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Head Teacher's Corner



Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another school year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a fantastic year for our school community.

I am so proud of the progress that all of our children have made this year. They have worked hard, embraced new challenges and continued to demonstrate our school values every day. Their achievements are a reflection of their resilience, determination and enthusiasm for learning.

A huge thank you to all of our teachers and support staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment throughout the year. Their passion and care for our children make such a difference every day. I would also like to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support. Working together is key to ensuring the best outcomes for our children, and your encouragement has been invaluable.

We are delighted with this year's Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check outcomes. The children's hard work has certainly paid off, and we look forward to sharing this data on our website in September. The Key Stage 2 SATs results were released yesterday, and we are really pleased with our Year 6 pupils' achievements. Their results reflect the hard work and effort they have shown during their time at our school. We are also pleased to share that our Reception outcomes have improved compared to last year, highlighting the strong start our youngest learners are making.

As another year comes to an end, we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. We wish each and every one of you every success and happiness as you begin the next exciting chapter at secondary school. We know you will continue to achieve great things.

This year we also say goodbye to a number of valued members of staff. We would like to thank Miss Williams, Mrs Itama, Mrs Hunter, Miss Stone and Miss Coccal for their hard work, commitment and contribution to our school over the past few years. We also say goodbye to our teaching assistants, Mrs Khanum and Mrs Akhtar, and thank them for their care and support over the last year.

A special thank you goes to Mrs Fatima, who is leaving after more than 15 years as one of our Midday Supervisors. Mrs Fatima has shown unwavering care, kindness and commitment to many children during lunchtimes, and we are so grateful for everything she has done for our school community. We wish all of our departing staff every success and happiness in the future.

In September, we will be welcoming several new teachers to our team, and we look forward to introducing them to our school community.

I would like to make parents aware that, over the past few years, the school has experienced a significant reduction in pupil numbers. As a result, from September we will be operating with two classes in both Year 2 and Year 6. While our structure is changing, our commitment to providing an excellent education and ensuring every child thrives remains exactly the same.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our children, families and staff a happy, safe and relaxing summer break. Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year.

We look forward to welcoming back all of our returning children, as well as our new Reception children and their families, in September.

Have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing you all in the new academic year.

Best wishes,
Mrs R Nisar
Headteacher

A reminder that school reopens for all children in Years 1 to 6 on Wednesday 2nd September 2026.



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We are pleased to share that our attendance has been improving over the past year, and we're proud to say that our weekly figures have often been in line with or better than the national average. This is a fantastic achievement, and we want to say a big thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support in helping us improve attendance across the school.

Each week, we celebrate good attendance in school, and we'd like to give a special mention to the following classes who have achieved 100% attendance at least once this half term - a brilliant effort!



As we continue to focus on attendance, we are also placing a strong emphasis on punctuality. We firmly believe that every minute counts, and arriving on time helps children start their day calmly and ready to learn.

PUNCTUALITY

Our doors open at 8:45am for a soft start, and ideally, all children should arrive as close to this time as possible. The doors close at 9:00am for registration - arrival after this time is recorded as late. We understand that traffic and parking can be difficult in the mornings, so we encourage families to leave earlier where possible, and consider parking a short distance away and walking.

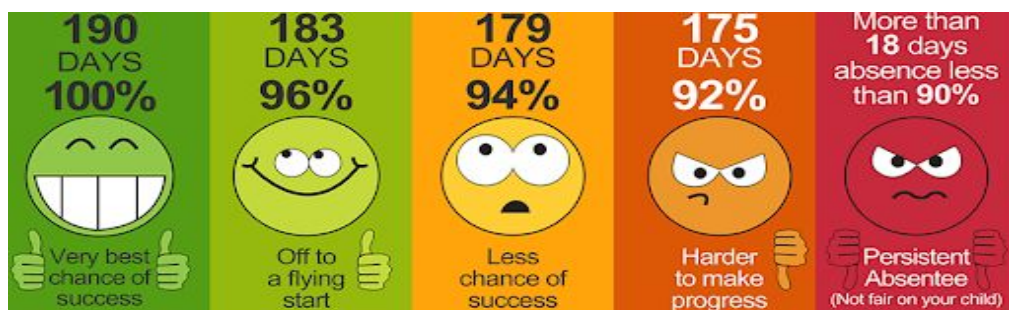
The same expectations apply at the end of the day. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure children are collected on time. Please note that school finishes at 3:15pm for EYFS and KS1 and 3:30pm for KS2.

