



# Primary Newsletter



## Welcome

Dear students, parents and families,

Welcome to the June 2024 issue of the Primary newsletter.

As we enter the summer months here in the UK, we approach what is traditionally the largest holiday season for students. While our homeschool students have the flexibility to take breaks at any time of the year, many of our families choose to rest, relax, and spend quality family time during the summer. For all our students taking a break over the summer, please ensure you step away from your academic studies, get plenty of rest, recharge your brain and energy levels, learn about things beyond academics, explore, and most importantly, have fun!

In this newsletter, we provide tips and advice, as well as some fun, for our students and families.

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:

Zaynab, age 6, Saudi Arabia  
 Simba, age 11, Zimbabwe  
 Jinjin, age 6, USA  
 Pann, age 10, Thailand  
 Maximilian, age 12, Spain  
 Mohammed, age 13, UAE  
 Jonathan age 12, Zambia  
 Jude-Marie, age 8, Trinidad and Tobago  
 Baylasan, age 6, Saudi Arabia  
 Christiaan, age 10, South Africa  
 Sahel, age 13, UAE  
 Milinrada, age 7, Thailand  
 Felix, age 5, UK  
 Roshan, age 12, Zimbabwe  
 Victoria, age 10, South Korea  
 Christina, age 10, Thailand  
 Jesse, age 12, Spain  
 Nerla, age 15, USA  
 Joshua age 10, South Africa  
 Yahya, age 13, UAE  
 Cemile, age 10, Turkey  
 Caleb, age 8, UK  
 Motaz, age 6, Saudi Arabia  
 Jean, age 11, Zambia  
 Aiden age 11, USA  
 Zidane age 6, South Africa  
 Xenia, age 6, Romania  
 Kepha Ben, age 13, Spain  
 Michaela, age 8, UK  
 Jens, age 11, Zambia  
 Sahisha, age 5, India  
 Arjun, age 10, USA  
 Noah, age 13, Spain  
 Anisia, age 6, Romania  
 Schalk, age 8, Malaysia

Stella, age 12, Zimbabwe  
 Mikael, age 12, UAE  
 Joseph, age 6, Saudi Arabia  
 Ariel, age 12, USA  
 Sybila, age 11, Spain  
 Dawit, age 12, UAE  
 Thattiya, age 10, Thailand  
 Charlotte, age 12, Zimbabwe  
 Jason, age 8, South Korea  
 Israel, age 12, USA  
 Inara, age 10, Thailand  
 Aden, age 9, South Africa  
 Adira, age 11, USA  
 Sedra, age 6, Saudi Arabia  
 Runa, age 8, UK  
 Nataniel, age 12, Spain  
 Aimee, age 12, Trinidad and Tobago  
 Chris, age 7, South Korea  
 Charlie, age 8, UK  
 Jordan, age 9, South Africa  
 Hannah, age 12, Uganda  
 Blake, age 11, Spain  
 Alexis, age 9, Thailand  
 Zaeem, age 8, South Africa  
 Jacques, age 9, Thailand  
 Jasmine, age 10, USA  
 Alisha, age 6, India  
 Rahini, age 8, Malaysia  
 Abigail, age 8, South Africa  
 Amos, age 6, Romania  
 Poppy, age 8, Thailand  
 Stefan, age 13, Spain  
 Nimeesha, age 8, Malaysia  
 Ewan, age 8, South Africa  
 Alisa, age 5, Romania  
 Zack, age 8, UK

# New quizzes in Year 1 and 2 courses

We are delighted to be adding quizzes to our Year 1 and 2 courses. They will provide an opportunity to check your knowledge and understanding as you move through the courses. Watch out for their introduction to your course in Canvas!



## Being a global citizen

Imagine if the whole world was one big neighbourhood and everyone was your friend. Being a global citizen means just that! It's about understanding that, even though people live in different countries, speak different languages, and have different traditions, we are all part of one big family.

