

23rd May 2025
Newsletter No. 32
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Article 28 Every child has the right to an education

Messages from Mr Butler

Punctuality Please note that children should be in class for 8.45 am, this is the time that School starts and the registers are taken. We appreciate that occasionally problems arise so please phone the School Office if you are going to be late.

Lost Property At the end of each day we are finding multiple items of lost uniform around School, many of them have no name in so it is very difficult for us to reunite them with their owner. Please write your child's name in clothing, thank you.

Whitsun Half Term This has been a very short half term but we break up for Whitsun next Friday, 23rd May. We return to School on Monday 2nd June for Healthy Living Week where the focus will be on developing the children's knowledge of a healthy lifestyle. We incorporate our Sports Days into this week so check the date and time with your child's teacher to make sure you don't miss it.

Social Media Please check you child's phone for appropriate usage on "What's App" and "Discord". We have been alerted to inappropriate use on these apps.

Facebook Do remember to take a look at the School's [Facebook](#) page.

Keith Butler

Praise Assembly

Children who gained badges and certificates deserve our special congratulations:

22/05/2025

Key Stage One

RR Foxes	Arabella
RB Hedgehogs	Maggie
1/2B Squirrels	Logan
1/2D Moles	Jacob
2W Badgers	Jenson

Key Stage Two

3/4B Elder	-
3/4R Oak	-
4D Chestnut	-
5P Beech	Skye
5/6B Holly	Harry
6RB Rowan	Yuvraj

June Jump

Our amazing PTA are organising a sponsored skip event on Thursday 5th June. Your child will bring home a sponsor form and all monies raised will go towards improving the KS1 playground, we are sure you will agree that it is overdue a revamp. Thank you for your support, it is very much appreciated.



Dates for the Diary

Friday 23rd May

Break up for Half Term 3.15pm

Monday 2nd June

Return to School 8.45 am

Healthy Living Week

Tuesday 3rd June

Sports Day for
Years 5 and 6

Wednesday 4th June

AM Sports Day for
Years 1 and 2

PM Sports Day for
Years 3 and 4

Thursday 5th June

AM Sports Day for
Foxes and Nursery

PM Sports Day for Hedgehogs
and Nursery

PTA Sponsored Skip

Wednesday 18th June

Year 6 Children to Pioneer

Friday 20th June

Year 6 Children return from

Fund Raiser

We are once again organising a collection of unwanted clothing with [Rags2Riches4Schools](#). The Rags2riches4schools project is primarily about protecting our planet, and as a bonus, you are also raising funds for the school to use for other projects.

Menu*

WC [02.06.25](#) (Week 2)



Monday

All Day Breakfast (H and V)
Fish Option
Hash Browns
Banana Cake & Custard

Tuesday

Mac 'n' Cheese (V)
Fish Option
Potato Wedges
Strawberry Mousse

Wednesday

Roast Chicken
Roast Chicken (H)
Quorn Balls (V)
Gravy and Stuffing
Fish Option
Mashed Potatoes
Waffles

Thursday

Chicken Tikka Masala
Country Veg Bake (V)
Rice
Raspberry and Apple Cake

Friday

Pizza Party (V)
Battered Fish
McCain Chips
Fruity Friday

Available Every Day

Jacket potato, sandwich, cheese, tuna or ham filling, salad, crusty bread, fresh fruit, yoghurt

All dinners must be booked through School Money the day before they are needed. Please contact the school office if you are having any issues.

* Subject to change

Lunches from Home

If you are sending your child with a packed lunch, can we ask that you cut grapes, cherry tomatoes and similar in half please. Also, as a **nut free** school please do not send in Nutella sandwiches or any other nut products. Please do NOT send drinks in cans or glass bottles.

EYFS News

Reception have had a lovely half term with visits from the Animal Lady, and a walk to Wordsley Library!

Nursery have welcomed new children and enjoyed a Pirate Day this week!



