



Porthleven School & Pre-School



Newsletter

Friday 5th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, your children have been learning all about the environment following Crofty's Sustainability and Climate Curriculum, which all Crofty schools have been taking part in over a week this term. For each year group (Nursery to Year 6), a series of lessons have been identified as part of a progressive path to a defined outcome such as designing posters, creating web pages or recording a podcast. Each year group has a specific focus within sustainability linked to one of the United Nations Sustainability Goals:

Nursery and Reception were investigating plants and animals in our local and wider environment and learning about how we can take care of biodiversity.

Year 1 were learning about life below water, recognising the need to protect our aquatic environments and spent a morning rock pooling finding crabs, shrimps, blennies and even starfishes.

Year 2 were improving their knowledge of the impact of fumes from vehicles and how to encourage sustainable transport.

Year 3 went on a field trip to the stream that runs along the park to take water samples as part of their learning on clean water. They identified that the stream contains invertebrates but the quality of the water is too poor to contain fish.

Year 4 constructed solar ovens to melt smores as they learnt about clean energy.

Year 5 learnt all about responsible production of cars and how we can be agents of change to create a better future.

Year 6 broadened their knowledge of food miles and how producers are treated fairly.

The important aspect of this learning has been showing children that although some of the climate and environmental challenges may seem formidable, if we meet these challenges with determination and not with despair, we are able to hope and be agents of change.

This week also saw the children take part in their own elections for school council members. We set up a polling station and the children were able to place their voting slip in a ballot box. It was pleasing to see that so many of our children wanted to put themselves forward as candidates and the results were extremely close with every child receiving votes.

Our KS2 Councillors for 2024-25 Academic Year:

Year 6 – Josie & Sophia

Year 5- Bertie & Robin

Year 4 – Fern & Jago

Year 3 – Lowen & Arlo

The focus for the school council will again be improving the environmental footprint of the school and how we can encourage natural diversity in our outside of the classroom.

Hope you have a good weekend.

Dan Clayden

Headteacher



THE PORTHLEVEN WAY

We are safe.

We belong.

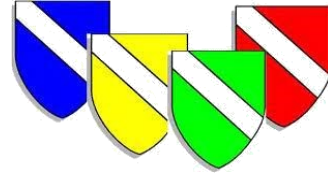
We are responsible.

We learn.

We can.

House Points

Running Totals This Term:



Overall totals this term

Cookworthy: 19

Penrose: 19

Gibson: 16

Methleigh: 21

Our winners this week are the

Gibson Team

Well done!

Attendance

Class	Attendance This week
Rainbowfish—YR	93.39
Seahorses—Y1	96.58
Jellyfish—Y2	98.81
Narwhals—Y3	98.08
Swordfish—Y4	95.88
Manta Rays—Y5	94.91
Dolphins—Y6	95.52
WHOLE SCHOOL	96.12%

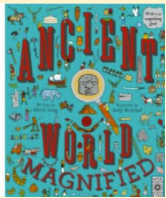
Well done to Jellyfish class for the best attendance this week!

Accelerated Reader Champions!



Jellyfish	Narwhals	Swordfish	Manta Rays	Dolphins
Class Weekly Word Count				
34,298	131,599	162,930	146,192	1,200,634
Highest Pupil Weekly Word Count				
Thea	Jago	Abigail	Scarlett	Annabelle
100% achievers - Who has achieved their target?				
Eliza, Thea	Lottie, Lowen, Gracie, Fern, Evie, Isla, Rupert, Alana, Keira, Esmay, Lily, Phoebe, Eleanor, Sasha	Bertie, Merryn, Sophia, Evelyn, Lowenna, Ezra, Coral, Evie, Daisy, Rose, Tommy	Joe	Annabelle, Beau, Erin, Logan, Bree-Anna, Scarlet, Jaimee-Leigh, Ava, Enrika

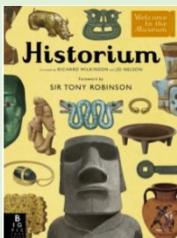
Recommended Reads - History Focus



KS1 Book of the Week
Ancient World Magnified
Author—David Long

A treasure trove of information about the Ancient World, presented in a seek-and-find format, with a magnifying glass included.

