



A Note From Mrs Adams...

As the academic year draws to a close, we once again can reflect on another successful year at Blowers Green. This edition of 'The Bugle' is packed with news celebrating the diverse achievements and activities that happen here in our school.

Firstly, I wanted to take a moment to consider our collective achievements and express my heartfelt gratitude to each member of our school community.

To our learners, you have shown incredible resilience, curiosity, and growth. Whether in the classroom, on the playground, or participating in extracurricular activities, your enthusiasm and dedication have been inspiring. You have not only excelled academically but also embodied the values of kindness, respect, and teamwork.

To our parents and guardians, your unwavering support and involvement have been integral to our success. Your partnership in your children's education has helped create a nurturing and thriving environment. Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education and for being active participants in their learning journeys.

This year has brought us many memorable moments, from school events and field trips to sports victories and artistic achievements.

As we head into the summer break, I encourage everyone to take time to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with loved ones. For our students moving on to new adventures, we wish you all the best and know you will continue to shine brightly. For those returning next year, we look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting chapter.

Thank you all for making this school year so special. Have a wonderful summer!

Mrs Adams





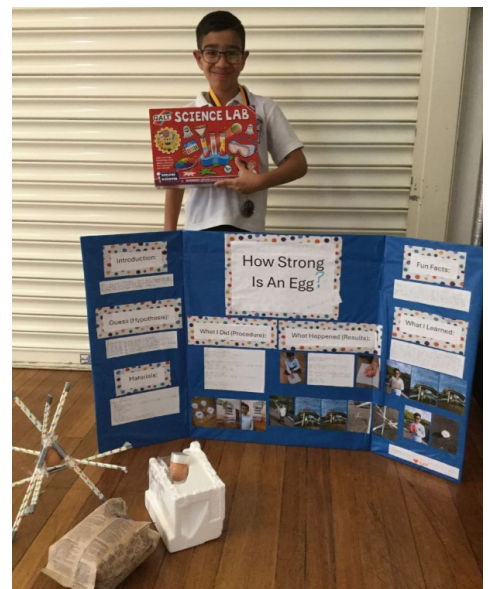
Super Scientists Share Amazing Projects

Throughout the summer term we have been inviting children to be 'scientists at home'. We know how inquisitive our children are about the world around them and we wanted to give children an opportunity to investigate a scientific question without using fancy equipment or ingredients, just using everyday items found at home. Once children had investigated and answered a question they were asked to present their findings as a project that could be brought into school and displayed. We were astounded by the quality of the work and the effort that children and their families had made!



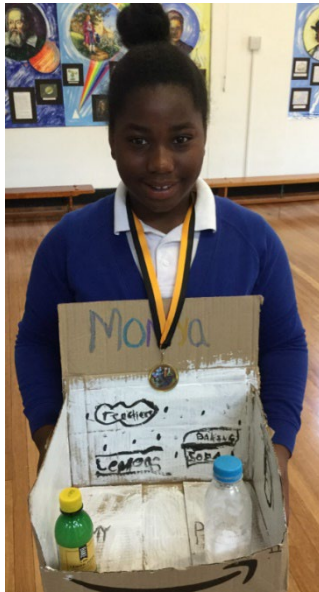
Once all the entries had been collected, senior leaders in school chose our overall winners.

The Key Stage One winners were: Maisey, Selina and Zen.





The Key Stage Two winners were: Radul, Moniya and Hajra.
They won some fantastic science prizes for their efforts.



A huge thank you to all families and children that took part in this exciting initiative.

Robotics Revelations

A group of eager Key Stage 2 pupils recently had an unforgettable educational trip to the local Institute of Technology (IOT), where they delved into the fascinating world of robotics.

The visit, organised by The Ogden Trust in collaboration with the IOT, aimed to ignite young learners' interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) subjects by providing a hands-on experience with cutting-edge robotic technology.

The children had the opportunity to participate in several interactive workshops. One of the highlights was the “Build Your Own Robot” session, where the budding scientists assembled robots using kits provided by the IOT. Guided by a team of experts, the KS2 children learned how to connect pneumatic syringes and program basic movements.