We are now issuing late collection fines. Guidance has been shared with all families. Please ensure that your child is collected promptly at the end of the school day.

The new attendance guidelines came into place from 19th August 2024. More information and FAQs about attendance can be found on our school website: <https://www.foxdellprimary.uk/attendance-1/>

Government guidance can be found here:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/19/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>



We are open for 190 days in a school year which equates to 380 sessions including the morning and afternoon registration.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

The class with the best attendance each week wins the attendance trophy and receives a best attendance certificate. Children in Reception receive a lucky dip prize if they have 100% attendance for the week.

Our whole school attendance target is 96%

Attendance Week Ending							
Class	26.06.26	03.07.26	10.07.26	Class	26.06.26	03.07.26	10.07.26
Wrens	91.1%	89.6%	93.7%	Pinecones	94.1%	81.5%	93.5%
Swifts	92.1%	92.6%	90.7%	Beech	94.4%	96.8%	96%
Robins	95%	95.4%	95%	Oak	92%	94.8%	98.4%
Dragonflies	87.4%	92.6%	96.3%	Ash	92.4%	94.2%	99.2%
Ladybirds	96.3%	88.4%	96.8%	Ivy	98.2%	96.4%	99.1%
Butterflies	96.7%	95.7%	97.1%	Cedar	95%	89.5%	90.9%
Squirrels	93.9%	99.1%	97.8%	Spruce	98.1%	95.2%	95.7%
Badgers	88.5%	93.3%	96.7%	Kestrels	90%	95.5%	98%
Hedgehogs	96.5%	94.2%	94.6%	Kites	90%	91.6%	98.9%
Chestnuts	92.2%	94.3%	97.3%	Eagles	92.6%	95.8%	100%
Acorns	97.4%	94.3%	94.8%				

Our Class H.E.R.O.s for the last 3 weeks are:



Infant Site: Butterflies & Squirrels

Junior Site: Ivy, Beech & Eagles

★★★★★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★★★★★

A huge congratulations to our shining stars for the weeks ending 26.06.26, 03.07.26 & 10.07.26

Robins	Wrens	Swifts	Dragonflies	Ladybirds	Butterflies	Badgers	Squirrels
Manveer Hafsa Elaya	Umar Yahya M Ayyan	Anya Hussain Kiswa	Tasen Maryam Hamza	Inayah Safa Labiba	Leen Safa Baqir	Nouraan Hayah Silviu	Dawud Amina Ali H
Hedgehogs	Chestnuts	Acorns	Pinecones	Beech	Oak	Ash	Ivy
Mirha Azhaan Whole class	Haniya x2 Marta Hafsa	Abdullah Fajr Faiyaz Savya	Vanessa Amina Hayat Aliyah	Bisma Hussain Kaavya Christine	Salim Meerub Rayaan M.Asghar	Usman Qurb Talal Ismail	Rehan Hassaan Lena Maya
Spruce	Cedar	Kestrels	Kites	Eagles			
Sultan Kashan Ammara	Sahil Aminah Roberto	Ayesha Mihai Kestrels	Taj-Roha Raffaello Kites	Abdullah Zarwa Eagles			

Dojo Winners of the Week!

Congratulations to our top dojo earners!

