



WOLSEY HALL OXFORD  
THE HOMESCHOOLING COLLEGE

# Primary Newsletter



## Welcome

Dear students, parents and families,

Welcome to the April 2024 issue of the Primary newsletter.

In this edition, we're thrilled to share a plethora of resources, tips, and inspirational content to accompany you on your homeschooling adventure. We've curated these materials with your needs in mind, aiming to provide both practical assistance and a spark of motivation.

Take a moment to explore the April newsletter, and we hope you find it both enjoyable and beneficial!

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:

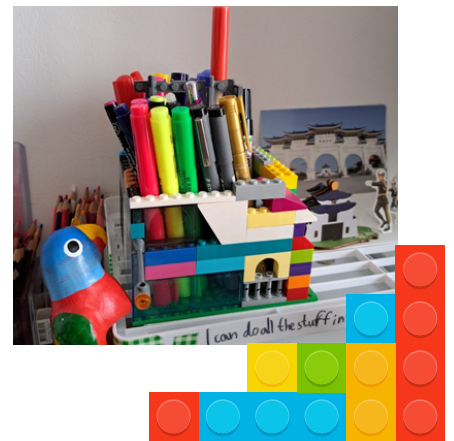
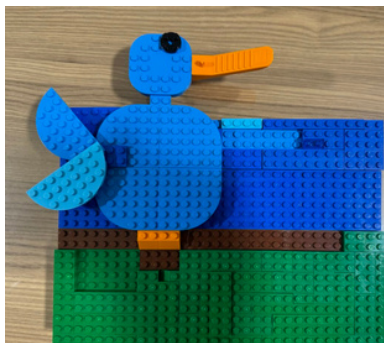
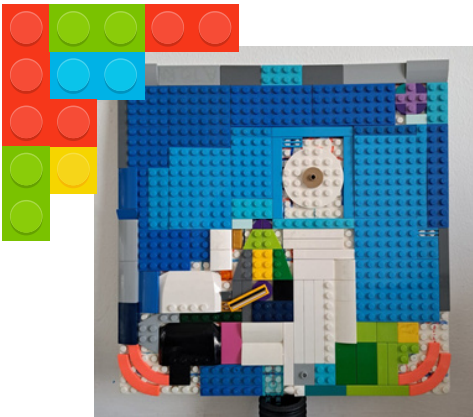
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 Dorethea, age 9, Philippines  
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 Ruby, age 8, Cote D'Ivoire  
 Sharmitra, age 10, Malaysia  
 Tobias, age 9, Czech Republic  
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 Aryash, age 11, Netherlands  
 Shoyo, age 9, India  
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 Theuns, age 9, Mozambique  
 Sarim, age 11, Pakistan  
 Bayzen, age 10, Australia  
 Mmakgosi, age 12, Botswana  
 Ingrid, age 10, Romania  
 Azobe Jayden, age 11, Mozambique  
 Tanay, age 9, India  
 Amara, age 7, Philippines  
 Radu, age 12, Romania  
 Abigail, age 11, Malaysia  
 Raphaela, age 8, Cote D'Ivoire  
 Gautam, age 10, India  
 Jabar, age 10, Azerbaijan  
 Luca, age 12, Rwanda

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 Tanisha, age 8, Philippines  
 Aria, age 7, Mauritius  
 William, age 11, Czech Republic  
 Divya, age 9, India  
 Sofia, age 12, Romania  
 Thomas, age 7, Indonesia  
 Felix, age 7, Philippines  
 Zeenia, age 12, Saudi Arabia  
 Darie, age 10, Romania  
 Ashwin, age 11, Malaysia

# Share your LEGO® love

Many children love LEGO®. These building bricks open up a whole world of imagination and we love to receive photos of the students' builds. Currently, we set a new challenge each month for children to try but we'd love to hear from students if they have a specific idea in mind for LEGO® club. Is there something you'd like to see other students having a go at building? Let us know and we could feature your idea one month!

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## April club themes

**Art Club:** Drawing animals.

**Book Club:** Budding Bookworms are meeting on 30 April.

**Chess Club:** Chess club is meeting on Monday 15 April.

**Cookery Club:** Fruit muffins.

**Creative Writing Club:** Enter the creative writing competition.

**Eco Club:** Nature mandalas.

**LEGO® Club:** Building animals.

**Photography Club:** Capture your favourite shoes.

**Virtual Choir:** The group is learning a new song so it's the perfect time to join.

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



# Student Spotlights

Many congratulations to Primary student Mmakgosi! Very recently Mmakgosi won the award for Botswana Sports Woman of the Year with a Disability. As the youngest nominee at just 11-years-old this is an amazing achievement!