As the students boarded the bus back to Blowers Green, their minds were abuzz with new knowledge and aspirations. The visit to the IOT not only enriched their understanding of robotics but also opened their eyes to the endless possibilities that a career in STEM can offer.



Bowled Over!

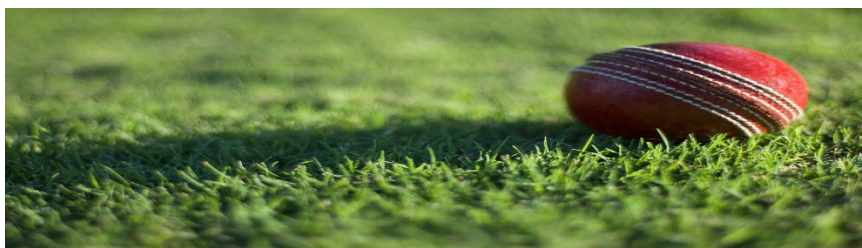
Cricket here at Blowers Green is going from strength to strength. This term all the classes across Key Stage Two have been taking part in 'Chance to Shine' cricket workshops delivered by Worcestershire County cricket coaches. A wonderful opportunity to sharpen our skills in batting, fielding catching and bowling.



In competitions this year, we have had some super successes. The mixed year 5 and 6 team reached the finals of the County Competition and were crowned overall winners, winning all four of their games, taking the lead by over 70 runs in their final game. A fantastic achievement!

Our year 5 and 6 girls team were crowned Dudley runners up for 2024 and our year 3 and 4 team took third place overall. A brilliant effort by all our teams! At each of the competitions, our pupils were commended for their fantastic team spirit and sportmanship towards other participants.

Next year, we are looking forward to offering more cricketing opportunities through our PE curriculum and after-school provision to inspire more children to play this exciting game.



Thrilling Cricket Adventure at Lord's

Pupils from Year 5 and 6 had an unforgettable experience on their recent visit to the historic Lord's Cricket Ground in London.

The day began with a warm welcome from the Lord's Cricket Ground staff and an assembly with special guest, Heather Knight, captain of the England Women's team. She spoke to the children about her career in cricket and what it takes to become a successful cricketer.



Following this, children then took part in a 'Drumba' session, this fast pace activity got the students moving and also ignited their inner drummer, boosting confidence, and helping to cultivate a lifelong love for music and staying active.



The children then headed to the indoor cricket centre and participated in a hands-on cricket workshop led by professional coaches. The workshop was designed to teach the basics of cricket, including batting, bowling, and fielding techniques. The children enthusiastically engaged in various drills and games, showing great teamwork and sportsmanship.



These cricket skills were then put to the test during a master class with Richard Gleeson, England fast bowler. He demonstrated to the children how to improve their accuracy, speed and spin. He even had time to sign a few autographs!

The day ended with a tour of the grounds which provided the students with a brief history of the iconic venue, often referred to as the "Home of Cricket." The students visited the Pavilion, the dressing rooms, the Long Room, and the prestigious Honours Boards. One lucky pupil, Layla, also got to sit on the 'royal throne,' a chair reserved for the reigning monarch, King Charles, when he attends Lords.

A highlight of the tour was climbing the many steps to the media room, giving the children an unforgettable view of the prestigious grounds.



The visit to Lord's Cricket Ground was a tremendous success, providing Year 5 and 6 students with a unique blend of sports education and artistic exploration. The day not only enhanced their knowledge and skills but also inspired a sense of enthusiasm and curiosity.



If you go down to the woods...

Earlier this term, Reception pupils visited Bodenham Arboretum for an exciting and educational forest school session based on the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.' The day was filled with engaging activities designed to foster a love for nature and enhance the children's outdoor skills.



The first activity was a thrilling bear hunt through the arboretum. The children explored the natural surroundings to find hidden teddy bears. This activity encouraged teamwork, problem-solving, and an appreciation for nature as they navigated through the woods, identifying various plants and animals along the way.



After the excitement of the bear hunt, the children gathered around the campfire to learn how to cook porridge. Once the porridge was ready, everyone sat together to enjoy the warm, delicious meal.



