



WOLSEY HALL OXFORD
THE HOMESCHOOLING COLLEGE

Primary Newsletter



Welcome

Welcome to the next edition of the Wolsey Hall Primary newsletter. This is an exciting month for us here in Primary, having launched our new Primary Community site, as well as our Primary Parent Forum. We hope you have all had an opportunity to visit – if not you can find the details you need in the courses section of Canvas for your child. As many of our students are now enjoying a break for their summer holidays, we wish you all a lovely rest from your studies and hope you are making the most of other opportunities to learn. We know that many of our students are still affected by Covid restrictions in their countries, so please be safe and look after each other.

Best wishes,
Christine Armstrong,
Head of Primary



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What's New

We were very excited to launch our brand new Primary Community site. We hope both you and your child have had time to explore this dedicated new space. It is a great way for your child to enhance their Wolsey Hall experience, while also giving them the chance to learn new skills and showcase projects they have completed.

Here's a quick reminder of the new clubs your child can join:

Art Club

Cookery Club

Creative Writing Club

LEGO® Club

Nature Club

Our Chess Club continues to run too.

And have you discovered our new Parent Forum? This platform is ideal for connecting with other Primary Wolsey Hall families, to share ideas and discuss homeschooling issues. Simply complete the request to join to start connecting.

LIVE Show and Tell with Wolsey Hall students

We are very excited to share that LEGO® club and Art Club will each be holding a LIVE 'show and tell' via Zoom. It is an opportunity for you to participate in the August LEGO® challenge (building a rocket for NASA) and Art challenge (drawing a gecko). Come along to the LIVE Zoom sessions to share your creation with the Club Leaders and other Wolsey Hall students that join us. We would love to meet you there!

Art Club LIVE Show and Tell

Thursday 26 August - there will be two timed sessions, 9am (UK time) and 4pm (UK time).

LEGO® Club LIVE Show and Tell

Sunday 29 August – there will be two timed sessions, 9am (UK time) and 4pm (UK time).

You can find the Zoom links and passwords on the relevant Community Club pages. Why not come along and meet other students from Wolsey Hall?



Art Club



Cookery Club



Creative Writing Club



Lego Club



Nature Club



Book Reviews

New Lower Primary courses launching!

We are pleased to announce that we have two new Lower Primary courses launching in September for Years 1 and 2.

Lower Primary Humanities

Our Humanities course aims to develop children's awareness and knowledge of the world. From exploring how life is different in contrasting locations around the world to learning about significant historical events and investigating prominent historical people.

This course covers the requirements of the UK Key Stage 1 English National Curriculum for Geography and History over two years.



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Lower Primary Skills for Life

Our Skills for Life course will help children develop the qualities and attributes they need to be healthy, independent and active participants in society. By encouraging a positive outlook, it can set them up for a happier life, allowing them to reach their full potential.

The course will help your child to develop resilience and to become better team players through promoting their communication skills with others around them. They will also learn how to cope with anxiety, unhealthy relationships and other challenges in life, developing healthy self-confidence and self-esteem.



For further information on either of these new courses please visit The Primary area of our website or ask your Student Progress Manager.

Spotlight On...

Eleven-year-old Fatima from Malaysia took up our eco warrior challenge in the last newsletter.

Fatima has made chokers and bangles from old t-shirts and disposable water bottles. She also created a container from an old juice bottle for her new jewellery. We think this looks amazing Fatima!



Our Student Spotlight also features six-year-old Domino who made a Geography video all about rocks and how they are formed. We think Domino is a natural presenter! Watch it on our [YouTube channel](#).



Competition time - Design a Wolsey Hall Owl!

Our first Primary competition has launched!

Can you spot the Wolsey Hall owls appearing throughout the Community site? Can you find them all and tell us how many there are?

We're also inviting you to design your very own Wolsey Hall owl!

You can choose whichever theme you would like your owl to have. Perhaps yours will be playing a sport, a musical instrument or cooking?

Competition entry details can be found on the Community site. Remember you can find your access details in your Community course on Canvas.



Hello!

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:

Adham, age 6, Saudi Arabia
Almir, age 7, Ukraine
Ezra, age 5, UK
Jessica Rose, age 6, South Africa
Knight, age 5, India
Salma, age 7, UK
Shivaan, age 6, UAE
Sybila, age 7, Spain
Ubay, age 7, Qatar
Yusuf, age 6, UK
Akanksha, age 7, UAE
Catherine Alesi, age 7, Canada
Emma, age 6, UK
Itari, age 7, USA
Lisa, age 6, Malawi
Ocean Wolf, age 7, Indonesia
Sebastian, age 7, UAE
Tiziana, age 7, Ecuador
Afia-Harper, age 9, Mauritius
Domino, age 6, Qatar
Byron, age 10, Austria
Raysa, age 10, UAE
Raffaella, age 9, South Africa
Horia, age 9, Romania
Josh, age 12, S Africa
Raji, age 10, Rwanda
Matei, age 10, Romania
Nihira, age 10, India
Farah, age 10, UK
Plummo, age 11, Thailand
Grecia, age 11, Spain
Muhammad Amaan, age 10, China
Tiago, age 10, UAE
Meeral, age 11, Oman
Samantha, age 10, Portugal
Holly Star, age 15, UK