This fun and interactive book includes different scenes depicting daily life in Ancient civilizations both known and unfamiliar, including Babylonia, Ancient China, the Mongol Empire and the Kingdom of Zimbabwe. Readers familiar with the Where's Wally? books will dive right in without hesitation as they search for different characters, animals, symbols and objects that all build up to create a detailed picture of different aspects of each Ancient Civilisation.



KS2 Book of the Week
Historium
Author—Jo Nelson

Explore the wonders of the past in this stunning collection of over 160 historical artefacts, from Ancient Rome to the dynasties of China. Welcome to the museum. This rich and informative cabinet of curiosities beautifully displays objects of the ancient past. Wander from room to room to explore the magnificence of what civilisations have left behind over thousands of years of human history.

Maths Whizz Winners

Below is our weekly progression for each class!

Jellyfish: 100%

Narwhals: 100%

Swordfish: 100%

Manta Rays: 96%

Dolphins: 81%

Well done to every one for getting in the Hall of Fame this week!



Maths-Whizz
by whizz EDUCATION

EYFS & KS1 TEAM

This week we hear from Miss Mitchell in Nursery!

The children have been busy enjoying sustainability week. We explored the different homes found in trees and discovered the variety of animals that rely on them.

The children were fascinated to learn about the nests, webs, and burrows that provide shelter to many creatures. We talked about why trees are important to us and to animals and the importance of looking after our environment. Our week included an outdoor adventure in the school grounds where the children identified and examined the trees we have. They enjoyed making rubbings on the bark to study the different textures and patterns. Inspired by what they learnt, the children painted pictures of the creatures that live in the trees and went on a litter pick around school.



This week we hear from Mr Goward in Year 4!

This week it has been Sustainability Week at Porthleven Primary. This has led Swordfish Class into many debates, conversations and research sessions regarding renewable energy. We have

learnt about solar panels, hydroelectricity, geothermal and wind turbine energy – their positives and negatives, their costs, and what they can do for the environment. We've had two big projects this week as part of Sustainability, which have been to make smores in a solar oven (you'd be shocked at how successful these turned out to be!) and writing and performing a Renewable Energy rap. Inspired by Squid, an eco-rights rapper, Swordfish put together beats on their Chromebooks, then wrote lyrics to perform over the top of them. We've had some great verses this week – lots of thoughtful ideas about the potential of various renewable energy sources and an overall positive impression about our futures and what we can do as humans living on the earth to protect it. Branching out from eco-rights, I fully expect to hear several of my class in the rap charts in a few years' time!

KS2 TEAM



Important Messages

Information sent home this week:

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Please can we remind all parents, carers and visitors that there is NO smoking or vaping within the school grounds.

Outstanding Library Books

We currently have 220 books on loan with 186 of these being overdue. As we draw to the end of the term, could you please ensure that all outstanding books are returned before the 19th July.

If you have any books that you no longer want and would make an excellent addition to the library, please pass them on to Mrs. Figgins who will add them to the library for others to enjoy.

School Carboot

Friday 19th July school car boot 2-5pm to book please completed the link below

<https://forms.office.com/e/vr2qgMZjtz>

Kooth

Kooth, commissioned by NHS Cornwall & IOS ICB, will be holding a Year 6 Transition Event at Helston Library on Friday 26th July 11am-12pm. The session will cover:

- Feelings & emotions that may bubble up around transition time
- Managing worries about secondary school
- Practical tips for feeling prepared for secondary school
- How Kooth can support children and young people

This is a drop in session, no need to book! Just come along on Friday 26th July at 11am with your Year 6 child.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Menu Changes next week

Wednesday 10th July

Roast Pork and Quorn Roast.

Thursday 11th July

Turkey Lasagna Veg Sausage and Mash.

Adverts

You can find the full job description and additional information about both jobs on the Crofty website - www.croftymat.org