The final activity of the day was building dens using natural materials found in the forest. The children worked in small groups to construct sturdy and creative shelters. This activity encouraged imagination, cooperation, and physical coordination. It also provided an opportunity for the children to understand the principles of construction and the importance of teamwork.

The trip to Bodenham Arboretum was a memorable experience for all involved, and the lessons learned will undoubtedly stay with the children for years to come.



Warwick Wonder: Year 4 pupils step back in time at majestic castle

During the first half of the summer term, Class 4 embarked on an educational adventure to Warwick Castle, where they learned about the intricacies of medieval battles, including attacking and defending strategies.

The trip, designed to complement the Year 4 history curriculum, offered a hands-on learning experience about medieval warfare. The young historians were greeted by castle staff dressed in authentic period costumes, setting the stage for an immersive exploration of England's rich heritage.

Upon arrival, the children were taken on a guided tour of the castle grounds, learning about the importance of the castle defences. The pupils were fascinated by the vast collection of medieval weapons and armour, which they had previously only seen in textbooks and enjoyed taking part in activities which demonstrated how to use a bow and arrow and defend using a shield. The children were also treated to a mesmerising falconry show.



Egg-citing Hatching Event

This term, Reception class embarked on an exciting project to hatch duckling eggs and care for the ducklings. This hands-on experience aimed to teach the children about life cycles, responsibility, and the importance of nurturing living creatures.

The project began with thorough preparation. The classroom was equipped with an incubator, and the children learned about the conditions necessary for hatching eggs, such as temperature and humidity.

Excitement filled the classroom as the hatching day approached. The children watched in awe as the ducklings began to emerge from their shells. Teachers explained the hatching process, highlighting the effort it takes for a duckling to break free from its shell.

Once the ducklings hatched, the children were introduced to the basics of caring for the young birds and demonstrated how patient and gentle they could be.



Wonderful Walkers, Children on the Move...



At Blowers Green we want all our children and their families to be happy and healthy. To further support this, children have been taking part in the WOW - Walk to School initiative. Walking every day is a huge benefit not only to our physical health but our mental health too. To help keep track of our activity levels, children self-report how they get to school every day during registration using the interactive **WOW Travel Tracker**.

If they travel sustainably (walk, cycle or scoot) once a week for a month, they are then rewarded with a special badge. Keep up the good work with your walking as there will be more badges to earn next year.

TT Rockstars

This term Key Stage 2 pupils have been taking part in 'TT Rock Stars' battles, with classes competing against each other to be crowned winners of 'The Battle of the Bands.'



A huge congratulations goes to Class 4, who have won every battle this term! A fantastic achievement which highlights all the hard work that the children have been putting in to learning and recalling their times tables at speed!

A special mention goes to Virat in Class 4 who is top of the school leader board for answering the most times table questions this year. Great Work!

Summer Fayre, Thank You

A huge thank you from all the staff to our school community for supporting our Summer Fayre this year. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying themselves out on Wednesday 3rd July. Whether you had a go at our raffle, bought an ice lolly or threw a wet sponge at Mr Thompson, you have helped raise well over £860. This money can be used to support our children's education through purchasing resources or supporting trips and experiences. Well done everybody!

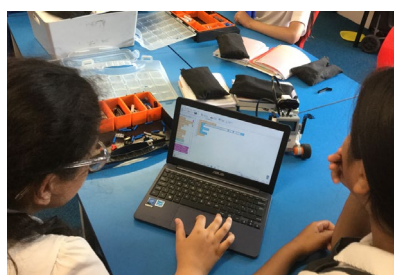
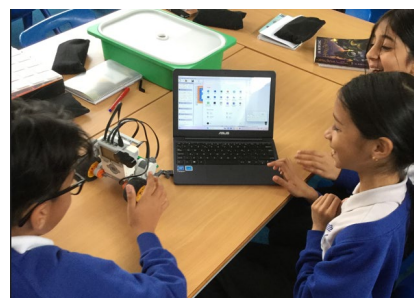


Radical Robots

Earlier this month classes 4 and 6 put their engineering skills to the test with an interactive 'Robotics' workshop. The workshop promoted the use of technology, mathematics and engineering in a real-world context. Children worked in teams to design, build, program and manoeuvre their own real robot. The session put their problem solving and construction skills to the test. Children also learned how different sensors used in their build would help the robot move and behave in different ways. Both classes thoroughly enjoyed the session, and we clearly have some talented computer programmers in school.