Raphael, age 8, Oman
Hasan, age 8, Bahrain
Akirra, age 8, India
David and Mikael, age 9, UAE
Anja, age 8, UK
Ahmed, age 8, Ghana
Jia Cheng, age 8, Malaysia
Matthew, age 9, Ireland
Gorian, age 8, Bulgaria
Zakariya, age 9, Saudi Arabia
Victor, age 11, Denmark
Mia, age 11, Mauritius
Braydon, age 10, Saudi Arabia
Sloan, age 10, Botswana
Shounak Rafael, age 10, India
Alessandro, age 11, Zambia
Alexander, age 9, Spain
Gabriel, age 10, Namibia
Zohra, age 10, New Zealand
Nathan, age 9, Kenya
Samuil, age 10, Bulgaria
Iwan, age 10, UAE
Justin, age 11, UK
Annalise, age 11, Singapore
Joshua, age 11, USA
Edward, age 11, UK
Nikolai, age 11, France
Matthew, age 11, Indonesia
Garry, age 11, Cyprus
Megan, age 11, UK
Max, age 12, Spain
Bella, age 11, Portugal
Arsenii, age 12, Ukraine
Richard, age 11, Switzerland
Soren, age 13, South Africa
Abigail, age 13, UK

Outdoor Learning

Outdoor learning can be wonderful. It provides a change in environment, fresh air (hopefully) and gets us closer to nature. Not everyone is lucky enough to have a suitable space outdoors near their home, so you may need to be creative with what space is available. How about trying some of these things outdoors instead of inside, if you live somewhere with suitable outdoor spaces?



Student Challenge of the Month

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to climb a mountain? This month we have a virtual challenge. Can you find some steps in or near your home and have a go at climbing a mountain virtually? You don't have to climb your virtual mountain in one go – can you climb a mountain before the next newsletter comes out in mid-September? Here are some suggested mountains and the number of steps needed to complete the challenge.

Ben Nevis, Scotland: 8,810 steps
 Mount Blanc, France: 30,420 steps
 Mega Challenge - Mount Everest: 58,080 steps
 These steps are guidelines only, based on information sourced on the internet.

You're welcome to email a photo of you taking on the virtual climb to:
christine.armstrong@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk





The benefits of routine

Everyone needs some sort of routine in their life to have a sense of when things need to be done. Routine is very important for children; it can help them to feel safe and provides a structure which they understand. Change is also an important part of a child's development and can sometimes seem a little scary. By having a routine in place, with change that happens sometimes within it, we are providing a safe environment for children, whilst helping them to become more flexible and adaptable when changes occur.

Timetables are a key part of providing a routine for your child. Home learning timetables can include their subjects, breaks, lunchtime and activities outside the home. It is useful to have the beginning and end of the day added to make a clear distinction between learning time and home time.

A daily homeschooling routine and timetable for your child can help in several ways:

Creates expectations: a routine sets out what the day will look like and what needs to be done.

Sets boundaries: it can save a lot of arguments at home if everyone has seen the routine for the day and agreed to it. When a task or activity comes around, your child isn't surprised by it.

Develops independence: when children begin to understand the structure of the day, they are more likely to carry out the expectations on them, without waiting to be told. They may need lots of prompting and instruction to help transition from one task to the next in the beginning, but the more they know their routine the less this is likely to be needed.

Helps to ensure things get done, and there is balance: a routine ensures that everything that needs to be done is included in your day-to-day activities. Likewise, it allows you to ensure there is a balance to the day for your child. Have you included play and creative opportunities?

Offers stability: we all know that life can be hectic, and sometimes there are lots of changes that come our way. Having a routine in place offers a sense of stability for your child, especially in times of big change.

Motivation: having routines in place allows children to look forward and anticipate things coming up. It can be a great way to motivate your child to get tasks done that they are less keen on, when they can see that there is something coming up that they enjoy much more.

Resource Corner

The Maths Factor is created by Carol Vorderman (a well-known UK mathematician and TV personality). Her [website](#) has lots of fun maths practice for your child.

The website says, 'Keep your child entertained and boost their maths confidence over the holiday with our amazing FREE 6-week Summer Adventure. There's an adventure for every primary school year filled with fun videos, games and activities.'

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Community Support

We have Wolsey Hall students in 120 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.



Sign in to our Community site for competitions, clubs, bulletins and access to our virtual library. The password to gain access changes each month and can be found in your Canvas Community course.