

FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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Spring Term 1



Spotlight

New School Meal Provider continues to be a hit

LAUNCHED THIS WEEK

VIP – Very Important Pupil Initiative.

UPCOMING EVENTS

* February Half-Term

16th February – 20th February

* Maths Meet-up

Barkway – 24th February at 2.30pm for 30 minutes with Mrs Porter

* Maths Meet-up

Barley – 3rd March at 2.45pm for 30 minutes with Mrs Porter

* Easter Break

30th March – 10th April

“Living life in all it’s fullness” – John 10

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Williamson to Apple Class on Mondays and Tuesdays, where she will be supporting in class and during lunchtimes at Barkway. We hope she enjoyed her first two days with us and we are thrilled to have her join our team. We have continued to enjoy lots of delicious lunches this week, including macaroni cheese, chicken pasta bake and a simply delectable sponge yesterday! Thank you to John and the Margaret House Team for continuing to provide such wonderful food for all of our children. We are so impressed with how many children are now choosing to have school dinners.

It has been a real pleasure spending time in Oak Class this week, where Reception and Nursery truly blew my socks off with their amazing learning. Reception children were so confident identifying *more than* and *fewer than*, practising the language using our sentence stems, alongside their simply outstanding reading. Nursery impressed me with their beautiful singing of nursery rhymes in phonics and their careful listening for the ‘c’ sound at the start of different words. Well done, everyone!

This week we launched our VIP – Very Important Pupil initiative across both schools. Each week, one child from each class will be chosen as our VIP, and we will celebrate their successes by sharing their work, talking about their learning and reading with them. Please continue reading the newsletter to find out who our VIPs were this week.

I also enjoyed spending time in Beech Class, listening to their fantastic persuasive sentences encouraging others to reuse plastic. I was very impressed by the ambitious language the children used, including phrases such as “*I urge you to...*”. Well done, Beech Class. A huge well done to Beech and Sycamore Class for their wonderful class assembly all about the Ancient Egyptians yesterday, and thank you to everyone who was able to come along and watch, we hope you enjoyed it!

Finally, I would like to give Miss Jordan a very special shout-out to thank her for her hard work and dedication to our weekly newsletter. She has spent time redesigning it and giving it a refresh, and I am sure you will all join me in appreciating how simply amazing it looks. **Thank you, Miss Jordan!**

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend with family and friends.

Miss Mière

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Stars of the Week

Nursery

This week Hallie is our shining star of the week. As part of our Story dough this week she made some of the fruits for her very own fruit basket.



We read the story, 'Handa's Surprise'.

As part of our story dough session Hallie used the playdough to make her own fruit. She worked hard to create a pineapple and rolled a round bit for the base. Well done Hallie!