Your positive attitude, teamwork, and respect have truly stood out



Robins	Wrens	Swifts	Dragonflies	Ladybirds	Butterflies	Badgers	Squirrels
Elaya Lu'Ay Oliver	Amna Sami Yahya	Haider Hafsa Gurmaher	Joel Hamza Hareem	Justice Faizaan Noor	Eesa Leen Fatima	Firdous Ali Maram	Dawud Dawud Haleema
Hedgehogs	Chestnuts	Acorns	Pinecones	Beech	Oak	Ash	Ivy
Fatima Gabriel Abdul Hadi	Aizah H. Umar Aizah H.	Faiyaz Umar Umar	Ahmed Kaius Ehan	Nimra Maryam Bisma	Anaya Yussuf Eva	Shekinah Hajra Hajra	Rehan Shayan Hana
Spruce	Cedar	Kestrels	Kites	Eagles			
Navjot Kashan Ammara	Rushda Tariq Maria	Zaroon Harmanpreet Zohaib	Murtaza Leelu Rebeca	Damirs Inaaya Ayyan			

VALUES

RESILIENCE HELPS US GROW!



Resilience is **bouncing back** when things are tough, learning from challenges and **not giving up**.
WE ALL HAVE IT - AND WE CAN GROW IT!

WHAT RESILIENCE LOOKS LIKE



Trying again
even when
it's hard



Learning from
mistakes



Asking for help
when we need it



Believing in
ourselves



Staying positive
and keeping
going

YOU DON'T HAVE
TO BE PERFECT.
YOU JUST HAVE TO
KEEP GOING!

BE
KIND TO
YOURSELF

REMEMBER...

- ✓ It's ok to find things challenging.
- ✓ Everyone makes mistakes.
- ✓ Every small step forward is progress.
- ✓ You are stronger than you think!



YOU'VE
GOT
THIS!

THINKING ABOUT NEW STARTS IN SEPTEMBER



A new school year can bring lots of **exciting opportunities**, but it can also feel a little daunting. Building your resilience now can help you feel **ready** for whatever comes your way!

FUN SUMMER ACTIVITIES TO BUILD YOUR RESILIENCE



TRY SOMETHING NEW

Have a go at something you've never done before - it could be a new hobby, a sport or even a new recipe!



KEEP A JOURNAL

Write down your thoughts, what went well each day and what you're looking forward to.



GET OUTSIDE

Go for walks, explore new places and enjoy nature. Fresh air helps clear your mind!



SPEND TIME WITH OTHERS

Talk, laugh and make memories with family and friends. Good connections help us feel strong.



SET YOURSELF A GOAL

It could be learning a new skill, reading a number of books or doing something kind every day. Working towards goals builds confidence!



TAKE TIME TO RELAX

Rest, have fun and do the things that make you happy. Looking after your wellbeing is important.

YOU ARE CAPABLE. YOU ARE RESILIENT. **YOU ARE READY** FOR WHATEVER COMES NEXT!

BELIEVE
ACHIEVE
THRIVE

Around our School

Year R

Our Reception Celebration Assembly took place at the end of term. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to share some of their favourite learning from this year. They proudly showcased how hard they have worked and delighted everyone with songs, stories and performances that reflected their enthusiasm for learning. As part of our healthy living topic, the children also performed Five Currant Buns and the Teeth Brushing Song.

The children also shared some of the exciting topics they have explored throughout the year, including favourite stories such as *Supertato* and learning all about dinosaurs. It was a joyful celebration of a busy year filled with fun, curiosity and achievement, and we are incredibly proud of everything the children have accomplished in Reception.



Year 1

The children shown our value of resilience over the last few weeks. They have been working hard despite the hot weather - Well done everyone!

In geography, we looked at different continents. The children focused on Asia and learnt about China. They compared SHanghai to our local area..

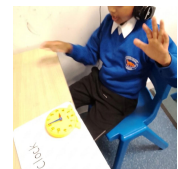
In maths, children learnt how to read time to o'clock and half past .



Year 2

What a fantastic end to the school year Year 2 has had! Despite the scorching weather, the children showed great resilience and enthusiasm, embracing every learning opportunity with smiles on their faces.

