



WOLSEY HALL OXFORD
THE HOMESCHOOLING COLLEGE

Primary Newsletter



WELCOME

Dear students, parents and families,

Welcome to the February issue of the Primary newsletter and welcome to all the new families who joined us in January. We hope your learning journey with Wolsey Hall feels supportive, guided and inspiring!

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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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:

Akira, age 9, Australia
 Hanan, age 8, Canada
 Jia Shin, age 13, Malaysia
 Adhikshit, age 11, India
 Adam, age 7, Kuwait
 Kaeden, age 11, China
 Arabella, age 12, New Zealand
 Kalina, age 10, Indonesia
 Nicole, age 10, Bulgaria
 Sebastian, age 9, Colombia
 Pierre, age 9, Hungary
 Flynn, age 6, Italy
 Olav, age 8, Norway
 Bhargodev, age 13, Malaysia
 Fine, age 10, Kuwait
 John, age 9, Indonesia
 Maya, age 12, New Zealand
 Deone, age 13, Malaysia
 Victoria, age 12, Norway
 Daniel, age 10, Cyprus
 Copper, age 9, Philippines
 Mees, age 8, Kuwait
 Czar, age 12, Malaysia
 Adidev, age 12, India
 Matthew, age 14, Australia
 Hassan, age 11, Malaysia
 Pranav, age 9, India
 Huda, age 9, China
 Howie, age 9, Australia
 Rudolph, age 11, Malaysia
 Nickel, age 11, Philippines
 Khalila, age 10, Indonesia
 Zohra, age 13, New Zealand
 Karanbir, age 10, India
 Aydin, age 11, Malaysia
 Luciana, age 11, Colombia

Shahba, age 8, Brazil
 Gabba, age 7, Colombia
 Hamdaan, age 11, India
 Sofia, age 12, Philippines
 Sienna, age 11, New Zealand
 Evangeline, age 6, Kuwait
 Eucharist, age 13, Finland
 Marayam, age 13, Oman
 Aine, age 11, New Zealand
 Kaylin, age 12, Bulgaria
 Madhava, age 12, Malaysia
 Selma, age 9, Indonesia
 Phillipa, age 12, Philippines
 Alexander, age 11, China
 Max, age 8, Indonesia
 David, age 9, Philippines
 Arahi, age 11, New Zealand
 Zoe, age 12, Malaysia
 Chimela, age 12, Philippines
 Agrima, age 11, India
 Elmar, age 9, Lebanon
 Kalea, age 8, Indonesia
 Ashraf, age 11, Malaysia
 Eduard, age 11, Philippines
 Sean, age 15, Monaco
 Rhys, age 13, New Zealand
 Malika, age 9, Australia
 Jia Cheng, age 11, Malaysia
 Clive, age 10, Indonesia
 Griffin, age 13, New Zealand
 Stefan, age 6, China
 Deneuve, age 10, Indonesia
 Xenia, age 8, Monaco
 Chandrapaul, age 10, India
 Inara, age 12, New Zealand
 Khloe, age 10, Philippines

LOVE IS ALL AROUND



February is here, and did you know that in many countries around the world, love is celebrated during this month on Valentine's Day (14th February here in the UK)? But love isn't something that should just be shown on one day of the year – it can be shown all year round in many ways. Love is about showing the people around us that we care for and appreciate them. So, let's explore some cool and simple ways you can let others know that you appreciate them.

- **Make a Thank-You Card:** Grab some paper, crayons, and glitter (if you're feeling fancy) and create a special thank-you card for someone you appreciate. It could be your parents, siblings, friend or even your pet for being the best companion ever!
- **Help Out:** Show love by lending a helping hand. Offer to set the table for dinner, help with chores around the house, or assist a sibling with something. Small acts of kindness go a long way!
- **Cook Together:** Whip up something delicious in the kitchen with your family. Whether it's baking cookies, making sandwiches, or mixing up a fruit salad, cooking together can be a fun way to bond and show you care.
- **Write a Poem or Story:** Get creative with your words! Write a short poem or story expressing your feelings for someone special. It could be about how much you love your best friend's jokes or how awesome your grandparents are.
- **Plan a Fun Activity:** Organise a movie night, a board game tournament, or a picnic with your family. Spending quality time together is a fantastic way to show you value each other's company.
- **Give Compliments:** Spread positivity by giving genuine compliments. Tell someone their cooking is delicious, let an adult know you appreciate them, or praise your friend for their amazing artwork. It's a simple gesture that can brighten someone's day!
- **Share Your Toys:** If you have siblings, why not share your toys or games with them? It's a generous way to show you care about their happiness too.