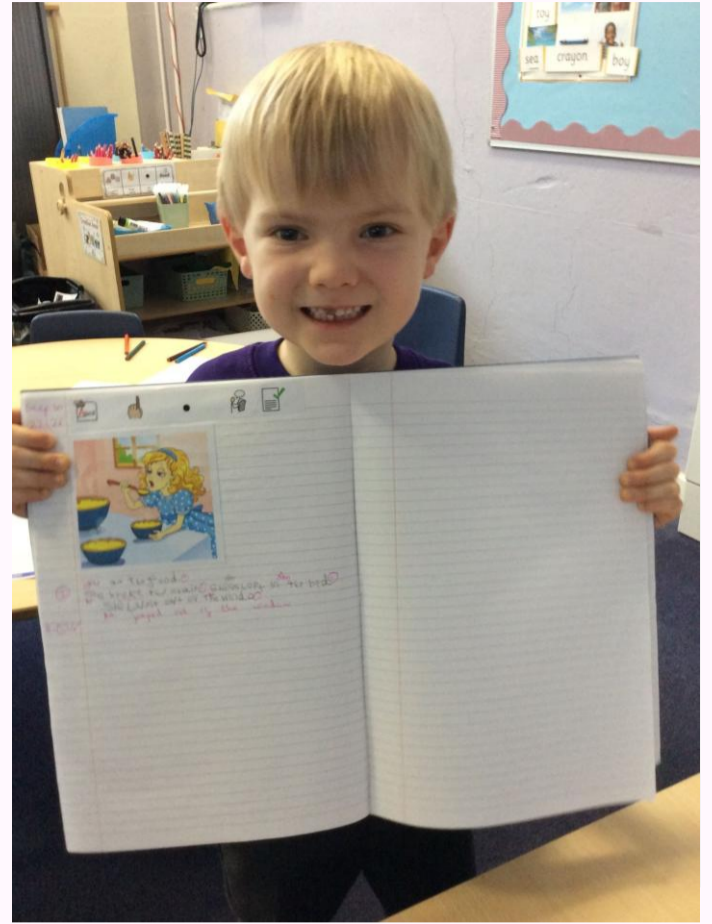
Reception



This week's Star of the Week goes to Elsie. She has been really trying hard with her phonics and her reading and she always shows great determination when sounding out

words carefully and uses the sound mat to help her spell words with increasing confidence! She particularly enjoyed writing the orders in our class cafe this week for the chefs to pin up in the kitchen. She carefully sounded out 'hot chocolate' using the digraph 'ch'! Fantastic effort and perseverance.

We are very proud of you!



Year 1

This week our shining star is Finley. Finley has been a superstar with his learning this week.

He has been working really hard on his reading and writing and we have all been amazed at the progress he has made.

This week Finley remembered to use all his capital letters, finger spaces and full stops when writing his sentences.

Well done Finley!

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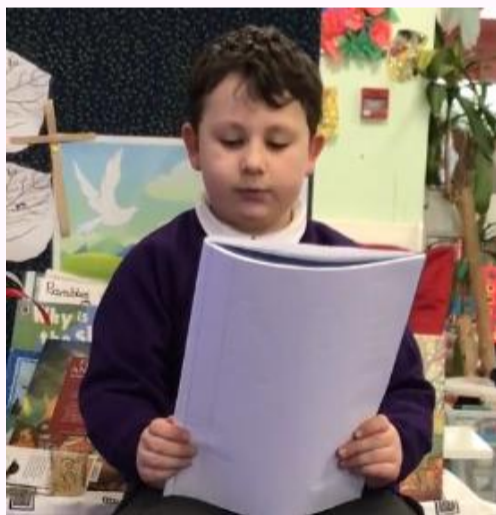
Stars of the Week

Year 2

This week the star of the week in year 2 is Tobias! Tobias has worked extremely hard to create a first draft of his “what happened next” Rapunzel story. He has used some fantastic vocabulary such as “green gruesome goblins” and has worked hard to edit and redraft his work. His final line says “Tobias jumped off the dragon, the goblins presented they were dead. They weren’t...” I cannot wait to see what happens next!



Year 3



Jaxon is our Star of the Week for his fantastic use of persuasive language in his writing. He confidently performed the first part of his persuasive speech to the class, using ambitious vocabulary such as “urged” and “demanded”. I can’t wait to see how his language continues to develop over the next week as he finalises his speech.



Year 4

This week Reign is the star of the week for her excellent typing skills.

We have been creating a news report this week and published it using a computer programme Reign put all her touch typing skills into practise and got her work typed up quickly and accurately.

Her news report is a really good read as well.

Well done Reign!

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Oracy Star

This week our Oracy star of the week is Willow for two areas of her learning. Willow persevered to speak confidently at our Year 3 and 4 assembly. She also overcome her nerves to present her persuasive speech in class using wonderful adjectives to make her speech even more descriptive.



Well done Willow.

Sports Star



This week Eva is the PE star for her cartwheels in gymnastics. She has been courageous at trying a new skill and persevered until she could do it.

Keep up with your positive attitude Eva!!

Art Star

This week Esme in Year 2 is our art star.

We have been learning about the artist Frieda Khalo and Hazel Class were challenged to draw a portrait inspired by her work. Paying attention to the proportions of the face and adding bright colours and flowers to make her artwork really stand out I'm sure you'll agree that Esme rose to this challenge.

Well done Esme!



