



WOLSEY HALL OXFORD
THE HOMESCHOOLING COLLEGE

Primary Newsletter



WELCOME

Dear students, parents and families,

Welcome to the March issue of the Primary newsletter, which celebrates our students and is filled with fun things to do at home, as well as providing tips and advice. We hope that you find this newsletter informative and enjoyable. Thank you for taking the time to read this and for your ongoing support of Wolsey Hall.

Best wishes,
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TUTORING OPPORTUNITIES ON PRIMARY FRENCH COURSES

We are pleased to offer Wolsey Hall students the opportunity to book 1:1 tuition on our Primary French courses.

There will be a focus on speaking and listening in French, and each session lasts 20 minutes. The tutoring will be with one of our French tutors via video call. Please note that this is an additional paid service.

We look forward to supporting students with their French language skills. Further details can be found on the homepage of our French courses.



OPTIONAL END OF YEAR TESTS LAUNCHED



Optional tests have been developed for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 in English, Maths and Science at the end of each course.

The tests cover learning from the course, and provide a helpful way to see what information, knowledge and understanding your child has retained. You can find details about the optional test when you reach week 35 of the course. For those who choose to use this resource, you have the option of marking the test at home, or you can subscribe to our marking service. The marking service is an additional paid service, and ensures that the test will be marked by a qualified teacher who will also provide feedback on your child's work

We are very excited to launch this additional resource and hope our students find it useful.

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:

Alexander, age 9, UK
 Roshan, age 11, Zimbabwe
 Sadie Jean, age 8, USA
 Anita, age 9, Zambia
 Bella, age 8, UK
 Ranajkho, age 7, USA
 Anna, age 6, Vietnam
 Sofia, age 12, UK
 Katyusha, age 5, UAE
 Joshua, age 8, Tajikistan
 Ekkanut, age 11, Thailand
 John, age 10, UAE
 Jude-Marie, age 6, Trinidad & Tobago
 Lena, age 12, Turkey
 Nikita, age 7, Ukraine
 Myra, age 6, UAE
 Hannah, age 10, Uganda
 Sophia, age 6, UK
 Arion, age 10, Spain
 Victoria, age 9, South Korea
 Alexander, age 10, Spain
 Abigail, age 7, South Africa
 Asher, age 11, Singapore
 Timmy, age 5, Slovenia
 Shahar, age 9, France
 Khadija, age 4, Egypt
 Erick, age 5, Cyprus
 Pranav, age 8, India
 Vihaan, age 9, Indonesia
 Huda, age 7, China
 Georgios, age 9, Canada
 Hasan, age 10, Bahrain
 Julia, age 8, Brazil
 Bethany, age 12, China
 Arunabh, age 10, Australia
 Ahmad, age 9, Argentina

Spencer, age 11, Seychelles
 Elizabeth, age 10, Romania
 Amelia, age 7, Poland
 Razvan, age 12, Romania
 Eduard Dan, age 9, Philippines
 Zara, age 7, Oman
 Noemi, age 8, Romania
 Atica, age 10, Mozambique
 Dunay, age 12, Namibia
 Belle, age 10, Netherlands
 Filip, age 8, Mexico
 Enric, age 11, Mauritius
 Ashwin, age 8, Malaysia
 Sofie, age 9, Luxembourg
 Shiloh, age 10, Malawi
 Jed, age 10, Malaysia
 Zoe, age 11, Kenya
 Hashim, 6, Kenya
 Sofia, age 7, Japan
 Kamilah, age 11, Kazakhstan
 Kalea, age 7, Indonesia
 Eliana Abhisri, age 6, India
 Erum, age 9, Fiji
 Alexandru, age 7, Germany
 Mila, age 10, Botswana
 Nicole, age 8, Bulgaria
 Daniel, age 8, Cyprus
 Blasio, age 10, India
 Jayden, age 9, Indonesia
 Carmen, age 11, Ireland
 Kento, age 10, Japan
 Leone, age 9, Kazakhstan
 Sharmitra, age 9, Malaysia
 Naomi, age 9, Portugal
 Horia, age 11, Romania
 Yamin, age 10, Saudi Arabia

JOIN THE PRIMARY CLUBS

There are some exciting new challenges in the Primary Clubs this month.

Art Club is exploring digital art, while in Photography it's time to take your favourite toy on a journey! Cookery is all about cupcakes and in Creative Writing we're continuing to celebrate World Book Day with a special task.

CELEBRATING WORLD BOOK DAY

Thank you to those students who sent in photos of themselves dressed up as their favourite characters for World Book Day.

We loved seeing your costumes and we hope you enjoyed the day. If you love reading, why not give our Primary Book Club a try? There are two groups - one for Years 3/4 (Budding Bookworms) and one for Years 5/6 (Bookworms). Every two months we set a book for you to read, then you can meet online with the club leader and other Wolsey Hall bookworms to chat about the story. Visit the Primary Community for more details.



