



# Primary Newsletter

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## Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of the Wolsey Hall Primary newsletter. We hope this newsletter helps to connect our families homeschooling at Primary level around the world. Each month we will be sharing useful information, the latest Primary news and celebrating our young learners.

It has been a busy start to 2021! We continue to be amazed by our Primary students who show such enthusiasm and determination in their homeschooling. We are incredibly proud of all of our Wolsey Hall students and their families.

Best wishes,  
Christine Armstrong,  
Head of Primary





## What's New

### NEW MUSIC COURSE

Our new Primary Music course is proving popular! It's a fun and innovative course, allowing our students to not only learn about the world of music, but also to learn an instrument and read notation.

The course covers the music requirements of the Upper Primary English National Curriculum, taking place over four years.

Everyone will start at the beginning of the course to ensure that they become confident, well-rounded musicians, with the confidence to sight-read music independently. If the student can already read music and plays another instrument, then there is the possibility to start with Year 4.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Music course please contact your Student Progress Manager.

### FREE FITTER FUTURE COURSES

Fitter Future: Be Mindful is a series of short mindful workouts (Be Calm, Mindful Moments, Feel Positive) to help your child stay focused and relaxed, and deal with the stresses of the day.

Be Mindful runs alongside Fitter Future: Get Active workouts. These short, online workouts are specifically designed for children. Join in the weekly Wolsey Hall Fitness Challenges, which can be used as a brain break, wake-up activity or at any time during your day.

These free courses are available to all Primary students, alongside your other courses.





## Student Shoutouts

Each month we will be sending a 'HELLO' to our Primary students around the world. Check the newsletter each issue to see if it is your turn! Keep working hard and making us, your family and yourself proud. This month we are saying hello to:

Yaqoub, age 6, Saudi Arabia  
 William, age 6, UK  
 Victoria, age 5, UAE  
 Olivia Natasha, age 6, Romania  
 Amanda, age 5, Ecuador  
 Bethany, age 5, Malawi  
 Manakel, age 7, Thailand  
 Janko, age 5, South Africa  
 Luisa, age 6, UK  
 Zhangir, age 6, Kazakhstan  
 Kayleb, age 5, Oman  
 Mia, age 5, USA  
 Raiveer, age 5, Malaysia  
 Seth, age 6, Mozambique  
 Teddy, age 5, UK  
 Zakkariya, age 6, UAE  
 Ahmad, age 5, Nigeria  
 Alex, age 6, Singapore  
 Annabel, age 6, Malaysia  
 Celia, age 6, Egypt  
 Eseld, age 6, Uganda  
 Hana, age 7, UK  
 Joshua, age 7, Kuwait  
 Kaira, age 7, Indonesia

Malaika, age 6, Zambia  
 Mim, age 7, Nepal  
 Nea, age 7, Botswana  
 Nika, age 7, Slovenia  
 William, age 7, Czech Republic  
 Joe, age 7, China  
 Celina, age 7, Russia  
 Montgomery, age 7, USA  
 Evie, age 7, UK  
 Sowenna, age 10, Australia  
 Noah, age 7, Japan  
 Putu Luna, age 9, Indonesia  
 Gus, age 7, UK  
 Olutofarati, age 8, South Africa  
 Loreto, age 6, Guatemala  
 Aryash, age 7, Spain  
 Timothy, age 7, UK  
 Andria, age 8, Malaysia  
 Prisha, age 8, India  
 Mus'ab, age 8, Maldives  
 Daania, age 8, Saudia Arabia  
 Ethan, age 9, Argentina  
 Leonardo, age 9, UK  
 Phoenix Fox, age 9, Indonesia

Simrah Laiba, age 8, Bahrain  
 Rida, age 8, Saudia Arabia  
 Alejandro, age 8, Oman  
 Sanjana, age 7, Malaysia  
 Radu, age 8, Japan  
 Tudor, age 8, Japan  
 Lena, age 9, Turkey  
 Amelie, age 8, Belgium  
 Jessie, age 9, UK  
 Christiaan, age 10, Nigeria  
 Alexia, age 8, UK  
 Noah, age 9, Rwanda  
 Suri, age 8, UK  
 Grigori, age 9, France  
 Amelie, age 9, Israel  
 Elodie, age 8, Indonesia  
 Eric Oniga, age 9, Romania  
 Cassidy, age 8, UK  
 Roberto, age 9, USA  
 Jacob, age 9, Qatar  
 Zev, age 9, Romania  
 Harry, age 9, UK  
 Arthur, age 10, Latvia

## Spotlight On... Sienna



Wolsey Hall Primary student Sienna is only 8 years old but is already a published author!