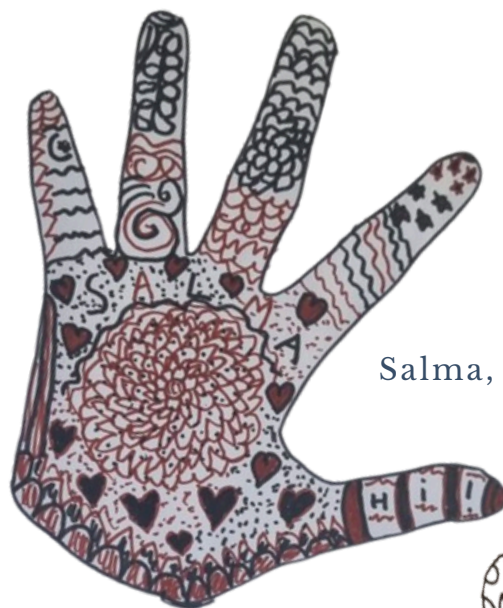


As a global citizen, you show kindness, respect and care for everyone, no matter where they come from or what they look like. It's like being a superhero of friendship and understanding, spreading love and peace wherever you go, which is simple and powerful. You can start by learning about other cultures and celebrating differences. When you meet someone new, be curious and open-hearted. Listen to their stories and share yours too. If someone is feeling sad or left out, be there to offer a smile or a helping hand. Remember, small acts of kindness can make a big difference. By treating everyone with respect and love, you help make the world a happier and more peaceful place for everyone.

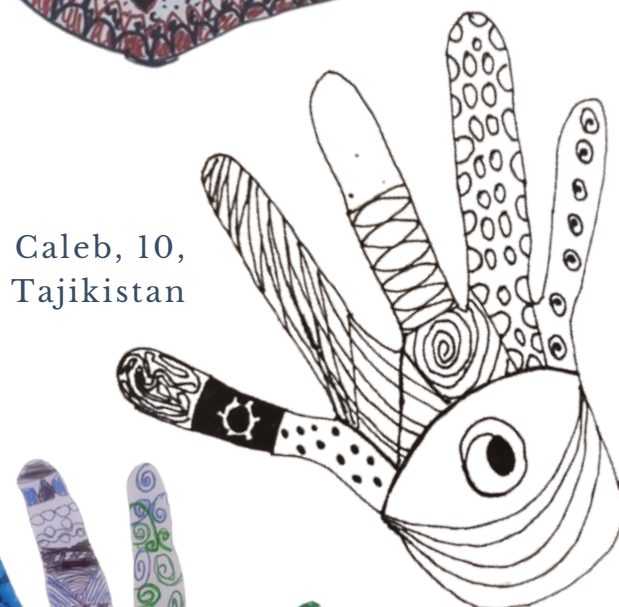
Thank you for your hand shaped doodles in Art Club last month! Here's some of your creative entries.



Georgiana, 8, Saudi Arabia



Salma, 10, Jordan



Caleb, 10, Tajikistan



Hashim, 7, Jordan



Lily, 8, New Zealand

Kian, 7, India



Fatima, 8, UAE



Karo, 9, UK

# June club themes

Learning how to cook is not only fun but an important life skill to have as you get older. Being able to cook a variety of nutritious meals will help to keep you healthy and it gives you an ideal chance to discover dishes from other countries. Why not try Cookery Club this month as we're making kebabs?



**Art Club:** Draw half a self portrait then show your creations at the meet-up on Thursday 27 June.

**Book Club:** Budding Bookworms are meeting on Tuesday 25 June.

**Chess Club:** Chess club is meeting on Monday 17 June.

**Cookery Club:** Make your own kebabs with your choice of ingredients.

**Creative Writing Club:** Create a tourist guide for where you live.

**Eco Club:** Make a crown.

**LEGO® Club:** Can you build letters with LEGO® to spell your name?

**Photography Club:** Capture a photo of your favourite street.

**Virtual Choir:** There's still time to join in with practising the latest song.

You can find all the details on each club page in the Primary Community.

# Student Spotlight

Eleven-year-old Nafisa secured a bronze medal at a Taekwondo tournament in Indonesia in May.

Nafisa has only been practising taekwondo for a year so this is an amazing achievement.

If your child has an achievement they are proud of and would like to share it in our newsletter, please email: [danielle.hilton@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk](mailto:danielle.hilton@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk)



# Famous homeschooler of the month

One notable homeschooler is Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone.

