



Primary Newsletter



WELCOME

Dear students, parents and families,

Welcome to the Primary newsletter. September is a busy month for us at Wolsey Hall. We often have new families and returning families choosing to follow the structure of a September start to their learning. We welcome all of our new families and are thrilled to 'welcome back' our re-enrolling students.

We hope you enjoy meeting your Student Progress Manager and your Tutors if you are starting on a new course. Likewise, we hope you enjoy getting to know your new courses as well as the complementary courses that we share with you, such as Staying Safe Online and Supporting Your Child.

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.

Best wishes,
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MARK AS DONE

You may have noticed a new 'Mark as done' button at the bottom of lesson pages on our Canvas courses. This is a new feature which allows our families to track their journey through our courses. It is an OPTIONAL feature which a family may choose to use. It doesn't affect your visibility of course materials; it is simply a great feature to help you keep track of what you have covered so far.

Modules

You may also have noticed that the navigation list on our Primary courses has a new item called Modules. This allows you to quickly and easily see an overview of the key content of the course, and provides an alternative route to finding your next lesson when returning to your home learning.

PLANT A TREE FOR WOLSEY HALL

Our tree planting initiative is now well underway! In celebration of Wolsey Hall Oxford's 130th anniversary next year, we have invited 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.

We're aiming to reach 1,894 trees in a nod to the year Wolsey Hall was established - 1894. We'll provide regular 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.

JOIN OUR FREE STUDENT CLUBS

Our Primary clubs are free for all students to join in with. From Art, Cookery and Creative Writing to LEGO, Photography and Chess, there should be something for everyone!

You can access the clubs through the Primary Community course on Canvas. Once your child has completed their club project, it can be uploaded to the club gallery. Email a photo to sue.day@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk

Here's a selection of the superb student entries we received last month.



Nelia, Latvia



Mila, Botswana



Sierra, South Africa



Luca, Botswana



Austin, India



Dorothea, Philippines



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:

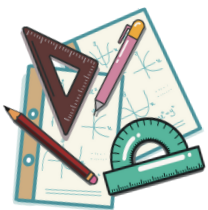
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 Alexander, age 9, Zambia
 Hashim, age 15, United States
 Kopano, age 7, South Africa
 Abigail-Rose, age 5, UK
 Jens, age 10, Zambia
 Andreea, age 6, Romania
 Danita, age 8, Thailand
 Payton, age 11, Spain
 Gabriel, age 10, UK
 Hassan, age 8, Saudi Arabia
 Dani, age 8, Romania
 Haya, age 8, UAE
 Ariella, age 7, United States
 Grace, age 9, UK
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 Tarsha, age 10, Thailand
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 Maia, age 11, United States
 Inigo, age 9, Singapore
 Sara, age 7, Saudi Arabia
 Mia, age 12, South Africa
 Reem, age 6, UK
 Zoe, age 11, Malaysia
 Tala, age 7, Saudi Arabia
 Abdullah, age 10, UK

Sophia, age 11, UK
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 Sienna, age 6, Spain
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 Victoria, age 6, Romania
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 Tristan, age 9, UK
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 Gabriella, age 9, Thailand
 Rykhan, age 9, Namibia
 Leo, age 11, UK
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 David, age 7, Romania
 Daksh, age 10, Singapore
 Isabella, age 6, Spain
 Otilia, age 7, Romania
 Sophiah Grace, age 12, Oman
 Sebastian, age 11, South Africa
 Jodi, age 10, Mauritius
 Kenzie, age 5, Saudi Arabia
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 Teo, age 8, Slovenia
 Elias, age 9, Saudi Arabia
 Nonthawat, age 10, Thailand
 Zaynab, age 10, United States
 Sheickaden, age 8, UK
 Nadya, age 7, Malaysia
 Poppy, age 6, Thailand
 Szofi, age 11, Singapore
 Max, age 10, South Africa
 Muhammad, age 6, Oman
 Ciaran, age 8, Malaysia

CELEBRATING HOMESCHOOLING

In recognition of many Wolsey Hall students starting on new course levels, or joining Wolsey Hall for the first time, we would like to share a poem to celebrate all our homeschoolers on their homeschooling journey.

In a world of endless wonder, young and bright,
Where learning takes flight, like a soaring kite,
Wolsey Hall students, and parents so dear,
Embark on a journey, without any fear.
In the cosy corners of your home's embrace,
Knowledge and love will find their place,
With crayons, books, and pencils in hand,
You'll explore and discover, hand in hand.



Math equations, like puzzles to solve,
With numbers and shapes, you'll soon evolve,
Science experiments that fizz and pop,
Unlocking the secrets, never wanting to stop.

History's tales of heroes so brave,
Their stories will teach and inspire the brave,
As you travel through time in your own special way,
Remember, the past shapes who we are today.

Language and words, like a magical key,
Unlock the world's treasures for you to see,
Through stories and poems, you'll learn to express,
The thoughts in your heart, your dreams to confess.

Artistic creations, from colours so bright,
Painting your world with sheer delight,
With brushes and canvas, let your visions take flight,
In your own unique way, you'll shine so bright.



