

## Learning is fun!

We have had a very busy two weeks at Jessop! Children have continued to make us proud in all areas of learning. School days have been filled with learning, fun, playtimes and interaction with peers. On top of this, children have been rehearsing for their Christmas Performances which will go online this year. We cannot wait to see the end products! Other events that took place include parent briefings, online assemblies, parent workshops and reading drop ins. This newsletter is a celebration of children's work and achievements, both onsite and from home. We are extremely proud of them!



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### December 2020

- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
English Workshop for parents @11am
- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December/Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
Virtual Parent Consultations

**Christmas Performance links will go live on the school's website at the given times**

- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
EYFS and Pre-School Christmas Performance @10am  
Music Masters Performance @2pm  
Maths Workshop for parents @4.30pm
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
KS1 Christmas Performance @10am  
LKS2 Christmas Performance @2pm
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
UKS2 Christmas Performance @10am  
Non Uniform Day – Christmas Lunch and Class Parties
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
Last day of term

#### January 2021

- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January**  
Inset Day
- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**  
First day of school

**Value of the month:**  
**December – Appreciation**  
*“This is not the year to get everything you want. This is the year to appreciate everything you have.”*

## Virtual Parent Reading Drop In

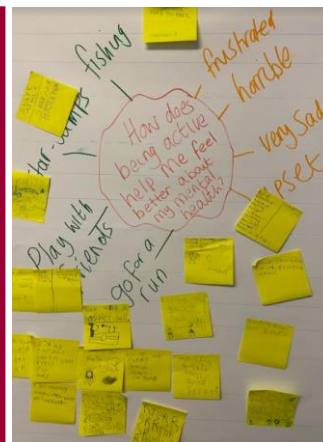
Many people would assume that due to the difficult times we are all going through, the normal things we used to do can no longer take place, but not at Jessop! Koala class was one of many classes that had an incredible parent reading virtual drop in session on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. We were so privileged to be read to by both Duke and George's mothers. We were captivated! The stories were exciting, so much fun and all the children were thoroughly engaged! This story time was thoroughly enjoyed by all; teachers and children alike. Thank you so much to our wonderful parents who took the time to join and share with us.

## Celebrating Children's Learning

Seal Class made these beautiful light candle cards when learning about Christianity and how Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus.



In PSHE, Koala class explored some of the things that make us feel sad during the pandemic. We discussed how keeping physically active helps our mental health. Children came up with ideas on how to keep physically well to help our emotions then we went to the playground to demonstrate these activities!

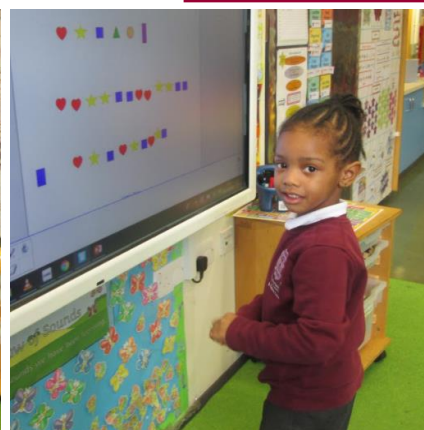


Koala Class jumping for joy!



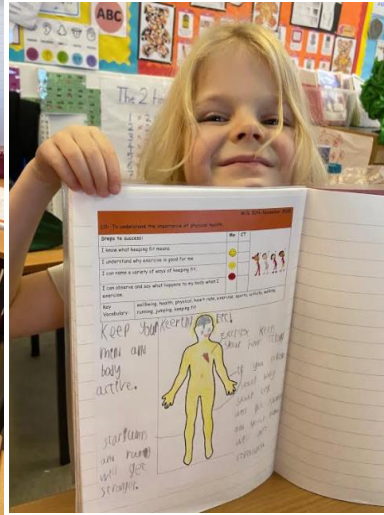
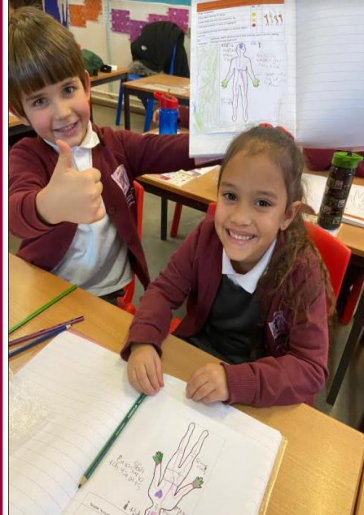
Year 2 spent an English lesson outside, practising their game-playing abilities! They did this because we have been talking about the link between good mental health and exercise in PSHE, and to help with writing recounts in English! We needed activities to write about, so what better way than to pop outside and play? First, we played Fishes and Whales. Next, we played Tag! Finally, we had races. What fun!

