Primary Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the next edition of the Wolsey Hall Oxford Primary newsletter. It has been a busy month since the last issue, and we are currently working on a few new additions to our Wolsey Hall Primary phase which we look forward to sharing with you over the coming months. Here in the UK, we are entering our summer season. The flowers are beginning to bloom and the trees are turning green. Nature is an endless curiosity for young learners and I hope all our families can take the time to appreciate the beauty they have around them, no matter how small, and are able to enjoy their outdoor spaces. We know that the world is still challenging in many countries due to Covid, and

we extend our love and support to all our families around the globe. Be safe and look after each other.

Best wishes, Christine Armstrong, Head of Primary WHAT'S NEW? Page 2



What's New

WOLSEY HALL VIRTUAL CHOIR

We are delighted to announce that we will soon be launching our first music project - the Wolsey Hall Primary Virtual Choir.

If your child is interested, we would love to hear from you. Please note, you do not need to be taking Music to get involved. This is for everyone! Even if you do not sing, you can still get involved.

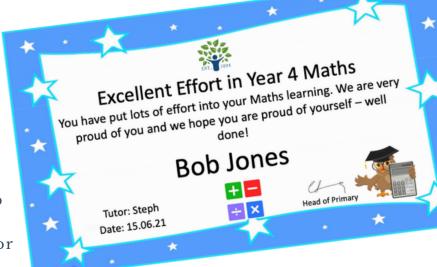
If you would like to sign up or find out more about what will be a fantastic opportunity, please send your details:

Student Name and Age Contact Email Parent/Carer Name Parent/Carer Email to: choir@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk

We really hope you will join us for our exciting music project.

New Primary Certificates

We have introduced Primary certificates in all our year groups, which we are very excited to share with our students over the coming months and years. We know that our young learners work incredibly hard, and we want to be able to celebrate their success in learning. Please encourage your child to keep working hard and maybe they will receive a certificate from their Tutor or SPM in the future!



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Wolsey the Owl!

We would like to introduce you all to Wolsey the Owl. Wolsey is a keen learner and enjoys being part of Wolsey Hall Oxford. Wolsey enjoys all the different subjects that Wolsey Hall has to offer, and is keen to see how well our young students do in their learning at home.







Becoming a Global Citizen

Our world is becoming more open and our reach, as people, is extending further. We are all becoming interconnected, and the advancement in technology really does mean we are becoming a global community of people. It is important that we teach our children about the world around us, whether it be outside our door or on the other side of the planet. Global Citizenship nurtures personal respect and respect for others, wherever they live. It is a term we use in school to encourage children to recognise that everyone is part of this planet, and that learning how to live peacefully side by side, as well as looking after our world and its people, will bring benefits to us all. Here are some ideas of how you can nurture global citizenship at home:

- Learn about different cultures and religions.
- Emphasise that it is okay for people to be different. Show tolerance and understanding for others.
- Try foods from different countries and discuss where it is from.
- Look at maps and discuss different countries and continents.
- Get involved in your community as a family to give something back.
- Consider how you can be 'greener' at home to look after the environment.
- Use the UN's sustainable development goals to discuss how we can help make the world a better place for everyone.

There are lots of things that families can do at home, to help our young students think more widely about our global community and how they can proactively be part of it. Our young learners are the leaders of tomorrow, and with knowledge, wisdom and compassion we can equip them well to make the world a better place for all.

Page 4 **STUDENT FOCUS**

Student Shoutouts

Each month we say 'HELLO' to some of our Primary students around the world. Keep working hard and making us, your family and yourself proud. This month we are saying hello to:

