



WOLSEY HALL OXFORD
THE HOMESCHOOLING COLLEGE

Primary Newsletter



WELCOME

Dear students, parents and families,

Welcome to the July issue of the Primary newsletter. As we embark on another month of learning and growth, we want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible dedication and creativity that homeschooling families bring to the table. You are the architects of your children's education. It's a journey that encourages exploration, fosters curiosity, and nurtures a love for lifelong learning. As homeschoolers, we have the privilege of witnessing the spark of discovery in our children's eyes, seeing their growth and accomplishments.

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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PRIMARY CLUBS IN JULY

The July club challenges are now well underway and we hope your child may like to try one or two of the clubs this month.

You can access the Primary Community through your child's course on Canvas. It's easy to join in. Simply visit the Primary Community site and the club your child is interested in. Once they have completed their project, email a photo to: danielle.hilton@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk.

Here's a selection of the wonderful student entries we received in June.



Austin, Year 6



Sierra, age 11



Eden, age 5



Colin, age 10

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.

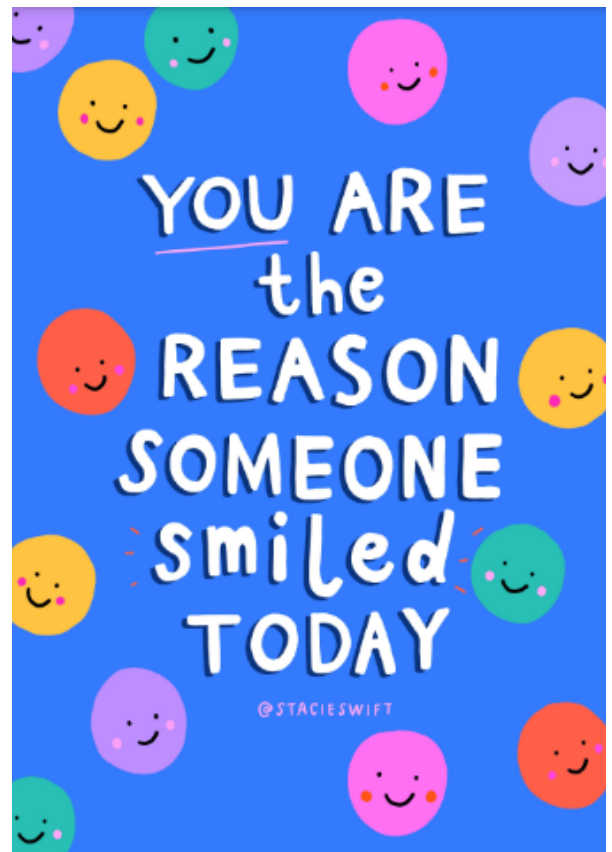
This month we are saying hello to:

Karlie, age 11, Qatar
 Simina, age 10, Romania
 Eisa, age 8, Saudi Arabia
 Penelope, age 7, Singapore
 Haya, age 8, Turkey
 Yahya, age 9, Singapore
 Eduard, age 12, Romania
 Gia, age 10, Singapore
 Zoe, age 9, Qatar
 Freya, age 10, Thailand
 Hana, age 12, Saudi Arabia
 Zev, age 11, Romania
 Fraser, age 9, South Africa
 Muhammad, age 11, Saudi Arabia
 Aria, age 11, Singapore
 Eric, age 12, Romania
 Saran, age 10, Thailand
 Kasi, age 11, Turkey
 Emma, age 11, Romania
 Blake, age 10, Spain
 Reya, age 7, UAE
 Matthew, age 8, Slovakia
 Garris, age 14, South Africa
 Aris, age 9, Romania
 Zaeem, age 7, South Africa
 Levi, age 11, Thailand
 Grecia, age 12, Spain
 Charmaine, age 11, Taiwan
 Elroy, age 10, UK
 Dea, age 10, Singapore
 Yusuf, age 9, Turkey
 Saad, age 10, Saudi Arabia
 Daniel, age 8, Romania
 Leora, age 12, Seychelles
 Sofia, age 6, Russia

Theador, age 11, Romania
 Bella, age 11, Singapore
 Neil, age 10, Taiwan
 Barbara, age 12, Turkey
 Zahaa, age 8, UAE
 Heinz, age 13, South Africa
 Hoi Ka, age 6, Taiwan
 Paul, age 9, Romania
 Adam, age 7, Turkey
 Eseld, age 9, Uganda
 Pann, age 8, Thailand
 Abigail, age 15, UK
 Luke, age 6, Singapore
 Catinca, age 11, Romania
 Tim, age 12, Ukraine
 Dylan, age 11, UAE
 Sam, age 12, South Africa
 Elizabeth, age 12, Turkey
 Luka, age 15, Spain
 Joshua, age 9, Saudi Arabia
 Noah, age 7, Singapore
 Kaela, age 13, South Africa
 Tyme, age 11, Thailand
 Annalise, age 12, Singapore
 Belal, age 8, Saudi Arabia
 Sofia, age 11, Romania
 Amelia, age 10, Spain
 Alexia, age 11, UK
 Aisha, age 10, Turkey
 Noah, age 9, Romania
 Keenan, age 12, South Africa
 Charlie, age 11, Taiwan
 Christian, age 12, Seychelles
 Evelyn, age 12, Russia
 Manakel, age 9, Thailand