Music's sweet melodies, a symphony of delight,
With instruments and voices, create your own light,
Sing and dance to the rhythm of your heart's beat,
In the world of creativity, your dreams are complete.





And when the day's lessons come to an end,
Know that learning is lifelong, my dear friend,
With each new beginning, a chance to explore,
The world's vast wonders, forever more.

So Wolsey Hall students, and parents so true,
This journey of learning is meant just for you,
With courses as your compass, and Wolsey Hall as your guide,
Together, you'll soar, side by side.


For in new beginnings, the world's your stage,
Where curiosity and wonder come of age,
With each passing day, as you learn and grow,
The seeds of knowledge and understanding, you will sow.


CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

 Find the path of numbers that add up to the sum at the exit arrow. Beginning from the upper left, move one square at a time, either down or to the right.


(1) 


1	92	62	4
8	43	7	60
9	3	6	99
48	2	15	26

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(2) 


7	56	8	23
6	2	5	78
3	4	37	31
82	29	1	27

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(3) 


2	7	5	4
6	29	47	46
33	3	34	9
53	1	61	31

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(4) 


2	69	5	41
64	59	14	37
13	4	22	48
8	82	20	25

 157


(5) 

22	2	20	63
21	54	73	94
1	95	81	6
82	3	5	51

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(6) 

94	44	3	7
1	87	33	4
8	39	14	79
98	26	32	23

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FAMOUS HOMESCHOOLER OF THE MONTH

Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States, was primarily homeschooled by his mother and had limited formal education. Despite his humble beginnings and lack of extensive schooling, Lincoln became one of the most respected and influential leaders in American history. His leadership during the American Civil War and his role in abolishing slavery in the United States are among his most significant achievements.



LIFE SKILLS CORNER

Whether you have your own bedroom or share, every child should know how to clean it! You'll need a few cleaning supplies such as a rubbish bag, a laundry basket, a duster, a small broom and a dustpan so start by gathering these items together. Then let's begin!

Declutter: Pick up any toys, books, or clothes from the floor. Put them away in their proper places. You can use your laundry basket to collect dirty clothes or things that don't belong in your room.

Make Your Bed: Straighten your sheets, fluff your pillows, and make your bed look nice and neat. This is usually the first thing to do because it instantly makes your room look cleaner.

Dust Surfaces: Gently wipe down surfaces with your duster, such as your desk and shelves to get rid of dust and cobwebs. It's like giving your room a little hug! If you have any hard surfaces like tables or dressers, you can use a damp cloth to wipe them clean. Be careful not to use too much water.

Vacuum or Sweep: Use a small broom and dustpan to sweep the floor or you could use a vacuum cleaner. Pay special attention to corners and under your bed where dust might hide.

Empty the Bin: Take your rubbish bag and empty your bin. Tie it up and put it in the main bin in your home.

Organise Your Belongings: Make sure all your toys and belongings have a place to go. Use shelves, drawers or containers to keep things organised. It's much easier to keep your room clean when everything has a home.

Enjoy Your Clean Room: Stand back and admire your hard work. Your room is now ready for you to enjoy!

Remember, cleaning your room is a great way to learn about taking care of your space. You can make it a fun activity by playing music or setting a timer to see how quickly you can finish. Plus, it's always nice to relax in a clean and tidy room. Good job!



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

Supporting your child with learning at home is a rewarding experience. Here are some top tips to help you provide effective support:

- **Create a Dedicated Learning Space:** Designate a quiet and organised space for learning. This helps your child focus and associate that area with schoolwork.
- **Establish a Routine:** Stick to a daily schedule that includes set times for learning, breaks, meals, and play. Consistency helps children feel secure and makes learning more predictable.
- **Set Clear Expectations:** Communicate your expectations for behaviour and learning. Explain what needs to be accomplished and the importance of staying on track.
- **Use Visual Aids:** Utilise visual schedules, calendars, and to-do lists to help your child understand and plan their tasks. Visual aids can also serve as a reference for what needs to be done.
- **Break Tasks into Manageable Chunks:** Divide lessons and assignments into smaller, achievable steps. This makes it easier for your child to track their progress.



- **Provide Positive Reinforcement:** Encourage and praise your child's efforts and accomplishments. Positive feedback can boost their motivation and self-esteem.
- **Adapt to Their Learning Style:** Pay attention to how your child learns best. Some kids thrive with visual aids, while others are more auditory or kinaesthetic learners. Tailor your approach accordingly.
- **Be Patient and Flexible:** Understand that learning at home may have its challenges. Be patient when your child faces difficulties and adapt your approach as needed.
- **Incorporate Hands-on Activities:** Learning through play and hands-on activities can be highly effective. Use games, experiments, and practical tasks to make learning enjoyable.
- **Read Together:** Make reading a daily habit. Read books suited to your child's age and interests, and discuss the stories, characters, and themes.