While being a busy elite swimmer, Mmakgosi is also studying Year 6 courses with Wolsey Hall Oxford. She's shared her story of homeschooling with us. [You can read it on our website.](#)



In between studying her Primary courses, nine-year-old Phoebe is busy caring for an orphan calf at her home in Zimbabwe.

Phoebe says: "I feed Star her milk in the mornings and she gets a cup of cow meal. She then goes out grazing with her calf friends all day. She comes when I whistle for her in the afternoon and I feed her milk again and another cup of meal. Star's breed is 3/4 Beefmaster and 1/4 Nkoni."

# Am I good enough?

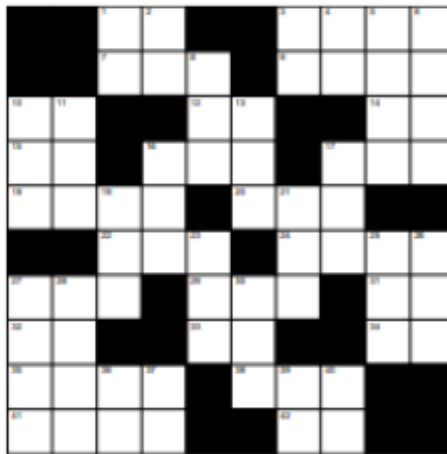
If you are feeling worried about not being good enough in your schoolwork, it's important to know that everyone learns at their own pace. Imagine learning to ride a bike – it takes time, practice, and sometimes a few wobbles before you can zoom around confidently. Just like that, learning can sometimes feel tricky, but every time you try, you're getting better and stronger. You are amazing just the way you are, and your unique way of learning makes you special!

In homeschooling, you have the incredible opportunity to explore subjects in your own way and at your own speed. So, if something seems tough right now, remember that with a little patience and determination, you can conquer it! And always remember, mistakes are just part of learning – they help us grow smarter and stronger. So, keep your chin up, keep trying your best, and know that you're doing brilliantly!

## Challenge of the month



Complete the puzzle by using the hints for each row and column.



### ACROSS

1. 32 across - 6
3. cost of 5 shirts at \$15.09 each
7. months in 71 years
9.  $3,301 \times 3$
10.  $93 - 5$
12. LXVIII
14. minutes in 1,680 seconds
15. XXIII + XLIV
16. \$16.76 minus \$8.27
17.  $306 - 44$
18.  $7,599 + 1,434$
20.  $750 + 11$

22.  $68 + 40$  down

24.  $2,564 \times 3$
27. days in the year 2025
29.  $945 - 294$
31. CXXIII - LXV
32. LXIV
33.  $61 + 14$
34. XXVIII
35. 22 across + 3,665
38. XCIV + CXXI
41.  $212 \times 22$
42.  $7 \times 7$

### DOWN

1. days from May 13 to July

10

2. number of nickels in \$4.25
3. 36 down - 17
4.  $43 + 16$
5. 21 down  $\times$  6
6. 13 down  $\times$  6
8.  $277 - 13$
10. 3 down  $\times$  11
11. 1 across  $\times$  15
13. DCCCXCVII
16. 32 across  $\times$  13
17. 37 down  $\times$  9
19. amount spent if the