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VIPs of the Week

VIP (Very Important Pupil) is our weekly celebration of learning, where a child is chosen from each class to share their successes. Our VIPs proudly show their work, talk about what they've been learning, and enjoy reading to us, with Miss Mière, Mrs Porter and Mr Watson.

We are so proud of our VIPs for this week!

VIPs this week for their amazing writing and reading:



EYFS: Dolly



Year 1: Finley



Year 2: Ophelia



Year 3: Alice



Year 4: Cali

Happy Birthday

A big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
to Grace, Elsie, Harry and
Willow who are celebrating
their Birthdays this week!

We hope you have/had a
fantastic time filled with fun
and the things you enjoy the
most!



This weeks activities

Oak Class

This week in Oak Class, the children have loved playing in the café role-play area.

They took turns taking orders, answering phone calls, and using their communication skills to talk confidently with their friends. It was wonderful to see them using language purposefully while working together and using their imaginations.

The children also enjoyed recording the number of goals scored during games, practising their counting skills all the way to 20. They showed great focus and enthusiasm while counting carefully and recording their results.

A fantastic week of learning through play in Oak Class!



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Apple Class

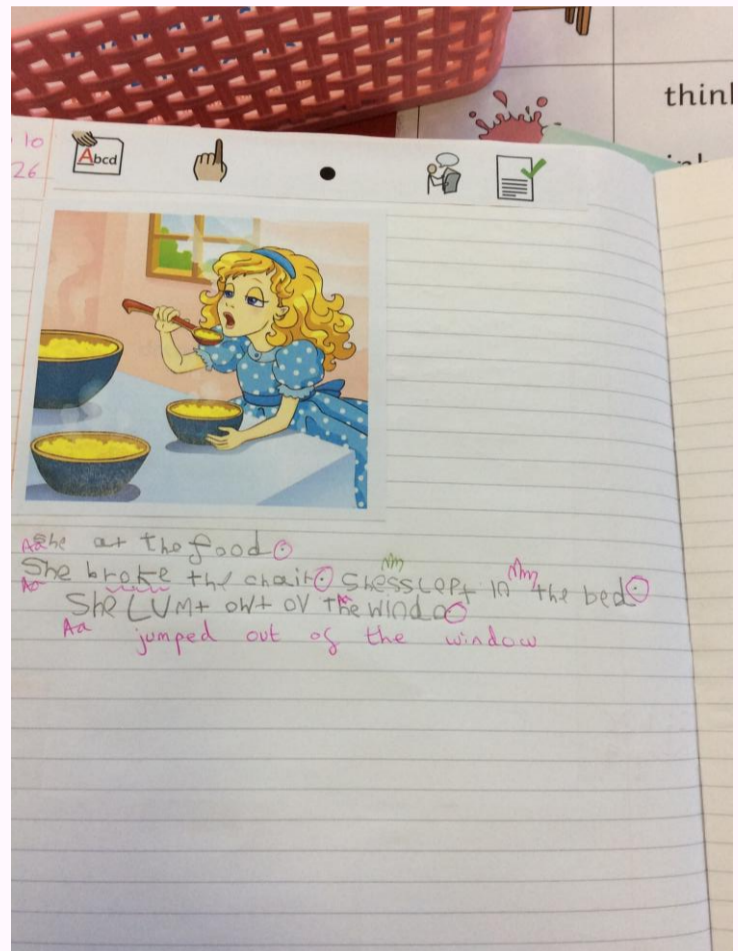
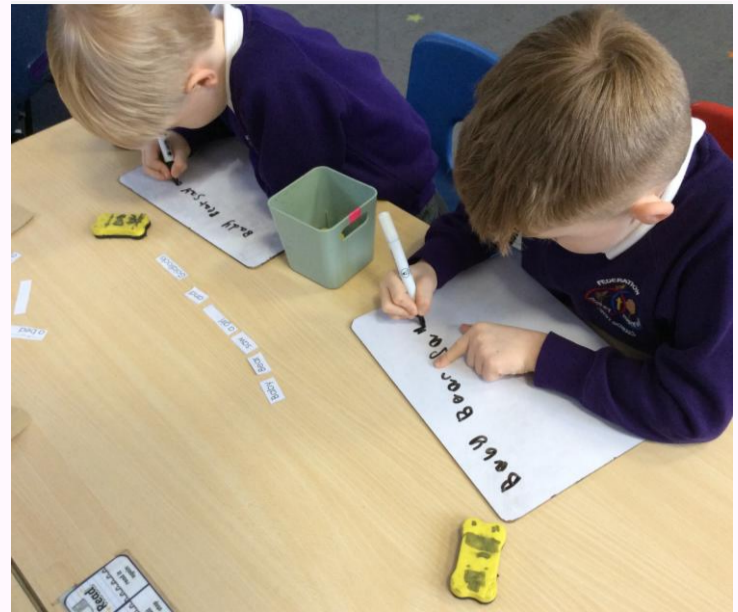
In Apple class, the children are learning about Traditional Tales and this week we looked at the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'.

