



WOLSEY HALL OXFORD
THE HOMESCHOOLING COLLEGE

Primary Newsletter



WELCOME

Dear students, parents and families,

Welcome to the May issue of the Primary newsletter.

This month in the UK, we have witnessed the coronation of the new King. There have been tea parties and flag-waving across the nations.

Our 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.

Best wishes,
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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:

Bastien, age 10, Australia
 David, age 10, Ecuador
 Fenella, age 10, Bahamas
 Yeva, age 11, China
 Sophie, age 8, Hong Kong
 Elimelek, age 7, Cote D'ivoire
 Ziza, age 11, Brazil
 Jayce-Harper, age 11, Australia
 Tchatchi, age 10, Hong Kong
 Sebastian, age 8, Colombia
 Asmit, age 12, India
 Malaika Yasmin, age 5, Belgium
 Jabar, age 8, Azerbaijan
 Gabriela, age 10, Brazil
 Ana, age 11, Ecuador
 Adel, age 11, Colombia
 Sammy, age 11, Canada
 Kaeden, age 10, Hong Kong
 Naomie, age 11, Congo
 Tristan Zain, age 12, Cote D'ivoire
 Jaynat Krishnan, age 8, Canada
 Mzwandile, age 9, Botswana
 Jahnvi, age 10, Canary Islands
 Alexander, age 8, China
 Noah, age 11, Japan
 Ryan, age 8, Kenya
 Luke, age 8, Netherlands
 Elizabeth, age 8, Laos
 Zainab, age 9, Maldives
 Joseph, age 7, Malta
 Joshua, age 10, Japan
 Mia, age 13, Mauritius
 Rachel, age 9, Kenya
 Nicolas, age 9, Malta
 Faris, age 12, Kuwait
 Isabelle, age 8, Mexico

Abby, age 7, Egypt
 Hanan, age 7, Japan
 Vika, age 10, Estonia
 Heidi, age 9, Italy
 Eureka, age 10, Finland
 Luna, age 8, France
 Kevin, age 6, Ghana
 Moza, age 12, Indonesia
 Leon, age 9, Italy
 Loreto, age 9, Guatemala
 Nicholas, age 10, India
 Kaia, age 8, Hong Kong
 West, age 7, Italy
 Matthew, age 11, Ireland
 Nabi, age 8, Indonesia
 David, age 10, Japan
 Noah, age 12, France
 Sridutt, age 14, India
 Faheem, age 16, Indonesia
 Sophie, age 6, France
 Aden, age 11, Indonesia
 Jane, age 8, India
 Juliette, age 10, France
 Kyra Aum, age 11, Indonesia
 Ben, age 8, New Zealand
 Omar, age 11, Oman
 Gabriel, age 12, Namibia
 Clelia, age 11, Japan
 Lisa, age 8, Netherlands
 Arthur, age 12, Latvia
 Alia, age 10, Lebanon
 Emily, age 6, Japan
 Janina, age 11, Malawi
 Rohan, age 12, Malaysia
 Salma, age 9, Jordan
 Archer, age 11, Kenya

PRIMARY CLUBS IN MAY

The May club challenges are now live in the Primary Community.

Each month there's a variety of clubs to choose from - many don't take long and help to fill the odd spare time your child may have!

It's easy to join in. Simply visit the Primary Community site and the club your child is interested in, then take a look at the monthly theme. Once completed, email a photo to danielle.hilton@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk.

Your child's entry will be shared in the gallery, like 10-year-old Zeenia (*right*) who recently baked breadsticks in Cookery Club.



3	3	3	7	10	16	7	9
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1	3	10	9	10	10	7	7
7	4	7	1	2	16	13	13
1	2	8	5	6	7	7	9
2	8	5	12	1	6	7	2
6	4	9	6	3	3	7	11

CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

Hidden within this grid are 16 subtraction and addition problems. They may be positioned horizontally (right) vertically (down) or diagonally (up or down or to the right). Can you find them all? One of them is already circled.

We will share the answers in the next issue!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE RESILIENT?

Have you ever had a time when you were really scared or upset? Maybe you fell down and scraped your knee, or you got into a fight with your friend.

It's normal to feel these things sometimes. But what if I told you that there's a way to deal with these feelings in a way that will make you stronger? It's called being resilient. Resilience is the ability to bounce back from difficult experiences. It's the ability to keep going even when things are tough. And it's something that everyone can learn. It's like being a superhero, because you have the power to keep going no matter what!

Here are a few things that you can do.

Firstly, it's important to have a positive attitude. When things go wrong, try to focus on the good things in your life. This will help you to stay positive and hopeful.

Secondly, it's important to have a strong support system. This could be your family, friends, teachers, or coaches. When you have people who care about you and believe in you, it's easier to deal with difficult times.

Thirdly, it's important to learn from your mistakes. Everyone makes mistakes. But if you learn from them, you can use them to make yourself stronger.

Finally, it's important to never give up. No matter how tough things get, keep going. Keep trying. And eventually, you will succeed. Being resilient is an important skill that will help you throughout your life. It will help you to deal with difficult challenges and to achieve your goals. So, start building your resilience today!