One of the highlights of the term was our exciting trip to Ruislip Lido. Back in the classroom, we have been working hard on reading the clock, especially quarter past and quarter to. These time phrases help children understand how the clock is split into four equal parts and support their growing independence in daily routines.



We are so proud of everything the children have achieved this year and we wish them every success as they move on to Year 3.

Around our School

Year 3

The last two weeks have been incredibly busy and exciting in Year 3. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning and performing our 'Dance for Rights' dance and the children gave an outstanding performance in the recorder concert. They demonstrated confidence, enthusiasm, and teamwork, and we could not be prouder of all they have achieved.

As we come to the end of the academic year, we would like to reflect on what a wonderful year it has been for everyone in Year 3. This week the children completed their castle project in DT and published their final piece of writing in English.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership.

The Year 3 team wishes you and your families a happy, restful, and enjoyable summer break.



Year 4

In Year 4, we have been busy creating our own electrical torches as part of our Design and Technology unit. Using recycled materials, we designed and built the torch casing before constructing an electrical circuit to make our torches work. This project allowed us to apply the scientific knowledge we have developed about electricity in a practical and creative way.

In English, we have worked hard to complete our final piece of writing for the year: an explanation text based on our own creative inventions. We are incredibly proud of the progress we have made in our writing and the imagination and effort that has gone into our work.



Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic end of the school year where they have been able to show off what they have learnt this year. First of all, they performed amazingly well at our end of year Ukulele and Violin concert. What outstanding progress they have made since starting in September!.



The children were also lucky enough to take part in an acting workshop after the M and M production of The Jungle Book. The children learnt all about the work that goes on backstage to put on such a fabulous performance.



Finally, the children have all worked hard to produce some highly persuasive letters to Mrs Nisar, Mr Epie and the Prime Minister in which they demonstrated how much progress they have made in writing this year. I am sure that the recipients will be delighted to receive the letters!

The year 5 team wish each of you good bye and good luck for year 6!

Year 6

It has been a busy and exciting time for Year 6! They have enjoyed a fantastic few weeks filled with memorable experiences and celebrations. They wowed audiences with their amazing performance of Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits.

The fun continued with a trip to the cinema to watch Minions and Monsters, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The children also spent a wonderful afternoon together, enjoying a picnic lunch, playing games and cooling off with an exciting water fight in the sunshine.



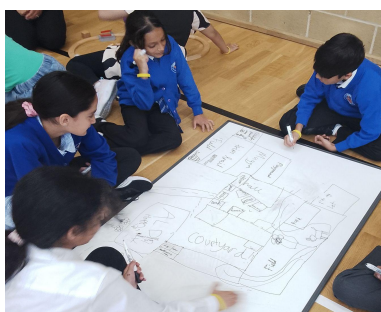
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Rights Respecting Conference

A group of children from Years 4-6 recently attended a Rights Respecting Conference at St Matthew's Primary School. They represented our school brilliantly and confidently shared how we are a Rights Respecting School by explaining how they learn about their rights, through their rights, and for their rights.

Throughout the day, the children took part in a range of engaging workshops and discussions with pupils from other schools. They explored important local, national and global issues, thinking carefully about how children's rights can make a positive difference in the world around them.

We are incredibly proud of the children for their enthusiasm, thoughtful contributions and excellent representation of our school. We returned inspired and full of ideas to help us continue promoting children's rights within our school community.



Around our School

Year 6 End of Year Production 2026

Year 6 Wows Audiences with Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits.

Our Year 6 children ended their time at primary school in spectacular fashion with their fantastic production of Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits.

After weeks of rehearsals, the children took to the stage with confidence, enthusiasm and plenty of energy, delivering a performance full of laughter, music and memorable moments. Their hard work and dedication were clear to see, and they should all be incredibly proud of what they achieved.

From the wonderful acting and singing to the colourful costumes and lively performances, the production was enjoyed by everyone who came to watch. It was a brilliant opportunity for the children to showcase their talents and celebrate the end of their primary school journey together. A huge thank you goes to all the staff and families who supported the production and helped make it such a success.

