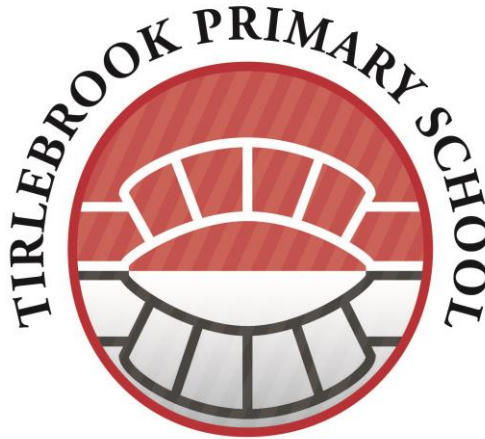


Tirlebrook Newsletter 2 (23-24)

Friday 22nd September 2023



As we come towards the end of our second full week back at school, it is lovely to be able to report what a brilliant beginning the children have made to this academic year. They are continuing to settle well into their new classes and it is a pleasure to see them coming into school each day with such enthusiasm for learning. In assembly this week, we considered how important it is to **'Be Ready'**, whether that be ready to learn or to help, to say something kind or to listen. We agreed that by being ready, we are showing that we are enthusiastic and dedicated and that we care. We will continue to work with the children to embed the key messages of being **Ready, Respectful** and **Responsible** and core values of **Positive Attitude, Community, Creativity & Environment** as we **Explore, Enjoy** and **Excel Together**.



Pupil Leadership

Pupil Voice Council Elections

The children have been busy electing their representatives for this year's Pupil Voice Councils: School Council, Eco Council, Sports Council, Arts Council and Digital Leaders. These were announced in this week's Celebration Assembly and the children have now received their badges. They will be working alongside members of staff to make all sorts of decisions that will impact the life of the school throughout the upcoming academic year, as well as arranging and participating in a variety of

activities and events, including Anti-Bullying Week, Safer Internet Day and Health, Arts Week & Wellbeing Week. Our Pupil Voice Council members for this academic year are as follows:

School Council: Freddie B, Poppy B, Maisie B, Charlie C-H, Alice E, Layla H, Emily H, Maddie J, Martha K, Oliwier K, Poppy M, Andrew W, Lola W & Arthur W (Mrs. Stead & Mrs. Stratford)

Eco Council: Erin B, Layla B, Joshua B, Leo G, Jacob H, Joshua H, Megan H, Jack H, Hugo J, Theo L, Charlie L, Bella M, Isabelle T & Castiel W (Mrs. Reynolds & Mrs. Schofield)

Sports Council: Sami B, Zachary B, Liam D, Isla F, Oliver F, Camden H, Georgia K-S, George M, Stanley M & Layla R (Miss. Moysey, Miss. Stoker & Miss. Thatcher)

Arts Council: Josephine B-H, Logan B, Ava B, Paris B, Billy G, Jessica H, Clara H, Toby Hu, Thapelo K, Tom M (Mrs. Featonby, Mrs. Haidon & Mrs. Perry)

Digital Leaders: Roman B, Louie B, Tommy B, Oliver D, Oz E, Emilia G, Jax H, Theo P, Zac R & Jason S (Mr. Crouch)

Congratulations! And we look forward to seeing what the children come up with this year.



Get Involved

The *500 Words* Writing Challenge is BACK!

We are delighted to announce that the **BBC's 500 Words is back** - and we will be encouraging as many of our young writers to get involved with this writing challenge as possible! *500 Words* encourages children of all abilities to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar.

With an array of celebrities, authors and illustrators on the judging panel, the children have the opportunity to showcase their fantastic work and if they win, have their work celebrated in many different ways. They could also win *mountains* of books for themselves (equivalent to the height of Sir Lenny Henry, the height of HM Queen Camilla or the height of an average 7-11 year old). There is also the chance to win 500 books for our school! They may even have the chance of having a well-known illustrator create pictures for their story! How amazing is that?

What better way to celebrate *creativity* here at Tirlbrook than to create amazing short stories?

We will also be awarding our own prizes here at school, with a bronze, silver and gold place for each class.

