



Primary Newsletter



WELCOME

Dear students, parents and families,

Welcome to the next Primary newsletter. It has been a busy month here at Wolsey Hall, with lots of excellent learning taking place in Primary. Our Community area has been active and we have had some super submissions to our clubs in the last month. In addition, we have received lots of wonderful videos from our Primary students in response to our recent competition where we asked 'What does homeschooling with Wolsey Hall mean to you?' Thank you to everyone that has participated in our clubs and/or competition – you are all awesome!

This month's newsletter celebrates all our students and is filled with fun things to try at home, while also providing tips and advice. We hope you enjoy reading this issue.

Best wishes,
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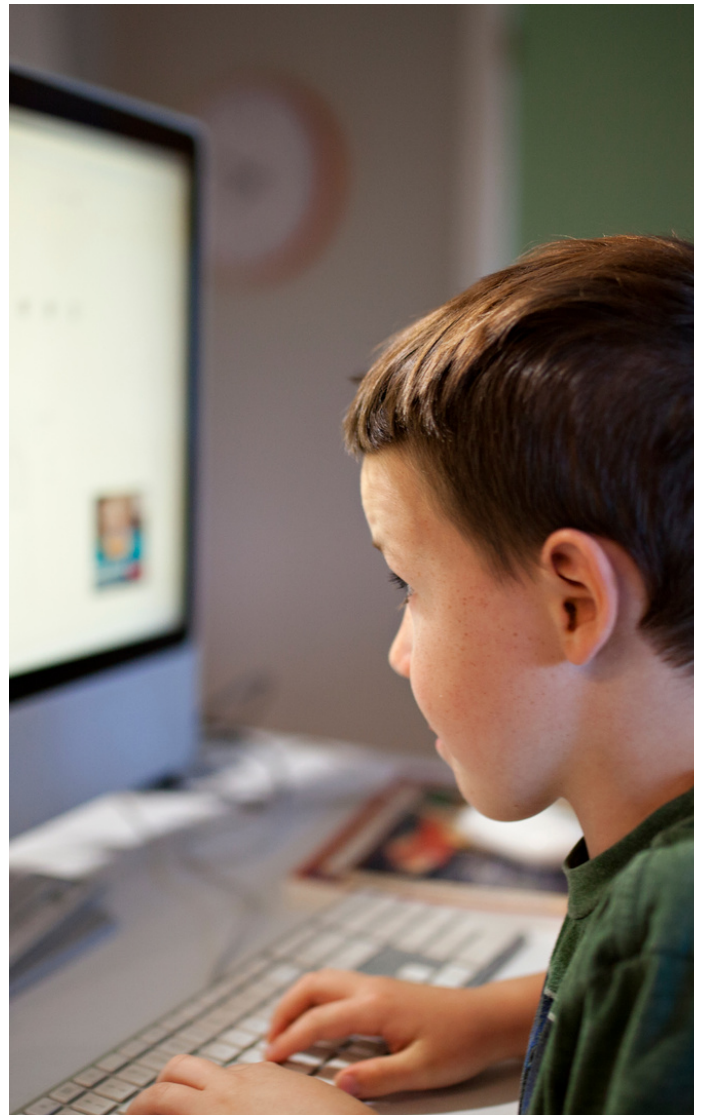


UPPER PRIMARY – SOME TYPED ASSIGNMENTS (YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Students have always been expected to handwrite their assignments, but we are aware that some assignments may be enhanced by using a computer to complete them, for example a leaflet or newspaper article.

To reflect this, we have added an **OPTIONAL** element to some of our assignments, to allow typed submissions for part of the assignment. If the assignment, or a part of an assignment, has the option to be typed, you will find this reference both in the assignment itself and in the lesson where reference to the assignment is made. Look out for this optional addition.

We still require most of our assignments to be handwritten. This is because there are many benefits to handwriting assignments (see the Important Assignment Information document for further details on the Assignment Page in Canvas). It is also an important life skill and requirement for exams when your child is older.