Next term we are looking forward to our Sports Day on Thursday 5th June, a few visitors from the emergency services and getting ready for our new classes, amongst other things!

We can't believe there's only half a term left! Thanks for all your support,

Reception children, please keep practising reading and writing at home. Have a great half term.

Tree Tots Toddler Group

Wednesdays 9.00 -11.00am

Mrs Manville and Miss Reynolds have lots of lovely activities planned. Toys, activities, songs, stories and crafts available. Refreshments included – adults please bring a lidded cup!



KS1 News



This week in Key Stage one we have been continuing with our own poetry. The children have written some amazing poems including alliteration, similes and rhyming couplets.

We have also been working hard to find out more about the coast and the seas that surround the UK.



In PE we have all had a practice for our sports day events after the holidays. The children are really looking forward to showing you all of their athletics skills!

TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars are;

- 1st** Kobie 4D
- 2nd** Ruzena 3/4R
- 3rd** Muhammad 3/4R

Well done to everyone

RBDC News

What an amazing week we have had in the RBDC!

In Acorns class this week, we have been continuing our learning around the gingerbread man. We had a fantastic time making our own gingerbread men and have really enjoyed being creative.



In Conkers this week we visited Forge Mill Farm. We spent English lessons this week looking at farms and the language we need to describe the farm. Whilst at the farm we were able to feed sheep, goats and alpacas. We even made butter from cream supplied by the farm.

It has been a fantastic week.

This week we say goodbye to Miss Harper, who has been working in Acorns for the past 4 weeks. She returns to her own class at Longwill School. Thank you for everything you have done these past few weeks. We will miss you!



Signed Video:

Our BSL Club's focus this week is 'Deaf Awareness'. Please see the video below to learn about how to sign house furniture and different rooms you find in a house.

https://youtu.be/OeJsk_ncZ50



House

Furniture

Low Mood Webinars

See page 5 for details of free online webinars during half term from Reflexions. These are aimed to help parents/carers recognise low mood in their child and themselves and advise how best to support them.



KS2 News

WOW! We are at the end of a half term already.



This week, our year 3 and 4 children had the most amazing trip to Forge Mill Farm. Everyone has spoken about how hands-on the experience was and that the children were all so keen and excited to participate. One of our teachers even commented that it was the best trip ever! Thank you to all of our families for their support in making this happen. See page 4 for a Special Report from Keira, Freddie, Thomas, Ellie, Emilia and Merin.

In years 5 and 6 the children have participated in a workshop about Hate Crime, led by PC Kat Andrews. The children were interested and showed great respect.



Times Tables Rock Stars

There's another Battle of the Bands over half term for years 3 and 4 children. Please encourage your child to play.

PE Lessons

Monday - 3/4H and 4D PE kit needed. 3/4R swimming kit needed.

Wednesday - Year 5 and 6 can come to School in their PE kit

Thursday - Year 3 and 4 can come to School in their PE kit

Friday - 5P / 5/6B / 6RB PE kit needed.

REMINDER

When the children come to school in their PE kit they must wear their yellow PE top, green shorts / black joggers and their green Ashwood Park jumper or cardigan.

Hoodies and gilets are **not** permitted. Please support us to ensure that all of our children are in the correct uniform and feel part of our Ashwood Park team.

You can buy the Ashwood Park Primary School PE Kit from [Totally Uniform](#) in Kingswinford.

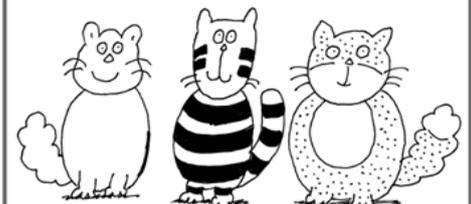
Math's Problem

Kieron's cats

Kieron has three cats.
Each is a different weight.

The first and second weigh 7kg altogether.
The second and third weigh 8kg altogether.
The first and third weigh 11kg altogether.

What is the weight of each cat?





