



# Primary Newsletter



## WELCOME

Dear students, parents and families,

Welcome to the next Primary newsletter. It has been a busy month at Wolsey Hall as always, and we are excited about the current projects we are working on and will share with you in due course.

April is the season of spring here in the UK. It is a time of growth as flowers begin to bloom, new life arrives as animals give birth to their young, and hibernation ends for a number of animals like hedgehogs. The days become lighter and brighter, and it starts to feel warmer. All these things serve to provide a feeling of hope and positivity. I hope our families and students around the world have things in their life that help them feel hopeful and positive about the future too.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the newsletter. We know that some of our students and families are still affected by Covid restrictions in their countries, and by current global events, so please be safe and look after each other.

Best wishes,  
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# SPOTLIGHT ON...

Year 4 Malaysian student Chloe is passionate about what is happening to the environment.

As part of her Science course, she created this [video](#) highlighting the changes and what we can do to help prevent it. We love her passion for raising awareness!



Nine-year-old Italian student Sveva has made a wonderful video about studying with Wolsey Hall.

She gives an enthusiastic insight into life as a homeschooler and all the benefits it brings. Watch her [video](#) on our YouTube channel.



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## COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Our World Book Day competition was very popular and we were inundated with entries. All of them were fantastic!

We hope you enjoyed taking part. Our judges had a very difficult time choosing the winners but they managed it in the end! Our overall winner was Joey, aged 9 from New Zealand, but you can view our other winners in our [short video](#) or on the Primary Community site.





# 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:

Eleonora, age 7, Saudi Arabia  
 Mohamad, age 10, Saudi Arabia  
 Rumaysa, age 10, UK  
 Cole, age 11, South Africa  
 Jesse, age 12, UK  
 Maximilian, age 9, Spain  
 Jaslyn, age 10, USA  
 Arthur, age 11, Latvia  
 Belal, age 7, Saudia Arabia  
 Kai, age 10, Zimbabwe  
 Alexander & Maximilian, age 12, Italy  
 Ali, age 10, UK  
 Markus, age 12, UAE  
 Muhammad Hamza, age 10, Oman  
 Alexander, age 9, Spain  
 Elizabeth, age 11, Dominican Republic  
 Louis, age 12, UAE  
 Ethan & Joshua, age 11, Singapore  
 Khadeejah, age 10, UK  
 Gabriel, age 11, UAE  
 Eva, age 11, UK  
 Valentina, age 9, Brazil  
 Simina, age 9, Romania  
 Beatrice, age 9, UAE  
 Jia Hui, age 6, Malaysia  
 Yusuf, age 7, UK  
 David, age 8, Ecuador  
 Chloe, age 8, South Africa  
 Liam, age 6, UAE  
 Lea, age 6, Slovakia  
 Gabriel, age 7, Kenya  
 Milagros, age 8, USA  
 Serene, age 6, UAE  
 Hoi Ka, age 5, Taiwan  
 Aayansh, age 6, India

Mus'ab, age 9, Maldives  
 Bilal Amal, age 8, UAE  
 Adhrisht, age 10, India  
 David, age 9, Japan  
 Clarisse, age 8, UAE  
 Harshana J, age 9, Malaysia  
 Gabriella, age 8, Thailand  
 Emmelize, age 9, UAE  
 Kaeden, age 8, Greece  
 Montgomery, age 8, USA  
 Noah, age 8, UK  
 Alia, age 8, Lebanon  
 Maryam, age 9, Saudi Arabia  
 Louise, age 8, UAE  
 Eisa, age 7, Saudi Arabia  
 Matthew, age 7, Slovakia  
 Cassidy, age 9, UK  
 Maria, age 9, Singapore  
 Vihaan, age 9, Indonesia  
 Alexander, age 8, Bahamas  
 Sadia, age 8, UK  
 Milena, age 7, UAE  
 William, age 8, Malta  
 Samantha, age 9, Qatar  
 Finley, age 6, Mozambique  
 Amira, age 7, UK  
 John-Paul, age 6, Qatar  
 Kinan, age 5, Saudi Arabia  
 Lowenna, age 5, Uganda  
 Yotsaran, age 5, Thailand  
 Karo, age 7, UK  
 Leon, age 8, Italy  
 Haneen, age 6, Saudi Arabia  
 Hervie, age 5, Philippines  
 Aldon, age 7, Indonesia  
 Verona, age 6, USA

# STUDENT CLUB CHALLENGES

If your child is new to our Primary courses you may not realise we have Primary clubs they can participate in.

