



Our school community pull together in 2020

Lockdown Lookback

A very warm welcome to this very special edition of The Blowers Green Bugle. Whether you are staff, children or a member of our amazing families, this year has certainly been a different one. Life in school has not been the same since we all had to go into lockdown back in March. But, as always, Blowers Green and its community have shown a real spirit of togetherness and resilience.



Children and their families have adapted brilliantly to their 'home learning' and this edition celebrates the many successes and good news stories from over the last few months. Everyone at school has been blown away by everyone's dedication and commitment to their home-learning, sharing your daily work, sending pictures and your achievements through the class email. Look out as you might just spot yourself in the newspaper!

Message From Mrs Sehmbi

"This academic year has been like no other! The last few months have been frightening and challenging for us all as we have responded to the lockdown and then to a limited return to a very different kind of school. We have worked hard to ensure our school has been exemplary in its response and our children's needs and the needs of our families have been at the centre of our decision making.

We are delighted that children have continued to learn! Many thanks go to the amazing staff team. All of them; teachers, classroom support staff, admin staff, cleaners and site staff have done everything asked of them with willingness and good humour. And thanks to our children who always make us proud! We also want to thank you, our parents and carers. You always give us great support and are super partners."



A Close Shave!



Charity fundraisers are a cut above.

George in class 3 had a lockdown haircut with a difference. Along with his mum, George faced the clippers to raise money for the MacMillan Nurse's 'Brave the Shave' campaign. The pair shaved their heads for this worthy cause that is close to their hearts. Through sponsorship and donations they have now raised more than £1000. An amazing effort!



BOOK BUNDLE BONAZA

*'The more that you READ, the more things you will KNOW.
The more that you LEARN, the more places you will GO!'*

Dr Suess



Reading is so important to us here at Blowers Green and we all love sharing a good story. We wanted to continue to develop our love of reading, even in lockdown! So, with this in mind, school provided bundles of brand new books for each and every child in school to enjoy and share with their families. Huge thanks are extended to Dudley Academies Trust who have financially supported this super initiative.

We very much hope you enjoyed your books!

BG Phone Home

We are only one call away.



Mr. Brown catches up with Year 5 news.

A huge highlight for both teachers and children alike were the phone calls home during the school shutdown. It was really important for all of us to keep in contact and support each other in these difficult times. It was great to hear everyone's voices, listen to your news and support you all with your home learning. From the feedback you have given us we know the calls were valued.

YouTube Famous



Staff send message of support.



Staff and teachers here at Blowers Green really missed seeing the children and telling them how brilliant they are everyday. So, during the lockdown, with the help of Mrs MacDonald and her computer skills, Blowers Green produced a video with a message for you all. If you haven't seen it yet, check it out on our new YouTube Channel or on the school website:

<https://safeYouTube.net/w/Z3xN> The video has been viewed over 200 times!

A Big Thank You

Making the change from learning in our classrooms to learning from home was a huge change for everyone at Blowers Green. The home learning website became a classroom for us all during lockdown. Having a fully functional website up and running



by the first day of lockdown was no mean feat. This, along with regular daily updates, have helped our children to continue to learn and grow even in these testing times. As a school we would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Stephen Clarke, the Marketing Manager at Dudley Academies Trust, whose 'technical wizardry' has kept the website up to date for our children and their families.

Computer Whizz. Stephen Clarke made sure our home learning was always there for us over the last 17 week.

Blowers Baby Boom

The Blowers Green family has been growing over the last few months. Mrs Perry (Year One) welcomed a gorgeous baby boy back in May. Mrs Williams (Assistant Headteacher) quickly followed with the birth of her beautiful baby girl who arrived a couple of weeks later. And, breaking news... Mrs Francis (Year 5) gave birth to an adorable baby boy just this week! That's not all, Miss Starrs (HTLA) is expecting her baby before we return in September. Congratulations to Mrs Perry, Mrs Williams and Mrs Francis and our best wishes to Miss Starrs. What an exciting time for everyone!



Back to School

From June 1st Blowers Green began to welcome children back into school. It was great to have our classrooms buzzing with learning once more. Our school may have looked a little different but everyone worked hard to keep each other happy and safe. It will be great to have everyone back in September.



Spots on the floor help us socially distance when we are moving around the school. (picture left) Year 5 had lessons in the hall. Desks are spaced out and a 'teacher zone' is marked to keep everyone safe.

Goodbye Year Six

It is that time of the year when we say 'goodbye' to our wonderful Year Six. Although this year has been a strange one, when many of the children sat in the classroom for the last time much earlier than anyone would've hoped, the hard work, determination and resilience of this year group shone through. We are so proud of their adaptability and continued effort throughout lockdown and beyond.

