



# Primary Newsletter



## WELCOME

Dear students, parents and families,

Welcome to the November newsletter! As part of a growing number of homeschoolers around the world, it is a pleasure to have you as part of the Wolsey Hall Oxford family. As champions of homeschooling and all it has to offer, it was heartwarming to see a report overview by [MarkInStyle.co.uk](http://MarkInStyle.co.uk) which draws statistics from a range of research. It shows:

- Homeschooling is experiencing a steady growth rate of 2% to 8% every year.
- Homeschoolers score 15% to 30% higher on tests than public school students.
- Homeschooling erases racial disparities in academic achievement.
- Homeschooled students perform four grade levels above average.
- Homeschooled children engage in 5.2 activities outside the home.

These highlights are a wonderful validation of the power of homeschooling, and that our families have made an excellent choice in their decision to homeschool their children. We hope that you enjoy reading this month's newsletter.

Best wishes,  
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## WOLSEY HALL CHOIR DELIVERS AGAIN

The Wolsey Hall Oxford choir has delivered another heart-warming performance, this time singing “Count On Me” by Bruno Mars. The virtual choir is truly international, coming together through a shared love of music. [You can watch their song on our Youtube channel.](#)

If your child is interested in joining the choir, please email Maria Parfitt for further details: [maria.parfitt@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk](mailto:maria.parfitt@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk)



## STUDENT CLUBS FOR ALL

The November club challenges are underway in the Primary Community. There's a variety of tasks to try, so if your child is taking part this month, we'd love to see their entry to share with everyone.



**Welcome to the Wolsey Hall Primary Community!**

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Eight-year-old Taha, who homeschools in the UK, competes nationally in Brazilian jiu-jitsu. He recently participated in the European Championships and received a gold medal. Well done Taha on your win!



If your child would like to share one of their achievements with our student community, we just need a short description of what they've done and some photos. Email: [danielle.hilton@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk](mailto:danielle.hilton@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk)



## 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:

Phoenix, age 11, Indonesia  
 Rudolph, age 10, Malaysia  
 Izabella, age 11, South Africa  
 Hana, age 11, UAE  
 Emil, age 9, Indonesia  
 Amelia, age 10, Romania  
 Jude, age 10, USA  
 Ellee, age 11, Saudi Arabia  
 Lisa, age 9, South Africa  
 Maximilian, age 10, Spain  
 Muscha, age 10, Indonesia  
 Edgar, age 8, Romania  
 Deone, age 11, Malaysia  
 Bilal Amal, age 11, UAE  
 Luke, age 9, UK  
 Amelie, age 10, USA  
 Namu, age 11, Indonesia  
 Darie, age 9, Romania  
 Hassan, age 9, Malaysia  
 Christian, age 8, South Africa  
 Lilou, age 7, Switzerland  
 Adam, age 11, Saudi Arabia  
 Clarisse, age 9, UAE  
 Noah, age 12, UK  
 Callista, age 11, Indonesia  
 Jenin, age 12, Saudi Arabia  
 Madhava, age 11, Malaysia  
 Hana, age 9, USA  
 Ewan, age 7, South Africa  
 Hanna, age 11, UAE  
 Bella, age 12, Indonesia  
 Ingrid, age 8, Romania  
 Emily, age 7, Indonesia  
 Hawwaa, age 7, UK  
 Nyah-Beau, age 8, Mauritius  
 Aishvarrya, age 14, Malaysia

Akkshara, age 7, India  
 Bara Zgard, age 9, Indonesia  
 Victoria, age 7, UAE  
 Afia-Harper, age 11, Mauritius  
 Aditya, age 9, India  
 Aden, age 8, South Africa  
 Abdullah, age 11, UK  
 Jacopo, age 5, Malta  
 Louise, age 10, UAE  
 Medeea, age 9, Romania  
 Jia Cheng, age 10, Malaysia  
 Ayaana, age 9, India  
 Alhamza, age 10, Saudi Arabia  
 Rhys, age 13, USA  
 Renier, age 11, South Africa  
 Israel-Blu, age 8, UK  
 Abdulrahman, age 11, Kuwait  
 Austin, age 10, India  
 Jordann, age 10, Malaysia  
 Calliope, age 11, USA  
 Hasan, age 8, Saudi Arabia  
 Madison, age 10, UK  
 Mus'ab, age 11, Maldives  
 Arthur, age 13, Montenegro  
 Petra-Maria, age 9, Romania  
 Daania, age 10, Saudi Arabia  
 Arjun, age 9, USA  
 Isabelle, age 11, South Africa  
 Brendon, age 14, UAE  
 Alisa, age 10, Romania  
 Bennet, age 13, Indonesia  
 Noorah, age 9, Saudi Arabia  
 Sierra, age 11, South Africa  
 Han, age 10, UAE  
 Oberon, age 10, UK

# DISCOVER THE WONDERS OF NATURE

Did you know that nature is like a magical adventure waiting for you to explore and have fun? No matter where you are in the world, there are incredible outdoor journeys right outside your door! Whether you're in a bustling city, a quiet countryside, or anywhere in between, the natural world is full of exciting things to see and discover.

The great outdoors is like a boundless treasure chest filled with wonders, from the tiny ants busy in their ant hills to the mighty trees that reach for the sky. You can become a nature detective, observing the birds that fly above, the insects that crawl on the ground, and the flowers that bloom in the sunshine. Take a hike in a nearby park, visit a local pond, or just step into your own backyard, and you'll find that there's always something new to learn and explore.