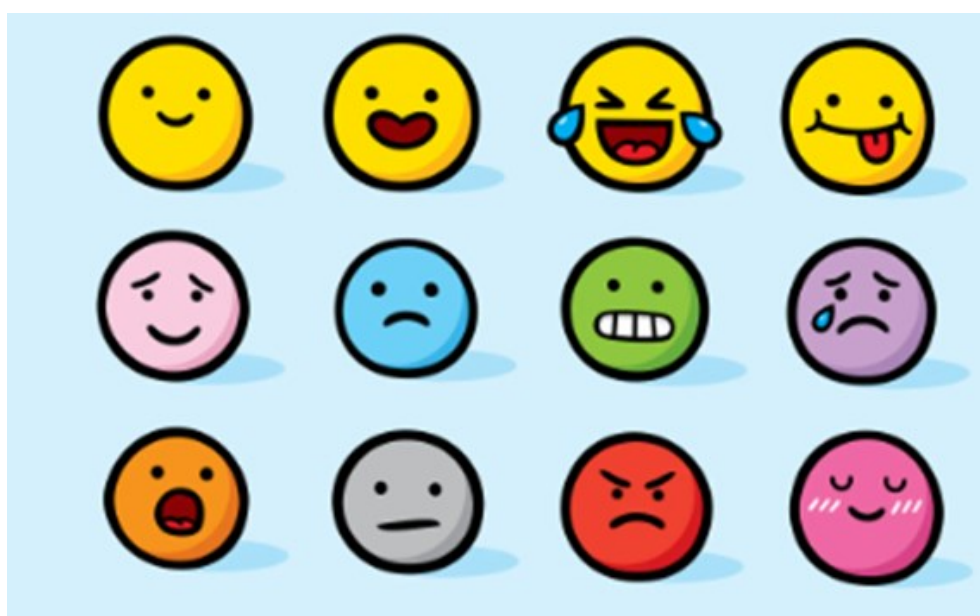
School Based Administrator	
32.50h per week, 41.4weeks per year.	
Contract Type:	PERMANENT
Closing Date:	NOON 17 TH JULY
Interview date:	22 ND July
Start date:	September
Location:	Garras School

School Based Administrator	
6.25h per week on a Wednesday, Term Time	
Contract Type:	PERMANENT
Closing Date:	NOON 10 TH JULY
Interview date:	TBC
Start date:	ASAP
Location:	Trannack School

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 8th July	Year 4 Surf day—remember to sign up!
Tuesday 16th July	1.30-3pm Understanding your Child's Behaviour
Tuesday 16th JULy	4.30-6pm Understanding your Child's Behaviour
Thursday 18th July	Year 6 Parent 'Come Dine with Me' Event
Friday 19th July	Summer Fair & Car Boot
Friday 19th July	Non-uniform Day - Bring in a sweet or chocolate item for the school tombola
Tuesday 23rd July	Year 6 Trip to Flambards
Wednesday 24th July	Leavers Assembly/ Last Day of Term
Monday 2nd September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 3rd September	First Day of School
Wednesday 25th September	School Immunisation 2024/2025
Monday 14th October	INSET DAY
Monday 6th January	INSET DAY
Monday 24th February	INSET DAY
Thursday 8th May	INSET DAY
Friday 6th June	INSET DAY
Monday 7th July	INSET DAY

Practical Strategies – Understanding your child's behaviour.



The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) will be delivering a couple of practical sessions.

Below are the dates and times of the sessions. Please click the link to sign up.

Practical strategies – Understanding your child's behaviour on Tuesday 16th July at 1:30-3pm <https://forms.office.com/e/War7X6cKN5> (link closes on the 10th July)

Practical strategies – Understanding your child's behaviour on Tuesday 16th July at 4:30-6pm <https://forms.office.com/e/dmQWpnMftd> (link closes on the 10th July)



Porthleven School & Nursery

2024/2025 School Term Dates

September 2024						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	
Tue	3	10	17	24		
Wed	4	11	18	25		
Thurs	5	12	19	26		
Fri	6	13	20	27		
Sat	7	14	21	28		
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

October 2024						
Mon	7	14	21	28		
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

November 2024						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thurs		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24		

December 2024						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	
Tue	3	10	17	24	31	
Wed	4	11	18	25		
Thurs	5	12	19	26		
Fri	6	13	20	27		
Sat	7	14	21	28		
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

January 2025						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

February 2025						
Mon		3	10	17	24	
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22		
Sun	2	9	16	23		

March 2025						
Mon	3	10	17	24	31	
Tue	4	11	18	25		
Wed	5	12	19	26		
Thurs	6	13	20	27		
Fri	7	14	21	28		
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

April 2025						
Mon	7	14	21	28		
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

May 2025						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

June 2025						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	
Tue	3	10	17	24		
Wed	4	11	18	25		
Thurs	5	12	19	26		
Fri	6	13	20	27		
Sat	7	14	21	28		
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