To get involved, your child simply has to create a short story (maximum 500 words). They need to bring it to school where the Arts Council and Mrs. Featonby will read it and compile it with other entries, before sending it off to the challenge organisers. It's as easy as that!

We would love to see as many children involved as possible and who knows... your child could have their work showcased on the BBC!

500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition, opens on:

Tuesday 26 September and will run till Friday 10 November.

For more information, follow the link below:

[500 Words 2023: Everything you need to know](#)



[Join the Blue Peter Book Club](#)

We would also like to advertise the new **Blue Peter Book Club** and **Blue Peter Book Badge** to you all. The Blue Peter web page says:

'Welcome to the Blue Peter Book Club, where awesome stories and fun await you! We want everyone to get involved – so dive in, start reading and let's explore the world of books together! 📖 ✨'

What is the Blue Peter Book Club?

The Blue Peter Book Club is all about sharing the joy of reading! 💙

Each month we'll talk about a different book from a list on our web page and find out your thoughts on it too! We'll also have lots of fun activities, quizzes and cool challenges to try.

How do I join?

It's super easy to join the Blue Peter Book Club – there's no secret handshake or special code. Everyone is welcome to be a part of the fun. Just grab a book from our list (or you could even read a choice of your own) and start reading. Taa daah! You're officially a member of the Blue Peter Book Club! ✨

You can share your thoughts with other fans, talk about your favourite books or even send in pictures and selfies! Although you're welcome to read any book you like, to make things easier we've put together a list of six amazing books for you to try!

Am I Made of Stardust? by Dr. Maggie Aderin-Pocock

Finding Her Feet by Eve Ainsworth

Juniper Mae: Knight of Tykotech City by Sarah Soh

Michael by Terry Chilvers

Poems Aloud: An Anthology of Poems to Read Out Loud by Joseph Coelho

The Christmas Carrolls by Mel Taylor-Bessent

Get the new Blue Peter Book badge

If this wasn't exciting enough, [you can now apply for the brand new Blue Peter Book badge!](#)

Did a story make you laugh out loud, whisk you away on a thrilling journey, or introduce you to unforgettable characters? By sharing your book reviews you could earn our new book-tastic badge designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake. 😊

Find out more: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/blue-peter-book-club>

We are really grateful to Miss. Ward who brought this exciting new opportunity to our attention.



Looking Back

Space Odyssey Planetarium Visit - Thursday 21st September

We were absolutely delighted to be able to host Simon and his Space Odyssey planetarium at Tirlbrook this week, giving children in Years 5 and 6, as well as others from across the school in after-school sessions, the opportunity to explore the universe. It was an absolutely brilliant day of awe and wonder!

Mrs. Featonby writes,

A group of very excited Year 5s popped off their shoes and headed off for an adventure of a lifetime - into outer space! Surrounded by stars, planets, comets, rockets and much much more, the children were immersed in all things space, venturing into the past, the present and most excitingly, the future!

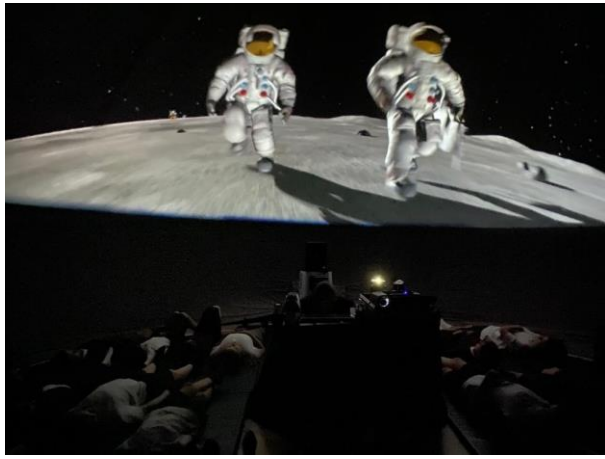
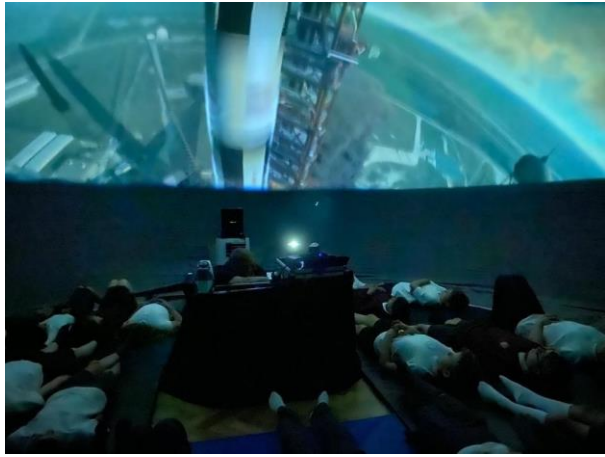
Our morning was spent learning all about rockets, NASA and the future space travel events for next year, including the planned space travel for the first woman astronaut to go into space and around the moon, before returning to Earth. We were able to explore why rockets are shaped in certain ways

