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Welcome

As we begin to countdown to the end of 2021, it is a time to reflect on all the positives that this year has brought us. Certainly here at Wolsey Hall we have been grateful for all the opportunities 2021 has delivered, and we look to 2022 and all the possibilities it could bring. Life can be difficult at times, and I am sure that many of us have faced challenges this year, but it is important to focus on the positives and be hopeful for the year to come.

Many of our students continue to show great resilience in their lives and learning, and we are constantly amazed by their positivity and 'can do' attitude. We are very proud of every student in the Wolsey Hall family.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter. We know that many of you are still affected by Covid restrictions in your countries, so please be safe and look after each other.

Best wishes,
Christine Armstrong, Head of Primary



Join our Primary Question and Answer Session

We're inviting our parents to attend our Primary Question and Answer session on Wednesday 24th November at 09:00 or 16:00 (UK time).

This is an opportunity to meet the Primary team, other Primary parents, and let us have your ideas and suggestions on how we might improve our courses.

Parents are invited to submit questions to us, and we will try our best to answer them all during the session. Numbers are limited so please **register for your place** and put your questions to the team.

We look forward to seeing you.

Christine Armstrong
Head of Primary



New Skills for Life course

We are delighted to invite students to join our Lower Primary Skills for Life course.

Our Skills for Life course helps Lower Primary children develop the qualities and attributes they need to be healthy, independent and active participants in society. It will give them a positive outlook which can set them up for a happier life, allowing them to reach their full potential. It combines personal and social growth, being part of a global community, and mindfulness to learn how to deal with emotions. Find out more on our **website** or contact your SPM to enrol.

Spotlight On...

Five-year-old Hervie lives in the Philippines and studies our Year 1 courses. Hervie and his mum have created several videos for the Wolsey Hall YouTube channel showing the varied life of a young homeschooler. Hervie recently scuba dived for the first time and was the youngest person to have dived there.

If your child has achieved something new, why not share it with us? They might feature in our newsletter or on our Primary Community site. Email Danielle Hilton with your brief details and a photo.



What's your best achievement of 2021?

We are asking our Primary students, 'What are you most proud of in 2021?'

Was it something you achieved in your studies? A competition or event you participated in? Something you did for charity or a family member or friends? If you would like to share what you are most proud of in 2021 and are happy to share this with others via our community site, send an email to Danielle Hilton with the following information:

Name:

Age:

Country:

Answer: In 2021 I am most proud of.....

1 x photo (optional)



Be Safe Online

Online safety is really important.

We are using the internet more and more, not only to look at information, play games and visit websites, but also to connect with other people.

When we are online it is important that we keep ourselves and others safe. Young people should follow safety rules to ensure that this is the case. [SafeKids](#) have created 10 tips for helping children to stay safe online, which are shared here. Please make sure you think about these when you are online and connecting with others.

1. I will not give out personal information such as my address, telephone number, parents' work address/telephone number without my parents' permission.

2. I will tell my parents right away if I come across something that makes me feel uncomfortable.

3. I will never agree to get together with someone I 'meet' online without first checking with my parents. If my parents agree to the meeting, I will be sure that it is in a public place and bring a parent along.

4. I will talk with my parents about posting pictures of myself or others online and not post any pictures that my parents consider to be inappropriate.

5. I will not respond to any messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable. It is not my fault if I get a message like that. If I do I will tell my parents right away.

6. I will talk with my parents so that we can set up rules for going online and using a mobile phone. We will decide upon the time of day that I can be online, the length of time I can be online and appropriate areas for me to visit. I will not access other areas or break these rules without their permission.

7. I will not give out my passwords to anyone (even my best friends) other than my parents.

8. I will check with my parents before downloading or installing software or doing anything that could possibly hurt our computer or mobile device or jeopardise my family's privacy.

9. I will be a good online citizen and not do anything that hurts other people or is against the law.

10. I will help my parents understand how to have fun and learn things online and teach them things about the internet, computers and other technology.



