



Primary Newsletter



WELCOME

Dear students, parents and families,

Welcome to the Primary newsletter. Here in the UK, we have an exciting month celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. She has been on the throne serving our country for 70 years! There are festivities and celebrations across the country, and I am sure our Wolsey Hall staff will enjoy taking part in local celebrations.

As we move into June and July, there will be many families thinking about holidays. Please remember to let your SPM know if you plan to take leave from your studies so they can help to inform your child's tutors of this. For all of those taking learning breaks I hope you have an opportunity to switch off and relax. Our students work incredibly hard, and I am sure a break will be very welcome.

We have another newsletter packed with information so please enjoy reading it. We are always looking for students for our Student Spotlight section.

If you would like to share your child's talent, interests or achievements, please contact: danielle.hilton@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk

Best wishes,
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WHAT'S NEW

COMING SOON – Upper Primary International History to launch in June.

Our Primary International History homeschooling course covers the requirements of the Key Stage 2 English National Curriculum over four years, and has an international outlook covering history from around the world.

The course will fire your child's curiosity about the past in the wider world. It plays an essential part in preparing children for living and working in today's world.

Throughout the course students will research, use evidence, and argue for their point of view – all skills that are valued in adult life.



Key topics covered:

Year 3 - Indus Valley, Dinosaurs, London in the past.

Year 4 - Shang Dynasty, World War II, Benin.

Year 5 - Ancient Greeks, Ancient Sumer, Mayan Civilisation.

Year 6 - Ancient Egypt, Early Islamic Civilisation, Local History Study.

To find out more please visit our website or speak to your SPM.

COMING SOON - Years 5 & 6 Skills for Life to launch in July.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 Skills for Life courses help 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, developing their citizenship skills, encouraging them to care for their world and to reach their own full potential.

These courses also include regular mindfulness activities for young children. These activities are designed to develop the skill of focussing their awareness on the present moment.

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.

For further information please visit our website or speak to your SPM.



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:

Lavinia, age 9, Saudi Arabia
 Jaslyn, age 10, USA
 Garris, age 13, South Africa
 Stefan, age 10, Spain
 Hugo, age 10, UK
 Muhammad, age 10, Saudi Arabia
 Yi Fay, age 12, China
 Charis, age 12, UAE
 Maria, age 9, Romania
 Andrew, age 10, Czech Republic
 Tiago, age 11, UAE
 Nicholas, age 9, India
 Vittorio, age 10, UK
 Sammy, age 10, Canada
 Maximilian, age 11, Poland
 Nabi, age 7, Netherlands
 Dylan, age 10, Spain
 Ahaan, age 11, UK
 Kaela, age 12, Georgia
 Zoya, age 10, Mauritius
 Toma, age 9, Romania
 Adam, age 9, Turkey
 Muhammad, age 10, South Africa
 Iacopo, age 11, UAE
 Elias, age 9, Romania
 Leone, age 8, Panama
 Yunatifa, age 6, Philippines
 Luisa Rodrigues, age 7, Brazil
 Elicora, age 7, UAE
 Aryash, age 8, Spain
 Nika, age 8, Slovenia
 Rebecca, age 8, Congo
 Rifa, age 7, Oman
 Ava, age 5, USA
 Knight, age 6, India

Ilinca, age 7, Romania
 Amir, age 10, Turkey
 Annalise, age 11, Singapore
 Damian Jie Kai, age 11, Malaysia
 Michael, age 9, UK
 Mila, age 9, Zimbabwe
 Jan, age 9, Brazil
 Esther Victoria, age 11, Indonesia
 Gabriel, age 11, Namibia
 Janko, age 6, South Africa
 Leonardo, age 10, Ecuador
 Hnin Thant, age 8, Malaysia
 Eva, age 8, UAE
 Kayleb, age 6, Oman
 Ayaz, age 9, Qatar
 Tuana, age 9, Kazakhstan
 Georgios, age 8, Egypt
 Aidan, age 7, UAE
 Khansa, age 6, Pakistan
 Jabar, age 7, Azerbaijan
 Luke, age 8, Kuwait
 Olivia, age 8, India
 Oberon, age 9, UK
 Loudjaine, age 9, Algeria
 Erum, age 8, Fiji
 Ariella, age 7, Malaysia
 Ezra, age 6, UK
 Jabali, age 7, Kenya
 Ahmad, age 8, Argentina
 Lilou, age 6, Switzerland
 Zaeem, age 6, South Africa
 Neriah, age 6, UK
 Ruby, age 5, Rwanda
 Raphaela, age 5, Rwanda
 Zora, age 6, USA

COMPETITION WINNERS!

Our latest photography competition winners have been chosen!

For the last couple of months we have been asking students to send us a photo representing the country they are homeschooling in. We have been super impressed at the entries! Choosing winners is always difficult but this one was especially hard. After much debate, we decided the overall Primary winner is Year 5 student Natalia who spends time homeschooling in different countries. She sent us a photo of herself in Poland, where she homeschooled in May.

One runner up is nine-year-old Sam from Slovakia and the other is 11-year-old Helena from Namibia.

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to enter. We have published some of the entries on the Primary Community so why not take a look?



WINNER: Natalia, year 5, Poland



RUNNER-UP: Helena, age 11, Namibia



RUNNER-UP: Sam, age 9, Slovakia

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Seven-year-old Darius recently achieved second place in a 5k race, which was part of the International Wizz Air Half Marathon in Bucharest.

Darius is a very keen runner who regularly runs 5-10k each day! In September Darius is hoping to run his first half marathon in Greece.

His studies are also going very well, he focuses a lot on training both his body and mind. By studying with Wolsey Hall Oxford, the flexibility enables him to fit in his love for running.