All the children in Class Six received a 'goody bag' of gifts to celebrate their time at Blowers Green.



The class of 2020 will be missed by everyone here at school and we send of very best wishes to them all as they embark on the next stage of their educational adventure.



Children working from home have a special delivery

Doorstep Drops

On the morning of Thursday 16th July, Mrs Sehmbi, Mrs Adams, Mr Thompson and Mrs Williams visited those members of Year 6 who are still working at home for a 'special delivery'. Children were presented with a goody bag of gifts and a chance to say a proper goodbye as their time at Blowers Green comes to an end. It is a tradition at Blowers Green that all our Year 6 leavers take a copy of the Dr Seuss book, *'Oh the Places You'll Go!'* with them as a memento of their time with us. This, along with a framed photograph of their classmates and other treats made up the presents that were hand delivered by staff. Everyone at Blowers Green were also amazed by the



generosity and number of gifts passed on from the children for the staff team back at school. We are blessed to be at the centre of such a loving and giving community. It was lovely to see the children during visits and we just ask that you don't forget us and we hope that you will all come and see us soon. Let us know how well you are doing at your new schools!

Mr Thompson with Year 6 leaver Haris and the rest of his family on the doorstep drop offs. (Above)

Staff received some beautiful and thoughtful gifts too. (Right)



Home Learning Heroes



A huge 'thank you' to all parents, carers and families that supported children with their learning at home.

While the classrooms were empty in school during lockdown, your kitchens, gardens, living rooms and bedrooms were filled with learning. Everyone at Blowers Green wanted to say a big 'thank you' and 'well done' not only to our fantastic children but also to our parents, carers and families for supporting and teaching the children. Teachers loved seeing the photographs and work you submitted and we thought all the hard work was worth sharing. Look at all this brilliant work. We are extremely proud of Team BG!

Nursery



Nursery have been superstars – they have done so much! They've painted. They've built pirate ships. They've baked.

Our youngest children have continued to count, draw, sing, dance, tell stories and so much more.



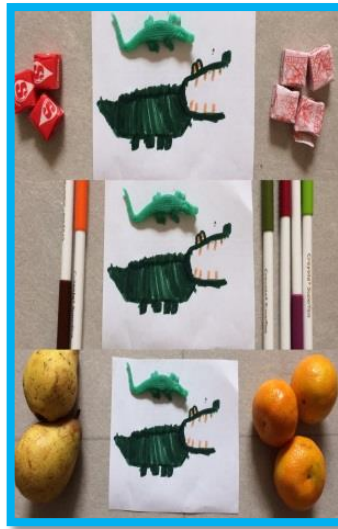
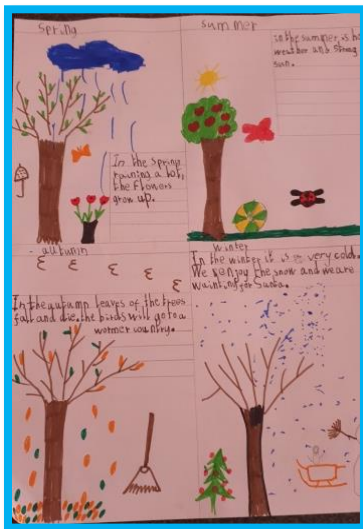
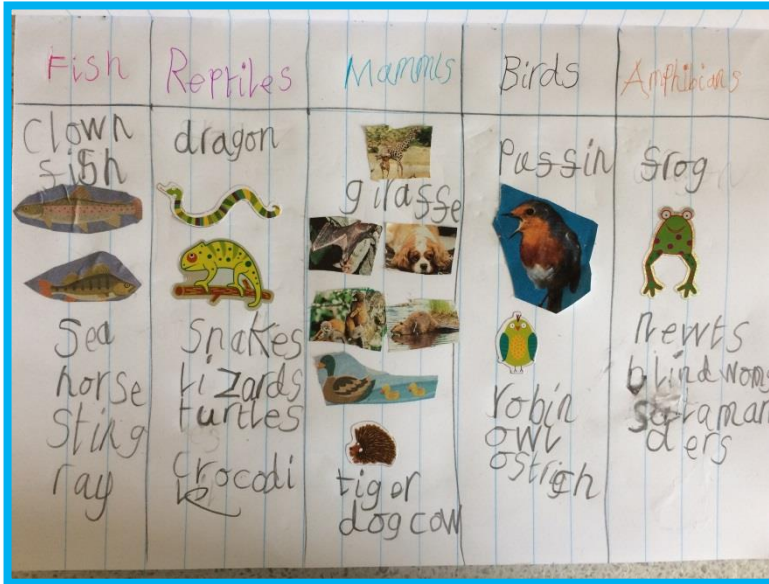
Reception

Throughout the lockdown, Reception have been having lots of fun! Plenty of investigating, colouring, making, sharing stories and much, much more. Well done everyone!