CHOOSE KINDNESS

Being kind means showing care, compassion, and respect towards others. It's about treating people the way you would like to be treated. When you're kind, you think about how your words and actions can make someone feel happy or supported. You can be kind by offering a helping hand, listening to others when they need to talk, or simply smiling and saying kind words. Being kind not only brightens someone else's day but also brings joy and positivity into your own life. So, remember to always choose kindness and spread it wherever you go. Small acts of kindness can make a big difference in the world!



CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

Find and circle the following list of words. They may appear vertically, horizontally or diagonally but only forwards.

Kindness
Caring
Helpful
Happy
Gentle
Loving
Thoughtful
Considerate
Generous
Friendship

B	U	J	G	F	R	I	E	N	D	S	H	I	P
D	G	E	N	T	L	E	C	N	E	Y	K	G	G
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LIFE SKILLS CORNER – MAKING A DEN

Materials you will need:

- Blankets, sheets, or large pieces of fabric
- Cushions
- Chairs, tables, or other sturdy objects
- Clothes pegs or clips (optional)
- String or rope (optional)

Instructions:

- **Find a suitable location:** Look for a space in your home or garden where you have enough room to build your den. It could be in a living room, bedroom, or even out in the garden if the weather is nice.
- **Gather your materials:** Collect blankets, sheets, or large pieces of fabric that you can use to create the walls and roof of your den. Grab some cushions to make the den comfortable and cosy.
- **Set up the base:** Find some chairs, tables, or other sturdy objects that you can use as the framework for your den. Arrange them in a way that creates the shape and size of the den you want. Make sure the objects are stable and won't easily topple over.

- **Add the walls and roof:** Drape your blankets, sheets, or fabric over the framework you created. You can use clothes pegs or clips to attach the fabric to the chairs or tables, or you can simply tuck the fabric under the furniture to hold it in place. This will form the walls and roof of your den.
- **Create an entrance:** Leave an opening in your den for an entrance. You can use a gap between two pieces of furniture or leave one side of the den open. This will allow you to crawl inside and out of your den easily.
- **Make it cosy:** Place cushions on the floor of your den to create a soft and comfortable space to relax. You can also bring in blankets, stuffed animals, or any other items that will make your den feel cosy and inviting.
- **Personalise your den:** Add your own personal touch to the den by decorating it with artwork, fairy lights, or other decorations you like. Make it your own special space!



Remember to always prioritise safety while building your den. Make sure the objects you use as the framework are sturdy and won't collapse. If you're building the den outdoors, choose a location away from any potential hazards.

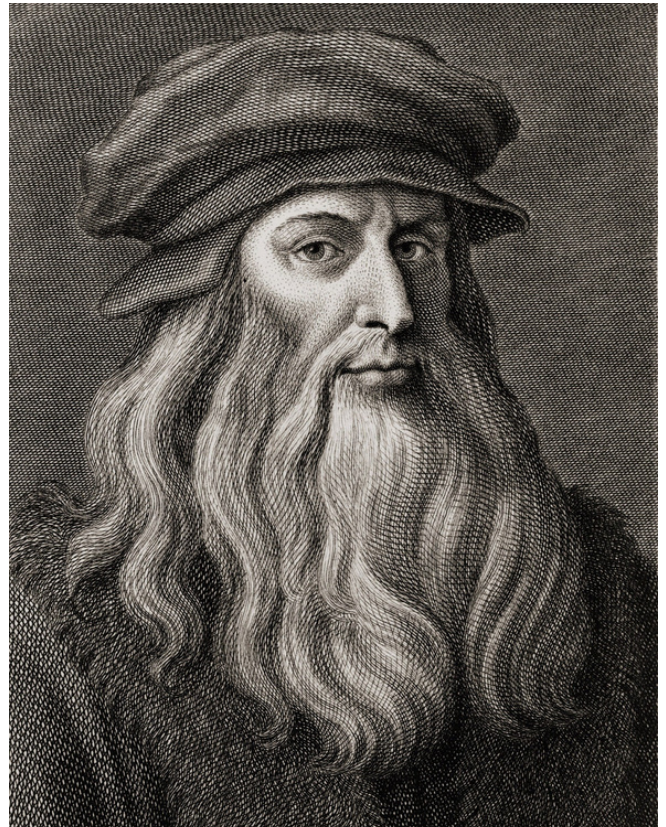
Enjoy your newly created den! It can be a cosy spot for reading, playing, or simply having your own private space.

FAMOUS HOMESCHOOLER OF THE MONTH

Leonardo da Vinci, an Italian polymath of the Renaissance period, was homeschooled by his father, Ser Piero da Vinci.

Leonardo's father recognised his son's exceptional intellect and curiosity at an early age and took on the responsibility of his education.

