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Welcome

Welcome to the May edition of the Primary newsletter. We have lots of information to share with you in this issue and hope you enjoy reading it. As we continue to face challenges and struggles around the globe with Covid-19, it is inspiring to see our young children adapt to their circumstance and remain positive in their learning and life. I am often sent completed student assignments by our tutors or SPMs, to share the excellent learning being demonstrated by our Primary students. This is in no small part due to the encouragement, support and determination of our Wolsey Hall parents. I want to thank you all for your commitment to your child's learning. We are all incredibly proud of our students, and it is a pleasure to be in partnership with you, to help our young learners to grow.



Best wishes,
Christine Armstrong, Head of Primary



What's New

WOLSEY HALL VIRTUAL CHOIR

We are delighted to announce that we will soon be launching our first music project - the Wolsey Hall Oxford Virtual Choir.

If your child is interested, we would love to hear from you. Please note, you do not need to be taking Music to get involved. This is for everyone! Even if you do not sing, you can still get involved.

If you would like to sign up or find out more about what will be a fantastic opportunity, please send your details:

Student Name and Age
 Contact Email
 Parent/Carer Name
 Parent/Carer Email
 to: choir@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk

We really hope you will join us for our exciting music project.

New French Course



FOR YEAR 2 - 6 STUDENTS

Our Primary French homeschooling course covers the French requirements of the Key Stage 2 English National Curriculum over four years.

Primary Level French is a fun, interactive course, which allows our students to not only learn a new language, but also to learn about the French culture.

Everyone will normally start with Level 1 in order to ensure that they become confident, well-rounded linguists. If the student can already speak and understand some French, there is the possibility to start with the Level 2 course. You can find out more on our [website](#).

If you are interested in joining our French course, please contact your Student Progress Manager.

HELLO!

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:

Alissa, age 6, China	Gonzalo, age 7, UAE	Vivian, age 10, Belgium
Dewi Althea, age 6, Indonesia	Daria, age 8, Japan	Aasiyah, age 10, UK
Holly, age 6, South Africa	Assena and Tuana, age 8, Kazakhstan	Ethan and Joshua, age 10, Singapore
Jayden, age 5, UK	Matthew Jin Fung, age 9, China	Rania, age 10, Kuwait
Joaquin, age 5, Ecuador	Jhaswin, age 9, Singapore	Nicholas, age 10, UK
Lily, age 6, Thailand	Fathima, age 8, UAE	Zara, age 10, UAE
Nihaal, age 5, UK	Luca, age 8, Rwanda	Ron, age 10, Thailand
Owen, age 5, Canada	Owaiss, age 7, Saudi Arabia	Anaya, age 10, USA
Paulina, age 6, Spain	Jacob, age 8, UK	Aybuke, age 10, Turkey
Sophia, age 5, Mauritius	Hanaa, age 8, UK	Maximilian, age 10, Poland
Tala, age 5, India	Malek, age 9, Georgia	Sakeena, age 10, South Africa
Timijan (Tim), age 5, New Zealand	Rania, age 9, UAE	Bianca, age 10, Italy
Ahmed, age 7, Georgia	Aaminah, age 9, Qatar	Johanna, age 10, UK
Alexander, age 7, USA	Delphine, age 10, Ireland	Zianie Elize, age 11, Laos
Ismail, age 7, UK	Kate, age 9, Peru	Mohamed, age 11, Qatar
Jemima, age 7, UK	Victor, age 9, Ecuador	Shauryajit, age 11, India
Khaira, age 7, Oman	Ekkanut, age 9, Thailand	Michael, age 11, Spain
Luke Joseph, age 6, UAE	Miles, age 9, Indonesia	Aaliya, age 11, Indonesia
Maryam, age 7, Qatar	Lilie, age 9, Guana	Muriel, age 11, Mexico
Omar, age 6, Oman	Andrew, age 9, Czech Republic	Louis, age 11, UAE
Sofie, age 7, Luxembourg	Kseniia, age 9, Ukraine	Tameem, age 11, Saudi Arabia
Vivaan, age 7, UK	Syedradmehr, age 9, UAE	Thandiwe Tatenda, age 11, Botswana
Zaidi, age 7, Turkey	Diego, age 9, Spain	Joaquin, age 11, Ecuador
Chloe, age 8, UK	Leen, age 9, Egypt	Francisco, age 11, Portugal

Reflection Time

Reflection of learning is a fantastic tool we can use to encourage our children to think more deeply about their learning. Reflection of learning involves students thinking about what they have read, done, or learned, and considering what can be learnt from this experience, to further grow and develop. As adults we often do this: how many times do you go over something again in your mind, and can see where you have done well, could have improved, or even changed something to make it better? Encouraging children to do this helps them to develop this way of thinking.

Why not try reflecting on the day's learning? You could ask your child these questions:

- What did you enjoy most about the learning today?
- Can you share something that that you learnt today that you didn't know before?
- What did you find the most difficult today? What could we do to help with this?
- When do you think you were learning at your best today? Why?
- Do you think there is any of your learning we need to look at again?
- What made you curious today?

