



WOLSEY HALL OXFORD
THE HOMESCHOOLING COLLEGE

Primary Newsletter



WELCOME

Dear students, parents and families,

Welcome to the August issue of the Primary newsletter. As we begin to enter a new period of learning for many of our homeschooling families, Wolsey Hall would like to share a message with our homeschooling students.

Learning is a boundless adventure that awaits you each day. Embrace the joy of discovery and the freedom to explore. Believe in your potential, embrace challenges, and celebrate your achievements. Remember, learning extends beyond textbooks, into the world around you. Embrace curiosity, ask questions, and let your imagination soar. Mistakes are stepping stones to growth. Trust in your ability to create your own unique path of understanding. Enjoy the journey of homeschooling and cherish the opportunities it brings.

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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WOLSEY HALL'S 'PLANT A TREE'

We are excited to launch a tree planting initiative in celebration of Wolsey Hall Oxford's 130th anniversary next year! We're inviting all students and their families along with our staff to plant a tree or two, or however many they wish!

The 'Plant A Tree' project runs until the end of 2024 so there's plenty of time for everyone to get involved.

Planting trees serves as a symbol of growth, renewal, and the importance of sustainability in our modern world. By inviting students and staff to participate, we aim to create a positive impact on the environment while commemorating this important anniversary milestone.

Our aim is to reach 1,894 trees in a nod to the year Wolsey Hall was established - 1894. Each month we'll provide updates on how many trees have been planted so please let us know when you've taken part!

For any families unable to physically plant a tree, we have a virtual alternative which still sees real trees being planted. Head to the Primary Community for more information or ask your Student Progress Manager.



PRIMARY CLUBS IN AUGUST

We often find our clubs are a little quieter during the summer months but if your child is looking for extra activities to do, they can find some fun ideas in the Primary Community.

You can access the Primary Community through your child's course on Canvas. 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 great student entries we received last month.



Ronnie, age 4, with the cheese scones he made



Jacques, age 8,
ice cream poster design



Dakota, age 8, with the carrot
cake she baked



Syed, Year 1, with his LEGO
tower measuring 67cm



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:

Stella, age 10, Zimbabwe
 Sienna, age 7, UK
 Linda, age 9, Thailand
 Jonathan, age 11, Zambia
 Amelie, age 9, South Africa
 Kassidy, age 9, United States
 Holly, age 11, Zimbabwe
 Max, age 11, United States
 Hamoud, age 8, Saudi Arabia
 Anthony, age 5, UAE
 Shreya, age 10, UK
 Thea, age 10, Malaysia
 Revati, age 11, Singapore
 Nala, age 7, Vietnam
 Charlotte, age 10, Zimbabwe
 Daniel, age 6, UAE
 Cemile Meyra, age 8, Turkey
 Caitlyn, age 12, South Africa
 Cheetah, age 6, Thailand
 Alec, age 10, Romania
 Bailey, age 6, UK
 Miranda, age 13, Ukraine
 Jeremiah, age 11, United States
 Caterina, age 9, Romania
 Muaadh, age 6, Zimbabwe
 Isabella, age 9, UK
 Khamza, age 12, Turkey
 Justin, age 11, Thailand
 Giselle, age 10, United States
 Kira, age 8, United States
 Gabriel, age 5, UAE
 Zach, age 6, UK
 James, age 11, South Korea
 Jean, age 9, Zambia
 Kawthar, age 6, Turkey
 Louis, age 7, Vietnam