Year 1

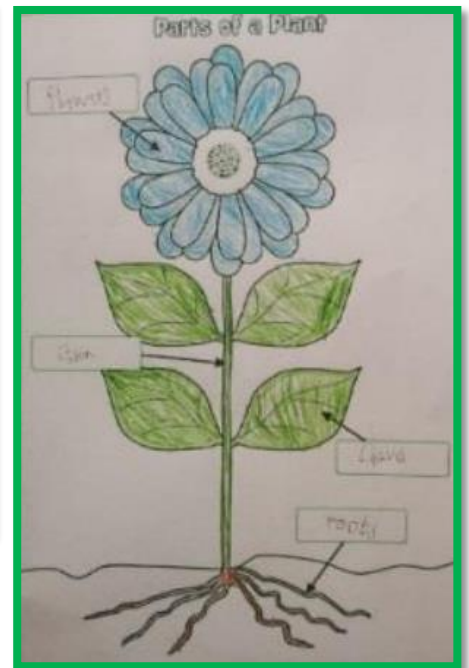
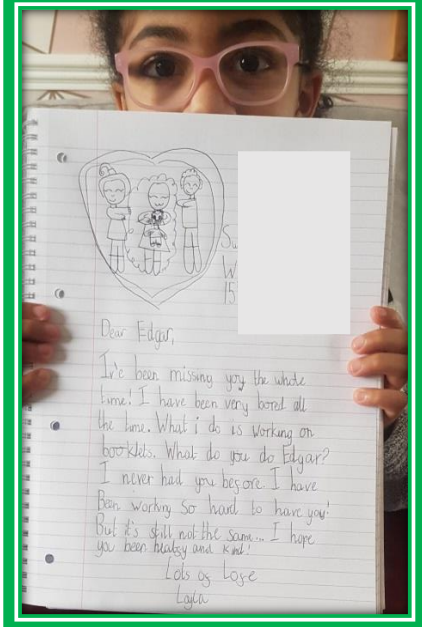
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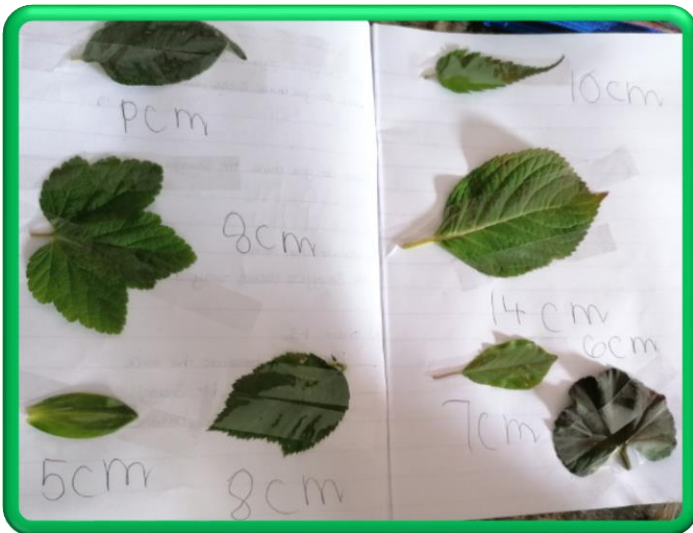
Year One have been truly wonderful during Lockdown. The amazing pieces of work produced by Year One have proved that no obstacle - or pandemic, is too large for our Blowers Green families to overcome. We have seen budding gardeners, seasoned bakers and even future philanthropists exploring their passions at home. A super effort everyone.



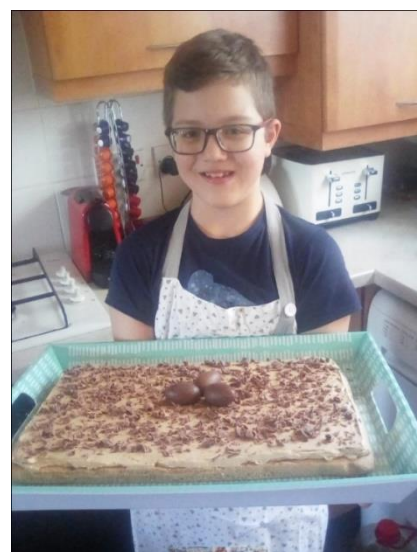
Year 2 have been getting in touch with nature when creating some beautiful artwork and learning all about plants too. Playing shops has also improved their maths skills and writing lessons have kept their literacy skills sharp.