Spotlight On... Noorah and Nawwarah

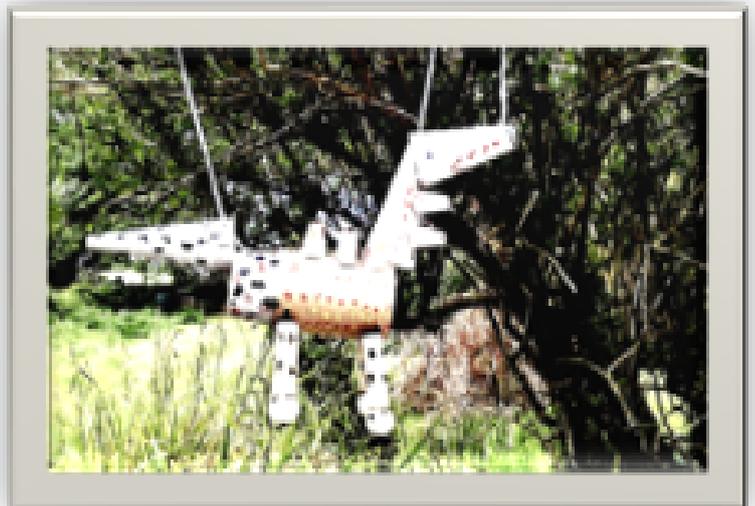
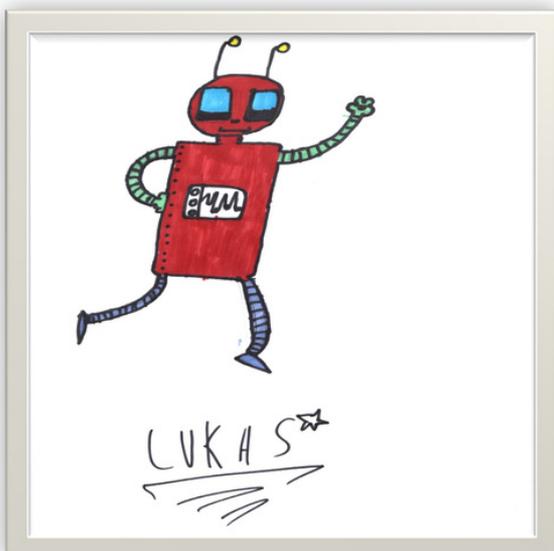
Noorah, age 7, and Nawwarah, age 5, from Saudi Arabia have been creating a display about India for a World Culture Day exhibition.

They have been busy with lots of activities like baking classes, cycling and skating, and attending a World Culture Day exhibition, alongside their homeschooling with Wolsey Hall.



Spotlight On... Lukas

During the Covid-19 pandemic 10-year-old Lukas from the UK completed his Arts Award Explore in association with the Arts Council England. There are 4 parts - Inspire, Explore, Create and Present. Lukas made a puppet, drew a robot and researched the work of his favourite comic artist before recording it all to present for his Award.





The importance of 'me' time

With our fast pace of life and busy schedules it is important that we take time to focus on ourselves, as well as our children. There are often not enough hours in the day to get everything done, and the life of a homeschooling parent is even busier.

As parents, we often fall to the bottom of our list of priorities. To maintain a healthy and positive approach to life, we need to remember to give ourselves some time and space and prioritise some 'me' time. It can be hard to do when we have so much to get done, but 'me' time will help you keep a positive frame of mind and maintain positive wellbeing. You often hear the saying, 'I'm happy if my children are happy.' This works both ways! Happy parents make for happy children. It's not selfish to have a little time for yourself, whether it is focusing on a hobby, getting creative, getting exercise or just being in a quiet space with your thoughts. Think about how much time you have for yourself in a week; are you being kind to yourself as well as others?

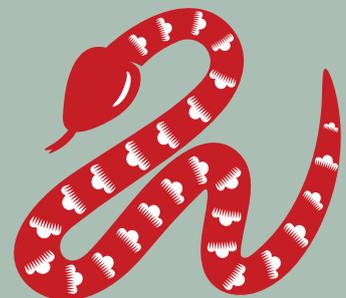
If you would like to suggest a topic for our Parent Spotlight section please email:
christine.armstrong@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk

Student Challenge of the Month

You will need:
One sheet of A4 paper
Scissors

What is the longest paper snake you can make? You can only cut the paper! You are not allowed to use glue, tape, or anything else to stick the paper together so it must stay as one single piece of paper.

Email a photo and the length of your snake (in cm) to:
christine.armstrong@wolseyhalloxford.org.uk





May Club Theme - Captain Tom 100 Challenge

Our May creativity theme is the brainchild of our student Hasan, who led the way by setting up his own donation page for his Captain Tom 100 challenge! Thank you Hasan.

If you feel inspired, you can join in with this initiative and help raise funds for your chosen charity. And share your activities with us so that we can tag you on social media. More details can be found on the Community website.

Community Support

We have Wolsey Hall students in over 100 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?



Our [YouTube channel](#) is full of videos from students and their families who are sharing advice and tips for successful homeschooling.



Whether you're a seasoned homeschooler or completely new, the [homeschooling tips](#) on our website aim to make life that bit easier.

CLUBS FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS

We warmly encourage your child to participate in our Student Community which includes clubs with monthly themes. You'll find our competitions here too.

Clubs include:

- Art & Design
- Chess
- Cookery
- Creative Writing
- Digital Media
- Health & Fitness

We also have a Virtual Library which contains hundreds of fiction and non-fiction titles for your child to choose from. Borrowing books is completely free.

Access to these clubs can be found on the Student Community website.