Butterfly class identified the patterns and completed the sequences. They have been working very hard in Maths. Well done Butterflies!



## Celebrating Children's Learning

In PSHE the Year 1 Penguin class learned about the benefits of keeping fit. First they felt the pulses in their wrists and counted with their heartbeats. They checked again after a 5 minute 'GoNoodle' workout to see how their heart rate increased. We discussed the benefits of exercising the heart muscle and other muscles in the body and thought of different ways that we can exercise in a lockdown. The children then made posters to promote keeping fit.



Year 3 Elephants and Gorillas have been learning about the effects of lockdown both positive and negative, during PSHE lessons. The children joined in a group discussion about how their physical health was affected and set themselves some personal targets to look after their bodies. They had lots of fun taking part in a variety of physical activities to understand what happens to their emotions and how their bodies change during exercise.



## **Music Masters - A Christmas Journey**

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December Music Masters began their Christmas Countdown with a fun and festive evening! 'At Once We Train' was composed this term by Music Masters' Ambassador Daniel Kidane and 220 Year 4 children across a range of schools to 'Snow', an Oscar-nominated short film from the BFI Archives. This was a testament to bold, new and innovative music, created as an equal partnership between young people and composer.

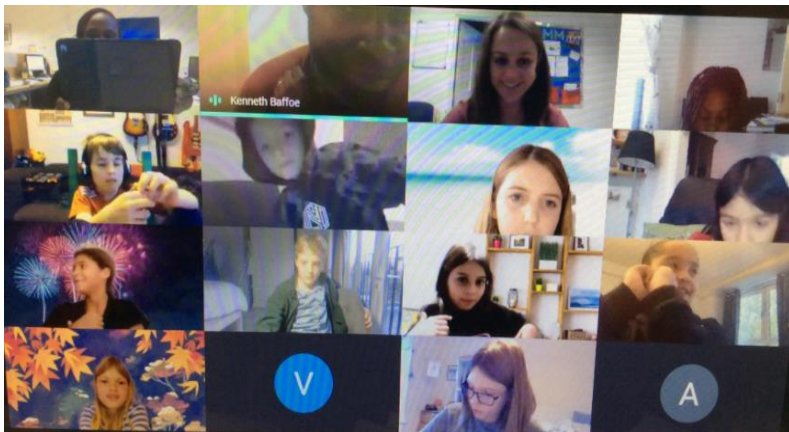
We were also privileged to hear a special duet from our Year 5 pathway students, Emile and Saya. Their talent blew us away and we are extremely proud of these two musicians! Thank you to parents and carers for joining this event and celebrating the brilliant work of our young musicians.

We cannot wait for the Jessop Winter Concert on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm...remember to join in the fun by visiting [www.musicmasters.org.uk](http://www.musicmasters.org.uk)



## Year 5 Bubble Closure

Once again our Year 5 children did us proud! Sadly, they had to learn from home again but that did not get them down. Over the last two weeks, they took part in several live sessions including assemblies, PE with Ms Teri, Music with Mr Andrew, violin and cello lessons with Music Masters and story time with Mr Baffoe. They also demonstrated high levels of commitment by completing and submitting their work on time and we were blown away by the quantity and quality of their work. Below are some examples of their fantastic poetry work based on our school value. You are all superstars Year 5 and we are incredibly proud of you!



### My Tolerance Poem

Tolerance is

Open mindedness

Liberalism

Endurance

Role modelling

Acceptance

Neutrality

Compassion

Empathy

*Arthur - Polar Bear*

Tolerance, the art of patience,  
The skill we should all have with others  
As we do with our annoying sisters and  
brothers

To tolerate is to be able to accept  
others opinions  
Even if they don't like your favourite  
movie "The Minions"

Tolerance,  
It is being patient when you disagree  
Because sometimes we want to watch  
different channels on the tv

*Sara - Gazelle*

Take time to see their perspective  
Other things you do not tolerate like  
bullying  
Let go of judgement  
Exchange ideas and views  
Respect everyone's differences and  
ideas  
Ask questions and accept each other's  
styles  
Think about how the other person might  
feel  
Everyone has their differences and you  
need to try and put up with them.