Dunay, age 11, dressed as The Grinch



Szofi, age 11, dressed as a dragon from "Wings of Fire"



Adhrit, age 5, dressed as Mango from "How the Mango got its Magic"



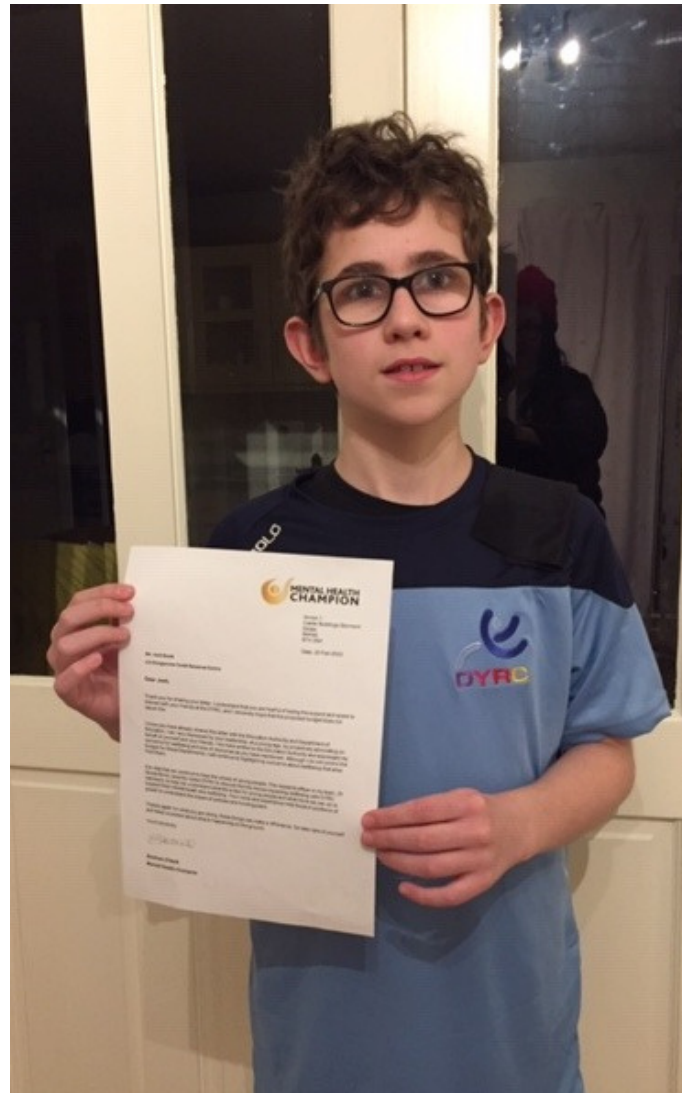
Abigail-Rose, age 4, dressed as Nana Afia from "The Majestic African Hair Show"

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Eleven-year-old Josh has been campaigning hard against youth funding cuts in Northern Ireland.

Josh attends his local youth club twice a week and has taken on an advocacy role there with the support of the staff. Recently, the Education Authority has proposed reducing funding, which would affect most youth clubs in Northern Ireland, so Josh decided to start a local petition. He also delivered a speech at his youth club and spoke with senior management and leadership to see what could be done.

He has since received letters from the Chief Executive of the Education Authority and the Mental Health Champion for the devolved government in Northern Ireland. Josh's campaigning activities have attracted local press and social media coverage. Well done Josh for continuing to fight for this cause in your community!



WOLSEY HALL VIRTUAL ART EXHIBITION



Twice a year Wolsey Hall runs a virtual art exhibition, and for the first time this is going to be open for Primary students to enter too.

The art exhibition has a set theme for students to base their artwork on. All submissions are published on the Wolsey Hall website and student community sites, along with highlights on social media. If your child is interested in flexing their artistic skills, keep a look out for details in April's Community update.

BE KIND

Be kind to one another,
That's how friends should be,
Be kind and gentle,
And always be kind to me.

Be kind, be helpful,
Be thoughtful and true,
Be kind and respectful,
In all that you do.

Be kind and friendly,
Be gentle and kind,
Be kind and forgiving,
And never be unkind.

Be kind and honest,
Be generous and true,
Be kind and sincere,
And do what is right too.

Be kind to everyone,
Both big and small,
Be kind and patient,
And be kind to all.



CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

Tower Building Challenge!

Build a tower out of blocks or other materials. How high can you make your tower without it falling over? Can you challenge a family member to see if they can build a tower higher than yours? Good luck!