Children's Speech and Language Service (Dudley)

Advice for parents and carers can be found at:

<https://www.blackcountryhealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-speech-and-language-therapy-service-dudley>

Dudley's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Bulletin

The Dudley Special Educational Needs and Disabilities e-bulletin's aim is to keep parent carers, education settings and stakeholders informed about Dudley's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Improvement Programme as well as news and events.

As a system we are working hard to improve our SEND offer across the borough. A lot is happening and we are gathering pace to better support our children, young people and families with SEND.

Our latest bulletin provides:

- updates of our improvement journey including our progress of our Delivering Better Value Programme in SEND
- SEND news from the Dudley Parent Carer Forum, Health, the council and partners
- details of useful events for parent carers and practitioners
- SEND Education Settings News which includes information about free SEND training Resources.

Sign up now [SEND Improvement Programme - September 2024 \(govdelivery.com\)](https://www.govdelivery.com) to receive this e-bulletin direct to your email inbox

Health Choices

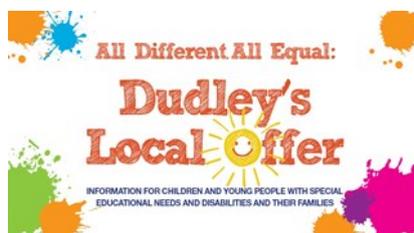
Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing. There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop place for up-to-date public health information and news, from pregnancy and early life to healthy ageing.

<https://healthydudley.co.uk/>

Healthy Lunchboxes

The Healthy Lunchbox Resource is available to support children & families to make healthy, yummy and tooth friendly food choices for their children's lunchbox.

<https://healthydudley.co.uk/lunch/>



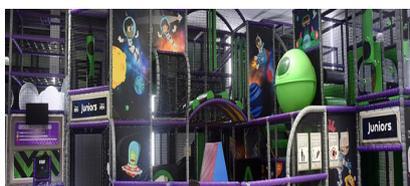
Dudley's Local Offer is a new one stop shop website for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

The website contain a wealth of up to date information on areas which include education, training and work, health, leisure and fun, care and moving into adulthood. The website aims to help young people and parents to make individual, informed, positive decisions and choices

The Dudley family hub network is a one-stop shop, offering advice and support for families in Dudley with children aged 0-19 (25 if the child has special educational needs and/or disabilities). It includes an online offer and five local family hubs.



The network includes key Start for Life services. These cover the period from conception to age two. Core Start for Life services such as midwifery, health visiting and early years support are included. <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/early-years-and-childcare/dudley-family-hub-network/>



SEN Soft Play Sessions

Dudley leisure centres offer soft play sessions for children with SEN:

At Duncan Edwards Leisure Centre, there is a SEN soft play session **every Wednesday from 5.00pm - 6.00pm**

At Halesowen, there is a SEN soft play session **every Monday from 4.30pm - 6.00pm**.

Both sessions are suitable for children under 11 years of age with disabilities, special educational needs, ASD and their siblings.

New Sensory Room at Coseley Family Hub Parents and carers can now book time in a NEW sensory room at the local family hub in Coseley. The FREE space is bookable for between 30min to an hour and gives the chance for children of all ages to explore a range of sensory activities with their parents/carers.

The sessions are self-led but staff will be on hand to support or answer any questions. To book call the hub on 01384 813096.

Parent Carer Forum Update:



Dudley Parent carer Forum welcome registrations for membership from parent/carers and also offer associate memberships to wider family members or practitioners working within Dudley. Joining up means you will be kept up to date on all the latest news, information and events doing on in Dudley. Parents/Carers will also receive a FREE gift when they sign up!

[Sign Up Here](#)

Integrated Early Years Service Parent Support Group



This group offers support to parents and carers of children with a range of additional needs. It provides supportive environment to engage with your child, and also to gain practical advice for everyday routines.

