. Nothing is left to chance. As a result, all pupils achieve exceptionally well across the curriculum."*
- *"'From here you can go anywhere' is instilled in pupils, from the very youngest in nursery to those soon to move to secondary school."*
- *"Pupils show understanding of the knowledge and qualities needed to live side by side in harmony through their actions and words. From here, pupils really can 'dream big and go anywhere'."*



Puzzles? No Problem for Pupils

the
Happy
Puzzle
Company

Creativity and Problem Solving Masterclass

We were delighted to welcome the 'The Happy Puzzle Company' into school to work with pupils throughout the school. The day involved a series of workshops that challenged our children to work with a variety of puzzles and challenges; their task then becomes one of turning the apparently impossible into the possible! Of course they all look incredibly easy... until the students start trying to solve them! Working collaboratively, each pupil improved their personal learning and thinking skills, boosting their confidence in the process and raising their own expectations of what they can achieve in the classroom when faced with challenging problems.



Teamwork and perseverance were the order of the day when The happy Puzzle Company were in school.

Goodbye Year Six



Once again it is time to say goodbye to our Year Six children. The class of 2022 really are credit to us all. Although this academic year saw the return of SATs tests, the class of 2022 were not daunted by the challenge. They have incredibly hard this year and have been rewarded with some phenomenal SATs results. Result that they should be rightly proud of – as a staff team we certainly are. All the children in Class Six received a gift to celebrate their time at Blowers Green and produced a super end of year show 'Goodbye My Friend'. 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.



Day-trippers!

SCHOOL TRIPS ARE BACK!

After the disruption of the last couple of years, it was incredibly pleasing to be able to once again jump on a coach and head off to an exciting destination on a school trip. Getting out of the classroom and visiting museums, safari parks, exhibitions and activity centres is essential to ensuring children at Blowers Green are well supported with their curriculum learning. We love exploring new places and learning more about the world around us, just look at what we've been up to...

Reception had a fabulous time at Bodenham Arboretum; the sun was almost as bright as the smiles on their faces! The children's laughter echoed through the forest as they made stick dens, a bed for Goldilocks and a bridge for the three Billy Goats Gruff. They even made scrummy porridge, but had to make sure that Goldilocks was not around to eat it!



We sat around the fire eating the porridge we had made.

Some of us liked the porridge with jam, others preferred honey.



Years 3 and 4 Classes 3 and 4 had a wonderful trip to the Black Country Living Museum. On June 14th! Not only did the children have a tour of the museum and learn about all its wonderful history but they also got to try the technique of rag rugging and exploring historic techniques and materials.

Year 5 and 6 visited the RAF museum at Cosford. Year 5 children learned all about the science behind flight. They investigated rockets aeroplanes and helicopters.

Class 6 took part in a history workshop focusing on the role of the Royal Air Force in the Second World War as well as life on the Home Front.

The logo for the Royal Air Force Museum, featuring a stylized red bullseye target symbol to the left of the text "ROYAL AIR FORCE" in blue and "museum" in red.

Key Stage One went animal crazy when they visited the West Midlands Safari Park. The visit supported their learning in science where children have been learning about animals and their habitats.

A 'wild' time was had by everyone!

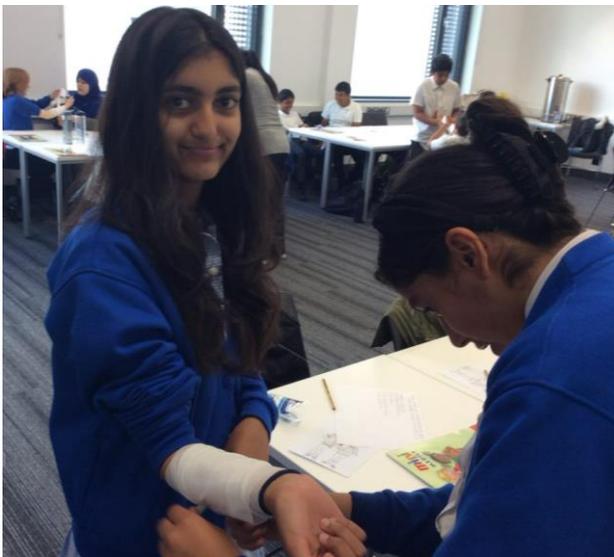


First Class First Aiders

Year 6 Learn First Aid Basics.

During the Summer Term Year 6 children completed a day of first aid training at the Dudley Institute of Technology. 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 the first aid training company *Mini Medics*, 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.

In addition to this, The Institute of Technology provided the children with a tour of the facility to see all the state-of-the-art equipment and modern apparatus. The Institute of Technology is a wonderful facility that inspired many of the children to be doctors, dentists, surgeons, engineers and designers of the future.



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**It's time to say goodbye,
Our year has come to an end.
We've made some cherished memories
With our Blowers Green friends.**

**We've watched each other learn and grow
And change from day to day.
We hope that all things we've done
Will help along the way.**

**So it's with happy memories
We all go out the door,
With great hope and expectations
For what next year holds in store.**