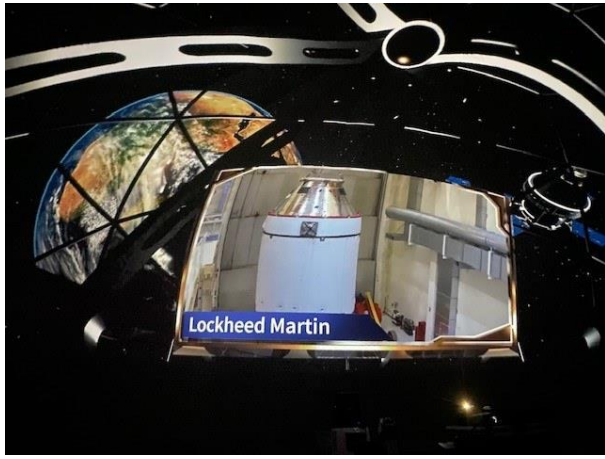
and exactly how they are made to do the amazing jobs they do - returning our astronauts to us safely.

In the afternoon, the class were surrounded by planets and star constellations, learning about day and night, the phases of the moon and how exactly we get different seasons here on Earth. The children were fascinated by the many wonders of space. We ended our amazing session with question time - my favourite time! At this point, the children's thoughts, ideas and wonderings come to life as they shared their queries about outer space (and aliens of course!)

The children in Rowan Class behaved impeccably and Simon was extremely grateful to them for their respect and positive attitudes. It was an incredible experience that I'm sure the children will remember for a very long time, maybe even when one of them becomes the next space explorer!!





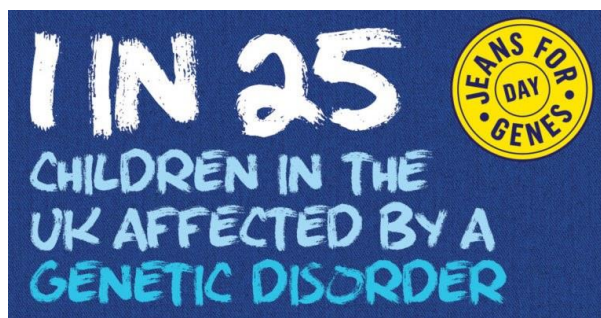




Charity

Jeans for Genes Day - Friday 22nd September

We all inherit a range of talents, skills and personality traits through our genes – they're part of what makes us who we are. Half a million children in the UK face the daily challenges of a genetic disorder. On Friday, the Tirlbrook Primary School community supported **Jeans for Genes**, a fantastic charity who use donations to help families most in need of medical, mental health and financial support, by pulling on a pair of jeans or other similar denim item and throwing £1 in the pot on *Jeans for Genes Day*. Thank you to everyone who was able to support us - there is no doubt that our donations, however small or large, have helped to fund the vital care and support services that transform the lives of those living with genetic disorders. We haven't yet had the opportunity to total the donations made - we will share this with you in next week's newsletter. Thank you for your support.









Emily's WWF Panda Fundraiser - Tuesday 3rd October 2023

We will be holding a fundraiser after school on Tuesday 3rd October for the WWF. I was approached by Emily, one of older pupils, who has a passion for supporting animals in the wild, particularly those that are endangered. She has written all about her plans to share with you all:

'Hello families of Tirlbrook Primary School pupils, I'm Emily and I am going to be doing a fundraiser for the WWF. WWF are fighting to restore thriving habitats and species. For instance, it is estimated that around 1,860 giant pandas remain in the wild today, through the work of the WWF this has increased by over 700 in the last thirty years. The WWF have the solutions, but they can't do it alone.