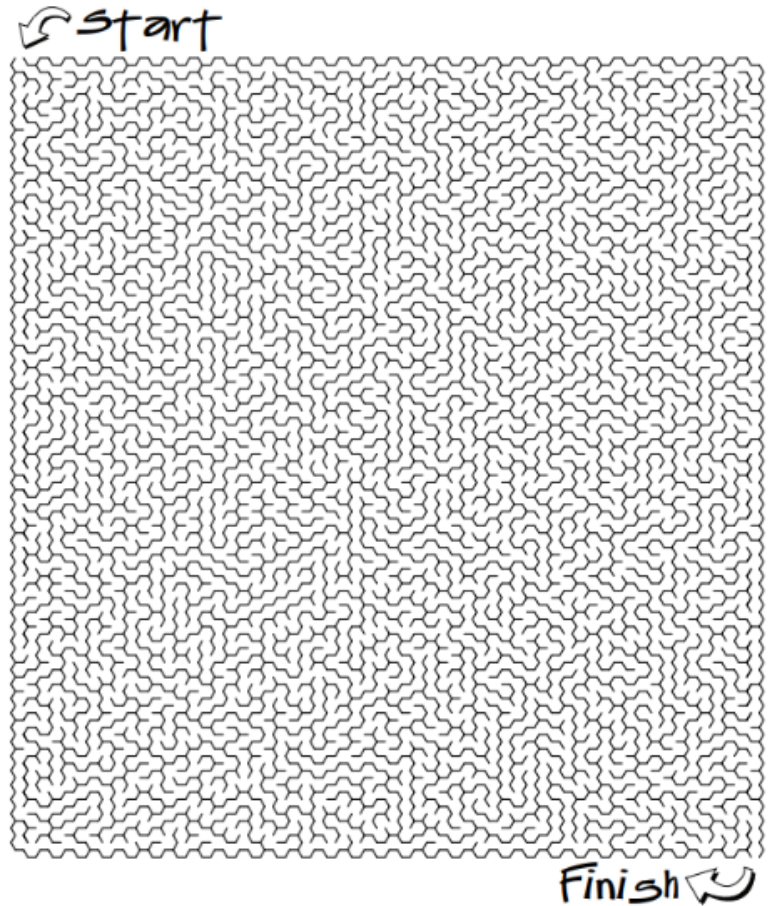


Remember, showing love and appreciation doesn't have to be complicated or mushy. It's about the little things we do every day to make the people around us feel special and valued. So, let's celebrate love in our own unique and fun ways this February and beyond!



CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

Can you find your way through the maze from the start to the finish?



LIFE SKILLS CORNER

How to make British tea!

You will need:

- A teabag (for example English Breakfast or Earl Grey)
- A cup
- Boiling water
- Milk (optional)
- Sugar (optional)
- A teaspoon



Instructions:

- **Boil the water:** Ask an adult to help you boil some water in a kettle or a pan. Be careful, as boiling water is very hot!
- **Prepare the cup:** Take a clean cup and put one teabag inside it.
- **Pour the water:** Carefully pour the boiling water into the cup, fill it almost to the top but leave a little space so it doesn't spill.
- **Let it steep:** Leave the teabag in the hot water for about 2-3 minutes. This lets the tea get nice and strong.
- **Remove the teabag:** Use a teaspoon to carefully take out the teabag from the cup. Squeeze it gently against the side of the cup to get all the yummy tea out.
- **Add milk (optional):** If you like your tea with milk, ask an adult to help you pour a little bit of milk into your cup. Be careful not to put too much!
- **Add sugar (optional):** If you want your tea sweeter, you can ask for a teaspoonful of sugar. Stir it into your tea until it dissolves.
- **Stir and enjoy:** Finally, use your teaspoon to give your tea a gentle stir. Then, take a sip and enjoy your delicious cup of British tea!

Remember, making tea can be fun but always be careful around hot water and ask for help from an adult when needed. Enjoy your tea time!