Well done, Year 6! Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits was the perfect way to round off your final year with us. We wish you every success and happiness as you move on to the next exciting chapter of your education!



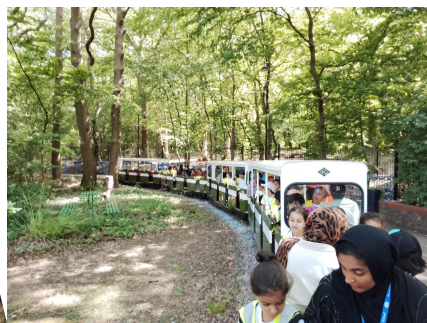
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Year 2 Visit to Ruislip Lido

Year 2 had a wonderful day exploring Ruislip Lido! We started our adventure with an exciting ride on the miniature train to Woody Bay. Along the journey, we enjoyed the beautiful sights and sounds of the woodland and even spotted a few friendly gnomes, giving them a cheerful wave as we passed by.

When we arrived at Woody Bay, we enjoyed a lovely picnic together under the shade of the trees before playing a variety of fun games. The children had a fantastic time laughing, exploring, and making special memories with their friends.

It was a fantastic day outdoors, and everyone returned to school with big smiles and lots of stories to share!





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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

EdTech SUMMER HOLIDAY GUIDE

It can be challenging to find holiday activities for digitally savvy young ones. There are plenty of edtech (educational technology) avenues to explore this summer, however, and we've compiled a rundown of our favourites...

For the gamer

There are some excellent free (or cheap) platforms out there which let budding programmers create their own games and characters. Children can discover the basics of game design as they learn how to build characters and make them speak, move and interact with each other. Young ones can construct a game from scratch and then share it with their friends.

Try: Play Lab at code.org • Toca Builders

For the photographer

If your child is an aspiring photographer or loves fine-tuning images before posting them on social media, there are options which young people may find less daunting than Photoshop. As well as editing and adjusting photos, making illustrations or converting between image formats, some packages are geared towards illustration while others let you work with raster and vector graphics.

Try: Photopea • Sumopaint • PhotoGrid

For the sports fan

Video games are usually seen as reducing the time young people spend exercising. However, there is a genre that encourages physical activity: from music-based games that get users up and dancing, to sports simulators where the controller becomes a tennis racket. Devices' ability to track movement in real time and translate it into a game can make physical activity less of a chore.

Try: Runkeeper • Strava • Zombies, Run! (12+)

For the coder

Online, you can find a selection of programming environments where users can learn to make simple apps. Young people can design an app, code it in JavaScript or work in text-based language, then share their newly created app with friends. With millions of aspiring coders in the world, the internet has an abundance of tutorials to get young ones started.

Try: App Lab at code.org • Dance Party at code.org • Flappy Code at code.org • Hour of Code

For the explorer

Young adventurers can discover the world from new perspectives – strolling Tokyo's streets or soaring over Yosemite. For those with virtual reality headsets, Google Earth VR puts the whole planet within reach, while – even further afield – youngsters can use their device to delve into the wonders of our solar system with virtual tours of NASA's labs and mission control centres.

Try: Google Maps Trek • Google Earth VR • NASA at Home: Virtual Tours

For the avid reader

Your child's smartphone or tablet can become an inspirational learning tool that fires their imagination while improving their reading, vocabulary, spelling and comprehension. Mobile reading apps and audiobook libraries are worth setting some screen time aside for. As well as developing young ones' language skills, they also encourage the unbridled bliss of enjoying a good story.

Try: Hoopla • Epic • Audible

For the musician

Learning to play an instrument and creating music electronically has become much easier thanks to technology. As the field keeps advancing, more software is being created – and there are many applications which are compatible with various devices, including mobile phones. For example, your child could start their journey to becoming a superstar DJ with real-time mixing and editing tools.