I would like to raise £100 to adopt a panda for the school. You will be able to find me on the playground after school by the gate, on Tuesday 3rd October 2023, selling items to raise money towards this. As well as panda keyrings and panda cup cakes, there will be a competition (guess how many pandas) to win a TY panda Squishmallow. I may have a couple of volunteers with me to help out with customers. If you are able to spare a few pounds on that afternoon, you can take away some

of my creations and know that you are helping to support the WWF. I look forward to meeting you, I hope you're excited about the event thank you and see you there xxx' 😊

It's fantastic to see the passion and enthusiasm that our children and young people have to make a difference in our world. Let's get behind her and support her with this fantastic ambition that she has.



Coming Up

[Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 29th September @ 9 a.m.](#)

You are cordially invited to come along to our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September from 9 – 10 a.m. We are raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support; donations in exchange for drinks and cakes will be taken on the day. If you are able to send in some cakes or cookies to help us to run this event, it would be very much appreciated. Any goodies should be dropped into school at some point on Thursday 28th September - thank you in advance for this. If you can make it, we look forward to seeing you there.



Comedy Night - Friday 29th September @ 8 p.m.

Bearded Lady Comedy Club is coming to Tirlebrook

It's time for a night out! Tirlebrook Primary School and Bearded Lady Comedy have teamed up and are excited to bring you a side-splitting evening of comedy! With three top-circuit comedians lined up and a fully-stocked bar with bar snacks ... what's not to like?!?!

When: Friday 29th September @ 8 p.m. (doors open @ 7:15 p.m.)

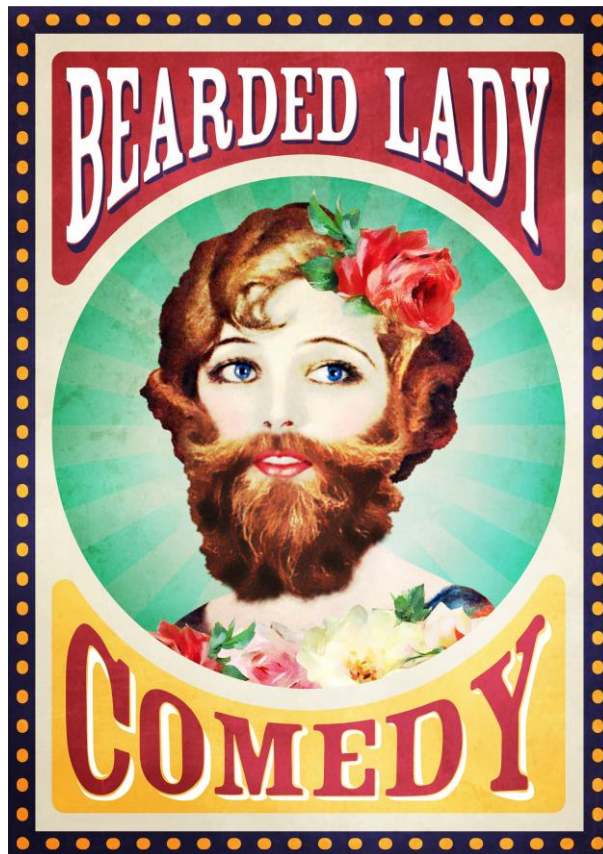
Where: Tirlebrook Primary School

Tickets: £13.50 (+ booking fee) in advance or £16 on the door

Comedians: Dan Antopolski - *'the best gags I've heard'* The Scotsman; Ed Pownall - *'Amazing!'* Dane Baptiste; Andy White - *'had me exercising my pelvic floor muscles to avoid an accident!'* BBC

Tickets can be booked through EventBrite: <https://shorturl.at/boJ13>

Please be advised that the comedy will contain adult themes and is not suitable for children and that the bar will be a cash only bar.



Harvest Assembly - Monday 2nd October @ 9 a.m.