The children had lots of fun acting out the story at the beginning of the week and practised joining in with some of the repetitive phrases. They then had a go at writing a description of goldilocks and we have been practising reading our sentences back to check they make sense.

Later in the week we practised creating sentences using the word 'and'. The children worked in partners to rearrange the words to build their sentence and some added some adjectives in!

Next we will be creating speech bubbles to show what the characters are saying.

We are going to be checking back to see if we have our capital letters, finger spaces and full stops!



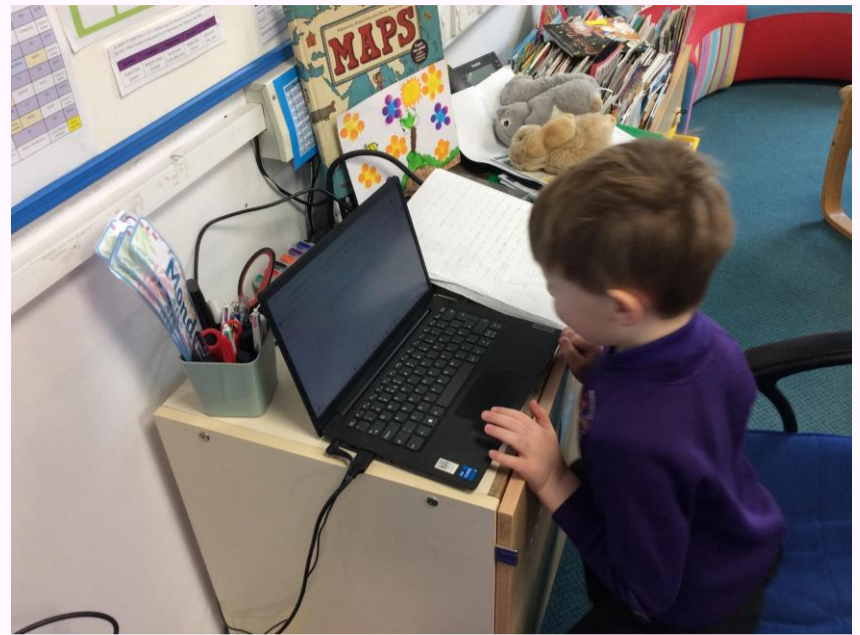
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Hazel Class

This week Year 2 have been working so hard to create their “what happened next” Rapunzel stories.

The children have been telling Miss Preston what happened once their character escaped the person who had kept them locked up.

Hazel class would love to invite you to come and read their stories next Friday during parent reading once they have finished editing and publishing!