UPPER PRIMARY – TEACHING VIDEOS IN MATHS (YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6)

We have now added more than 320 videos to Years 5 & 6 Maths courses to complement the lessons. We've also added 50 videos to Years 3 & 4 Maths courses. These videos add to the wide variety of resources available.

We will continue to add further Wolsey Hall videos in the forthcoming months. We are sure that our new videos will help to accelerate learning for our students and we hope you find them incredibly useful!



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:

Mmakgosi, age 10, Botswana
 Nihira, age 11, India
 Amarachi, age 11, Canada
 Bastian, age 6, Chile
 Leyla, age 9, Greece
 Aden, age 10, Indonesia
 Denis, age 11, China
 Aaryan, age 11, India
 Adel, age 10, Colombia
 Sophie, age 7, China
 Rune, age 10, Germany
 Ameera, age 11, Cote D'Ivoire
 Aashritha, age 8, India
 Tahona, age 10, Egypt
 Sinan, age 11, Greece
 Adira, age 6, India
 Chloé, age 11, France
 Keren, age 10, India
 Omar, age 11, Egypt
 Miles, age 10, Indonesia
 Olivia, age 7, Germany
 Kevin, age 5, Ghana
 Divya, age 7, India
 Phoenix Fox, age 10, Indonesia
 Arjun, age 10, Oman
 Sofia, age 8, Romania
 Monty, age 9, UAE
 Muhammad, age 9, Nigeria
 Zunairah, age 9, Pakistan
 Kamilah, age 11, Panama
 Menassa, age 8, Qatar
 Soshana, age 8, Romania
 Darina, age 7, Russia
 Alba, age 6, Philippines
 Damien, age 9, UAE

Luna, age 8, India
 Moza, age 11, Indonesia
 Alessandro, age 10, Italy
 Kashin, age 11, Japan
 Akkshara, age 6, India
 Archer, age 10, Kenya
 Alberts, age 11, Latvia
 Abdallah, age 9, Kuwait
 Ashwin, age 9, Malaysia
 Sofie, age 8, Luxembourg
 Adhikshit, age 9, India
 Lilah, age 11, Malawi
 Tanay, age 7, India
 Natalya Jay, age 8, Malaysia
 Kaira, age 8, Indonesia
 Matthew, age 11, Ireland
 Thobela, age 9, Kenya
 Jia Cheng, age 9, Malaysia
 Naomi, age 9, Maldives
 Sveva, age 9, Malta
 Sean, age 9, Mauritius
 Paloma, age 10, Montenegro
 Immaculate, age 7, Namibia
 Inara, age 10, New Zealand
 Domino, age 8, Qatar
 Aaron, age 9, UK
 Maia, age 10, Romania
 Yamin, age 9, Saudi Arabia
 Ethan, age 7, Singapore
 Madison, age 9, UK
 Joshua Daniel, age 9, South Africa
 Blake, age 9, Spain
 Henry, age 9, Thailand
 Gabriella, age 7, UAE
 Abigail, age 8, UK
 Jude, age 9, USA

NOVEMBER CLUB CHALLENGES

If your child is new to playing chess they might like to join the next chess beginners session on Monday 28th November. Full details can be found on the Chess Club page.

You can find information about all of our club Show & Tells on the Primary Community site. A big thank you to everyone who sent in entries last month. Our November club themes are underway but there's still time to participate.