*Emile - Polar Bear*

Tolerance is when you accept,  
Like playing with someone you've only just  
met.

Tolerance is when you take a break,  
From things you like, do and make.

Tolerance is knowing it won't last,  
Compromise and it will be fast.

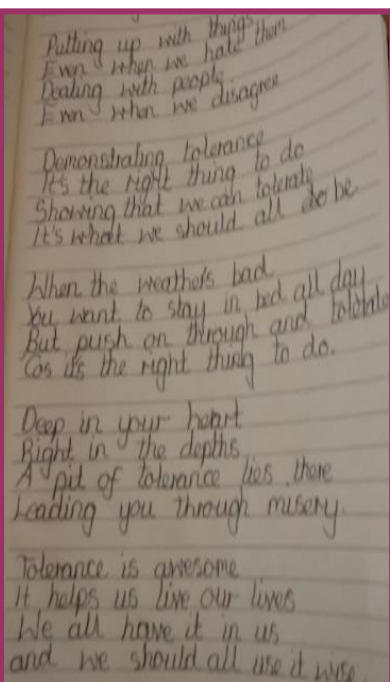
Tolerance is controlling your feelings,  
Do this for a while and become a better  
being.

Tolerance is giving someone a turn,  
Just remember the kindness will return.

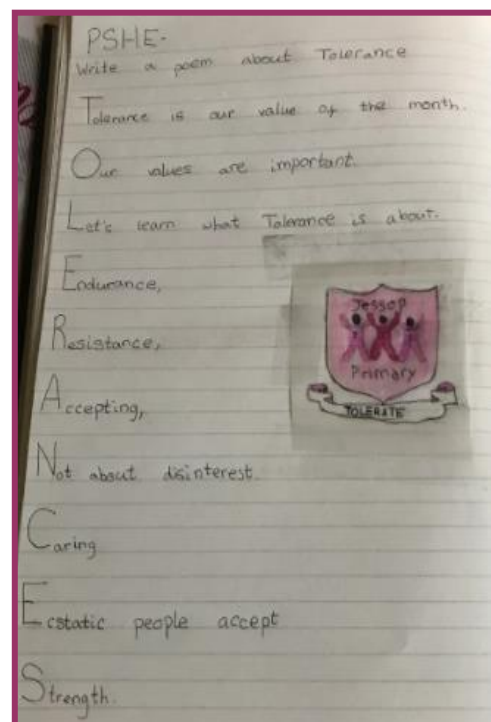
Tolerance is making others happy,  
Like brushing their hair or changing their  
nappy.

Tolerance isn't like learning Greek,  
Never forget, we're all unique.