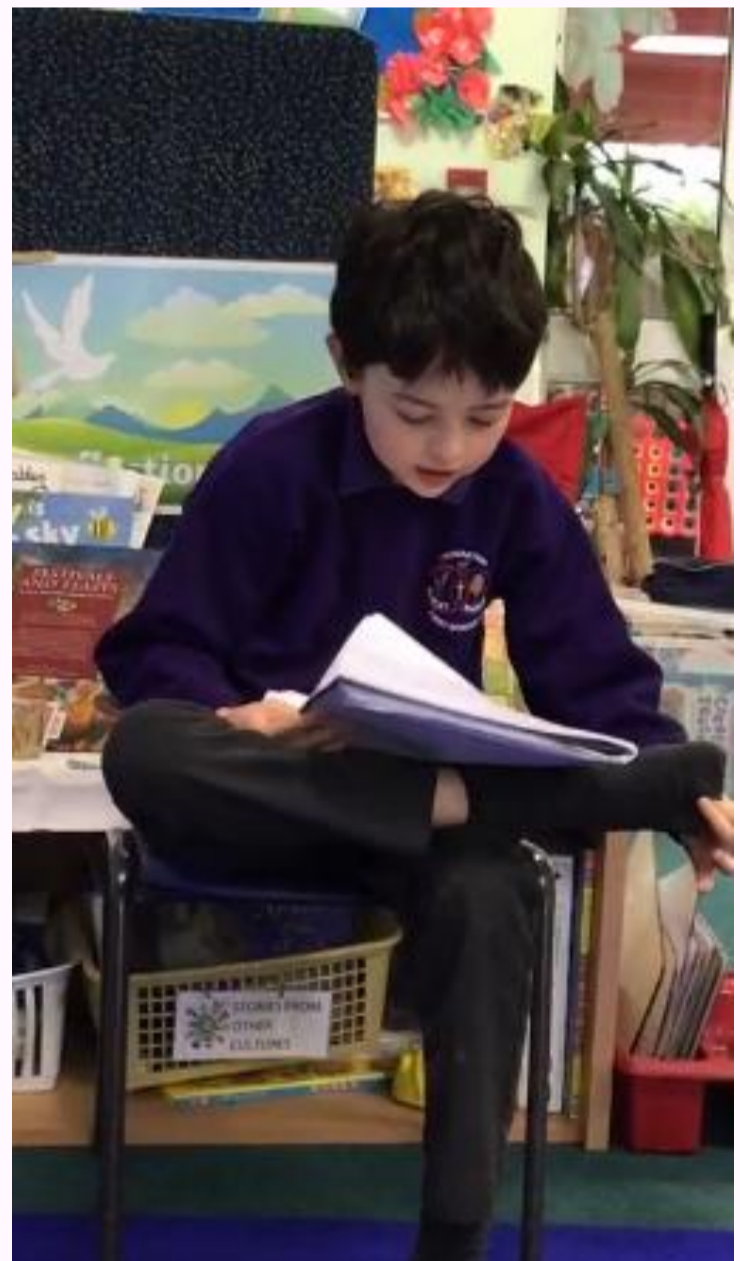
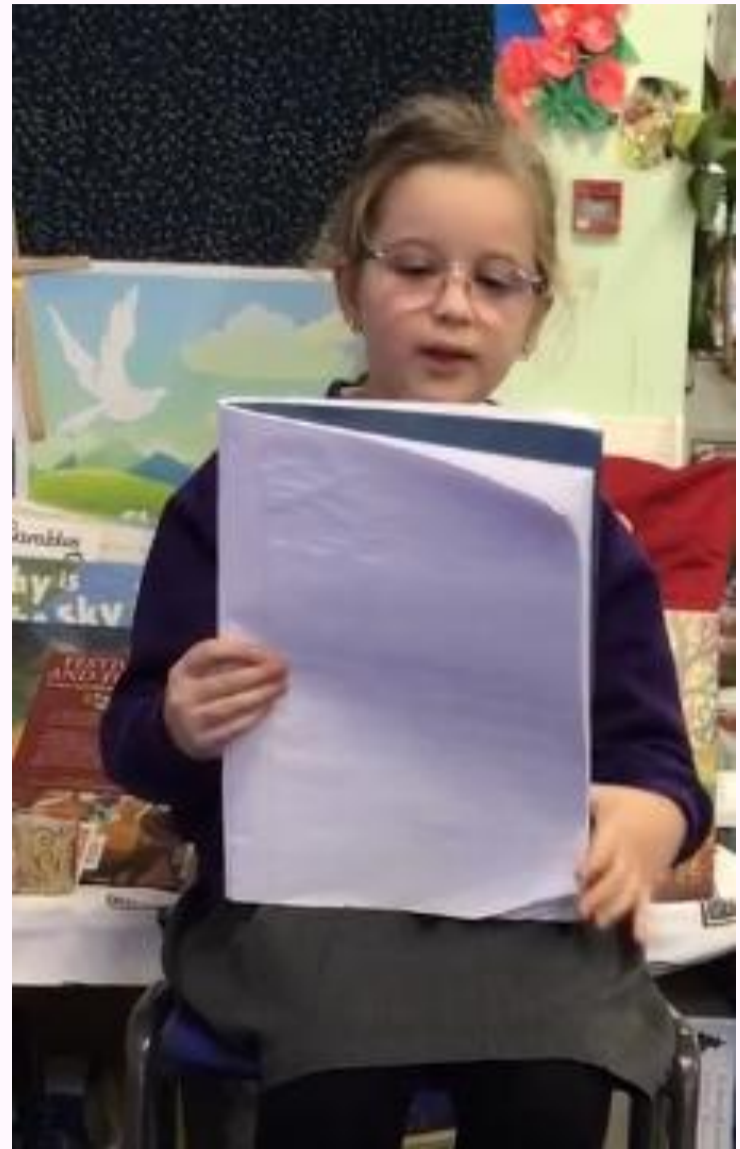
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Beech Class