I enjoyed constructing the robot and experimenting with different designs. It was fun to race the robots against each other!

Ruqaiya – Class 6



I enjoyed constructing the robot, learning about sensors, motors and the robot brain. It was great that I could practise my coding skills when getting the robot to move!

Daniela – Class 4

Breaking Barriers

Challenging Gender Stereotypes

Children recently took part in an assembly which focused on challenging gender stereotypes by having Year 5 and 6 pupils guess the occupations of four visitors based on appearances and brief introductions. This interactive and thought-provoking activity aimed to encourage students to reconsider preconceived notions about gender and occupations.

The assembly started with a brief introduction to gender stereotypes and their impact. Teachers provided examples of common stereotypes and discussed why it is important to challenge them.

Four visitors, each with diverse backgrounds and professions, were introduced without revealing their jobs. Pupils then had the opportunity to question each individual to try and determine their career.



Each visitor then revealed their actual occupation, followed by a discussion on why the pupils guessed as they did. Pupils learned to question their initial assumptions and understood the impact of stereotypes.

The personal stories from the visitors made the issue relatable and memorable.

The gender stereotype assembly for Year 5 and 6 pupils was a successful and impactful way to challenge stereotypes and promote inclusivity. Through interactive and engaging methods, it provided valuable lessons on critical thinking and self-reflection, helping young students to question and move beyond gender-based assumptions in their understanding of various occupations.



Sports Day Spectacular

Fun, Fitness, and Friendly Competition

Our annual whole school Sports Day was a resounding success, filled with excitement, teamwork, and plenty of cheering! From the youngest to the oldest, every student participated with enthusiasm and sportsmanship, making it a memorable day for all.

During the morning session, Reception and Key Stage One children participated with enthusiasm and determination; running, throwing and jumping with speed and accuracy. The classic egg and spoon race brought smiles and laughter to everyone. Balancing an egg on a spoon while racing to the finish line is no easy feat, but our students managed it with grace and good humour. It was a delightful and entertaining event for all.



On to the afternoon session, where Key Stage Two pupils showcased their sporting abilities. There were running races, where students showcased their speed and endurance, the track was alive with energy and determination. The hurdles, a true test of agility and coordination. Students navigated the hurdles with impressive skill, leaping over each one with

precision. It was a fantastic display of athleticism and focus.

Team spirit shone brightly during the relay races. Teams worked together seamlessly, passing the baton. The cheers from the crowd spurred them on, making for some thrilling finishes.



Sports Day is not just about competition; it's about coming together as a school community to celebrate health, fitness, and fun. We are incredibly proud of all our students for their participation, effort, and sportsmanship. A big thank you to our teachers, staff, and parents for their support and encouragement throughout the day. Here's to another fantastic Sports Day, and we look forward to more fun and excitement next year!

Heroes in Action: Emergency Services Team Up to Educate Students on Safety

The fire service visited Year 4 to educate them about fire safety! The children learned the importance of calling the emergency number 999 in case of a fire or any other emergency.

They were taught that if they discover a fire, they should shout "Fire!" loudly to alert others rather than just calling for help. This ensures that everyone understands the immediate danger.



The importance of having working fire alarms in their homes was emphasised. Did you know that fire alarms should be tested weekly to ensure they are functioning properly?

The children also learned a crucial technique to use if their clothes catch on fire:

Stop: Don't run; running can make the flames grow.

Drop: Get down to the ground immediately.

Roll: Roll over and over to smother the flames.

These lessons are fundamental for ensuring the children understand how to act quickly and safely in the event of a fire.



Year 6 were visited by PC Purser, who talked to the children about their transition to high school and how to ensure they stay safe when travelling to and from school. She also highlighted how, as children get older, they can become responsible and respectful members of the community by demonstrating good

manners, respectful communication with peers and adults and by becoming involved in community service or volunteer activities.

I loved seeing all of the equipment that the police use, such as the walkie-talkie, baton and handcuffs.