ART CLUB
(includes monthly Show & Tell)

BOOK CLUB
(includes monthly Show & Tell)

CHOIR

CHESS CLUB

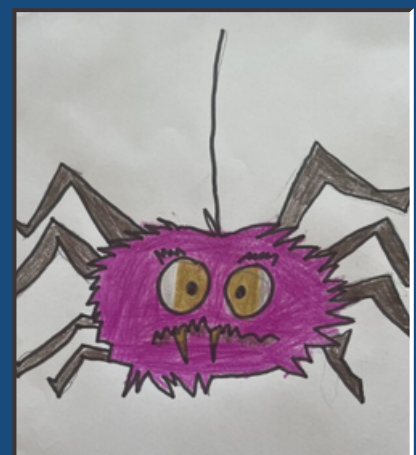
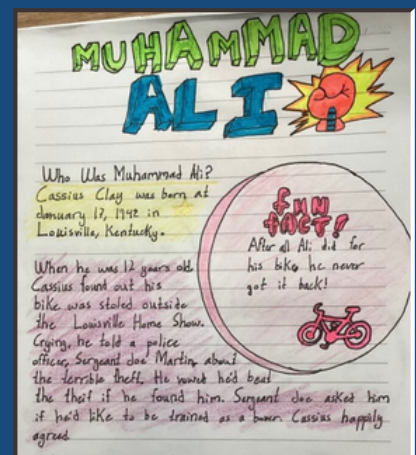
COOKERY CLUB

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

ECO CLUB

LEGO® CLUB
(includes monthly Show & Tell)

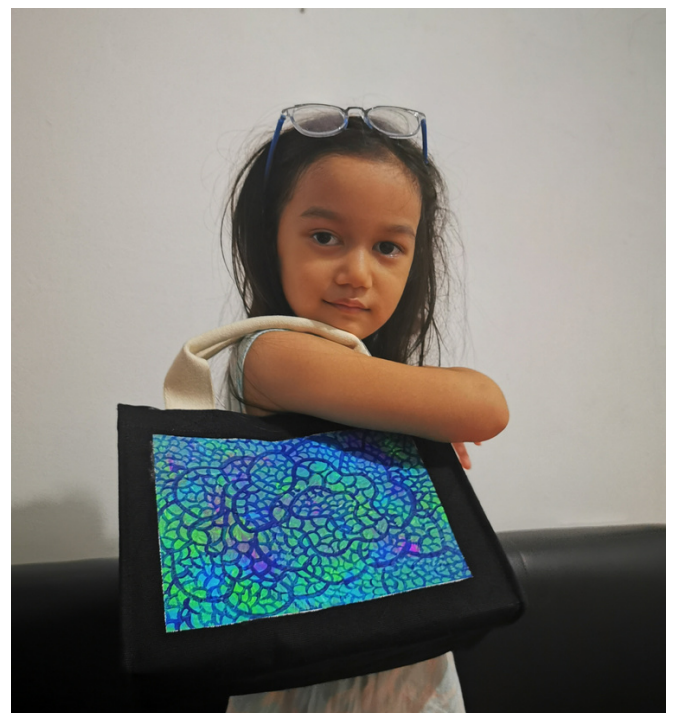
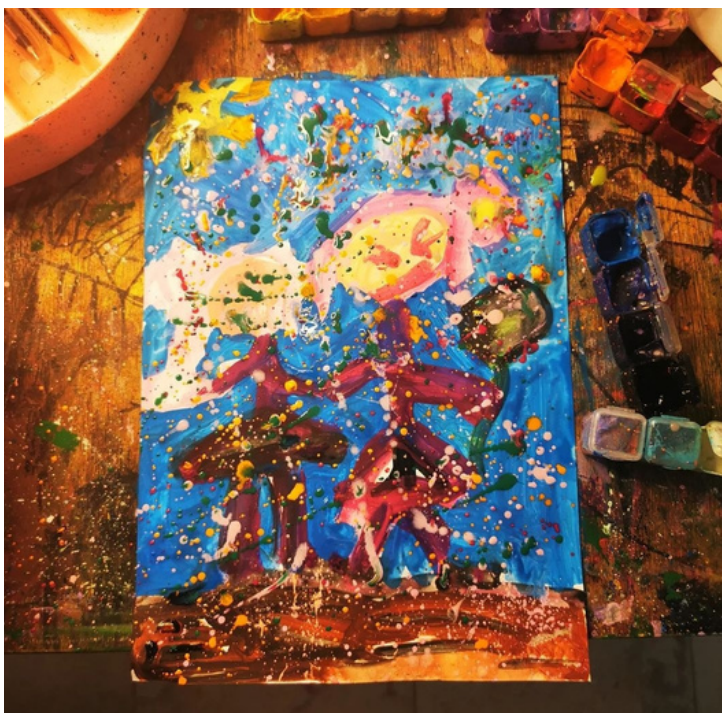
PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Lower Primary student Bintang is only six years old but is already selling her artwork to raise money for charity.

