



Primary Newsletter



WELCOME

Dear students, parents and families,

Over the last month I have taken some time to look at a range of learning taking place across the Primary school in all the subjects we offer. I am incredibly impressed by the progress our students are making, and by the enthusiasm being shown. It is clear from the high calibre of assignment submissions and the tutor feedback that we have a Primary school of determined and resilient students who are keen to demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and skills. I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all our students for their hard work and commitment to learning. Keep going and show us what you can do!

For those of you looking to expand your hobbies, don't forget to visit our Community site and see what challenges our different clubs are offering. From cooking to Lego, and creative writing to art, there is something for everyone. You can find the password on your Primary Community course on Canvas.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the newsletter.

Best wishes,

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WHAT'S NEW

COMING SOON – Getting Ready for Year 1 Maths and English

This June we will be launching our new courses for students at the beginning of their learning journey. The courses are aimed at children who are developing their early Maths and English skills in readiness for starting in Year 1. Typically, these courses are aimed at students who are 4–5 years old and they help to develop the foundations of Maths and English needed for Primary school.

Getting Ready for Year 1 English

Our course will help your child develop early skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening. These skills are essential to build foundations for effective communication and learning across the curriculum.

From a very early age children want to communicate their thoughts and needs with those around them. Being able to speak clearly and process speech sounds, to understand others, to express ideas and interact effectively are fundamental building blocks for a child's development.

This course follows a systematic approach to teaching these skills, through engaging child-centred topics. Our course also equips children with the skills needed for a successful start to Year 1 English. You can find further information and a sample of this course at

Getting Ready for Year 1 Maths

Our course will help your child develop early skills in counting, number recognition and calculation. These skills are essential in laying the foundations to them becoming confident mathematicians.

This course encourages children to explore numbers in a range of practical contexts. Your child will have fun experimenting with different ways of counting and calculating, through song, movement and games. Children will also start discovering how maths is such a significant part of their everyday lives. The course also equips children with the skills needed for a successful start to Year 1 Maths. You can find further information and a [sample of this course](#) on our website.



WHAT'S NEW

We are pleased to announce our Skills for Life course is now available for Years 3 and 4.

Skills for Life helps children to develop the qualities they need to be healthy, happy and active participants in society. They will develop their emotional agility so they better understand, accept, and can work through difficult emotions. They will also learn about the wider world, develop their citizenship skills and be encouraged to care for their world, and to reach their own full potential.

The course will help your child to:

- Develop a positive outlook and a 'can do' attitude.
- Develop resilience and perseverance skills.
- Work well as part of a team by developing their thinking and communication skills.

- Understand ways to cope with anxiety and unhealthy relationships.

- Develop their ability to be assertive in a positive and helpful way.

- Develop their self-confidence and self-esteem.

The key topics covered include:

Year 3 – Who Am I?, My Body, Money, My Future, Citizenship, Working Together

Year 4 – Safety First, VIPs, Online Safety, One World, Positive Thinking, Growing Up

You should allow two hours of study time per week for you and your child to complete this course.

If you would like more information please ask your Student Progress Manager or visit the [course details](#) on our website.



WHAT'S NEW

The Wolsey Hall Primary choir has delivered another wonderful performance with its latest song "Power In Me".

We have students participating in the choir from all around the world. They meet for virtual rehearsals before each recording their part, if they wish to. Watch their powerful performance on our [YouTube channel](#).



SPOTLIGHT ON...

Seven-year-old Parker has recently been promoted in his Jiu Jitsu class to become the youngest member at his gym with that level rank.

Parker, who is homeschooling in Singapore, has been doing Jiu Jitsu for three years. He was promoted to 'solid grey, triple red stripe' and to achieve this, he had to show a high degree of technical skill. This involved submission of his opponents, but also the integrity and judgement to know when to 'release' these submission positions that would otherwise seriously hurt his peers.

Well done Parker on your achievement!

If your child has achieved something you are proud of, please share it with us for our newsletter. Send the details to: danielle.hilton@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk





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:

Nawwaarah, age 6, Saudia Arabia
 Arielle, age 5, Malaysia
 Tyrone, age 11, Indonesia
 Zakwan, age 8, Saudi Arabia
 Hazim, age 11, UK
 Abigail, age 9, UAE
 Rares, age 11, Romania
 Anastasia, age 10, UK
 Emily, age 11, Portugal
 Maaz, age 7, UAE
 Muawiyah, age 9, UAE
 Annabelle, age 8, Cambodia
 Samuel, age 9, New Zealand
 Yeva, age 10, Poland
 Esmerelda, age 11, UK
 Ayantika Devi, age 7, India
 Maryam, age 5, Saudi Arabia
 Lily, age 7, South Africa
 Samuel, age 9, Slovakia
 Reeyah, age 6, Thailand
 Fatima, age 6, UAE
 Roc, age 10, Spain
 Loreto, age 8, Guatemala
 Oana Sofia, age 10, Romania
 Marwan, age 11, Egypt
 Kira, age 6, USA
 Pham Viet Anh, age 6, Vietnam
 Zara, age 7, Zimbabwe
 Hamza, age 14, UAE
 Hamza, age 12, UAE
 Kali, age 4, Philippines
 Max, age 9, UK
 Aimee Charis, age 9, India
 Dylan, age 8, New Zealand
 Jayden, age 10, Singapore