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:

Ava, age 6, USA	Mia, age 8, UK
Purry, age 5, UK	Thomas, age 8, France
Arie, age 6, USA	Blake Daniel, age 8, UAE
Arihant, age 6, UAE	Aariyana, age 7, UAE
Mohamed, age 6, Saudia Arabia	Marang, age 8, South Africa
Noemi, age 6, Romania	Soshana, age 7, Romania
Nyah-Beau Mary, age 6, Mauritius	Yahya, age 7, UK
Olivia, age 6, UAE	Sophia, age 8, UAE
Parisa, age 6, India	Rebecca, age 8, Belgium
Pablo, age 6, Spain	Philip, age 8, Ireland
Shahla, age 6, Oman	Maximilian, age 8, Spain
Victoria de Fatima, age 6, Spain	Adam, age 9, Zambia
Gabriella, age 6, UAE	Emmett, age 9, USA
Aman, age 6, UK	Iylan, age 9, UK
Ascher, age 6, Malaysia	Olajide, age 9, USA
Amna, age 7, UAE	Isra, age 9, Oman
Analiz, age 7, Ecuador	Teodora, age 9, UAE
Arthur, age 7, UK	Harshana J, age 9, Malaysia
Claire Naomi, age 7, Qatar	Ammar, age 9, Saudi Arabia
Eisa, age 7, Saudi Arabia	Rune, age 9, Germany
Mishele David, age 8, Namibia	Noa, age 9, Indonesia
Joshua, age 8, UAE	Talha, age 9, Saudi Arabia
Mauricem age 8, USA	Jonathan, age 9, Malaysia
Czar, age 9, Malaysia	Ayomilekan, age 9, Nigeria
Ibrahim, age 10, Jordan	Emma Elizabeth, age 10, UAE
Mariyah, age 10, UAE	Travis, age 11, Mauritius
Nur, age 10, Kenya	Aisha, age 11, Turkey
Rumaysa, age 10, UK	Aswin, age 11, Oman
Nancy, age 10, Oman	Sofia, age 11, UK
Lincoln Martin, age 10, Philippines	Jayden, age 11, UAE
Ahmed, age 10, UK	Danica, age 11, Qatar
Anli & Stefan, age 10, Malaysia	Sienna, age 11, UK
Leon, age 10, Cyprus	Azahir, age 11, USA
Aiden, age 10, UAE	Luis, age 11, UK
Lourdes, age 10, New Zealand	Mateo, age 11, UAE
Tarab, age 10, Bahrain	Akshaya Shree, age 11, India

November Club Themes

Our new club themes for November are well underway. Has your child decided to join in with any?

Art: Can you paint in the style of Claude Monet? Watch Art Leader Rachael's tutorial for inspiration.

Creative Writing: Can you write a description of your favourite book character?

Cookery: Can you bake a cake containing a fruit or vegetable?

LEGO®: Can you build a treehouse? Watch LEGO® leader Emilie's video to get started.

Nature: Can you build a hedgehog house?

If your child is joining in with the Art or LEGO® club themes this month, why not come along to our next Show & Tell sessions? They're a great way for your child to share what they have made, explain how they did it and meet other Primary level students.

Art Club

Show & Tell: Friday 26th November – 9am and 4pm (UK time).

LEGO® Club

Show & Tell: Sunday 28th November – 9am and 4pm (UK time).

You can find the Zoom details by visiting our Primary Community site. The November password can be found in your child's 'Primary Community Course' on Canvas.



John Paul, aged 5 from Qatar, baked his carrot cupcakes for this month's Cookery Club.



Alisa, aged 9 from Romania, enjoyed taking part in this month's painting challenge for Art Club.

Student Challenge of the Month

There are more than 6,000 languages in the world! How many can you speak? Your challenge this month is to learn how to say 'Hello, good morning!' in as many different languages you can. I tried this and managed to say it in 15 languages - can you beat my score?



Good luck and I hope you enjoy trying new languages. The internet is a great place to look for new languages, and Google Translate is a useful tool.

