



WOLSEY HALL OXFORD
THE HOMESCHOOLING COLLEGE

Primary Newsletter



WELCOME

Dear students, parents and families,

Welcome to the April issue of the Primary newsletter.

We're excited to share with you the latest news and updates from Wolsey Hall as we continue to provide high-quality education to our students. In the landscape of home learning, we remain committed to delivering engaging and enriching courses to our students around the world.

This month's newsletter celebrates all 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 our newsletter and for your ongoing support of Wolsey Hall.

Best wishes,
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MORE VIDEOS ON UPPER PRIMARY MATHS AND LOWER PRIMARY ENGLISH COURSES

Over the last few weeks, the team have been busy adding even more Wolsey Hall created Maths videos to our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Maths courses. This work will be continued over the coming weeks as well.

These personalised videos allow the learning to be tailored to meet the needs of our students.

We have also been working hard to create Wolsey Hall videos for our Year 1 and 2 English courses. These videos introduce the key learning points for the week ahead, and allow our young students to hear from a friendly tutor at the beginning of each week of learning.

We hope our young learners and their families find the addition of these videos useful in guiding their learning.



PRIMARY CLUBS IN APRIL

There are some exciting new challenges in the Primary Clubs for April.

Remember to send a photo of your entry so it can be included in our galleries and shared with everyone.

ART – Can you use plasticine or clay to model your own animal or bird?

BOOKS – Bookworms are meeting to discuss “*The Girl Who Stole An Elephant*”. Budding Bookworms have a new book to read.

CREATIVE WRITING – Imagine you have a new e-pal in a different country, write your first short letter to them.

COOKERY – Can you make your own breadsticks?

LEGO® – This month we’d like you to design your own vehicle – it could be a car, a plane, a train, or maybe a monster truck!

ECO – Create your own upcycled bird feeder using our simple instructions.

PHOTOGRAPHY – Can you photograph items to create a display of every colour in the rainbow?

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:

Laith, age 9, UK
 Malaika, age 8, Zambia
 Aaron, age 10, UK
 Annabelle, age 9, Zimbabwe
 Victoria, age 11, UAE
 Ava, age 6, USA
 Reuben, age 10, UK
 Petchompoo, age 8, Thailand
 Yusra, age 4, UK
 Sybila, age 9, Spain
 Aidan, age 11, UK
 Chalice, age 9, Thailand
 Virat, age 10, UAE
 Lowenna, age 7, Uganda
 Shreya, age 9, UK
 Jeremiah, age 4, Ukraine
 Jackson, age 6, Turkey
 Aimee, age 11, Trinidad and Tobago
 Thanyarat, age 11, Thailand
 Evan, age 7, Taiwan
 Ethan, age 7, Switzerland
 Hassoni, age 12, Sudan
 Sure, age 7, Spain
 Chris, age 5, South Korea
 Maxwell Chen, age 10, Hong Kong
 Connie & Agnes, age 10, UK
 Maximilien, age 8, Bulgaria
 George, age 8, Australia
 Jan, age 10, Brazil
 Eugene, age 7, Malaysia
 Dakota, age 8, China
 Philipp, age 8, UK
 Raphaela & Ruby, age 7, Cote D'Ivoire
 Louis, age 8, Ecuador
 Malhaar, age 10, India
 Tiggi, age 4, UK

Muhammad, age 11, South Africa
 Clare, age 10, Slovakia
 Emma & Hana, age 9, South Africa
 Noah, age 11, Rwanda
 Yuvaan, age 6, India
 Zeinab, age 10, Saudi Arabia
 Inigo, age 9, Singapore
 Zeenia, age 10, Saudia Arabia
 Asiya, age 9, Serbia
 Ashwin, age 10, Malaysia
 Anca, age 9, Romania
 Menassa, age 9, Qatar
 Tanay, age 8, India
 Sophia, age 8, Paraguay
 Iris, age 8, Romania
 Stella, age 5, Philippines
 Angelina, age 11, New Zealand
 Aaira, age 9, Oman
 Lekan, age 10, Nigeria
 Maryam, age 6, Morocco
 Jia Shin, age 11, Malaysia
 Daisy, age 11, Kuwait
 Sherlock, age 10, Japan
 Raiden, age 8, India
 Noah, age 9, Indonesia
 Harriet, age 11, Ireland
 Dimitris, age 5, UK
 Klara, age 7, Malaysia
 Khloe, age 8, Philippines
 Tallulah, age 7, UK
 Verona, age 7, USA
 Mila, age 10, Zambia
 Hamdaan, age 10, UAE
 Abdurahman, age 8, Turkey
 Alexis, age 7, Thailand
 Sofija, age 8, Spain


STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Seven-year-old Caleb has been hitting the ski slopes with great success!