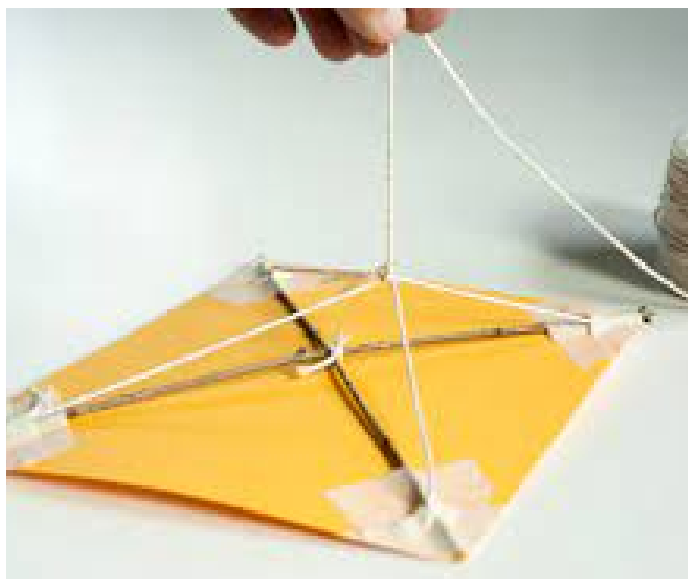


LIFE SKILLS CORNER

Have you ever flown a kite? It's a fun activity and you don't even need to buy a kite. Why not try making your own? You may need an adult to help you – you should definitely involve an adult when using sharp objects like scissors.

1. **Cut the kite frame.** Cut two sticks of the same length for the frame of your kite. You can use any type of straight stick such as bamboo, dowel rods, or even wooden skewers.

2. **Attach the sticks.** Tie the sticks together in an "X" shape using strong string or twine. Make sure the sticks are firmly attached and the knots are tight.



3. **Cut the kite sail.** Cut a large piece of paper or fabric for the kite sail. The measurement will depend on the size of the kite frame.

4. **Attach the sail** to the kite frame using glue or tape. Make sure it is secure and that the edges of the sail are smooth.

5. **Add a tail.** Cut several strips of paper or fabric and attach them to the bottom of the kite. This will help to keep the kite stable in the air.

6. **Attach the flying line.** Tie strong string or twine to the top of the kite frame. Make sure the string is long enough to reach the ground when the kite is in the air.

7. **Fly the kite.** Take your kite outside on a windy day and hold the flying line as you run with the kite. As the wind catches the kite, it will start to rise. Enjoy your kite flying adventure!



FAMOUS HOMESCHOOLER OF THE MONTH

Malala Yousafzai

One of the most well-known homeschoolers is Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani activist, who was homeschooled until she was 11 years old.

She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014 for her activism and advocacy on behalf of female education in her home country.



RESOURCE CORNER – STARFALL

Starfall is an online educational resource for children aged 3-12. It provides interactive games and activities to help children learn and practise reading, phonics, maths, art, music and more. The website is free and designed to be fun and engaging, making learning an enjoyable experience.



Wolsey Hall is not affiliated to this site.

READING ROLE MODELS

Reading to children is one of the greatest pleasures of parenting. Not only does it help children develop a love of reading, but it can also help foster a close bond between parent and child.

Reading aloud is one of the most important things parents can do to help their children become strong readers.

Reading to children helps develop essential language skills. It is a great way to expand their vocabulary and introduce them to new ideas. Hearing stories helps children learn about their world, gain an understanding of different cultures and societies, and learn to think creatively. Reading also helps children develop a better understanding of their own emotions and encourages empathy.

Seeing their parents enjoy reading helps children learn that it can be a source of pleasure and escape. It can help them develop a positive attitude towards books, and in the future, they may want to curl up with a good book themselves. It's also an opportunity for parents to spend quality time with their children. It is a time for cuddles and relaxation, which can be especially beneficial for busy families.

Reading to children is a simple and enjoyable way to help prepare them for a successful future. It helps them develop the skills and attitudes they need to be successful readers and learners, and it also helps create a lifelong bond between parent and child. So, pick up a book and get ready to make some special memories with your little ones.



COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Thank you for the entries to the Magical Worlds competition. We have now chosen the two winners!

We are delighted to announce that the Upper Primary winner is Zeenia, age 10, from Saudi Arabia. Zeenia crocheted all of her animals in her Magical World of crochet.

We're also delighted to announce the Lower Primary winner is Zara from Oman, who is studying Year 2. Zara created extinct animals completely from recycled materials in her world 'Extinctopia'.

Thank you to everyone who entered the competition. You can view all of the entries on the Primary Community under the 'News' section.

Upper
Primary
winner (*right*)
Zeenia, age 10,
Saudi Arabia



Lower
Primary
winner (*below*)
Zara, Year 2,
Oman



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We have Wolsey Hall students in over 123 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? 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?