



Blowers Green Primary  
Newsletter Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

**WORKING TOGETHER** - We have been working closely with the Dudley Academies Trust both prior to us joining and since the 1 February 2020 on a number of initiatives. We are delighted to report that we have been working with a specialist history teacher to work with school to review and further develop the history curriculum. Three members of staff have also had the opportunity to attend training on our initiative in school 'The Write Stuff'. The Trust have also overseen the refurbishment of the pathway to ensure health and safety for all. We will keep you updated on further initiatives taking place.



**We are becoming a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School!**

Blowers Green aims to be a school where children's rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture, to improve well-being and to develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential.

As part of this plan we are working towards becoming a 'Rights Respecting School', an award given to schools on behalf of Unicef UK.

Unicef is the world's leading organisation working for children and young people and their rights. In 1989, governments across the world agreed that all children have the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). These rights are based on what a child needs to survive, grow, participate and fulfil their potential.

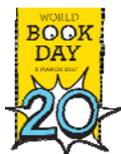
Blowers Green pupils will learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day. Each month we will focus on individual rights and how we can help protect and respect these rights. This month we are focussing on Article 12 - **Every child has the right to say what they think in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously.**

We will keep you updated on our progression and what we are focusing on with the children.

**ONLINE SAFETY** - Thank you to the parents who attended our Online Safety focus day on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Please talk to your children about the important messages that were shared with them during their sessions that day about behaving responsibly and respectfully online. For those of you unable to attend the Parent Presentation, there were two key websites shared:

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org) - A really useful website that supports parents and carers with setting parental controls on online devices.

[www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk) - Explains the age and content ratings on the thousands of apps and games that are out there, so that parents and carers can understand the risks that any of those that children might be using, could pose.



Just a reminder that it is **WORLD BOOK DAY** on **Thursday 5th March 2020** we are asking that the children DO NOT dress up this year, but to 'dress up' a potato as a book character instead. We are very much looking forward to seeing some fantastic creations in school from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

**JUNIOR BAKE OFF**  
...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S  
BEST YOUNG BAKERS  
AGED 9 - 15  
[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)  
APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 5th APRIL 2020  
Enquiries:  
[applyforjuniorbakeoff@loweproducts.co.uk](mailto:applyforjuniorbakeoff@loweproducts.co.uk)

**BBC Bake Junior Bake Off** - Does your child have a flare for baking? If they do and they are aged over 9 years old, why not get them to enter for the BBC's Junior Bake Off 2020.

It was a pleasure to receive a visit from retired England cricketer, Vikram



Solanki on Friday 27th February. Vikram delivered a truly inspirational assembly to the whole school and followed this with coaching sessions for children in Key Stage 2. Vikram left the children with the important message that anything can be achieved with one thing - 'determination to succeed no matter what'. We thank Vikram for his time and enthusiasm with the children and hope that he can return to school soon.