Bintang has enjoyed painting since she was two years old and regularly paints after she finishes her studies for the day. She is now selling some of her art online to raise funds for charities in Indonesia.



I AM!

Sometimes we just need to be reminded how fabulous we are.

Look at the sentences on the right. These are about YOU. Do you believe them? Well, they are all true. This is YOU. Read it, say it, shout it, believe it!

I AM BRAVE
I AM KIND
I AM STRONG
I AM SMART
I AM HELPFUL
I AM HONEST



I AM UNIQUE
I AM FEARLESS
I AM GRATEFUL
I AM LOVED
I AM ENOUGH
I AM HAPPY



LIFE SKILLS CORNER

Having good mouth hygiene and brushing your teeth every day is very important. In our lives we only have two sets of teeth: our baby teeth (also called milk teeth) and our permanent teeth which we have for most of our lives. We need to look after our teeth to make sure they don't rot, which can lead to lots of problems!

Start with these five easy steps:

- Step 1: Apply the right amount of toothpaste - a pea-sized amount for children ages three and up will be fine.
- Step 2: Angle the toothbrush at 45 degrees. The toothbrush should be facing towards the gums of the upper or lower teeth.

- Step 3: Move the brush gently back and forth with short, tooth-size strokes. Continue this technique for the inside, outside, and chewing surfaces of your teeth.
- Step 4: Hold the toothbrush in a vertical position to brush the front teeth. Make sure to clean the front and back.
- Step 5: Brush the tongue to remove bacteria from the surface.

How long should you brush your teeth? Two minutes of teeth brushing twice a day should help remove harmful plaque and prevent tooth decay. Don't forget to pause and spit when you need to! Happy brushing.

Brushing instructions provided by Colgate.

CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH



Tongue twisters!

Tongue twisters are phrases that have lots of similar-sounding words. Tongue twisters can be short or long. The challenge is to see how fast you can say the tongue twister out loud. The person who can say it fastest, without saying the words incorrectly, is the winner.

Try saying some of these tongue twisters as fast as you can. Why not challenge your family and friends?

Short tongue twisters (like 1 and 2) should be said repeatedly as fast as you can.

Longer tongue twisters (like 3 and 4) only need to be said once, as fast as you can.