We will be holding our Harvest Assembly, a week on Monday, the 2nd October, and as part of this, will be collecting both food and monetary donations on behalf of the residents of Barton Court and Tewkesbury Foodbank. If you feel able to, we would be delighted for you to be involved. Donations of low stock essential items would be very gratefully appreciated for Tewkesbury Foodbank and these include (please note I have included a couple of non-traditional Harvest items too!): UHT milk (long-life semi-skimmed), breakfast cereals, pasta sauce, long-life fruit juice, tinned meat, tinned carrots,

tinned peas, tea, coffee, ketchup, brown sauce, shower gel, shampoo and small packs of washing powder. However, all food donations of fruit, vegetables, cans, tins, packets, bottles and cartons are welcomed. Any monetary donations will be used to provide vouchers for those in need from local businesses Kevin Mace the Butchers and Woody's Greengrocers.

If you feel able to support Barton Court residents Tewkesbury Foodbank, we will begin collecting from Monday 25th September. We are requesting that food donations brought into school are deposited on a trolley at the main school gate; a bucket will also be at the main school gate daily for any financial gifts. We will display the food collected at our Harvest Assembly on Monday 2nd October (please note that this is at 9 a.m. and not at last week's incorrectly published time of 2 p.m.) before delivering all contributions to the residents at Barton Court and to Tewkesbury Foodbank later that week. *Thank you in advance for your support.*



Tirlebrook Primary School Open Mornings

Open Mornings for Prospective Parents – Thursday 12th October & Tuesday 7th November

If your child currently attends Little Oaks Nursery Class and is a prospective Tirlebrook school starter for Reception in September 2024, or if you know anyone who may be interested in their upcoming Reception age child attending Tirlebrook next academic year, please advertise to them that we will be holding our first two Open Morning sessions for Prospective Parents on **Thursday 12th October** and **Tuesday 7th November**. Visitors will have the chance to meet the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher, ask questions about life at Tirlebrook and participate in a quick but friendly tour led by our House Captains. Places will be available for this event at two time slots: 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. respectively. Bookings can be made for either session by contacting Mrs. Claire Thomas, our School Administrator, by email at admin@tirlebrook.gloucs.sch.uk or by calling the School Office on 01684 293549. A further date has been planned for an Open Afternoon: Tuesday 21st November. Further details of this event will be available shortly. Please share this information with family, friends and beyond – we look forward to welcoming familiar faces and new ones alike to our wonderful school.

*We also have spaces in our current Reception class - if this is of interest to somebody you know, please make them aware as they too will be welcome to join us for a tour around the school.

Information for Families

The King's School Gloucester Open Event - Saturday 7th October

The King's School in Gloucester is holding an **Open Morning on Saturday 7th October**. They have extended a warm invitation to Year 5 and Year 6 children and their families to visit them and find out more about King's Senior School. They write,

'Accompanied by one of our pupils, families will follow a fun and interactive Discovery Trail around the school where they will meet teachers and hear more about the wide range of academic and co-curricular opportunities on offer at King's. At the end of the morning refreshments will be served and staff will be available to answer questions about King's admissions process and the scholarships and bursaries available for pupils coming into Year 7. If parents would like to attend, we would kindly ask them to pre-register via our website and select their preferred arrival time: <https://www.thekingsschool.co.uk/>. If there are any queries, our Admissions Team would be delighted to help, admissions@thekingsschool.co.uk.'

Thank You

Reading Rangers

A huge thank you to all of our volunteers who last year supported our Reading Rangers initiative. We are very grateful for your support and please know that your regular visits into school were not only a huge help, but made a real difference to the children that you were working with. That's great news, isn't it?! As we begin a new year, some of our Reading Rangers are no longer able to come into school, although there are some who have kindly agreed to continue. Therefore, we are on the look out for a few more volunteers! Mrs. Perry writes,

'Are you passionate about reading? Do you have a spare hour a week? Do you want to make a difference to the reading confidence and fluency of our children? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, you may be just who we need! We are looking for a group of willing volunteers to support reading in our school. We would love to hear from any parents, grandparents or supporters of the school who would like to come in for one hour a week to support our children with their reading. All you need is a friendly face and a listening ear. Providing our children with an extra five minutes of reading focus, can make such a positive difference. Please contact the office or Mrs Perry for more information and thank you in advance for your support.'