All our clubs are free and each month we set a new challenge for each one so there's bound to be something that takes their interest. Watch our [March highlights video](#) to get a flavour of what students do. You can find each club with all its information on the Primary Community site.

Art  
Book Club  
Choir  
Creative Writing  
Cookery  
LEGO®  
Nature  
Photography

We also run monthly Show & Tell sessions for some clubs on Zoom so our younger students can meet each other.

## April Show & Tells

All times shown are UK time.

### Book Club - Budding Bookworms

Tuesday 26th April – 9am and 4pm

### Art Club

Friday 29th April – 9am and 4pm

### LEGO® Club

Sunday 24th April – 9am and 4pm

You can find the Zoom links and passwords by visiting the Primary Community site. Please ensure a parent/guardian attends the session with your child.



Lisa, age 7,  
joined in last month's Cookery Club



James, age 6,  
tried the Nature Club experiment

# BEING A GOOD FRIEND

Being a good friend and having good friends isn't always easy for people. It takes time to make good friends and you need to put in some effort to keep a good friendship with someone.

Sometimes it might seem easier to walk away from a friendship rather than working on your friendship to keep it. Not everyone is suited to being your good friend to you. Sometimes there may be too many things that you do not like about each other to keep the friendship going BUT everyone has the potential to be a good friend to others.

The qualities needed to be a good friend include:

- Making somebody feel good with your actions and words. Being kind to someone and letting them know that you think they are a great person helps to make relationships. You may make them smile and give them compliments that make them feel good about themselves, and you.
- Be a good listener. Your friendship cannot always be about you. Sometimes you will just need to be there to listen to your friend, especially when they are sad and want to share their feelings.
- Support each other. If your friend has a problem, you may be able to help them. You can give them advice about what they could do to solve their problem.
- Be yourself. Good friends don't have to be the same. It can be good to have different interests and opinions. It doesn't mean you shouldn't be friends – it means you can learn from each other!



- Show trust. A good friend can be trusted. If a friend tells you something in private, don't share it with all your other friends. Of course, if you think the secret might be a bad secret to keep then you should tell a trusted adult.

- Friendship is important and we have friends to support us, play with us, listen to us and share common interests with. Most people have many friends, and they may all be very different to each other. This is a good thing and having a wide circle of friends makes life much more interesting!

But also remember that not all 'friends' might be good friends! If you have a friend that makes you feel sad all the time, asks you to do things that you know are wrong, or will only be your friend some of the time, then your friend is not showing good friend traits. If you have a friend like this, you should talk to your parents or a trusted adult about this.

# CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

Egg decorating is a fun and creative way to show your art skills and enjoy making something exciting.

People use an egg that has been boiled in water, or an empty egg that has had a small hole made in it to release the runny uncooked egg inside. In many countries you can buy pretend eggs that have been created just for decorating and keeping things inside. Your challenge is to create your own egg! How inspired and creative can you be?

You are welcome to send a photo of your egg to [Danielle Hilton](#) if you would like it shared with other Wolsey Hall students on our community site.



## RESOURCE CORNER

[Funbrain](#) has a range of games, books and activities for children from four years old all the way through to 12 years. It mostly focuses on reading and maths but provides lots of fun in learning! Why not take a look?

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# SPOTLIGHT ON HUMANITIES

The Lower Primary Humanities course is a fascinating addition to Wolsey Hall and gives learners a chance to find out more about their world and includes aspects of both History and Geography.