*Karina - Gazelle Class*



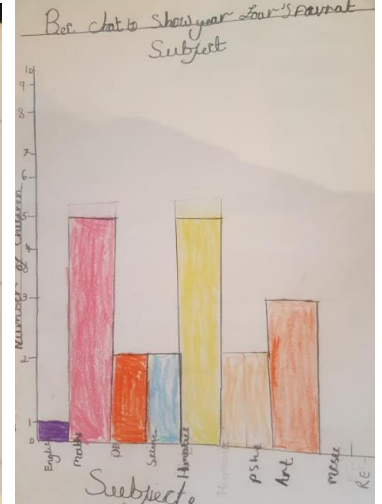
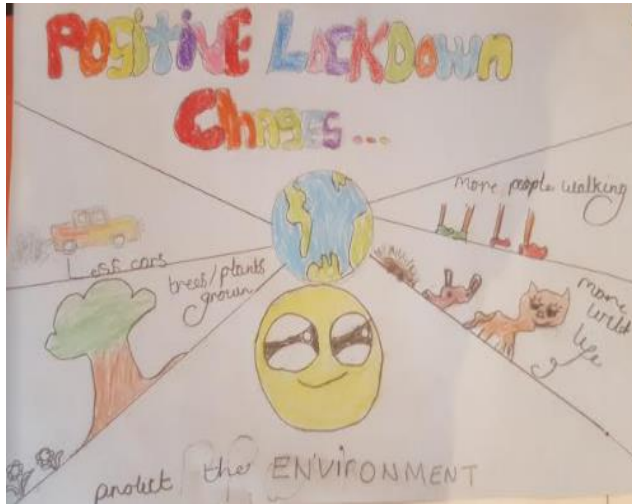
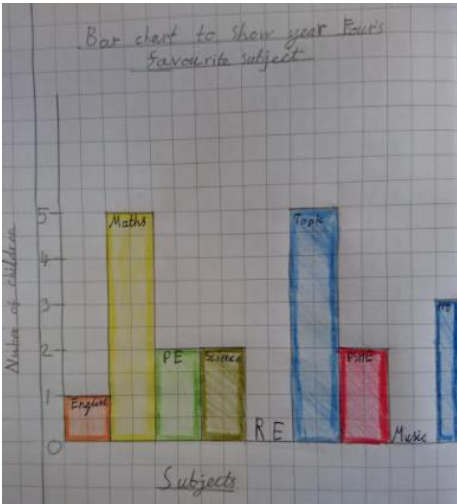
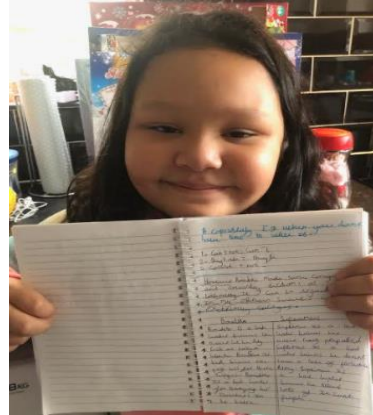
*Zara - Polar Bear*



*Alessandro - Polar Bear*

# Year 4 Bubble Closure

Sadly, our Year 4 had to close and over the past week they have been working incredibly hard from home. They have adjusted so beautifully to all the changes and have participated in many virtual teaching and live sessions such as Maths, English, foundation subjects, assemblies and PE with Ms Teri. Their teachers and everyone at Jessop are so proud of what they are achieving. Below are some examples of their brilliant work. In Maths we collected data virtually of their favourite subject and in PSHE they created magnificent posters about the positive effects lockdown had on the environment. Year 4 you have done us proud and keep on shining bright!



## Celebration Assembly

Well done to the following children for their outstanding work in Humanities!

Seal – Maceo  
Kangaroo – Hazel  
Elephant - Isabella  
Lion - Keir  
Gazelle – Sarah  
Dolphin – Jannez

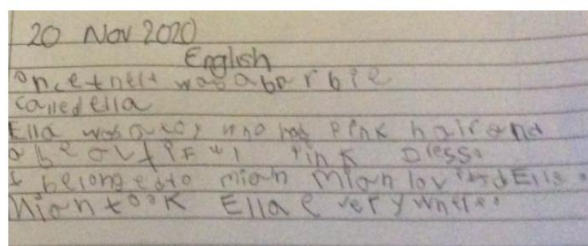
Well done to the following children for their outstanding work in PE and Dance!

Penguin - Jason  
Koala – Dameica  
Gorilla – Ava-Marie  
Tiger – Abigail  
Polar Bear – Zara  
Blue Whale - Chrisdan

**Whole School Attendance Percentage**  
Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
**94.5%**

Class	Percentage	Winner
Ladybirds	95.5	Foundation Stage
Butterflies	98.0	
Kangaroos	91.4	KS1
Koalas	95.3	
Seals	96.9	
Penguins	97.4	Lower KS2
Tigers	89.8	
Elephants	90.2	
Gorillas	96.3	
Lions	96.7	Upper KS2
Polar bears	91.8	
Dolphins	94.7	
Blue whales	95.0	
Gazelles	96.3	

## Homework Stars



Writer of the Week



Elephant Class

Writer of the Week



Seal Class

### Digital Reading

Please remember to log into our digital learning platforms and read at home. If you have any problems with accessing your account, please speak to your class teacher.

### EYFS & KS1

Reading– Oxford Reading Buddy  
<https://www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com/uk>

### KS2

Reading– Big Cat Collins  
<https://ops.collinsopenpage.com/sso/login?service=https%3A//ebooks.collinsopenpage.com/wr/index.html&eulogin=true>