



WOLSEY HALL OXFORD  
THE HOMESCHOOLING COLLEGE

# Primary Newsletter



## WELCOME

Dear students, parents and families,

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2023! At this time of year, it is starting to get cold here in the UK and houses and streets are adorned with Christmas lights. 2023 has been an amazing year for our students, and Wolsey Hall is very proud of all that our students have accomplished this year in their learning journeys.

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.

The end of the year is a time for reflection, as well as hope for the future. Here at Wolsey Hall, we wish you all a joyous end-of-year and a wonderful 2024.

Best wishes,  
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# ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (E2L) COURSE COMING SOON

We are pleased to share that work on our new course, English as a Second Language (E2L), is nearly complete. The course will launch in January 2024.

Our E2L course is aimed at students at the Upper Primary level, which is typically students between 7 and 11 years old, who may struggle with a first language English curriculum course with Wolsey Hall. It has been developed for students who are looking for a course more focussed on English language skills specifically, to help improve their English language before beginning Upper Primary English at Year 3. On completion of our E2L course, students will be ready to transition to our Year 3 first language English course, having put the foundations of language in place.



We are thrilled to offer this bridging course to help our students thrive at Wolsey Hall. This is a full course and represents one academic year of study in a physical school setting. For further information, existing Wolsey Hall families can contact their SPM, and new families can contact our Admissions team via an [enquiry form](#) on our website.

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## STUDENT CREATIONS

We enjoy seeing Primary students joining in with the clubs and getting creative at home. Thank you to everyone who sent in their entries last month. You can see them all in the Primary Community.



Vatsal, 7, India



Ahaan, 6, India



Joseph, 7, Malta



## 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:

Rayan, age 9, Saudi Arabia  
 Charlotte-Anne, age 9, France  
 Harsh, age 11, India  
 Mateo, age 6, Mexico  
 Eri, age 12, Japan  
 Dante, age 8, Ireland  
 Jannat, age 10, Qatar  
 Alisa, age 11, Romania  
 Nadya, age 8, Malaysia  
 Bennet, age 14, Indonesia  
 Musa, age 9, Pakistan  
 Abdrahman, age 9, Qatar  
 Joel, age 7, Malawi  
 Sean, age 12, Indonesia  
 Muhammad, age 6, Oman  
 Maya, age 7, Italy  
 Joseph, age 7, Malta  
 Myallegra, age 12, Romania  
 Artur, age 10, Japan  
 Jayden, age 9, Portugal  
 Gabriel, age 12, Namibia  
 Aysel, age 9, Pakistan  
 Razvan, age 12, Romania  
 Harry, age 6, Malaysia  
 Joshua, age 10, Australia  
 Victor, age 12, Ecuador  
 Arwa, age 8, France  
 Blasia, age 11, India  
 Annika, age 10, Australia  
 Abby, age 7, Egypt  
 Mia, age 10, Brazil  
 West, age 7, Italy  
 Rykhan, age 10, Namibia  
 Emily, age 6, Japan  
 Sienna, age 7, Denmark  
 Samyak, age 11, India

Sofiam, age 12, Romania  
 Lina, age 6, Egypt  
 Mischa, age 11, Indonesia  
 Kai, age 7, Portugal  
 Menassa, age 9, Qatar  
 Hana, age 9, Japan  
 Maria, age 5, Egypt  
 Khansa, age 7, Pakistan  
 Kaylee, age 8, Malaysia  
 Erum, age 10, Fiji  
 Adidev, age 11, India  
 Helena, age 12, Namibia  
 Ewan, age 6, Mexico  
 Frederick, age 4, Portugal  
 Robyn, age 5, Ireland  
 Eureka, age 10, Finland  
 Anthony, age 5, Oman  
 Austin, age 11, Indonesia  
 Adriana, age 8, Japan  
 Amelie, age 8, France  
 Hofni, age 12, Namibia  
 Araminta, age 8, Malaysia  
 Leon, age 9, Italy  
 Suleman, age 8, Finland  
 Julia, age 8, Brazil  
 Dakota, age 8, China  
 Zara, age 7, Oman  
 David, age 10, Ecuador  
 George, age 8, China  
 Mia, age 7, Italy  
 Jan, age 10, Namibia  
 Thomas, age 14, Belgium  
 Anaaya, age 5, Japan  
 Eve, age 10, Belgium  
 Shiloh, age 10, Malawi  
 Abraham, age 7, Pakistan



# HOW CAN YOU HELP OTHERS?

At this time of year, it is a time to be thankful and a time to give to those around us. The feeling of helping others and making their hearts glow with happiness is the best feeling! How can you help others? Not just at this time of year, but all year round.

**Little Helpers:** You know how Santa has his elves making toys and spreading joy? Well, we can be like Santa's little helpers too! When we help others, it's like creating little bursts of happiness for people around us. Imagine being a real-life elf, making the world a brighter and happier place.

**Sharing is Caring:** This time of year is about sharing love and kindness. When we help others, we're like superheroes, spreading joy and making everyone feel warm and fuzzy inside. It's like sharing a big, cosy blanket of love with the whole world!



