



# Bladon Buzz

Bladon C of E Primary School

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## A note from the headteacher

Last Thursday saw our amazing choir head off to the O2 Arena for Young Voices. It was a fabulous day with the children departing from school at 9.30 and arriving at the O2 at lunchtime. Our choir joined 7500 children to make up the largest choir we have ever seen. The children spent the afternoon practising for their evening performance and of course popping to Frankie and Bennies for a bite to eat! The evening show was a sight to behold with a sell-out crowd of supportive parents, grandparents and friends. Our children performed beautifully and as always, were a credit to the school. Thank you to everyone that made the trip to London to support the children; a worthwhile journey.

But things did not stop there! The children back at Bladon

If you have any questions or queries concerning the school or your child/children, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or contact me at school. Alternatively, you can email me at [head.3146@bladon.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:head.3146@bladon.oxon.sch.uk)

This week saw the whole school take part in the Marvellous Marble Maze Mission. The day began with an assembly where the children were presented with their mission, which should they wish to accept it was to work in a group to build a maze through which a marble can travel as slowly as possible. Our children displayed some wonderful scientific knowledge sharing all that they knew about forces and what they could do to slow the marble down. The children then had to go back to their classrooms to plan, construct, test and present their findings. Well done to the children in Apple and Cherry class who had carte blanche to build their maze to any size that they wanted. We saw some mazes as big as a work station and others the size of a show box. The children in Oak and Willow had to be slightly more restrained only being able to build a maze that measured 210 x 297 mm. This in itself threw up some difficulties; only then to be told that their maze needed to be no more than 8cm from the wall. The children showed great teamwork, creativity and perseverance. Well done to Cherry class where two mazes were made. Cosmo, Harrison and Robert were able to talk the whole school through their construction; very impressive for children so young. In Apple class James, Noah and Sammie built a maze using pipes and Henry and Ed built a colourful maze using a chain of paper cups for their marble to travel through. In Oak class Georgia Tibble and Emily built a maze that showed they had really thought about the slowest route the marble could take, whereas Georgia Mallick and Imogen created a maze using a pinball machine as an inspiration to base their ideas on. In Willow class we had many inventors at work, putting their theories into practice. Well done to

also had an amazing Around the World Day; journeying to three different countries. They explored the traditions and cultures of India, Ethiopia and Australia. The children looked closely at the traditional artwork from each country, this was then used to inspire their own work. They were given the opportunity to experiment with different techniques such as Rangoli patterns, Aboriginal dotted painting, and Ethiopian geometric art. The children entered into the day with enthusiasm and produced some amazing art work that is displayed in the corridor to Apple class. Please take the time to pop in and have a look.

Tracey Fletcher  
Head teacher.

Rosie and James and Matteo and Lubos, in whose, well thought out mazes the marble travelled the slowest. Well done to Elena and Amelia for the most decorated maze and Alfie and Christian for the most creative. Thank you to all our parents for supporting their child's learning by providing so many materials and helping the children with practise runs at home.

Finally, it is very cold at the moment in the playground as the sun does not reach that area of the school at this time of year. Can you please make sure that your child has a hat, gloves, scarf and coat to keep them nice and warm.

### *Behaviour and Manners award*

*Martha Lockey and Berrin Renfrew*

### *Important dates:*

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – FOBS Cake Sale**  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Oak trip to Hill End**  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February – FOBS Disco**  
**(Tickets available in the office £3 each.)**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for Half Term**  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February- Return to School**  
**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February- FOBS Quiz Night**  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April- Break up for Easter Holidays**  
**at 1.30pm**  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April- Return to School.**