July 2025						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

August 2025						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thurs		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24		

School holidays

Bank holidays

- Christmas Day 25 December 2024
- Boxing Day 26 December 2024
- New Years Day 01 January 2025
- Good Friday 18 April 2025
- Easter Monday 21 April 2025
- May Bank Holiday 05 May 2025
- Spring Bank Holiday 26 May 2025
- Summer Bank Holiday 25 August 2025

AUTUMN TERM (74 days)

- 3 September - 20 December 2024
- (HALF TERM 28 October -1 November 2024)

SPRING TERM (60 days)

- 6 January - 4 April 2025
- (HALF TERM 17-21 February 2025)

SUMMER TERM (61 days)

- 22 April - 23 July 2025
- (HALF TERM 26-30 May 2025)

INSET DAYS

- 3 September 2024
- 14 October 2024
- 6 January 2025
- 24 February 2025
- 8 May 2025
- 6 June 2025
- 7 July 2025

WEEK 1

W/C: 15/04, 06/05, 17/06, 08/07, 09/09, 30/09, 21/10

SPRING/SUMMER 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🍕 Served with Potato Wedges	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Turkey Lasagne 🍝 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Tomato Pasta 🍝 🌱 🌿 🍌	Vegetarian Burger 🍔 Served with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Cottage Pie 🥧 Served with Gravy	Vegetable Spanish Rice 🌱 🌿	Quorn Dippers 🍌 Served with Chips
	Jacket Potatoes 🍌 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍌 with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayonnaise 🐟	Jacket Potatoes 🍌 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍌 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍌 with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta 🍝 🌱					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	Forest Fruits Jelly	Crispy Crackle Bar with Fruit 🍌	Banana Cake 🍌	Original Flapjack	Vanilla Ice Cream

PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE
Ham and Cheese sandwich available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit

🌱 Vegetarian 🐟 Oily Fish 🍌 Wholegrain
🍌 Fruity! 🍌 Nutritionist's Choice

PORTHLEVEN SCHOOL

Car Boot Sale



**19
JULY**

2-5PM

SELLERS FROM 1.30PM

wet weather plan - indoor table top sale

CONTACT: porthlevenschoolpta@gmail.com



PORTHLEVEN SCHOOL

Summer Fair


FRIDAY 19TH JULY
2PM TO 5PM



FREE
ENTRY



Food & Refreshments
Music Performances
Games & Activities
Raffle & Tombola
Craft Stalls



Join us for lots of fun including
food stalls, fair games, penalty
shootout, wet sponge throw, face
painting, glitter tattoos, rainbow
tombola and much much more!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

IF YOU CAN SPARE AN HOUR TO HELP, PLEASE LET US KNOW
PORTHLEVEN SCHOOLPTA@GMAIL.COM

SUMMER PRIZES!

£1 A SQUARE!

Worth
£20+!



**A cream tea for 2 at
The Square!**



**Breakfast for 2 at the
Tremenheere Kitchen!**



**2 day tickets to the
Tremenheere
Sculpture Gardens!**



**Afternoon tea for 2
at The Penventon
Hotel!**



**£25 Lappa Valley
voucher!**



**Cream tea for 2 at
The Twisted Currant!**



**10 pasties from Ann's Pasties
- voucher redeemable at any
of their stores!**



**A voucher for a file and gel
polish with Sophie Styles
Health and Beauty!**



**A bag of Origin
coffee and an Origin
coffee tin!**

SUMMER PRIZES!

£1 A SQUARE!

Worth
£70+!



St Michael's Mount Tickets!
Access to the Island, Castle & Gardens with car parking & boating (as required) for 2 adults and up to 3 children!



Worth
£60+!

4 tickets to The Seal Sanctuary!

Worth
£40+!



Fal River Enterprise boat trip voucher for 2 adults and 3 children!

BETTER

£30 Helston Pool voucher!



A football kindly donated by Whirlwind Sports!



2 tickets to Flambards!

Worth
£20+!



x2

2 lots of family tickets to King Edward Mine Museum!



One month's free tennis group coaching at Penzance or Hayle Tennis Club!



A kayak tour session from Global Boarders & Lizard Adventure!

SUMMER PRIZES!

£1 A SQUARE!