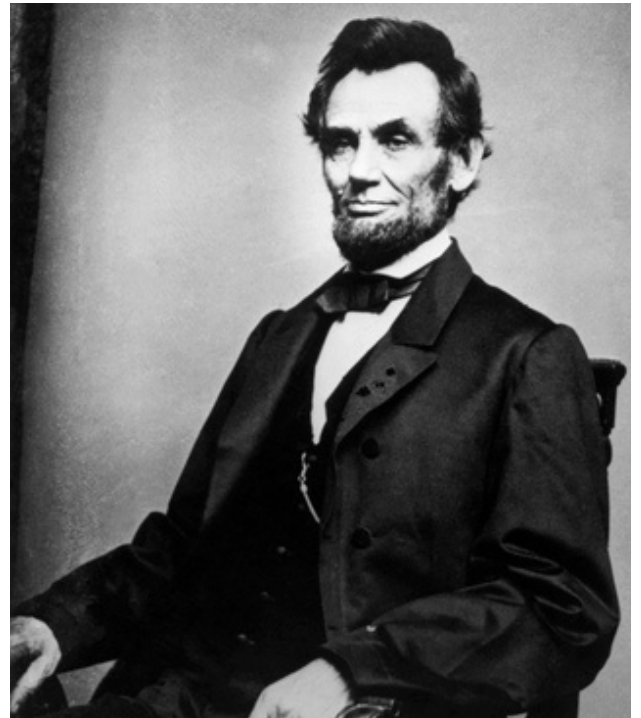
change from \$20 was \$16.85

21.  $654 + 17$
23. 40 down  $\times$  13
25. 39 down  $\times$  68
26. 36 down  $\times$  3
27.  $2,289 + 1,345$
28. \$47.10 plus \$17.66
30. hours in 23 days
36. CXXXIX - XLIII
37. 2 dimes and 4 pennies = \_\_\_¢
39. hours in 840 minutes
40. 3 across - 7,486

# Famous homeschooler of the month

One famous homeschooler is Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States. Born in a log cabin in Kentucky in 1809, Lincoln's formal education was limited to only a few years of schooling. However, he was largely self-educated and was taught by his parents at home.

Despite his humble beginnings, Lincoln went on to become one of the most revered leaders in American history. His leadership during the American Civil War and his efforts to abolish slavery have left an indelible mark on the nation. Lincoln's commitment to justice, equality, and perseverance in the face of adversity continues to inspire people around the world.



## Resource corner

[KidsDrawing.net](https://www.kidsdrawing.net) is a website contains lots of drawings, colouring pages and games for kids. It teaches kids how to draw different things step by step. Also there are games and colouring pages too. If you want your kid to learn drawing different things and having fun at the same time, this website is perfect fit. You can browse our latest art for kids below and we will soon add sketches for kids. Have fun!

### [Best Drawings and Colorings](#)



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# Lifeskills corner



Whistling can be a fun skill to master. Here's how you can do it:

- **Prepare Your Lips:** Start by moistening your lips slightly. This can help in producing a good whistle sound.
- **Shape Your Lips:** Form your lips into an "O" shape. Keep them relaxed, not too tight or too loose.
- **Create a Gap:** Place your tongue flat against the bottom of your mouth, just behind your bottom teeth. Leave a small gap between your tongue and the roof of your mouth.
- **Blow Air:** Take a deep breath and blow air through the small gap between your tongue and the roof of your mouth, while maintaining the "O" shape with your lips.
- **Adjustment:** You may need to adjust the position of your tongue and the shape of your lips to find the right balance of airflow. Experiment with different positions until you hear a clear whistle sound.
- **Practice:** Whistling might require some practice, so don't worry if you don't succeed immediately. Keep trying, and soon you'll be able to whistle tunes and impress your friends!

Remember to be patient and enjoy the process of learning. With practice, you'll become a skilled whistler in no time!



# Speaking and listening skills

For parents homeschooling children at Primary level, it's essential to recognise how vital speaking and listening skills are for laying the groundwork for reading and writing proficiency. These abilities are the building blocks of effective communication and are crucial for success in various areas of life. When kids are adept at speaking and listening, they're better equipped to understand instructions, express their thoughts clearly, and engage in meaningful conversations.



Strong speaking skills help children express themselves clearly and coherently. When encouraged to share their thoughts verbally, they learn how to structure sentences and organise their ideas effectively. This skill not only aids in communication but also sets a solid foundation for developing writing skills. Additionally, active listening skills enable children to grasp information accurately. By paying attention and processing what others are saying, they learn to understand the meaning behind written text, identify key ideas, and make connections between different concepts. Engaging in conversations and discussions also expands their vocabulary and deepens their understanding of language, which further enhances their reading and writing abilities.

In nurturing these skills, parents can create a rich language environment at home, encouraging children to express themselves confidently and engage in meaningful interactions. By providing ample opportunities for communication and actively listening to their children, parents can support their journey towards becoming proficient readers and writers. Encouraging a vibrant language environment not only enhances academic achievement but also empowers children to communicate effectively and thrive in various aspects of life.

If you are looking for support in the development of speaking and listening in the English language, Wolsey Hall Primary have a new course of personalised lessons in the English language. Please contact your SPM or visit our website for further details of our [Speaking & Listening in The English Language course](#).



# Competition winners announced

Thank you to all those students who entered our time capsule photography competition. We are delighted to announce the winner was eight-year-old Pranav from India. The runners-up were seven-year-old Zara from Oman and 10-year-old Caleb from the UK.

You can view all of the time capsules 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?