Amine, age 6, Saudi Arabia
 Jacob, age 11, Thailand
 Jared, age 9, South Africa
 Lily, age 6, UAE
 Hiro Aufaa, age 10, Indonesia
 Kessler, age 5, Namibia
 Poppy, age 5, Thailand
 Nala, age 6, Vietnam
 Noe, age 9, UK
 Rykhan, age 8, Namibia
 Mia, age 10, India
 Tanisha, age 5, Philippines
 Daksh, age 8, Singapore
 Elizabeth, age 9, Kenya
 Anthony, age 8, Malaysia
 Sara, age 10, Romania
 Zofia, age 9, Poland
 Renzo, age 6, Philippines
 Huxley, age 5, Kenya
 Ean Hou, age 4, Malaysia
 Jesse, age 9, Zimbabwe
 Oliver, age 9, South Africa
 Aron, age 10, UK
 Varshini, age 11, Singapore
 Aaron, age 6, India
 Victoria, age 10, UAE
 Iniya, age 9, Singapore
 Egypt, age 6, Zimbabwe
 Erik, age 7, Tunisia
 Hugo, age 11, UK
 Gemma, age 9, South Africa
 Noah, age 7, Indonesia
 Alexis, age 6, UK
 Amy, age 7, Portugal
 Jayden, age 11, South Africa

MAY CLUB CHALLENGES

Has your child tried our student clubs? Try encouraging them to visit our Primary Community this month.

All our clubs are free and will give your child the chance to do something different, alongside their studies and hobbies. Each month we set a new challenge for each club and students can send in their entry for uploading to the gallery. You can find all the details 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.

May Show & Tells

All times shown are the UK time.

Book Club - Budding Bookworms

Tuesday 24 May – 9am and 4pm

Art Club

Friday 27 May – 9am and 4pm

LEGO® Club

Sunday 29 May – 9am and 4pm

You can find the Zoom links and passwords by visiting the Primary Community site. A parent/guardian needs to attend the session too.



Emily, age 6, created a salt dough fairy door in last month's Art Club



Tyler, age 11, made a selection of pasta in Cookery Club

DO YOU PAY IT FORWARD?

Have you ever heard the phrase ‘pay it forward?’ It is a very simple idea! It means responding to an act of kindness that you have received by passing on an act of kindness to someone else.

Isn't this a wonderful idea? Imagine what the world would be like if every person who received an act of kindness, then made it their duty to show kindness to someone else...so paying forward the act of kindness to another.

Imagine Bob was at the playground with his friends and saw someone (a boy called Joe) playing all on his own with no friends. Bob shows kindness to Joe and asks him to join them in their game. Joe is SO happy to make new friends.

On the way home Joe sees a lady drop her shopping bag on the floor. Joe thinks about the kindness Bob showed him at the park and decides to pay it forward. He runs over and helps pick up all the items that have fallen out of the shopping bag.

The lady is thrilled at this act of kindness and decides she will pay it forward.

The lady is just near home when she sees an old couple struggling to cross the road safely. The lady helps them across the road and the old couple are very thankful for her kindness and decide to pay it forward. And so the chain goes on, getting longer as more and more people receive, and in turn give, acts of kindness.

Can you start lots and lots of kindness chains? We can't always guarantee that the person receiving such kindness will pay it forward but the more acts of kindness we do, the more likely we are to start lots of kindness chains. Don't forget to think about this when someone does something kind for you too. Do you remember to pay it forward? If we all pay it forward as much as we can, or even start the chain, what a wonderful world it will be.