Ayesha, age 9, UAE,
 Gemma, age 11, Thailand
 Adam, age 8, Romania
 Yunsoo, age 11, Indonesia
 Motaz, age 5, Saudi Arabia
 Oriana, age 7 UAE
 Nickel, age 10, Philippines
 Savelii, age 12, Ukraine
 Mia, age 7, UAE
 Harry, age 7, Malaysia
 Mia, age 9, Romania
 Badr, age 5, Saudi Arabia
 Abraham, age 7, Pakistan
 Lily, age 9, South Africa
 Daniel, age 11, Indonesia
 Kris, age 8, Thailand
 Anita, age 11, India
 Witold, age 6, Poland
 Ben-Levi, age 8, Philippines
 Tyrone, age 12, Indonesia
 Musaed, age 6, Saudi Arabia
 Claudia, age 12, Romania
 Nishita, age 10, Singapore
 Elizabeth, age 9, Malaysia
 Adira, age 7, United States
 Jake, age 8, UAE
 Tymofiy, age 13, Ukraine
 Laiya, age 11, Turkey
 Olive, age 19, Thailand
 Ava-Marie, age 10, Zambia
 Edith, age 9, United States
 Lily, age 10, UK
 Maya, age 7, UAE
 Aleph Ben, age 12, Spain
 Jordan, age 7, South Africa
 Lyanah, age 5, Saudi Arabia

THE JOY OF HOBBIES

Having a hobby is like having your very own superpower. It's something you love doing and enjoy spending your time on. Let me tell you why developing your hobby is such a great thing.

Firstly, having a hobby makes you happy. When you do something you love, it brings you joy and puts a big smile on your face. It's like having a special secret that makes your heart feel light and excited.

Secondly, hobbies help you learn and grow. When you practise your hobby, you become better and better at it. You learn new skills, discover new things, and become more knowledgeable about what you love. It's like unlocking superpowers within yourself and becoming a master in your own unique way.

Thirdly, hobbies allow you to express yourself. They give you a chance to show the world who you are and what you're passionate about. Whether it's drawing, playing a musical instrument, or playing sports, your hobby lets you share your talents and creativity with others.



Having a hobby can also help you make friends. When you join a club, team, or community related to your hobby, you get to meet other people who share the same interests as you. It's like finding a whole new group of friends who understand and appreciate what you love.

Lastly, having a hobby gives you a break from everyday life. It's like a special retreat where you can escape and have fun. When you engage in your hobby, it helps you relax, relieve stress, and recharge your energy. It's like having your very own special world that you can visit whenever you want.

Enjoy your superpowered hobby adventures!

CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

Scavenger Hunts are a great way to make trips out, walks and visits interesting. You can make a Scavenger Hunt for anything: choose letters, numbers, objects, or anything of interest for your child to find when you are out and about, or even at home. It is so entertaining and provides a challenge for your children.

Can you find an object that is mostly the colour named in the square? Can you write the name of the object/thing OR draw a picture. Perhaps you want to find as many objects/things as you can of each colour?

Don't forget to take your colouring pencils/pens/crayons with you so you can complete the Scavenger Hunt. Good luck!

RAINBOW SCAVENGER HUNT

RED	ORANGE	YELLOW
GREEN	BLUE	PURPLE
PINK	GRAY	BROWN
BLACK	WHITE	TAN

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LIFE SKILLS CORNER

Everyone should know how to wash the dishes. It is a household task that every family member should know how to do and can also be useful when you are visiting friends, camping or on holiday. Why not offer to do the washing up and see how pleased others are for your help!

- Scrape off any leftover food from the dishes into the trash/bin.
- Fill a basin with warm, soapy water.
- Dip a sponge or dishcloth into the soapy water.