[See More Details Here](#)

Dudley Parents

There is a one stop shop for parents in the Dudley Borough offering support and information . You can gain free access to guidance and support over a range of topics for parents including First 1001 Days as a Parent, DadPad, Five to Thrive, Solihull Approach, Triple P, Parents in Conflict, The Henry Approach.

www.dudleyparents.co.uk/home

DudleyParents

SEN Help

Kids are a charity who create life-changing opportunities by providing a wide range of support to families. They run playscheme days at their centre alongside community days for signed up families. Parent/carers wishing to refer or register with Kids for care planned services can do so by requesting a referral form via the enquiries email: enquiries.orchard@kids.org.uk or via telephone: 01384 897489.

Sassy Sensory surprises are launching 'Wellbeing Walks', they will take place in a different location each month.

Contact toni@sassysensorysurprises.co.uk for further details. Information can be found on their website regarding their recently launched sensory lending library.

Happier Minds

Whether you are a young person, a parent/ carer or a professional working with young people we hope this site will be helpful to you and those you care about.

<https://happierminds.org.uk/>

FARM TRIP

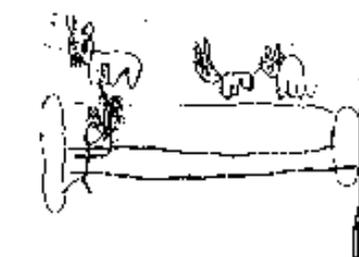
EXCITEMENT

Keira, Freddie Thomas and Ellie and Evie and Metia

Yesterday 3 classes went to Forge Mill farm there were workers named Becky and Alex we made butter for the start of the day it was really fun then once the butter was ready we strained it once we finished straining bread was handed out to put the butter on, not every one liked it but it didn't matter at least it was fun. After we went to feed the ducks, sheep, goats and chickens then we went. Saw loads of chickens and a hen and we saw running ducks and a huge turkey with loads of feathers and then we saw loads of goats that was really extinct and a pig that was really extinct.



chickens den/home



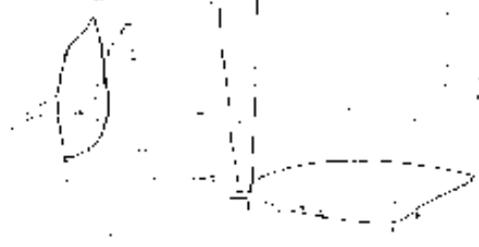
Fun fact

Did you know worms come out when it rains?

Did you know? when a chick is born in its egg, it's warm in the egg.

Feeding the cows goats

Fun facts ducks only lay 1 egg per day





Low Mood WEBINARS!

Join Reflexions online free webinars to learn more about low mood and how to recognise the symptoms in yourself or your child!

Tuesday 27th May

Low Mood - Children 11+

10:00am - 11:00am

Via MS Teams

Wednesday 28th May

Recognising low mood in your child

10:00am - 11:00am

Via MS Teams

Recognising low mood in your child

3:00pm - 4:00pm

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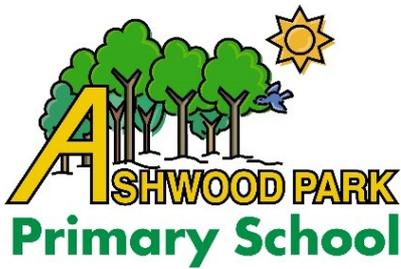
Via MS Teams



Aims of the sessions

- To recognise what low mood symptoms look like.
- To recognise when someone/child is feeling low in mood.
- To learn strategies to help you to manage/support symptoms related to low mood.

For additional information or brief sign up form to register your attendance for these events, please email bchft.reflexions@nhs.net



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15th May 2025

Dear parents,

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL.

We are once again organising a clothing collection with **Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools**

Do you have clothes in your wardrobe that you no longer wear, maybe last year's fashions, or that buy that was too good to leave but it's not really you after all?

Please help us fundraise by donating your good quality unwanted, re-useable (clean, dry and wearable) clothes and accessories. Any shoes must be paired together.