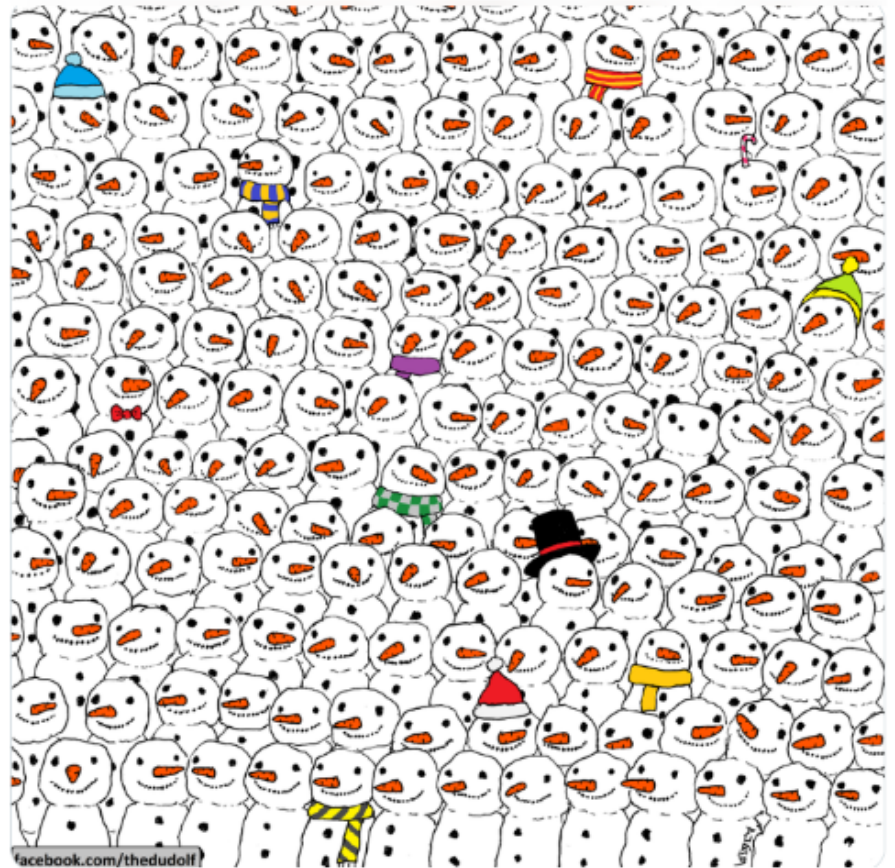
**Making Hearts Sparkle:** Have you ever seen someone smile really big because you did something nice for them? That's like turning on the sparkle lights in their hearts! When we volunteer, whether it's helping a friend, family, or someone we've never met, we're like little stars brightening up the sky of kindness.

**Teamwork Makes the Dream Work:** You know how Santa's reindeer work together to fly his sleigh? Well, when we help others, it's like being part of an amazing team! Team Kindness, that is! Working together makes everything more fun and helps us do even bigger and better things to make the world a happier place.

**The Joy of Giving:** Imagine you have a special toy, and you decide to share it with a friend. How does it make you feel? Pretty awesome, right? Helping others is like giving the gift of joy, and the best part is, the more you give, the more you get! It's like a magical loop of happiness that keeps going around.

# CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

Somewhere hidden amongst the snowmen is a PANDA. Can you find the panda in this picture? Good luck!



# RESOURCE CORNER

For those who celebrate Christmas and the magic of Santa delivering gifts on Christmas Eve, you can track Santa and his journey on the 24th December. For over 60 years, NORAD and its predecessor, the Continental Air Defense Command (CONAD) have tracked Santa's flight. [Follow Santa](#) as he makes his magical journey around the world.



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# FAMOUS HOMESCHOOLER OF THE MONTH

One notable homeschooler who went on to become a famous artist is Leonardo da Vinci. Born on April 15, 1452, in Vinci, Italy, Leonardo was primarily educated at home under the guidance of his father, Ser Piero, and grandfather. His early years of education involved a diverse range of subjects, including reading, writing, mathematics, and music.

Leonardo da Vinci is widely regarded as one of the most versatile and talented individuals in history, with accomplishments spanning art, science, anatomy, engineering, and more. His artistic genius is evident in iconic works such as the "Mona Lisa" and "The Last Supper." Leonardo's unconventional upbringing, which included homeschooling, likely played a role in his ability to approach art with a unique perspective and interdisciplinary understanding.



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## PARENTS SPOTLIGHT

As the holiday season approaches, homeschooling parents often find themselves immersed in the hustle and bustle of festive preparations and academic responsibilities. Amidst the joy of creating magical moments for your children, it's crucial to remember the importance of kindness towards yourself.

Take a step back, acknowledge your efforts, and grant yourself the gift of self-care. Whether it's indulging in a quiet moment with a cup of tea, enjoying a good book, or simply taking a leisurely walk, prioritise some time for yourself. Recognise that you are not just an educator but a multifaceted individual deserving of relaxation and rejuvenation.

This holiday season, allow yourself the grace to recharge, fostering not only your wellbeing but also enhancing the positive energy you bring to your homeschooling environment.

In the spirit of self-compassion, consider reaching out to support networks or fellow homeschooling parents. Share experiences, exchange tips, and remind each other of the significance of self-care during this festive season. By cultivating kindness towards yourself, you not only model a healthy approach to life for your children, but also ensure that you enter the new year with a renewed sense of energy and enthusiasm for the continued homeschooling journey.

Happy holidays!

# TREE PLANTING UPDATE

As most of you know by now, we're gearing up to celebrate the 130th anniversary of Wolsey Hall Oxford in 2024!

To commemorate this important milestone, we have invited students, families and staff to plant a tree for Wolsey Hall. A big thank you to those who have already participated - we are currently at 202 trees which is wonderful. Our target is to reach 1,894 by the end of 2024 so please let us know if you take part.

Email your details to:  
[Danielle.hilton@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk](mailto:Danielle.hilton@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk)  
and feel free to include a photo if your child wishes to be added to [our website](#).



# 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?