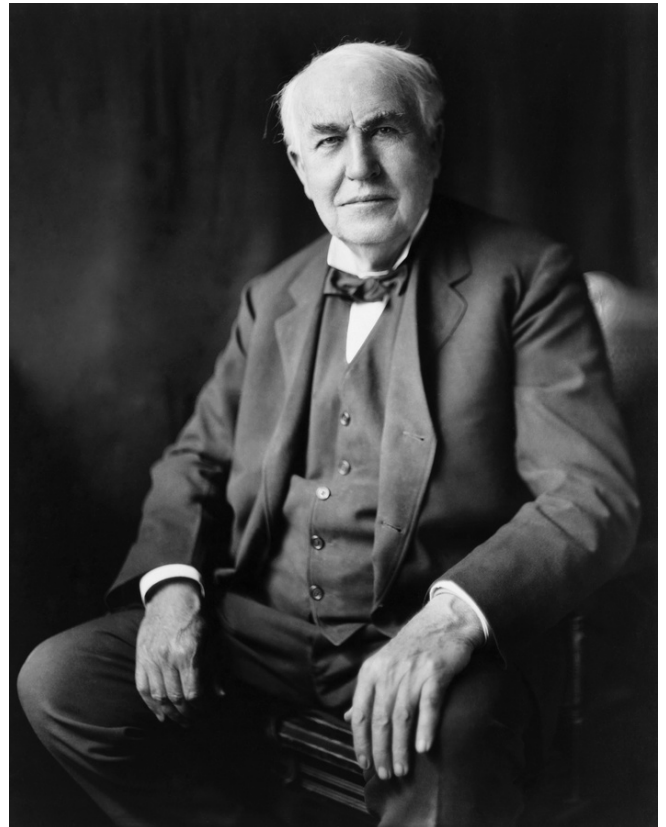
- Wash each dish, cup, or utensil with the soapy sponge, making sure to scrub off any dirt or food.
- Rinse the dishes with clean water to remove the soap.
- Place the washed dishes on a drying rack or dry them with a clean towel.
- Let the dishes air dry completely before putting them away.

Remember to be careful when handling sharp objects like knives. If you need help, always ask an adult. Happy dishwashing!

FAMOUS HOMESCHOOLER OF THE MONTH

Thomas Edison, an American inventor and businessman, was homeschooled by his mother after experiencing difficulties in the traditional school system.

His homeschooling experience fostered his independent thinking and problem-solving skills, which became invaluable throughout his career. He went on to become one of the most prolific inventors in history, holding over 1,000 patents. Edison is best known for his contributions to the development of the practical electric light bulb and the phonograph. His innovations revolutionised various industries and laid the foundation for modern technologies.



RESOURCE CORNER

Swift Playgrounds, created by Apple, makes it fun to learn to code and build real apps.

You solve interactive puzzles in the guide “Get Started with Code” and learn the basics of building apps in “Get Started with Apps.” You can experiment with a wide range of challenges and samples that let you explore unique coding experiences.

This app works on iPads and Mac technology.



Wolsey Hall is not affiliated to this app

LEARNING ALONGSIDE YOUR CHILD

Learning alongside your child can be a remarkable experience with numerous benefits for both of you.



- **Bonding and Connection:** Learning together creates a special bond between you and your child. It allows you to share learning experiences, explore new concepts, and engage in meaningful discussions.
- **Role Modelling:** When you learn alongside your child, you become a powerful role model. They witness firsthand your enthusiasm for learning, your dedication, and your willingness to embrace new challenges. Your active involvement inspires them to develop a positive attitude towards education and lifelong learning.
- **Enhanced Communication:** You can engage in discussions, ask questions, and exchange ideas. This improves communication skills and encourages your child to express their thoughts and opinions, fostering their critical thinking abilities.
- **Shared Learning Experiences:** Learning together allows you to share the joy of discovery and celebrate achievements. You can explore new subjects, embark on projects, and celebrate milestones together. These shared experiences create lasting memories.
- **Personalised Education:** You have a deeper understanding of your child's strengths, weaknesses, and learning style. This allows you to tailor their education to their needs and interests, providing additional support.
- **Lifelong Learning:** By engaging in learning alongside your child, you model the importance of continuous growth and development. It instills a love for learning and demonstrates that education is not limited to specific age groups. You inspire a thirst for knowledge that extends beyond the classroom.
- **Building Confidence:** Your active involvement in learning shows you have faith in their abilities and that you believe in their potential. Celebrating their achievements together reinforces their sense of accomplishment and encourages them to take on new challenges with confidence.
- **Mutual Support:** Learning together creates a supportive environment where you can help each other overcome obstacles and celebrate successes. By being there for one another, you foster a sense of teamwork and resilience. Your presence as a learning partner provides encouragement and support, making the learning journey more enjoyable and rewarding.

Remember, learning alongside your child is not just about academics. It encompasses various aspects of life, including values, skills, and personal growth. Embrace the opportunity to learn together. Let the journey become a source of joy, growth, and connection for both of you.

ENTER OUR NEW VIDEO COMPETITION

Is your child thinking of entering our video competition? 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?