Tongue twister 1

Red lorry, yellow lorry

Tongue twister 2

Fred fed Ted bread and Ted fed Fred bread

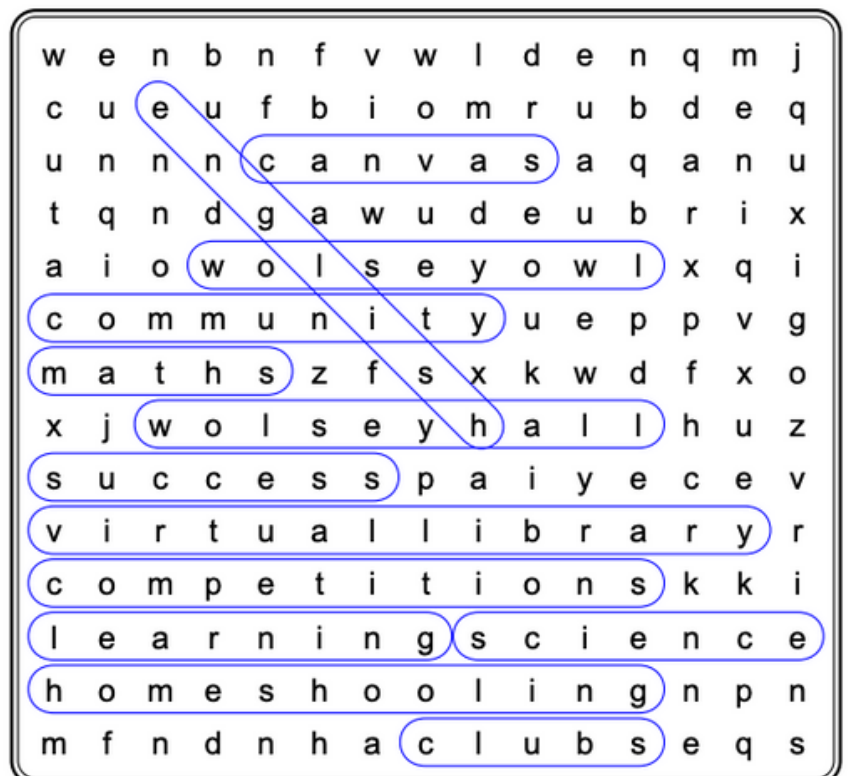
Tongue twister 3

She sells seashells by the seashore
And the shells she sells by the seashore
are seashells for sure

Tongue twister 4

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled
peppers
A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper
picked
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled
peppers
Where's the peck of pickled peppers
that Peter Piper picked?

Last month we shared a wordsearch. How did you get on? Here are the answers.



FAMOUS HOMESCHOOLER OF THE MONTH

Samuel Chao Chung Ting received the Nobel Prize in 1976 for discovering the subatomic J/ψ particle.

He was also the principal investigator in research conducted with the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer, a device installed on the International Space Station in 2011.

Ting was born on 27th January 1936 to Chinese parents who were from Ju County, Shandong province. He was homeschooled until he was 12 years old. Samuel Ting has been a pioneer of the large particle physics experiments as we know them today and is world renowned for his contribution to science.



Photo courtesy of Wikipedia

RESOURCE CORNER – FIFA

Are you excited for the FIFA World Cup in November and December?

You can prepare for the football tournament on the [FIFA website](#) and learn all about the upcoming tournament starting on the 20th November.

You can also learn which countries have qualified for the FIFA World Cup Finals in Qatar by watching [this video](#), especially created for children.

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



THE JOY OF DOODLING

Have you ever thought much about doodling? Doodling is drawing pictures and patterns whilst thinking about something else, or when you are bored. Some describe it as drawing absent-mindedly.

Parents will be pleased to know that there are some great benefits to doodling that have been scientifically proven. Scientists discovered that doodling helps to build the brain, as well as keep you and your kids healthy, happy and energetic!

Doodling can help the whole family to:

- Stay focused and concentrated when listening
- Retain information
- Think amazing creative thoughts
- Achieve better health through relaxation
- Build imagination
- Improve art skills

Do you sometimes ask your child to stop doodling so that they can concentrate? Maybe next time consider whether the doodling might be helping them in their learning or their health and well-being.



COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED!



Our latest video competition winners have been selected!

We had some amazing entries which is why we decided to pass over the voting to students and Wolsey Hall staff this time! Thank you if you took the time to vote.

The Primary winner is Joey from New Zealand who receives a £50 voucher.

Our Primary runner-up is Martina from Mozambique who receives a Wolsey Hall hoodie.

The Lower Secondary winner is Katherine from South Africa with runner-up Samuel from the UK.

The IGCSE winner is Malachi from the UK with the runner-up being Kaede from the UK.

If you haven't seen them, you can watch all the entries on our YouTube channel.

Look out for the next Primary competition in the New Year. It's a super creative one!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We have Wolsey Hall students in over 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, share tips and advice. You can sign up here.



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?