Bell was initially educated by his mother, who homeschooled him due to his difficulties with traditional schooling. His mother, who was an accomplished pianist despite being deaf, provided a unique and supportive learning environment that encouraged Bell's curiosity and passion for science and sound. This homeschooling experience allowed Bell to explore his interests deeply, ultimately leading to his groundbreaking work in communication technology. Bell's invention of the telephone revolutionised global communication, demonstrating how personalised and flexible education can cultivate extraordinary talent and innovation.



## Challenge of the month

### Puzzle: The Mystery Sequence

Below are a few sequences of numbers. Each sequence is missing a number. Can you figure out which number is missing in each sequence? Look for the pattern in each sequence to find the missing number.

1, 4, 7, 10, \_\_  
2, 6, 10, 14, \_\_  
15, 12, 9, 6, \_\_  
3, 9, 27, \_\_, 243

### Hints:

The difference between each number is the same in the first three sequences.

In the last sequence, each number is multiplied by the same number to get the next one.



# Lifeskills corner

## Build a bird feeder and start bird watching

### What you will need:

- An empty milk carton or a plastic bottle
- Scissors (with adult supervision)
- String or twine
- Paints and markers
- Birdseed
- A notebook and coloured pencils

### Instructions:

#### Create the bird feeder:

1. With the help of an adult, cut out a window on one side of the milk carton or bottle. Make sure you leave enough space at the bottom to hold the birdseed.
2. Poke a small hole at the top of the feeder and thread a string or twine through it to hang it up later.
3. Decorate the feeder with paints and markers. Make it colourful and fun!

#### Fill and hang:

1. Once the feeder is dry, fill it with birdseed.
2. Hang the feeder on a tree branch or a sturdy hook outside where you can easily watch it from a window.

#### Start birdwatching:

1. Get your notebook and coloured pencils ready.
2. Spend some time each day observing the birds that visit your feeder. Draw pictures of the birds you see and write down any interesting observations.
3. Try to identify different bird species using a bird guidebook or an app.

If you don't have birds nearby, can you adapt this to be a feeder for a different animal, perhaps some kind of insect?



# Resource corner

Crazy Gears is a problem-solving game that gets kids thinking critically, problem solving, and exploring physics and other STEM topics. There are no instructions - children experiment as they figure everything out on their own. A parents' guide provides background information, definitions, fun facts, and project ideas, though it's not embedded into gameplay.



*Wolsey Hall is not affiliated with this app.*

# The importance of a broad and rounded curriculum in homeschooling

Providing a broad and rounded curriculum is essential for the holistic development of your child. From ages 5 to 11 children are like sponges, absorbing information from the world around them. A varied curriculum exposes them to a wide range of subjects, from mathematics and science to literature, art, and physical education. This diversity not only helps to develop a well-rounded intellect but also sparks curiosity and a love for learning. By experiencing different fields of study, children can discover their interests and talents, which is crucial for their personal growth and future academic choices.



A well-rounded education also fosters critical life skills. Subjects like science and maths develop logical thinking and problem-solving abilities, while arts and humanities nurture creativity and empathy. Physical education and sports promote physical health and teamwork. Additionally, learning about history and different cultures instils a sense of global awareness and respect for diversity. These skills are interconnected and reinforce each other, creating a balanced foundation for your child's education. Such a comprehensive approach ensures that children are not only knowledgeable but also adaptable and resilient, ready to face the challenges of the future.

Moreover, a broad curriculum prepares children for the complexities of the real world. In our increasingly interconnected society, having a multifaceted education is more important than ever. It allows children to see the connections between different areas of knowledge and understand how they apply to everyday life. For example, understanding the basics of science can explain the natural world around them, while grasping historical events can provide context for current affairs. This integrative learning approach helps children become well-informed, critical thinkers who can navigate and contribute positively to the world. As a parent, ensuring your child receives a comprehensive education is one of the greatest gifts you can provide, setting them up for a lifetime of success and fulfillment.



# Tree planting update

Our tree planting project is still underway. Thank you to everyone who has been busy digging as we've now planted over 300 trees worldwide.

Let's keep going and see if we can smash our 1,894 target by the end of 2024.

You can read more about this initiative to commemorate the 130th year of Wolsey Hall Oxford on [our website](#).

If you have planted a tree and would like to add it to our tally, please email: [danielle.hilton@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk](mailto:danielle.hilton@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk)



## 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?