FAMOUS HOMESCHOOLER OF THE MONTH

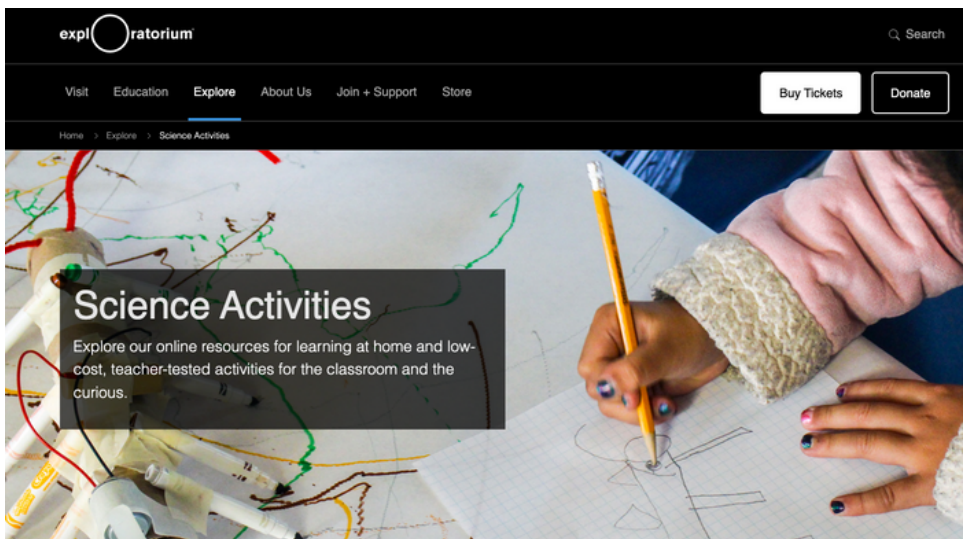
Julian Trevelyan, the concert pianist, was homeschooled. Born in 2005, Julian Trevelyan gained attention for his exceptional talent as a pianist from a very young age. His parents, recognising his passion and potential in music, chose to homeschool him to provide flexibility in his education, allowing him to dedicate significant time to his musical training and development. Through homeschooling, Julian was able to pursue a rigorous curriculum tailored to his interests and schedule, enabling him to excel both academically and musically. His talent and dedication have led to numerous performances and accolades, establishing him as a rising star in the world of classical music. Trevelyan has travelled widely to give solo and orchestral concerts, and has won several major classical music competitions, often being the youngest to compete.



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RESOURCE CORNER – EXPLORATORIUM

San Francisco's [Exploratorium](#) at the Palace of Fine Arts website teaches kids about science and art in new ways. The activities let kids tinker with gadgets, go below the sea, rocket into the galaxy, as well as learn about the science of gardening, animals, and cells, to name a few.



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THE IMPORTANCE OF A BROAD CURRICULUM FOR HOMESCHOOLING

As homeschooling parents, one of the greatest advantages we have is the flexibility to tailor our children's education to suit their individual needs and interests. When designing our child's studies, it's crucial to consider the importance of offering a broad curriculum that encompasses a variety of subjects. While focusing on core subjects like Maths and English is essential, introducing a breadth of topics ranging from Science and History to Art and Music can enrich their learning experience and foster a well-rounded education.

A diverse curriculum not only provides children with a holistic understanding of the world around them but also helps them discover their passions and strengths. By exposing our children to different subjects, we empower them to explore various fields of knowledge, encouraging curiosity and critical thinking skills. Whether it's conducting Science experiments, delving into the depths of literature, or creating masterpieces in Art class, each subject offers unique opportunities for growth

and development, nurturing a love for learning that extends beyond the confines of traditional schooling.

Furthermore, a broad curriculum equips children with a range of skills that are essential for success in today's rapidly changing world. Subjects such as technology, languages and physical education not only expand their knowledge base but also foster creativity, communication and adaptability. By embracing a diverse range of subjects, we prepare our children to navigate the complexities of the modern landscape with confidence and resilience, equipping them with the tools they need to thrive academically, socially, and professionally. In essence, a broad curriculum lays the foundation for a lifelong journey of discovery and growth, empowering our children to become well-rounded individuals capable of making meaningful contributions to society.



COMPETITION TIME!

As we celebrate 130 years of Wolsey Hall Oxford, we're thinking of how people commemorate occasions.

We're inviting you to gather some items together to put into a (virtual) time capsule and then take a photo. Imagine someone opening this capsule in 130 years' time – what items can you gather that would give them an idea of your life now? Perhaps you could include something that reflects your hobby? A textbook to demonstrate your favourite subject? Perhaps a family memento?

This is just a virtual time capsule, so you don't need to really bury it somewhere!

One Primary winner will receive £50 and two runners-up will receive a Wolsey Hall t-shirt. Find all the competition details in the Primary Community.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We have Wolsey Hall students in over 130 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?