Living in the US, Sienna is a gifted student who is well ahead of her age group, studying at Year 7. Her passion for reading and writing proved the inspiration for her book 'Mysterious Notes' which was recently published.

You can discover more about Sienna on her [website](#).

If you're interested in your child being featured in Spotlight On, email Christine Armstrong: [christine.armstrong@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk](mailto:christine.armstrong@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk)







## How to learn from mistakes

It doesn't matter how old you are, we all make mistakes sometimes. For many of us it can be an uncomfortable feeling that makes us feel embarrassed, angry and frustrated or even a failure. However, it has long been established that making mistakes can be a 'good' thing. Here are some reasons why.

- ✓ We learn from our mistakes. If we never make mistakes, then it is likely that we are not pushing ourselves and taking risks in learning and life. We learn through trial and error, and mistakes help us develop a growth mindset.
- ✓ We learn about ourselves and grow. How we deal with mistakes is an important aspect of who we are. When we get something wrong our initial instinct may be to give up and move on. Mistakes teach us a lesson in resilience, and develop our strength of character to try again.
- ✓ A mistake can lead to a different opportunity. Knocking over your paints may result in a brilliant new colour; misreading your recipe could result in a wonderful new dish. It is not always the case that a mistake has an opportunity but we should embrace it when it happens.
- ✓ Sometimes a mistake is funny and it helps us to be able to laugh at ourselves.

If you would like to suggest a topic to cover, please email Christine Armstrong:  
[christine.armstrong@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk](mailto:christine.armstrong@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk)



Words of encouragement can make all the difference. Celebrate the little things as well as the big.



Involving everyone in your home learning experience achieves the best from it.

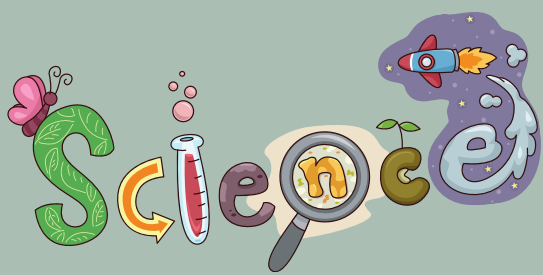


Work in opportunities to get away from technology and work spaces. Learning is everywhere!



It's ok to take a break to focus on family wellbeing.





## Competition!

Can your child produce a short video of themselves undertaking a science experiment?

If so, get entering our Science Competition to be in with the chance of winning a prize!

There are four categories to choose from and prizes worth £25 each:

- 1: 'Best Presenter - including discussion of what is happening and why it happened'
- 2: 'Most unusual experiment'
- 3: 'Funniest video'
- 4: 'Best experiment from a Wolsey Hall Science course'

You can find full details and how to enter on the Student Community [website](#).



## Royal Academy Art Show

### TIME TO GET CREATIVE

We're inviting all students to enter an online art competition for the chance to have your art shown in the Royal Academy of Art's Young Artist Show!

Make sure your child selects 'Wolsey Hall' as the registered school when entering.

Full submission details are available on the Student Community [website](#).



## Community Support

We have Wolsey Hall students in over 100 countries. Are you making the most of our opportunities to connect with other homeschooling families worldwide?



Our [Primary Level Parents Facebook Group](#) is a private group to connect with other families, share ideas and information. Have you joined yet?



Our [YouTube channel](#) is full of videos from students and their families who are sharing advice and tips for successful homeschooling.



Whether you're a seasoned homeschooler or completely new, the [homeschooling tips](#) on our website aim to make life that bit easier.

## CLUBS FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS

We warmly encourage your child to participate in our Student Community which includes clubs with monthly themes. You'll find our competitions here too.

Clubs include:

- Art & Design
- Chess
- Cookery
- Creative Writing
- Digital Media
- Health & Fitness

We also have a Virtual Library which contains hundreds of fiction and non-fiction titles for your child to choose from. Borrowing books is completely free.

Access to these clubs can be found on the [Student Community](#) website.