Your donations become affordable clothing in other countries so please do not send poor quality, dirty or wet items, and no duvets, pillows, curtains, books, CDs or bric-a-brac.

STOP and THINK - is it something you'd wear out and about yourself or pass to a friend? If not, no-one else will want to buy and wear it either, so unfortunately it's not reusable and can't go in the bag.

Even if it's only one t-shirt please bring it in, as it will all help our school.

If you can involve family, friends and neighbours please do.

We truly appreciate your support in helping raise additional funds for our school for the benefit of our children.

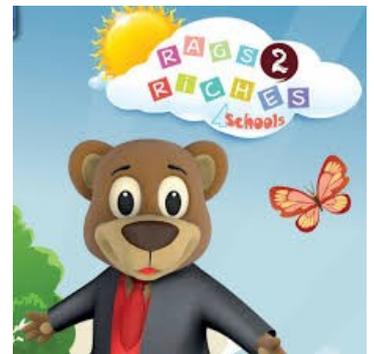
If we can fill 100 bags we'll have half a tonne!

Please bring your donations to school by **Tuesday 3rd June** (They will be collected on 4th June at 9.00am)

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Perkes

Co- Headteacher



LIBRARY NOTICE

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES AT WORDSLEY LIBRARY

ALL ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS MUST BE BOOKED!

SATURDAY 24TH MAY

SATURDAY FAMILY CRAFTS
10.00-1.00
SUITABLE FOR AGES 3+
DROP IN

TUESDAY 27TH MAY

RATTLE & RHYME
10.30 - 11.00
SUITABLE FOR AGE 0-4 YRS
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

TUESDAY 27TH MAY

LEGO SPIKE
2.00-3.00
SUITABLE FOR AGES 6+
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY

FLYING ROCKET CRAFT
10.30-11.30
SUITABLE FOR AGES 4+
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

THURSDAY 29TH MAY

BADGE MAKING
10.30-1.30
SUITABLE FOR AGES 3+
DROP IN

THURSDAY 29TH MAY

ANGIE'S ANIMAL ANTICS
2.30-3.30
SUITABLE FOR AGES 4+
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

FRIDAY 30TH MAY

MINECRAFT MASK & SWORD
CRAFT
10.30-11.30
SUITABLE FOR AGES 4+
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

SATURDAY 31ST MAY

SATURDAY FAMILY CRAFTS
10.00-1.00
SUITABLE FOR AGES 3+
DROP IN

PLUS!! ALL WEEK!!... Take part in our library Treasure Trail!!

BETTER

For more details contact Wordsley Library
on 01384 812765 or email
wordsley.library@gll.org

Dudley
Metropolitan Borough Council

Duncan Edwards Leisure Centre

Duncan Edwards Leisure Centre is running a swimming teachers' course (STA award in teaching swimming) and is looking for children aged three to eight years who want to learn to swim.

The course which is suitable for non or weak swimmers* will be taught by staff who are undertaking their teaching qualification.

Dates: Sunday 8, 15, 22 and 29 June (all four lessons must be attended)

Times: 1pm - 1.30pm, 1.30pm - 2pm, 2pm - 2.30pm or 2.30pm - 3pm

Cost: £20 per course. Options+ Leisure Discount is not available due to the course already being discounted.

For more information and to provisionally book a place please email:

Heather McKenzie: Heather.McKenzie@dudley.gov.uk

OR

Danielle Gubats: Danielle.Gubats@dudley.gov.uk

Please note that payment must be made at the centre once your booking has been confirmed. Your space can not be guaranteed without payment.