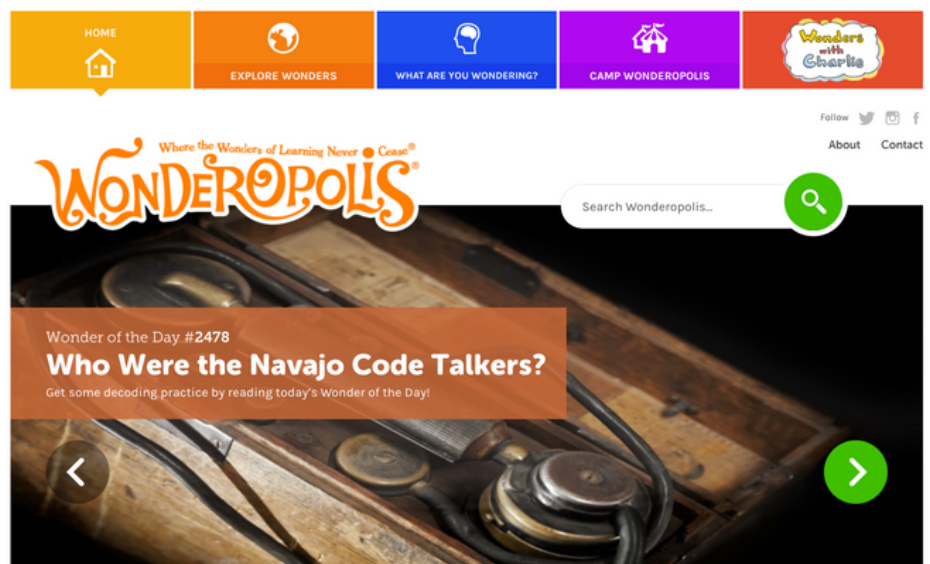
Christine Armstrong
Head of Primary

Resource Corner

Develop your curiosity and learn the answers to questions that you may or may not have thought of before. [Wonderopolis](#) makes you forget learning by providing daily 'wonders' through videos and easy-to-read stories.

These wonders are real questions asked by real kids around the world, and they include interesting thoughts such as, "What brings a tear to your eye?" and, "How do mirrors work?"

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Ideas to build your child's confidence

When children feel confident about themselves they tend to do better in life, learning and friendships.

Confident children are more likely to try new things and tend to be able to cope better with setbacks and mistakes. Children with low levels of confidence often doubt their ability and are less likely to want to try new things and meet new people.

Confidence levels in children can be increased, and our actions and words as adults, as well as a child's experiences, can influence how confident they are. Here are some ideas for helping to build confidence in your child.

- Make sure they know that your love is unconditional. There is nothing they can do that would stop you from loving them.
- Sign them up to drama or acting classes. This can have an incredibly positive impact on confidence.
- Make time for them so that they know they are special.
- Provide lots of praise and highlight things that they do well.

- If they make the wrong choice make sure they know that it is the behaviour choice, not who they are as a person, that you are not happy with.
- Let them overhear you talking positively about them to others.
- Surround them with positive people to model confidence.
- Hang their work around the house to demonstrate how proud you are.
- Try not to compare them to anyone else.
- Encourage them to learn new skills.
- Let your children make choices of their own, both for themselves and for the family sometimes.
- Help them overcome their fear of failure by instilling in them that mistakes are learning opportunities.
- Give them lots of hugs and affection to provide physical reinforcement of your love for them and how proud you are.

If you would like to suggest a topic for our Parent Spotlight section, please email Christine.Armstrong.

Moving to Lower Secondary courses?

If your child is due to move to Lower Secondary soon, you will want to start thinking about this transition and the changes it brings. Our [handy guide](#) for parents explains how the courses work and what is expected of your child at this level of study.

Virtual Library

Our Virtual Library is very popular with our students. With hundreds of fiction and non-fiction titles to choose from, your child is bound to discover new books they enjoy. This is the perfect time for them to join in with this month's Reading Challenge!

To start, simply [register](#) your child for an account and then they can borrow up to 10 books at a time.



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.



Our chess club can be found on the Community site and is open to students aged 5 and older. It is an opportunity for you to meet other Wolsey Hall students and play chess together.