So, put on your adventure shoes, grab your magnifying glass, and head outside to become a nature explorer! You can create your own field journal to document your findings and even start a nature collection with rocks, leaves, and feathers you discover. Remember, the more you explore and connect with the natural world, the more you'll want to protect and care for it. Nature is a gift that belongs to all of us, no matter where we live, so let's celebrate its beauty and learn from its secrets together!



# CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

Somewhere hidden amongst the owls is a cat! Can you find the cat in this picture? Good luck!



## LIFE SKILLS CORNER

Jigsaw puzzles are for children and adults! While it can seem like a tricky task – especially if it has lots of pieces – if you follow these tips then you will find it much easier to successfully complete:

- Look for the corner and edge pieces first. They're the ones with straight sides. Put them together to make a frame.
- Group similar-looking pieces together. You can make piles for colours, patterns, or shapes. This will help you find the right pieces faster.
- Instead of trying to do the whole puzzle at once, focus on small sections. You can start with the sky, a tree, or a building, for example.
- Look at the picture on the box often to see what it should look like finished.
- Don't worry if a piece doesn't fit right away. Sometimes, you have to try a few to find the one that works.
- Puzzles can be tricky so take your time. If you get stuck or frustrated, take a break and come back to it later.
- If you're really stuck, ask a family member or a friend for some help. They might see something you have missed.
- Make sure you have good light to see the pieces better.
- Keep your puzzle pieces organised and it will be easier to find what you need.
- When you finish a section or find a piece that fits, give yourself a high-five or a little cheer. It's fun to celebrate your success as you go along.

Remember, puzzles are supposed to be fun, so enjoy the process and have a great time putting the pieces together!



# FAMOUS HOMESCHOOLER OF THE MONTH

Eleanor Roosevelt was homeschooled for much of her early education. She was the First Lady of the United States from 1933 to 1945 and a prominent advocate for civil rights, women's rights, and human rights.

Despite facing numerous challenges, including the loss of both of her parents at a young age, Eleanor's homeschooling allowed her to develop her intellect, independence, and a strong sense of social responsibility. Her experiences as a homeschooler and the self-discipline she cultivated served her well throughout her life.



Eleanor Roosevelt's legacy as a champion of social justice, her involvement in politics, and her tireless efforts to improve the lives of others can inspire young homeschoolers to make a positive impact on the world. Her journey from a homeschooler to a globally influential figure showcases the power of education, compassion, and determination.

## RESOURCE CORNER

[Kids World Travel Guide](#)  
[World Flags](#) provides plenty of interesting information about flags from around the world.

In addition, the site has a lot to explore about different countries and cultures. It's a great way for children to learn more about the wider world.

### World Flags

#### Interesting Facts for Kids about the Flags of the World

Why are there so many different world flags? What are the most common symbols on flags? What do the colours on the flags mean? So many questions... we will show you the answers here.



Well, first let's see why people started using flags.

#### More about Flag Colours



All about Flag Colours

#### Fun Facts about Passports



Passport Facts for Kids

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# SOCIALISATION STRATEGIES: FOSTERING CONNECTIONS FOR PRIMARY AGE HOMESCHOOLERS

One of the common concerns parents share when homeschooling their primary-age children is ensuring they have ample opportunities for socialisation. While homeschooling offers a unique learning environment, it's important to remember that socialisation is an essential part of a child's development. Fortunately, there are many effective strategies to help your homeschooler connect with peers and build important social skills.

Look for opportunities to find other homeschooling families near you. This can be beneficial for both parents and children. It brings families together to share experience, expertise, and, most importantly, to create a space for children to engage with their peers.

Clubs and extracurricular activities are another avenue. Consider enrolling your child in local sports teams, art classes, or music lessons. These activities not only promote social interactions but also allow your child to explore their interests and passions with like-minded peers. Many local libraries and community centres offer clubs and events, making it easy to find opportunities for your child to connect with others. In addition, Wolsey Hall has a range of free clubs in the Primary Community. Have they considered joining in with any of these?

In today's digital age, online communities have become increasingly important for homeschoolers. Virtual groups and forums dedicated to homeschooling provide a platform for parents and children to connect with others worldwide.



It's a great way for your child to engage in discussions, share their experiences, and even participate in online projects with children from various backgrounds. When our Primary students in Year 6 reach 10 years old, they can join our secure student forum to talk to other Wolsey Hall students around the world.

Remember that socialisation is not limited to interacting with peers of the same age; it also involves building relationships with people of different ages. Encourage your child to engage with their community by volunteering, visiting local senior centres, or participating in community events. By utilising a combination of these strategies, you can ensure that your primary-age homeschooler enjoys a well-rounded and enriching social experience.



## HELP US LAUNCH ON TIKTOK

Wolsey Hall is going to be launching on TikTok but we'd love to have some new student videos to share! Can you help us?

Let us know your top tips for learning at home, or why you love homeschooling in the country you are in, or perhaps share a video of you joining in with our tree planting project for our 130th anniversary.

Send your short, snappy videos to:  
[Danielle.hilton@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk](mailto:Danielle.hilton@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk)

We'll need parental consent before we can share your creations.



## 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?