Year 2



Move over Paul Hollywood, Mary Berry and Nadia Hussain! There are some new 'Great British Bakers' on the block and they are in Year 3!

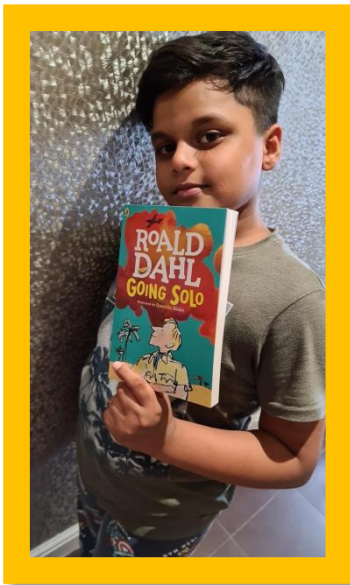
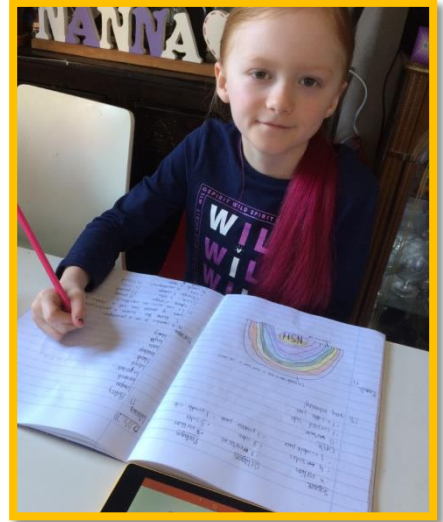


Year 3

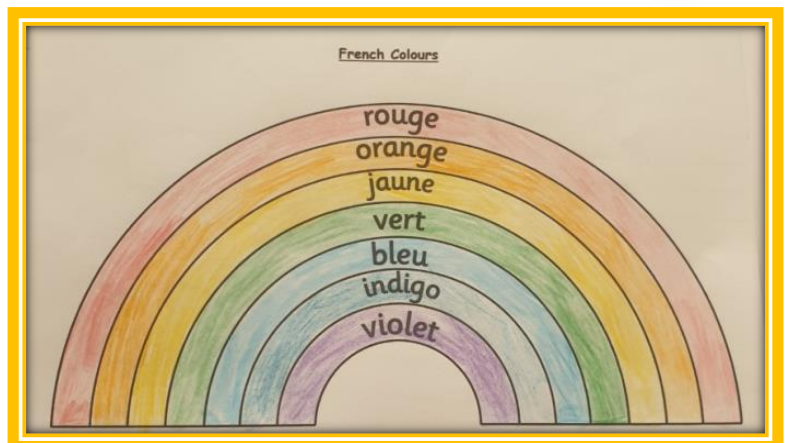
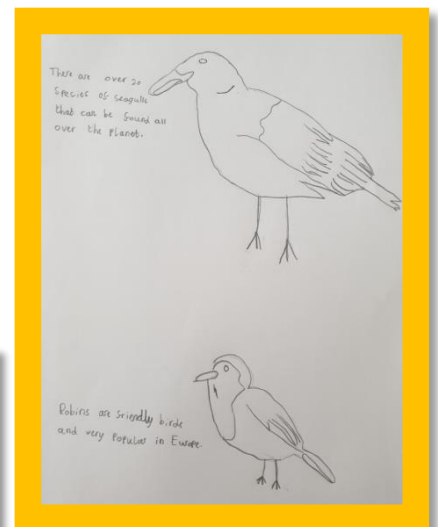
As well as making memories, children in class three also made some stone age artefacts. What talented children and families we have at Blowers Green.



Year 4



What fantastic artists we have in Year 4! Children have also been busy brushing up their French skills, keeping up with their reading and learning about animals in science. Good job year 4.