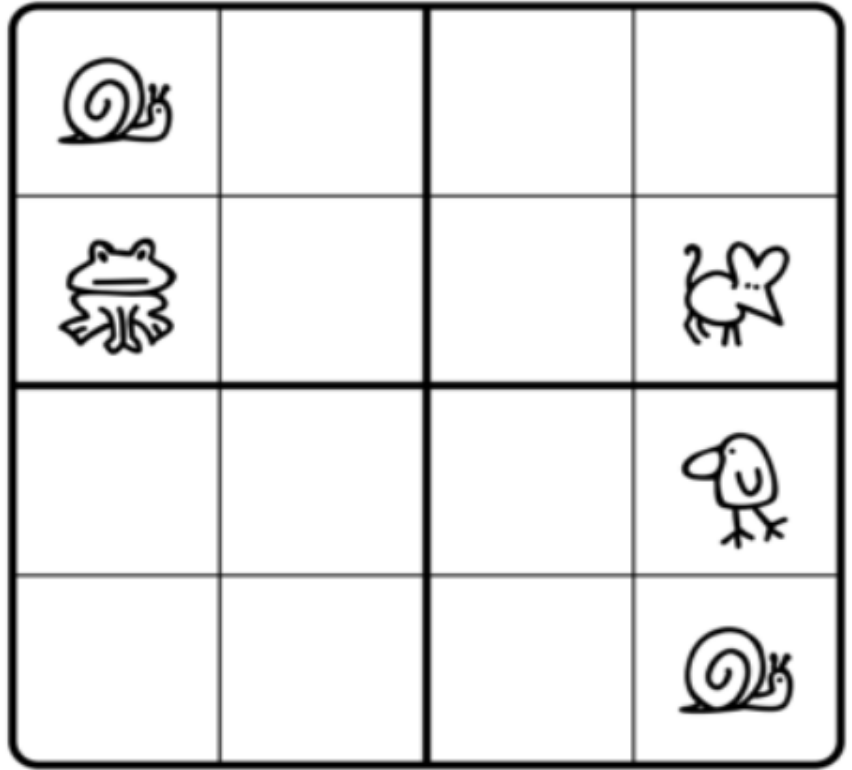
CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

Can you complete the Sudoku challenge by adding the correct animal to each small square?

Rules:

- Rule 1 - Each row must contain only one of each animal
- Rule 2 - Each column must contain only one of each animal
- Rule 3 - Each square (in bold containing 4 smaller squares) must only contain one of each animal.

The answer will be in next month's newsletter. Good luck!

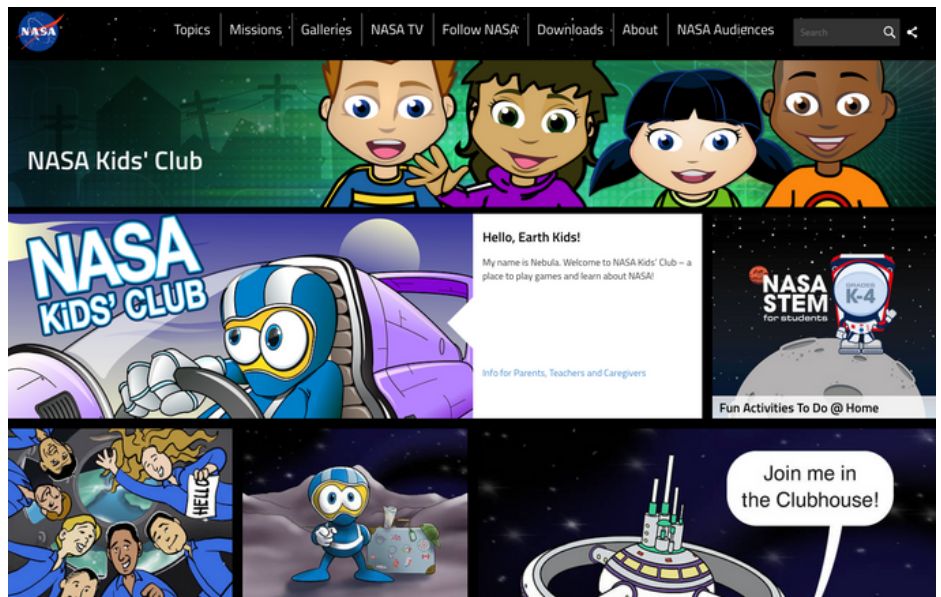


RESOURCE CORNER

Welcome to NASA Kids' Club. NASA provides a safe place for children to play as they learn about NASA and its missions. NASA encourages you to visit NASA, learn about space, learn about space missions and much more!

Take a look at the [website](#).

Wolsey Hall is not affiliated to this site in any way.



SPOTLIGHT ON MUSIC

Music has been around for centuries and has been a part of Primary education since the mid-19th century in the UK. There have been numerous research studies on the benefits of learning music and here at Wolsey Hall we have developed Primary Music Levels 1 – 4 to enable our students to learn music at home.

These courses are suitable for Year 2 students and above and aim to:

- Broaden engagement with different periods, styles, genres and traditions of music.
- Enable students to perform musically. They should also be able to create and compose music.
- Understand how music is created, produced and communicated. In order to achieve this, children need an understanding of the elements which music is made up of, the basics of musical notation and how these are used to create expression in music.



Music is a creative and enjoyable subject. As well as the fun and pleasure music brings, research has shown it helps students in other ways too.

Learning music and engaging in music can help a child with:

- coordination
- concentration
- memory
- language
- reasoning

If you are interested in pursuing music, check out our **Primary Music course** or contact your Student Progress Manager.

WHERE ARE YOU HOMESCHOOLING?

There's still time to enter our 'Where are you homeschooling?' competition.

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?