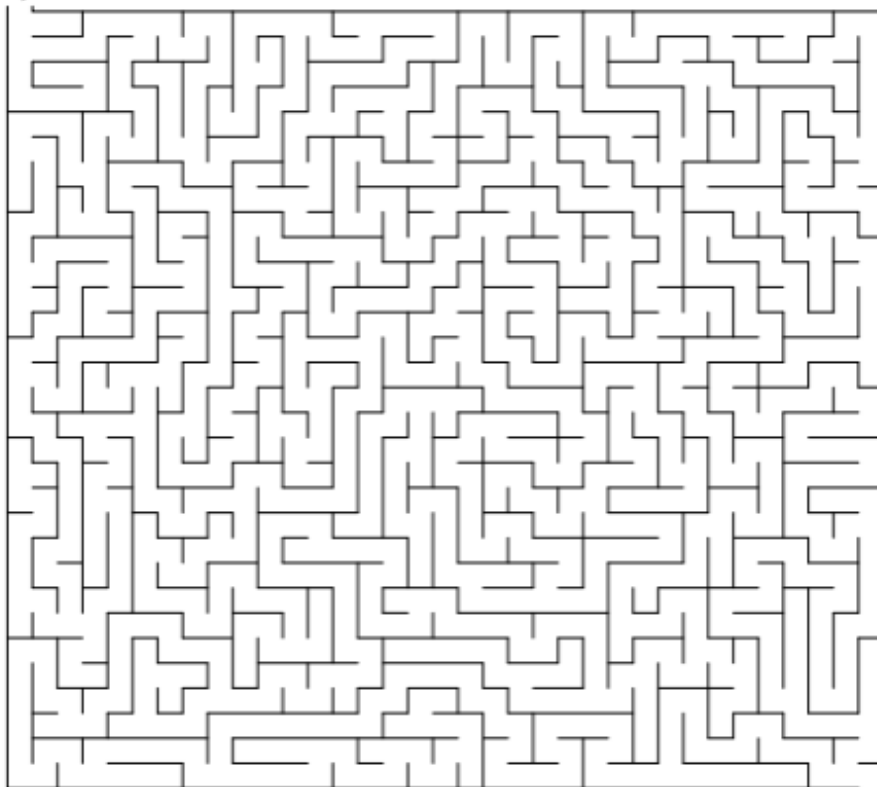
Caleb visited Japan with his family and tried skiing for the first time. By the second day he had reached level 4 and then progressed to the red slopes with his dad and brother. Well done Caleb on your achievement!

We love to hear about the things our students achieve outside their studies. If your child would like to share something they are proud of, please email brief details and a photo to danielle.hilton@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk



 Find your way through the maze, from start to finish.

 start



Finish 

CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

Can you find your way through the maze from start to finish? You need to keep your pen or pencil on the paper at all times, and you cannot cross over the black lines. Good luck!

LEARNING BREAKS

Sometimes our brains need a little break to relax and recharge, just like our bodies do. These breaks are called learning breaks or brain breaks and they are lots of fun! Here are some ideas for breaks that you can try:

1. Move your body! You can jump, dance, or stretch. Moving your body helps your brain feel and focus better!

2. Take deep breaths. Breathe in slowly through your nose, then breathe out slowly through your mouth. Count to four as you breathe in and out. It's like giving your brain a calming hug!

3. Use your imagination! Draw, colour, or build with blocks. Being creative is a great way to take a break from your schoolwork and have some fun!



4. Listen to music or dance. Put on your favourite song and dance around or just relax and listen to the music. It's a great way to boost your mood and energy!

5. Go outside! Take a short walk, play in the park, or just sit in nature. Being outdoors can make you feel happier and more focused.

6. Talk to a friend, play a game, or do something fun with others. Spending time with friends and family can be a great brain break!

Remember, brain breaks are important to help you relax, recharge and refocus. So, take some time for yourself and enjoy these fun activities. Your brain will thank you!

LIFE SKILLS CORNER

Creating a time capsule is a fun and educational activity for children.

It allows them to preserve memories, reflect on the passage of time, express their creativity, learn about history, bond with others, and anticipate the future. By choosing and curating items that are special to them, children can create a snapshot of their life at a particular moment, and look forward to opening the time capsule in the future to reminisce about their past.