Little Oaks Outdoor Donation

We have recently received a fantastic donation for the children of Little Oaks. Outdoor equipment including sensory trays, a covered water play station and a mud kitchen were purchased and donated by a school family who wish to remain anonymous. We can certainly respect their wishes, but we must say 'thank you' anyway! These items will enhance the provision for the children at Little Oaks hugely and we are very grateful for your financial support in enabling this to happen. **Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

Community

Tewkesbury Baptist Church Events

Tewkesbury Baptist Church have been in touch and requested that we advertise two of their upcoming events to the local community.

On *Saturday 7th October from 7 p.m.* they will be holding a Quiz Night in aid of Tear Fund, a Christian charity who work to transform the lives of those living in poverty in the third world. Entry is by donation and teams of four can be entered in one of three categories: Adult, Family and Children.

On *Saturday 18th November at 7:30 p.m.* the church will be hosting Gregory Steward, a professional tenor, who will be performing an array of classical favourites and songs from the shows including Carousel, Les Miserables and South Pacific. Tickets are £10 in advance or £12 on the door.

For further information or to purchase tickets to either event, please make contact via David Hobbs at Hobbsdm@gmail.com, the church office at office@tewkbaptist.org.uk, or by telephone on 01684 293044.



And finally...

Have a wonderful weekend and we'll see you all again on Monday!

Mr. Lockley and the Tirlbrook Team

School Calendar

September

- Thursday 28th - Cross Country Race 1 - 4 p.m. @ The Vineyards
- Friday 29th - MacMillan Coffee Morning
- Friday 29th - Y6 Swimming Lessons continue
- Friday 29th - Bearded Lady & Tirlbrook Primary School Comedy Night

October

- Monday 2nd @ 9 a.m. - Harvest Assembly
- Thursday 5th - Cross Country Race 2 - 4 p.m. @ The Vineyards
- Thursday 12th - Open Morning for Prospective Reception Families
- Thursday 12th - Cross Country Race 3 - 4 p.m. @ The Vineyards
- w/c Monday 16th - 'Books for Bugs' Virtual Book Fair

- Wednesday 18th - Individual School Photographs
- Tuesday 24th & Thursday 26th - Autumn Term Family Consultations
- Thursday 26th - Nasal Flu Immunisations
- Friday 27th - End of Autumn Term 1
- Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November - HALF TERM

November

- Monday 6th - Autumn Term 2 Begins
- Tuesday 7th - Open Morning for Prospective Reception Families
- Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th - Life Education Visit
- Tuesday 21st - Open Afternoon for Prospective Reception Families

December

- Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th - Y2- Y6 Cookery Workshops with Chef Caldora
- Thursday 21st - End of Autumn Term 2 @ 1:30 p.m.

January 2024

- Friday 5th - INSET training day; Tirlbrook Primary School and Little Oaks Nursery closed to pupils
- Monday 8th - Spring Term 1 Begins
- Wednesday 24th - Young Voices
- w/c Monday 29th - iSingPOP

February 2024

- Tuesday 6th - Thursday 8th - Spring Term Family Consultations
- Friday 9th - End of Spring Term 1
- Monday 19th - Spring Term 2 Begins

March 2024

- Wednesday 6th - Tuesday 12th - 'Books for Bugs' Virtual Book Fair
- Thursday 7th - World Book Day
- Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st - Y2 - Y6 Cookery Workshops with Chef Caldora
- Friday 22nd - End of Spring Term 2 @ 1:30 p.m.

April

- Monday 8th - Summer Term 1 Begins
- Tuesday 9th - Reception and Y6 Heights & Weights

- Monday 29th to Wednesday 1st May - Y4 Residential @ The Pioneer Centre

May

- Tuesday 7th to Friday 10th - Y5 Residential @ Rockley Point
- Monday 13th to Thursday 16th - Y6 SATs Week
- Thursday 23rd - End of Summer Term 1

June

- Tuesday 4th - Summer Term 2 Begins

July

- Monday 8th - Friday 12th - Y6 Isle of Wight Residential
- Friday 19th - End of Summer Term 2 @ 1:30 p.m.

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