

Jessop Primary School & Children's Centre

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NEWSLETTER

18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

# End of Term Celebrations!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### January 2021

- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January**  
Inset Day
- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**  
First day of school
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January**  
EYFS Virtual Open Day @ 10am,  
1:30pm and 5:30pm

Value of the month  
Happiness



We have had a very busy but exciting end to this term! We celebrated the end of term in a variety of ways including Christmas Performances, Going for Gold Assembly, Christmas Lunch, Music Masters Winter Concert and Class Parties. Once again our children did us proud! This year has been challenging for all of us but our children showed us that anything is possible with the right mind set and attitude! We would like to take this opportunity to thank our children, parents and carers for their ongoing support. A special shout out to all members of staff for their endless hard work, dedication and commitment. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!





## Christmas Performances – EYFS and KS1

### LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION!

All of the early years children toned up their voices and put on their best acting skills to perform this year's virtual Christmas Production. They certainly did not disappoint and proved to be the stars in the making for our first ever Virtual Christmas Production. Well done EYFS we are so proud of you.



### Penguin class



KS1 had the pleasure of performing Whoops-A Daisy-Angel and what a delight it was! Time constraints and not being able to use the hall location changes didn't stop them putting together a spectacular performance. All children sang and spoke BEAUTIFULLY. We are sure this production will bring a smile to your faces and warm your hearts. Step aside Broadway, here come KS1 Jessop children!

### Seal class



### Kangaroo class



### Koala class



## Christmas Performances – LKS2 and UKS2

The LKS2 Christmas play has been a whirlwind of creativity, rhyming, cheeky elves and wardrobe disasters! Our original production 'Santa's Suit' will transport you to the North Pole on Christmas Eve, where all is calm and organised until.... Santa's famous red Christmas suit is shrunk in the wash. The elves proceed to rush around finding all manner of wacky and bonkers clothing for Santa to wear. The children (or should I say elves.) were amazing throughout the filming process - they learned their lines beautifully, made some gorgeous props and behaved like professional actors when on camera!



Polar Bear, Gazelle, Blue Whale and Dolphin classes brought to life the play 'The spirit of Christmas'. We adapted a play script to make it our own and each year group worked exceptionally well together to rehearse our assigned scenes. We believe Christmas is a time for joy and happiness, so we decided to add humour into our play script. We improvised some of the acting and added a few carols into the play. Although we weren't allowed to cross bubbles, we were able to rehearse with our classes AND then merge the scenes together. Filming our production was very innovative and enabled us to experience what it is like to act in front of a camera.

We thoroughly enjoyed showcasing our acting skills and were grateful for the opportunity to keep Christmas alive despite the global pandemic.



## Going for Gold Virtual Assembly

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, we held our "Going for Gold" assembly. All children Nursery to Year 6 received certificates. We recognised and celebrated children who have attained certain levels (STARS) in the school reward system.

Our children really have been Going for Gold and showing our 5 School Rules:

- **Be respectful**
- **Be responsible**
- **Be kind**
- **Be hardworking**
- **Be a good listener**

When pupils achieve 10 stars they are at bronze level.

When pupils achieve 25 stars they are at silver level.

When pupils achieve 40 stars they are at gold level.



## DT Day in Seal Class

Seal Class enjoyed DT day. They tried to build their model playground equipment using straws, pipe cleaners, lollipop sticks, string, masking tape and glue dots. They had to use their knowledge from Science lessons about materials to think about the properties of the materials and the reasons why they were using these materials for each part of their model playground equipment. Additionally, they had to evaluate their models.



### HOMWORK SUPER STAR!

Year 5 children had to write a Christmas song...not only did Alessandro write his song, he performed it as well.  
Keep up the fantastic work!

## Star Writers

Great Boudicca or terrible Boudicca?

When you talk about the Romans you end up talking about Boudicca the brave and courageous warrior.

Does being a woman make her a courageous warrior? I believe Boudicca was an amazing leader because she united tribes and brought them together to fight. Even though Boudicca and Septimius Severus were clever, Boudicca was even more smart because she took the Romans by surprise and attacked them. Boudicca was a great leader because she cared for her people and just wanted them to live a good life. She was a great leader because she led the first and biggest rebellion against the Romans.

I think Boudicca was a terrible leader because she led a huge army of people into the battle of Watling Street unprepared and unarmed. I believe Boudicca was a bad leader because she took poison and gave it to her daughters too. I believe Boudicca was an irresponsible leader because she brought her daughters into battle. Boudicca was a bad leader because she did not pay her soldiers money.

In my opinion Boudicca was an amazing leader because she led the biggest and first ever rebellion against the romans. Brave and beastly Boudicca!

Writer of the Week



Tiger Class

Roman era lasted for over 1000 years (31BC-1453CE). When talking about the greatest Roman era leaders, Boudica is always mentioned as one of the most influential leaders. What makes her such a popular leader to be discussed so often?

I believe Boudicca was the best leader because she was great at persuading people to join her army. Many people believed in her and joined to fight for their freedom led by her. So in my opinion, Boudicca was the successful leader because she had a genuine intention to secure a better life for her tribe people, not just robbing and burning down cities. Clearly, it proves Boudicca being a smart and clever leader when she planned to attack on Camulodunum while the Romans were away fighting.

On the other hand, Boudicca was a cruel leader because she burned down three Roman cities: Caledonium (Colchester), Londinium (London) and Verulamium (St Albans) and killed over 70,000 people in the attacks on the Roman cities. Although, Boudicca's army outnumbered the Romans, due to her lack of preparation and overconfidence her army was under equipped and lost the battle in 61AD. Finally, Boudicca was the brave leader and warrior, but taking her daughters to the battle was not a bright idea.

In conclusion, many of Boudicca's life facts prove her being a heroic and skilled leader, who was loved and trusted by her tribe people. As many leaders, Boudicca made mistakes, that led her to her downfall, but I still think Boudicca was a great leader.

## Whole School Attendance

### Percentage

Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

93.3%

Class	Percentage	Winner
Butterflies	91.4	Foundation Stage
<b>Ladybirds</b>	<b>98.0</b>	
Kangaroos	91.5	KS1
Seals	93.9	
Penguins	94.4	
<b>Koalas</b>	<b>95.3</b>	Lower KS2
Tigers	78.3	
Lions	81.5	
Elephant	93.3	Upper KS2
<b>Gorillas</b>	<b>93.7</b>	
Blue Whales	88.8	
Polar Bears	92.2	
Dolphins	94.8	
<b>Gazelles</b>	<b>96.3</b>	

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