In the World History lessons, pupils begin by exploring their own personal history, they find out about events that are significant globally and learn about the lives of important historic people such as Mary Seacole, Nelson Mandela and Mother Teresa. They also explore significant events and places in their own locality.

The World Geography lessons start with pupils exploring their own local area before moving onto locations such as the Caribbean, Australia, Antarctica and the Amazon Rainforest. They have the opportunity to develop skills such as using an atlas and can also begin to learn the foundations of fieldwork.

The course, which consists of two lessons each week, are fun, engaging and practical. Learning is brought to life through videos, practical tasks and the opportunity to start with their own family and local area. The assessments are video presentations and give pupils a chance to talk about their learning and to share their wonderful work.

The Humanities course is already proving popular. A current student said: "I really look forward to my Humanities lessons each week because they teach me about so many different interesting people and amazing places. I loved learning about Nelson Mandela and his life in South Africa."

A parent of one of our current students also said: "I never found him feeling bored or tired while doing Humanities. In other words, Humanities has become his favourite subject."

The Humanities course is a perfect choice for all children who are interested in finding out more about their world both locally and globally. It gives them the chance to make links in their learning, to ask and answer questions and to develop a real sense of their own place in our wonderful world.

For further information on the [Humanities course](#), please speak to your Student Progress Manager.

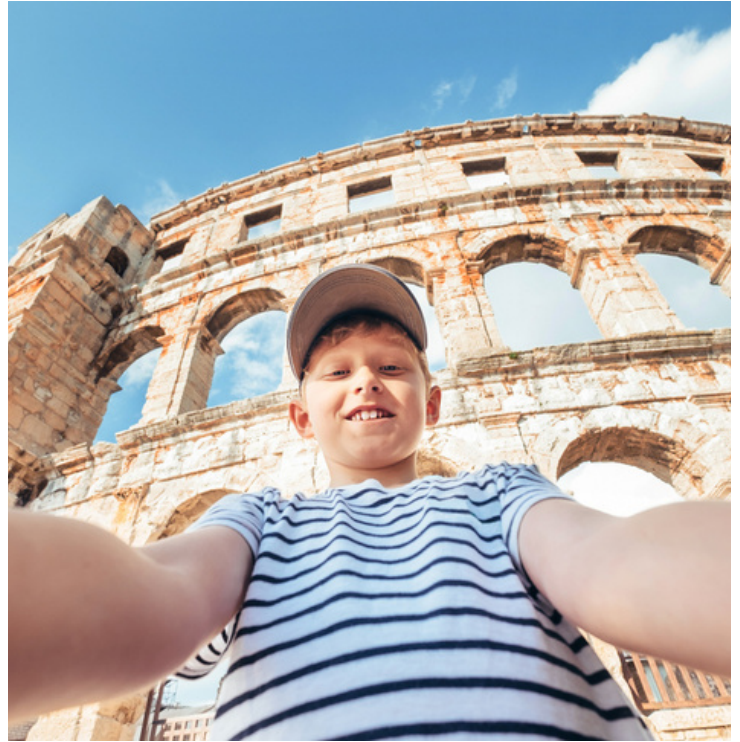


# WHERE ARE YOU HOMESCHOOLING?

Our new competition has launched and we're asking 'Where are you homeschooling?'

Can you send us a photo of yourself with something that represents where you're homeschooling? You could be holding your country's flag or stood in front of a famous landmark. We're sure you can come up with your own ideas!

This competition is running across both Primary and Secondary but a winner and runner up will be chosen in each school. Find the entry details on the Primary community site.



## 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?

Have you joined our parent forum? This platform is specifically for parents of Primary aged students and is a space for you to connect with each other, start discussions, share tips and advice. You can [sign up here](#). We have over 140 parents registered on the forum so far so why not get chatting!



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



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



We often feature our students achievements on our [Instagram](#). Why not follow and engage with us there too?