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD CONTINUED

- **Limit Screen Time:** While technology can be a valuable educational tool, it's essential to set limits on screen time to ensure a healthy balance between learning and leisure.
- **Stay Connected:** Maintain open communication with your child's Tutors and Student Progress Manager.
- **Encourage Critical Thinking:** Ask open-ended questions to stimulate your child's thinking. Encourage them to explain their thoughts and reasoning.
- **Celebrate Achievements:** Celebrate both small and big achievements. Recognise their progress and efforts- this will help to boost their confidence.
- **Stay Involved but Avoid Micromanaging:** Be present to offer support and guidance, but allow your child some independence in managing their tasks and responsibilities.



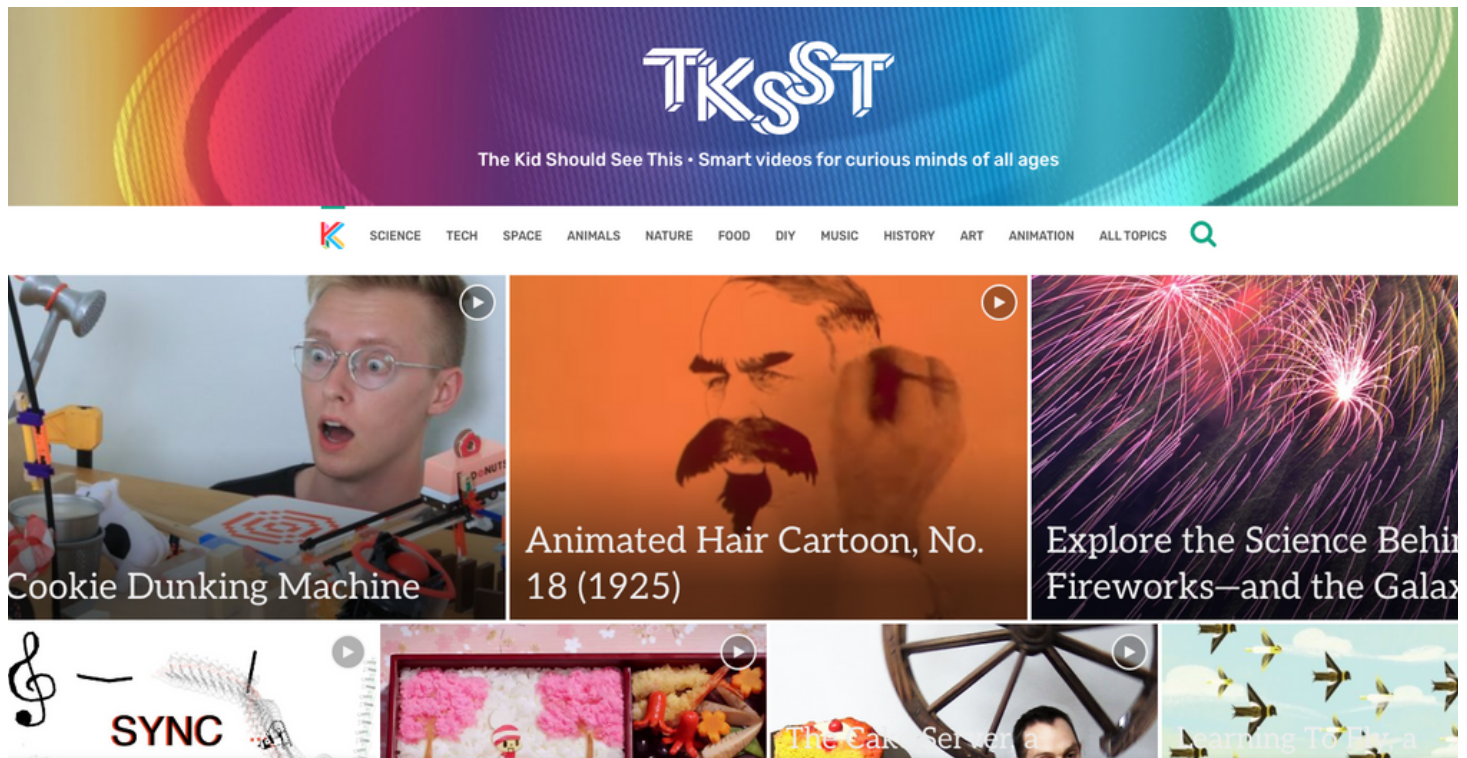
- **Model a Growth Mindset:** Show your child that learning is a lifelong journey. Embrace challenges, make mistakes, and demonstrate resilience as you learn together.
- **Encourage Healthy Habits:** Ensure your child gets enough sleep, eats nutritious meals, and engages in physical activity to support overall well-being, which is essential for effective learning.
- **Seek Additional Support if Needed:** If your child struggles with specific subjects or learning challenges, consider seeking help from tutors, online resources, or educational programs that cater to their needs.



Remember that every child is unique, and what works best for one may not work for another. Adapt your approach to suit your child's individual needs and interests and create a positive and supportive learning environment at home.

RESOURCE CORNER

The Kid Should See This is an award-winning collection of over 6,000 kid-friendly videos, curated for teachers and parents who want to share smarter, more meaningful media in the classroom and at home. Selections are grown-up-friendly too, and thanks to its members, it's free with no adverts for everyone.



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?