- Find a sturdy box or container with a lid that can close tightly.
- Choose things that are special to you and that represent the current time, such as photos, drawings, letters, or small toys.
- Make a list of all the items you're putting in the time capsule and write a short description for each item.
- Carefully put all the items in the box, making sure they fit nicely and won't get damaged.

- Close the box tightly so nothing can get inside.
- Decide where to keep your time capsule, for example, in a safe place at home or even buried in the garden (with adult supervision).
- Tell someone you trust, like a family member or friend, where you've hidden your time capsule, so they can help you find it in the future.
- Remember to check on your time capsule every now and then to make sure it's safe and hasn't been disturbed.

In the future, when you're older, you can open your time capsule and enjoy looking at all the special things you saved!

Remember, making a time capsule is a fun way to capture memories and create a little treasure for the future. It's a great way to learn about preserving memories and the passage of time in a simple and enjoyable way.



FAMOUS HOMESCHOOLER OF THE MONTH

Tim Tebow is a former American professional football quarterback who played in the National Football League (NFL).

He is known for his achievements as a college football player at the University of Florida, where he won the Heisman Trophy as the best player in college football in 2007. Tebow was homeschooled by his parents during his early education years and later played football at a public high school in Florida. He has been an advocate for homeschooling and has spoken about the positive impact it had on his life and career.



RESOURCE CORNER: TED-ED

Aside from hours of lectures for adults, TED features a [TED-Ed section](#) that's perfect for younger viewers.

Suitable for children as young as 4, TED-Ed supports home learning through video-based lessons that explain even the most difficult topics, such as systemic racism and war. Each video features an engaging speaker or an interesting animation, while providing in-depth explanations that you and your children can enjoy together.

It's also a fantastic way to introduce your children to a diverse range of perspectives and topics that they wouldn't always come across at school. There are new lessons added to the library every single day so you'll never run out of interesting topics.

A screenshot of the TED-Ed website homepage. The top navigation bar is red with the TED-Ed logo on the left and a search bar on the right. Below the navigation bar, there are four red buttons: "Discover", "Create", "Get Involved", and "Support". The main content area features a large yellow background with a cartoon owl made of leaves on the right. On the left, the text "Stay curious!" is displayed above three red buttons: "Students start here", "Educators start here", and "Parents start here".

Wolsey Hall is not affiliated to this site.

DEVELOPING A LOVE OF READING

Following on from the last newsletter where we looked at reading role-models, here are some tips to help your child develop a love of reading at home.

1. Start early: Reading to your child from a young age can help foster a love for books and stories. Make it a regular part of your daily routine to read to your child, and let them handle books and explore the pictures.

2. Make it fun: Learning to read should be an enjoyable experience. Use engaging and age-appropriate books with colourful illustrations, interesting stories, and interactive elements like lift-the-flap books. Use different voices and expressions while reading to make it more engaging.

3. Phonics and sight words: Introduce basic phonics and sight words to your child. Phonics is the relationship between letters and their sounds, while sight words are common words that children should learn to recognise by sight. Start with simple and familiar words, and gradually build their vocabulary.

4. Practise every day: It can be as short as 10-15 minutes but should be consistent. Encourage your child to read aloud, and be patient as they sound out words and make mistakes. Provide positive reinforcement and praise their efforts.

5. Create a print-rich environment: Surround your child with a variety of age-appropriate books, magazines, newspapers, and other reading materials at home. Label objects around the house with words, and encourage your child to read signs and labels in their environment.



6. Encourage reading independently: As your child progresses, encourage them to read independently. Provide them with books that match their reading level and interests. Let them choose books they are excited about, and give them opportunities to read on their own.

7. Be a reading role model: Children often emulate their parents, so let them see you reading books, newspapers, or other reading materials. Show them that reading is enjoyable and a valuable skill.

8. Be patient and supportive: Remember that every child learns at their own pace. Encourage their efforts, celebrate their progress, and provide positive reinforcement.

9. Seek additional resources: If your child is struggling with reading, consider seeking additional resources such as reading apps, educational websites, or tutoring services. Your local library may also have reading resources available.

Remember, learning to read takes time and practice. With patience, consistency, and a positive attitude, you can help your child develop strong reading skills and a lifelong love for books and reading.

'SUPERHEROES' VIRTUAL ART EXHIBITION

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

The art exhibition theme is 'Superheroes' and students should base their artwork on this. 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, head to the Primary Community News section for full details.



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?