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INCREASE CONFIDENCE
AND
BUILD SOCIAL SKILLS

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AND MUCH MORE



TO BOOK OR FIND OUT MORE PLEASE SEE BEE WELL TOGETHER
SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

EMAIL US WITH ANY ENQUIRIES BEEWELLTOGETHER@OUTLOOK.COM

Free School Meals

If you receive any of the following support payments your child may be entitled to Free School Meals

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

If you currently receive free school meals but have now moved into the area, you will need to complete a new Free School Meals Application form

If you wish to apply for Free School Meals, please go to

www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals

If you need further information, you can contact the Free School Meals Team by:



Telephone -01384 814988



Email – freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk



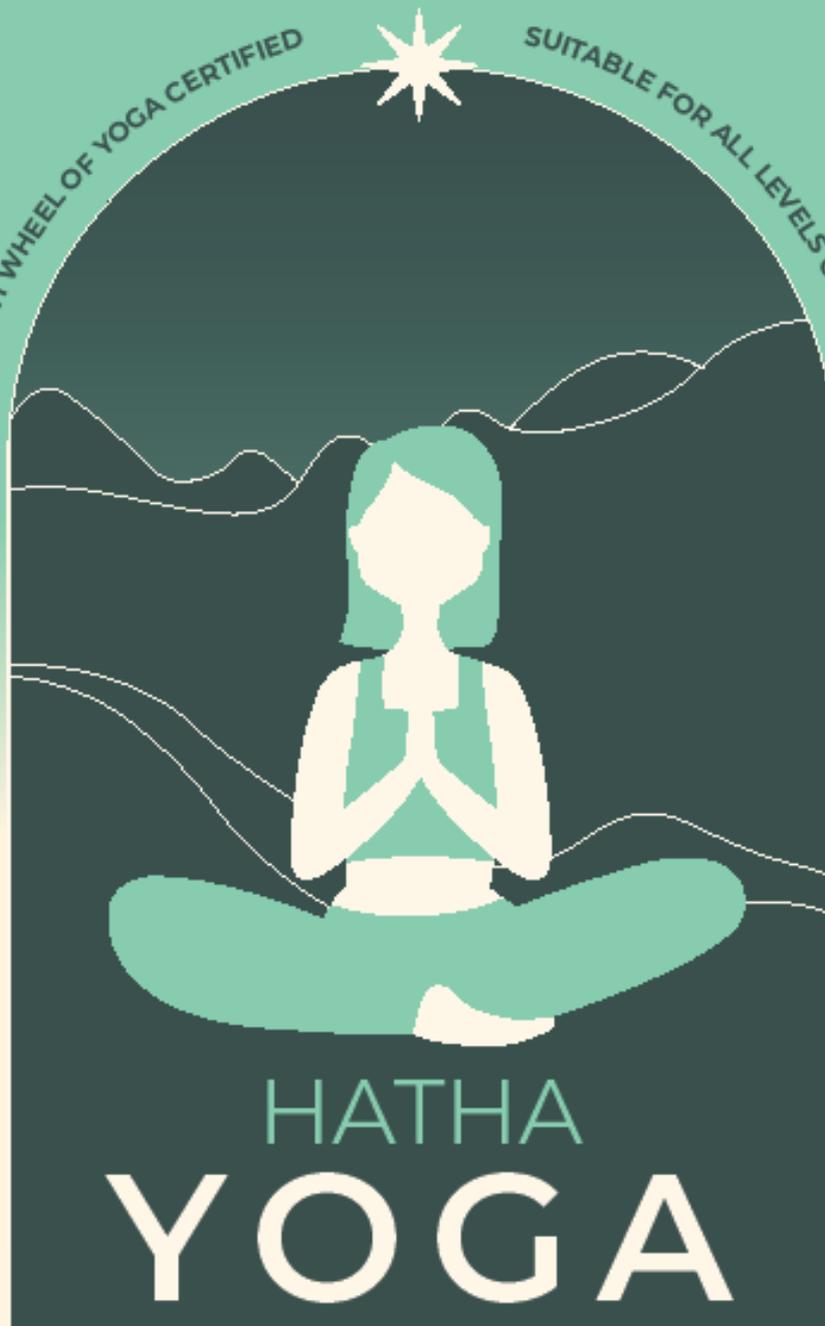
Visiting – Dudley Council Plus, Castle Street, Dudley
between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday, 9am and 12 noon Saturday



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