Try: Let's Play Kids Music: Summer Musical • GarageBand • Transitions DJ • YouTube music tutorials

For the historian

Virtual tourism boomed when the pandemic cancelled everyone's travel plans. Let technology transport you to jaw-dropping historical sites or inside some of the world's most inspiring museums. Explore the Colosseum or the Amazon rainforest in VR, take a virtual tour of the National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park or step inside the British Museum without leaving your living room!

Try: HistoryView Virtual Library • The British Museum – Google Street View • The National Museum of Computing 3D Virtual Tour

For the artist

Unleash your child's creative streak over the holidays with these arts and craft activity ideas! Most are quick and easy to make with materials you'll probably already have at home. There are ideas for young artists of all abilities, so you're sure to find a few exciting projects to try out. Children could also take a virtual tour of some stunning galleries and art installations.

Try: Artist at code.org • Summer crafts for kids at Activity Village • Summer arts and crafts at Projects with Kids • Google Arts and Culture – virtual reality tours you'll love

Meet Our Expert

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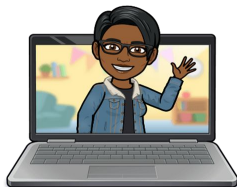


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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE OVER SUMMER

School's out ... for summer! Yes, it's that time of the year again: around six weeks at home for ecstatic youngsters. For many young people, a bumper stint off school means a welcome chance to spend even more time with their games console, phone, tablet or smart TV. So whether your children are likely to be scrolling on Snapchat, nestling in front of Netflix or frying foes on Fortnite, we've put together some top tips to help you keep them safe online this holiday.

THERE'S NO NETWORK LIKE HOME

Teenagers, especially, tend to be delighted to find that a coffee shop, restaurant or shopping centre offers free WiFi. These public networks are much less secure than home WiFi, though, so discourage your child from making online purchases or entering personal details when out and about.



IT'S 'THE GREAT OUTDOORS' FOR A REASON

For most northern hemisphere-dwellers, this time of year is a rare opportunity to enjoy the outside world in pleasant weather. Remind your child how amazing it is to feel the sun on their back and fresh air in their lungs. Disney+ and Minecraft will still be there on drizzly Sundays in October.



PRIVATE INFO STAYS PRIVATE

It's worth checking your child's social media or gaming profiles occasionally to make sure they aren't inadvertently giving away too much information. Details such as their full name, address or where they go to school could all be used to track them down by individuals with sinister intentions.



KEEP TALKING

It sounds blindingly obvious, but having regular chats with your child about who they're talking to online, what games and apps they're using and what shows they're streaming is a huge benefit. It doesn't have to be every day or even every week, but it can signal potential issues well in advance.



LIGHTS OUT, SCREENS OFF

This is a golden rule: try to limit how much screen time your child has towards end of the day. Staring at the screen of a phone or tablet for too long before bed severely impacts a child's quality of sleep – which can play havoc with their concentration, mood and energy levels the next day.



FOCUS ON FACTS

The internet is phenomenal at spreading gossip. When children of certain ages aren't in daily contact at school, the digital rumour mill can go into overdrive. Remind your child not to believe everything they're told online – especially if the person involved isn't around to provide their side of the story.



WATCH FOR EXCESSIVE GAMING

With no school, children often take every opportunity to fit in 'just one more go' on their favourite game – sometimes at the cost of their daily routine, or having family time. A little extra gaming is to be expected in the holidays, but it could become problematic if it evolves into a recurring habit.



LIMIT SOCIAL AUDIENCES

When they're old enough, young people love to broadcast their summer holiday highlights all over social media. The unfortunate truth, however, is that we don't always know who might be viewing this content. Check the settings to ensure that only friends and family can see your child's posts.



DEMONSTRATE GOOD HABITS

Children often learn their digital behaviour from watching the grown-ups around them. So make sure your child observes you being positive and supportive on social media, for example – and, especially, sees that you know when it's time to switch the screen off, even though you're having fun.



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