Ágnes-Panna, age 7, Romania Benjamin, age 7, Mozambique Charles, age 6, Singapore Eleonora, age 7, Saudi Arabia Fatima Zahra, age 6, Belgium Gabriel, age 6, UK Hawwaa Khadijah, age 5, UK Leila, age 7, South Africa Marwa, age 6, UAE Neeal, age 7, India Rachel, age 6, Sweden Rifa, age 6, Oman Sumaya, age 6, Kyrgyzstan Adele, age 7, Turkey Akilah, age 7, USA Armanzhan, age 6, Kazakstan David, age 7, Ecuador Emily, age 6, UK Hala, age 7, Qatar Kaavin, age 8, Singapore Mariza, age 7, Colombia Natalya Jay, age 7, Malaysia Phoebe, age 7, UK Sayed Ali, age 7, Bahrain Sana, age 8, Canada

Maria, age 8, UK Louise, age 8, UAE Loudjaine, age 7, Algeria Katherine & Emily, age 9, USA Ashden, age 10, New Zealand Madhava, age 9, Malaysia Ismail, age 8, UK Levi, age 8, Thailand Yeva, age 9, China Nathanael, age 11, Mozambique Sharrelle, age 10, UK Shakira, age 8, UK Robbie, age 10, Romania Blake, age 8, Spain Siria Lilli Sofia, age 6, Switzerland Sridutt, age 11, India Livia, age 8, UK Enric, age 9, Mauritius Nadia, age 11, Romania Ilyas, age 9, Iraq Harrison & Leyton, age 9, Luxembourg Cleopatra, age 10, UAE Abdurahman, age 10, UK

Rozi, age 8, Indonesia

Kamilah, age 9, Panama Ammar, age 10, Saudi Arabia Talya, age 11, Namibia Keenan, age 10, South Africa Suleyman, age 10, Azerbaijan Harry, age 10, UK Sophia Aurora, age 11, France Kai, age 10, USA Phanes, age 10, China Livia, age 10, Ireland Rafaela, age 10, Portugal Angelina, age 10, UK Stefan, age 10, Spain Truman, age 13, USA Alexander & Maximilian, age 11, Jose Enrique, age 10, Costa Rica Yaqin, age 11, Kuwait Zayan & Zayna, age 11, UAE Joshua, age 11, UK Sebastian, age 11, Greece Dillan, age 11, UK Isabella, age 11, Greece Ying En Kaelynn, age 11, Taiwan

Spotlight On...

Five-year-old Jayden homeschools in the UK and has a passion for Art. He often sends us his drawings and we love his amazing art tutorial on 'Dragon Gets By' by Dav Pilkey. Why not watch it and give it a try?





Tips from other parents

Here we have the second instalment of advice for other Wolsey Hall parents. These were shared with us in our parent survey, and we hope you find the advice useful.

- Don't be afraid. Be flexible. Try different approaches to find one that suits the child.
- It is important to be well prepared for the lesson, as certain subjects require items that you may not always have with you, for example, Art and Science. It is also important that as a parent you have the time to commit to your child's lessons to ensure that they gain the most from their lessons.
- It takes a bit of time to get used to the pace, but you will get there.
- Enjoy the journey of learning and try to use it to improve your relationship with your kids, be flexible.
- Make sure you have read the lessons and are ready to answer questions that might come up before you present them to your student.

 Make sure you have covered the module completely before starting an assignment.

 Create a schedule for your child with some flexibility and include lots of pleasant breaks in the day.

Student Challenge of the Month

You will need: One pack of playing cards

Try building a triangle of cards. What is the largest triangle of cards you can make without it falling over?

You're welcome to email a photo of your stack of cards to:

christine.armstrong@wolsey halloxford.org.uk



New Primary Community Site Coming Soon!



A brand new Community site especially for Primary age Wolsey Hall students is coming soon!

There will be new clubs with different monthly themes, and regular competitions offering students the chance to try something new and perhaps win a prize!

We're very excited about the new Primary Community area and hope to see lots of you joining in with our Primary focused clubs.

Details will be sent via Canvas when the site launches. In the meantime, Primary students can still join in with our clubs on the existing Community site.

These include:

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

Remember, 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.

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 <u>Facebook Group</u> is a private group to connect with other families, share ideas and information. Have you joined yet?



Our <u>YouTube channel</u> 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 <u>homeschooling tips</u> on our website aim to make life that bit easier.