Year 3 have been busy writing persuasive speeches using vocabulary such as urge, demand, responsible and shocking.

They practised persuading Mrs Porter why they shouldn't go to bed at 6pm (they were very convincing!) and have begun drafting ideas about reducing single-use plastic and the impact of plastic in our oceans.

The children enjoyed presenting their speeches to each other and are very excited to write to King Charles III to persuade him to do more to help save our planet.



This weeks activities

Sycamore Class

Year 4 have been very busy all week writing our own news reports about the mystery cake in the classroom.

They have published them using a news report format with a headline, sub heading, pictures, captions and columns.

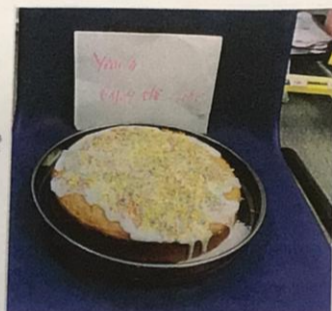
Everyone is very proud of their work and will be bringing it home to share the news with their families.


Solve A Creative Children Cake Mystery

A Suspicious Cake appeared during singing assembly in the year 4 class room. by Elizabeth £3.50p

Year 4, Mrs West, Year 2 and 3 were in assembly when the unknown baker struck! Once Year 4 had returned to the classroom there was a cake sitting on a chair that said "Year 4 enjoy the cake" with no name so they didn't know who had put it there. It was looking so delicious and it had Rainbow sprinkles on it with white icing. For some reason, nobody was in the classroom, or so they thought. Year 4 were determined to investigate.

This is the cake he made us





This is our cook called John

Mrs Piper told year 4 that she saw John (the cook) going into the year 4 classroom with a brown box and it had a lid on it but once he came out, the lid was off of the box. It was about the size of a cake. He didn't go anywhere else but the classroom. Year 4 were very suspicious because Mrs Piper said. "I have a twitchy eye so I need to keep putting my glasses on and off." They had a talk and thought the only person it could be is John and it WAS!! He wanted to say thank you for having his school lunches and for lots more people to have them because they are delicious.

After all of that thinking and working out and so much more but after all it was John. Year 4 have eaten the cake and they will continue to eat his lunches.

They went around Barley School asking for samples of teachers handwriting to try and catch the culprit but it was no use. They got Mrs Bagnall's first then Miss Grint's and finally Mrs Whitaker. Once they got back to their Classroom, they had a talk about who could have put it there. Annie said. "How about we go and ask Mrs Piper?" They all agreed so they went into Mrs Pipers office and got some answers.

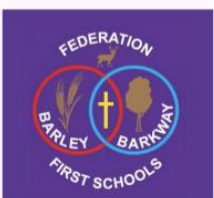
Tesco Tokens

In Tesco Extra, Royston, we have been given the opportunity to receive up to £1,500 funding for our mud kitchen!

How does it work?

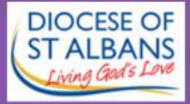
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