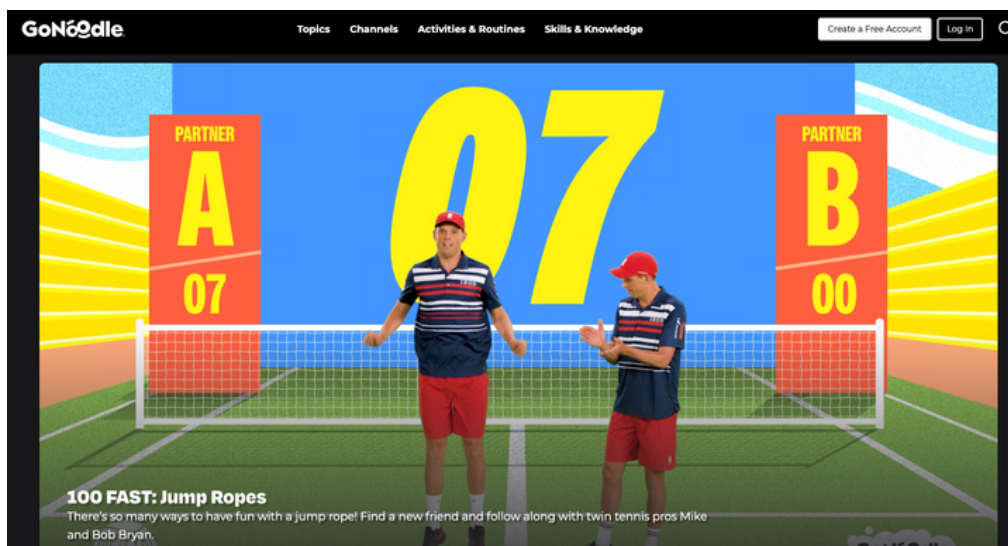
Under his father's guidance, Leonardo received a comprehensive education that encompassed a wide range of subjects. His curriculum included mathematics, geometry, Latin, and the arts. Leonardo's father, being a notary, ensured that he received a solid foundation in reading, writing, and the principles of maths.



RESOURCE CORNER: GONOODLE

GoNoodle started their Good Energy Movement that encourages children all over the world to tunnel their energy into positive and mindful exercise.

With over 14 million regular viewers, GoNoodle creates exercise videos that incorporate movement in dance routines, challenges, and even science lessons.



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THE POWER OF DAILY LEARNING

In the fast-paced world we live in, where information is readily available at our fingertips, the importance of daily learning cannot be overstated. As parents, it is crucial to recognise that some skills are best cultivated through consistent practice. Whether it's reading, mastering times tables, or other fundamental subjects, daily learning routines have the potential to shape our children's futures.

Benefits of Daily Practice

Cognitive Development: Daily learning routines, such as reading or practising times tables, contribute to enhanced cognitive abilities. Regular engagement with these improves memory, attention, and problem-solving skills. It stimulates neural connections in the brain, promoting intellectual growth and enabling children to approach complex tasks with confidence.

Academic Success: Daily learning is directly linked to academic achievement. Consistent practice of reading and times tables fosters a strong educational foundation, providing children with the tools necessary to excel in school and beyond. It bolsters their performance in various subjects and equips them with essential skills for success in higher education and future careers.

Personal Growth: Daily practice of fundamental skills instils a sense of discipline, perseverance, and self-improvement in children. By making learning a habit, they develop a growth mindset and a lifelong thirst for knowledge. They become more curious, adaptable, and better equipped to face challenges, nurturing personal growth and resilience.

Real-World Relevance: The skills acquired through daily learning have practical applications in everyday life. Reading helps children navigate the complexities of written communication, while times tables empower them to solve mathematical problems efficiently. Proficiency in these areas enhances decision-making, financial literacy, and critical thinking, ensuring children are well-prepared for the demands of the real world.

Daily learning is an invaluable gift we can offer our children. Through regular practice of skills like reading and times tables, we provide them with a solid educational foundation, a lifelong love for learning, and the necessary tools for success. By encouraging their engagement with these fundamental subjects, we nurture their cognitive abilities, academic achievements, and personal growth. Let us embrace the power of daily learning and empower our children to reach their full potential in an ever-changing world.

Are you taking advantage of the subscriptions on our courses to help with daily learning? If your child is studying Maths, use TimesTables Rockstars or Numbots every day; English students should use PhonicsPlay, Oxford Owls, and/or SpellingFrame daily; our language students should use LanguageNut for daily practice. Enjoy the learning opportunities on our courses to facilitate daily practice at home.

ENTER OUR NEW VIDEO COMPETITION

Our new video competition has landed! We're inviting all students to have a go at creating a short video explaining why others might like to choose to homeschool with Wolsey Hall.

Check out the competition post in the Primary Community for ideas to get you started and the guidelines for entering.

First prize: £100

Second prize: £50

Runners-up prizes: Wolsey Hall t-shirts, hoodies and caps



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We have Wolsey Hall students in over 125 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?