Alesha

It was interesting when PC Purser told us about the different roles of a PCSO and how she has been involved in police chases.

Molly



Year 6 pupils have received first aid training with JPF First Aid. This type of training is incredibly valuable for young people as it equips them with essential life skills.



During their training, pupils learnt:

Basic Life Support (BLS): Including CPR and the recovery position.

Dealing with Unconsciousness: How to respond if someone is unconscious but breathing.

Wound Care: How to treat cuts, grazes, and minor burns.

Choking: Techniques to help someone who is choking.

Calling for Help: How to call emergency services and what information to provide.



CHARITABLE CHILDREN

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your incredible efforts in raising money for your chosen class charities during this school year. Your dedication, enthusiasm, and generosity have made a significant impact, and we are proud of the compassion and community spirit you have shown.

Class 1  - £272.70

Class 2 -  - £152.35

Class 3 - Partnerships in the Gambia - £70.56



Class 4 – Honey Pot  Children's Charity-£229.75

Class 5 -  Whizz Kidz - £276.34

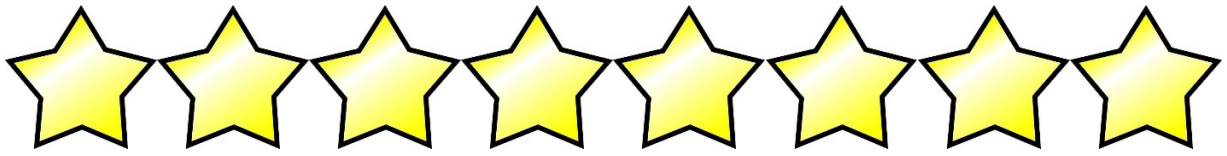
Class 6 -  Alzheimer's Society - £15.10

Thank you for your hard work and support.

Your contributions will make a difference to the lives of many.

Challenge Champions

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Thank you to all the children that have taken part in our school challenges this year.

Our challenge champions are...

Reception – Bedolf, Cyrus, Ugochukwu

Class 1 – Faizan and Inaaya

Class 2 – Selina, Daniel, Sienna P

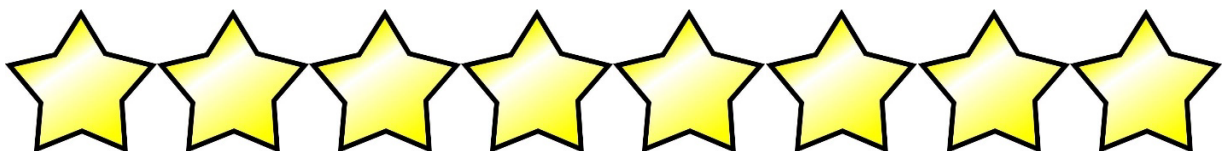
Class 3 – Zoya-Fatiha, Arisha, Hafsa, Zoey, Enya

Class 4 – Joshua, Ghazia, Halimah, Tracy

Class 5 – Limar, Ben, Trinity

Class 6 – Miraj, Lateisha, Malaika

Well done to our challenge champions, who have completed the most challenges within their classes this year!



Summer Term Star Learners

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

Reception - Bedolf

Class 1 - Faizan

Class 2 - Azaan

Class 3 - Nathan

Class 4 - Erin

Class 5 - Jovia

Class 6 - Naghma

Goodbye Year 6

Once again it is time to say goodbye to our Year Six children. Children have once again worked hard and have achieved wonderful SATs results – they should be enormously proud of their efforts. As part of their leaving celebrations, class 6 put on an excellent showcase of their clarinet playing ability earlier this term. Their teamwork and high standard of playing was a delight.

#LEAVERS

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.

CLASS OF



2024



**The school year's almost over,
And what a year it has been!
We've done so much together,
We're sure you'll all agree.**

We've watched you grow and learn so much.

It really has been fun.

**We've seen you try your hardest,
In everything you've done.**

We've sung and danced and played and learned,

We've laughed and shared our smiles.

You really have made us proud.

You're all the best by miles.

So go and enjoy your summer,

You've really earned a rest.

And we're sure you all agree

Blowers Green children are the best.