JUNE CLUB CHALLENGES



Freya, age 5, took part in last month's LEGO® challenge to build a tall tower!

Our June club challenges are live on the Primary Community site.

All our clubs are free and give your child the chance to try something different. No more excuses for them being bored!

Each month we set new challenges and students can send in their entry for uploading to the galleries. You can find all the details on the Primary Community.

Art
Books
Choir
Creative Writing
Cookery
LEGO®
Nature
Photography

KINDNESS TREES

Have you ever made a kindness tree?

You can make the tree as big or as small as you would like. Some people have a big tree which they stick to a wall, and others just have a small tree that they keep in their notebook. The idea is simple. You create your tree with its branches and each day you think about any acts of kindness you have done, and you add all or some of them to the tree as if they were the leaves of the tree.



Day-by-day your tree becomes fuller with kindness leaves, and you can see all of the wonderful acts of kindness you have done for others. Why not make one for yourself, or perhaps even a family kindness tree that everyone can add to?

CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

Here in the UK, where your Tutors and SPM, are located, there are celebrations taking place throughout June to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

Your challenge is to draw a picture or write down your celebration idea. If you want to you can even create it! We hope you have lots of fun.

This is a time in the UK for many to show their appreciation for the 70 years that the Queen has been on the throne – WOW, what a long time! She is the longest serving king or queen the UK has ever had.

Last month we set a sudoku challenge. Here's the answer:



Symbol Sudoku
Two-by-Two With Four Possible Values
ANSWER KEY

	A	B	C	D
1				
2				
3				
4				

If you were going to celebrate a king or queen, and show your appreciation to them, what would you do? Would you have a big party or picnic, send a thank you letter, create a picture of the king or queen, or something completely different? Time to have a think!

LIFE SKILLS CORNER

Using a map and compass

You never know when you might need to use a map and compass! It may not always be possible to access a map on your phone, and you never know when you might need to go 'old school' and use a real map and compass! It's a great life skill to have.

Why not take a hike or visit a countryside location and try your hand at using a map and compass to find your way?

There are lots of websites and videos online that will explain:

- How a compass works
- How to use a compass
- How to read a map

Why not investigate a bit more, and then try using a compass yourself with your family? Using a map and compass to travel is called orienteering. Happy orienteering everyone!

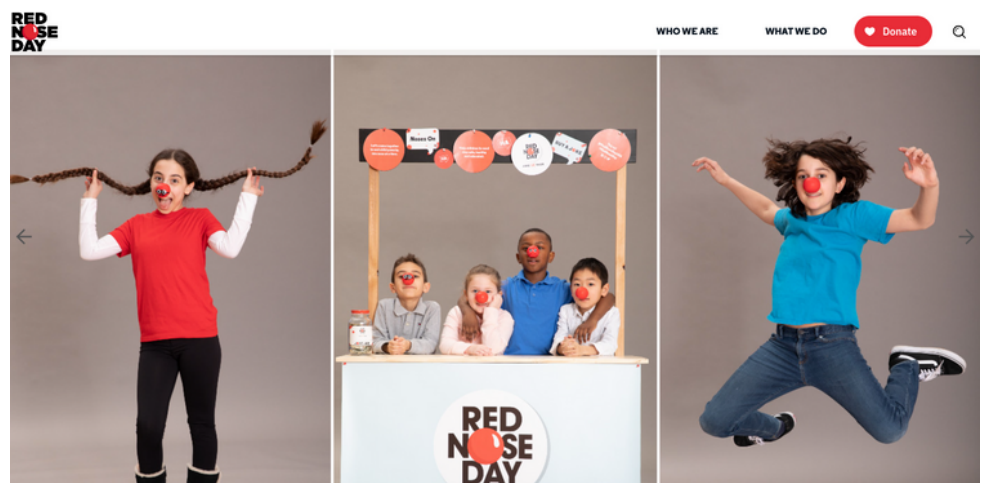


RESOURCE CORNER

Jokes for Kids

Do you need to laugh? Want to have a giggle? Want to impress others with your jokes? Why not look through these [kid-friendly jokes](#) and see which ones make you smile.

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



150 Jokes for Kids That Can Help Spread Some Laughs and Raise Cash

LEARNING SUPPORT AT WOLSEY HALL

We would like to take this opportunity to explain the support services that we are able to offer our enrolled students.

Should you wish to speak to a member of the Learning Support team, we can offer an initial consultation (30 minutes) free of charge, followed by ongoing support as needed (fees for additional support are provided in the table opposite). If you are interested in speaking with Learning Support please contact your Student Progress Manager, and ask for a referral to our Learning Support team.

Specialist Additional Support	
Duration	Cost/GBP
30 minutes	£17.50
60 minutes	£35.00
3 hour block	£105.00
6 hour block	£210.00



The Learning Support team have a wealth of knowledge and experience regarding specific learning needs and wellbeing. We aim to support families with additional advice, guidance and specialist sessions. We have a range of resources that are useful in supporting specific learning needs, such as dyslexia or dyspraxia.

In addition, targeted 1-to-1 and group support is available. Sessions can be tailored to meet the needs of your child. Ultimately, our aim is to help remove barriers to learning and help students discover who they are as learners.

THE LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM



Deja Pyggot



Steph Williams



Emilie Champion

BORROW BOOKS FOR FREE

Our virtual library is available for all Wolsey Hall students to use.

Your child can choose from hundreds of fiction and non-fiction books, which can be read on desktops, tablets or mobile devices. Each user is entitled to 10 loans per month.

To create your child's library account, simply visit the Primary Community course in Canvas and follow the link.

If your child loves reading, remember we have our Book Club too!



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 150 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?