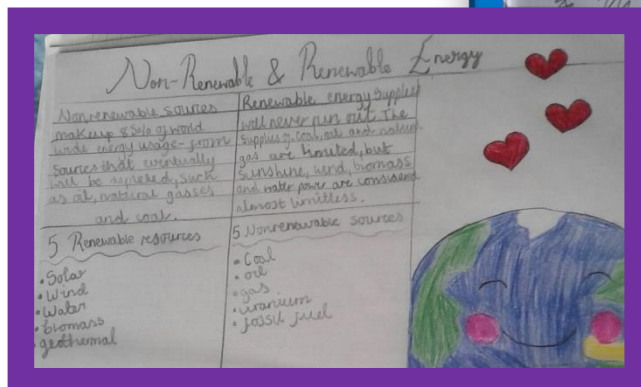
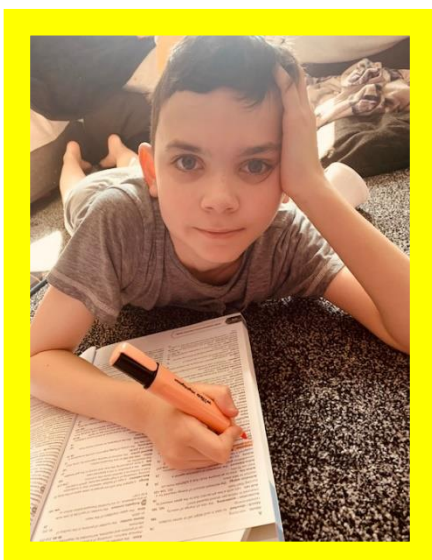
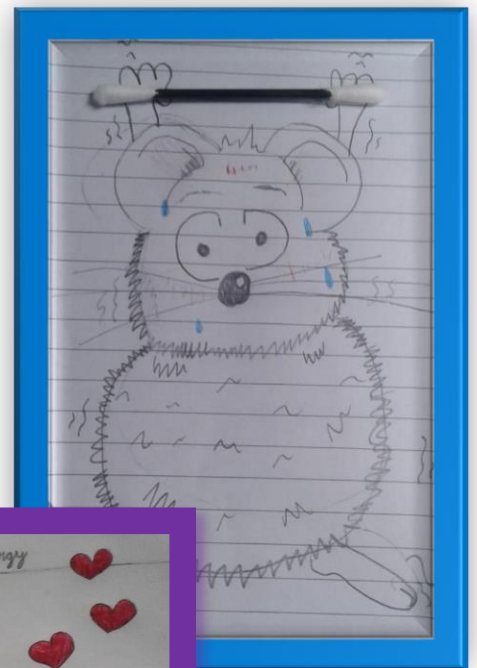
Year 5

Year 5 have been working ever so hard during the lockdown. Once again, we have some fantastic baking that celebrated VE day as well as some super creative writing and brilliant artwork that have been produced by these wonderful children. Well done everyone.



Year 6

Our oldest children worked tremendously hard during lockdown. Highlights included tracking and learning about the animals and nature that we find in our own gardens and local areas. Plenty of maths and English too, with many art, science, history and geography lessons being completed. The children maintained their usual high standards and made us really proud!



You say it best...

Our parents, carers and families have shared some really kind and caring words with us over the last few weeks. We thought the thoughtful feedback needed to be shared with everyone here as we are all part of the wonderful Team BG!

Excellent at always. Still working at outstanding even though the school is practically closed. Brilliant support through emails with teachers and staff. Work for children is always available.



You said...

We are so grateful! Not all superheroes wear capes – some of them work in schools.

My child has enjoyed the phone calls home – she is waiting by the phone. We have enjoyed the learning together at home it has been great!



Really good communication throughout the lockdown. Super, quick responses to the children's queries and questions about their work through email. Great to receive the book bundles.

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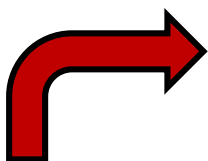
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The Rainbow Children



The history books will talk of now
That time the world stood still,
When every family stayed at home
Waved out from windowsills
At those they loved but could not hold
Because they loved them so
Yet, whilst they did they noticed all the flowers start to grow.

The sun came out, they can recall
And windows, rainbows filled.
They kicked a football in their yards,
Until the night drew in.
They walked each day but not too close,
That time the world stood still,
When people walked straight down the roads,
That once the cars did fill.

They saw that people became ill
They knew the world was scared,
But whilst the world stood still they saw
How much the whole world cared.
They clapped on Thursdays from their doors,
They cheered loudly for the brave
For people who would risk their lives,
So others could be saved.

The schools closed down, they missed their friends,
They missed their teachers so,
Their Mums and Dads helped with their work,
They helped their minds to grow.
The parents used to worry that,
As schools were put on hold,
Their children wouldn't have the tools,
They'd need as they grew old.

But history books will talk of them,
When adults, fully grown.
Those little boys and girls back then,
The ones who stayed at home.
They'll tell you that they fixed this world,
Of all they would fulfil,
The RAINBOW children building dreams,
They'd dreamed whilst time stood still.