LIFE SKILLS CORNER

Have you ever noticed the coloured lights on poles or hanging above the road when you're riding in the car? Those are traffic lights, and they help drivers and pedestrians (people walking) know when it's safe to go and when it's not safe to go.

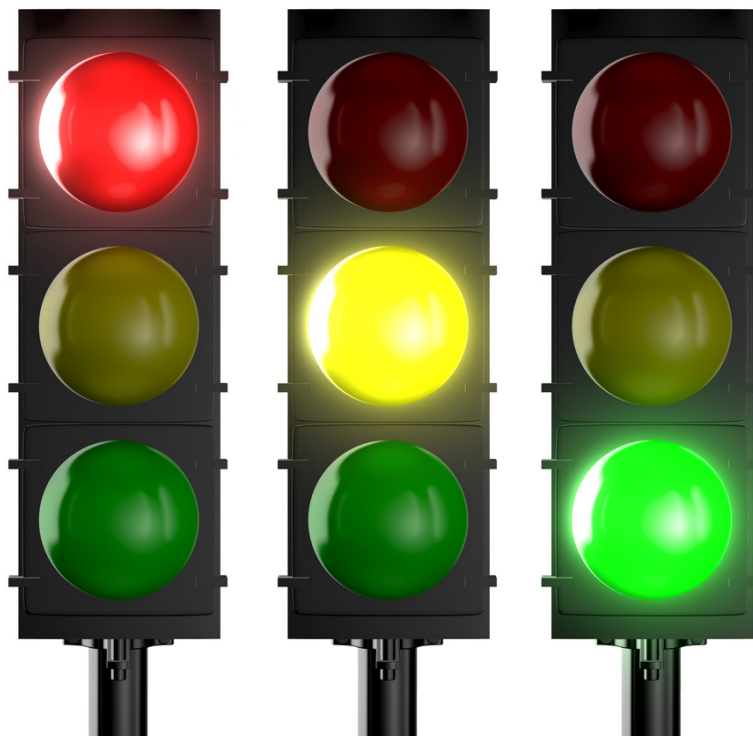
Traffic lights have three colours: red, yellow/orange, and green. Red means stop, yellow/orange means slow down and be prepared to stop, and green means go for vehicles on the road.

When you see a red light, it's like a stop sign - you need to come to a complete stop in your vehicle and wait for the light to turn green before you can go again. When you see a green light, it means it's safe to go in your car. Sometimes you'll see a yellow/orange light, which means the light is about to turn red. When you see a yellow light, you should slow down and be prepared to stop.



Traffic lights work in a cycle, which means they change colour in a pattern which repeats again and again. This is controlled by a computer inside the traffic light box.

So next time you're in the car, take a look at the traffic lights and remember what each colour means. It's important to pay attention to traffic lights so you can also understand when it is safe to cross the road if you are walking. There will be a sign showing you when it is safe to walk across the road when the traffic lights are on red.



FAMOUS HOMESCHOOLER OF THE MONTH

Simone Biles is a world-renowned gymnast and Olympic gold medallist. Simone was homeschooled throughout her childhood and teenage years, which allowed her to dedicate more time to training and competing in gymnastics. Simone's parents decided to homeschool her and her siblings because they wanted to have more control over their children's education. Homeschooling ensured they also had time to pursue their passions and interests.

Simone started gymnastics at a young age and quickly became a rising star in the sport. She went on to win numerous national and international competitions, including four gold medals at the 2016 Rio Olympics when representing the USA. She's known for her incredible skills on the balance beam, uneven bars, and floor exercises.



RESOURCE CORNER: STORYNORY

Storynory helps children develop their reading skills by providing a wide range of original and classic stories as audiobooks. You can follow each story as it's read out loud, using not just the audio clues, but also a written text.

Additionally, the narrator takes time to explain difficult phrases before each chapter to ensure everyone has a full understanding of all terms they might have never heard before.

You can also translate each text into multiple languages, if English isn't your child's first language.

Free Audio Stories

Cap-O-Rushes

Here are two fairy tales from England along the theme of "She Shall Go To the Ball!" There's a touch of Cinderella and hint of King Lear. These two stories are romantic and fun. Sponsored by Kiwico, promo code "story".

[Go to Story »](#)

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HANDS-ON LEARNING

Hands-on learning is a way of learning by doing things. It means that instead of just reading or listening to someone explain something, you get to actually try it out for yourself. For example, instead of just reading about how a plant grows, you would plant a seed and watch it grow.

This type of learning is good because it's more engaging and interactive, which means you're more likely to remember what you learn. It also helps you to apply what you learn to real-life situations, and it can help you develop important skills like problem-solving and critical thinking.

As a parent, there are many things you can do to encourage hands-on learning in your child. Here are a few ideas:

- Take your child to museums, zoos, and other places where they can learn by exploring.

- Provide your child with art supplies, tools, and other materials so that they can create things.
- Ask your child questions and encourage them to ask questions of their own.
- Let your child make mistakes and help them learn from them.
- Praise your child's efforts, even if they don't succeed at something.

Hands-on learning is a great way for children to learn and grow. By encouraging your child to learn by doing, you can help them to develop the skills they need to succeed in learning and in life.



'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?