**St Justin Heart
Necklace!**



**St Justin Ying &
Yang Necklace!**



**St Justin Dolphin
Necklace!**



**St Justin Cat
Hairband!**



**St Justin Harp
Brooch!**



**St Justin Dragon
Necklace!**



**St Justin Celtic
Cross Necklace!**



**St Justin Thistle
Brooch!**



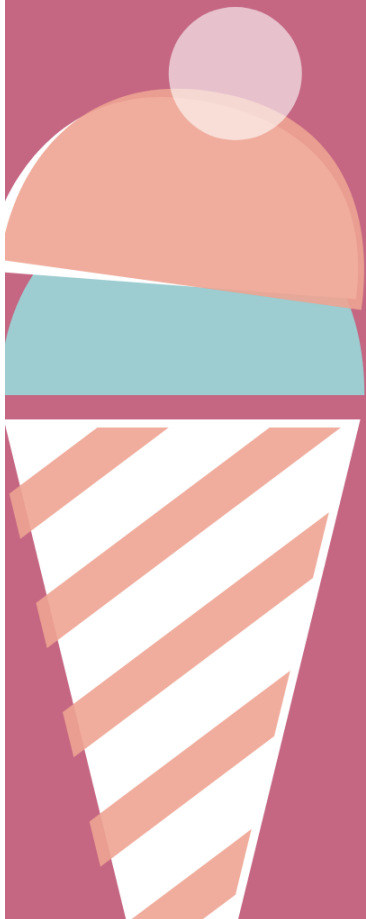
**£25 voucher to be
used at Kota or Kota
Kai!**

STARTING AFTER HALF-TERM



ice lolly fridays

3.15PM | AT THE SCHOOL GATE
ICE LOLLIES £1 EACH | CASH ONLY
WEATHER PERMITTING



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TOWNSHIP



(on the App Store; 'Everyone' on Google Play)

Despite launching in 2011, Township remains popular with children and adults alike. A city-building game with farming elements, it tasks players with developing their settlement and unlocking new features along the way. Aimed at the more casual gamer, it's mostly child friendly – but there are still some related risks to be mindful of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISLEADING PUBLICITY

Township's developers have previously faced criticism for advertising the game on social media by using clips of gameplay which can't actually be found in the final product. This may well lead to a child or young person downloading the game with severely misplaced expectations of what they'll be playing.

IN-GAME ADVERTS

While it's common for mobile games to feature in-game advertisements for other products and services, Township employs a particularly egregious strategy seen in several similar products. It offers users in-game currency in exchange for watching such adverts, which can obviously encourage young people to willingly expose themselves to marketing material.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

The game's core concept of building up a settlement to increase its population and income can feel slow paced at first – and players are incentivised to spend real-world money to move things along more quickly. That can mean handing over anything from £1.99 to £19.99 for these in-game boosts: amounts that can rapidly add up to a considerable sum if left unchecked.

TIME-CONSUMING GAMEPLAY

Township's gameplay loop of acquiring resources and reinvesting them into your little community is a fun one – but this rewarding sense of making progress can lead to players spending far more hours staring at the screen than they realise. There are also special in-game events which run for a limited time, designed to entice players into even longer gaming sessions.

ONLINE MULTIPLAYER MODE

After reaching level 19, players in Township can form a 'co-op' and unlock the option to exchange goods with up to 30 other users. Online multiplayer modes are nothing new, of course – but neither are the potential risks they pose to children and young people. Chances are, youngsters will be interacting with complete (and possibly much older) strangers within the game environment.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS THE GAME IN ADVANCE

While older children may notice and understand that Township might be marketed in a potentially misleading way, it could be worth explaining to prospective younger players how and why the game differs from what's been advertised. This will help them to manage their expectations and avoid any possible disappointment if they do decide to download and play it.

MONITOR SPENDING AND SCREEN TIME

More modestly priced in-app bundles can be a welcome treat for a child wanting to speed up their progress in Township, but it's wise not to leave a linked payment method active in case a youngster gets carried away. Likewise, to prevent Township from causing an increase in screen time, parental controls on most devices allow limits to be placed on how long a game can be played each day.

BE WARY OF EXTERNAL SITES

Township's makers state that all in-game ads are age-appropriate: children won't be shown adverts recommending more violent titles, for instance. Even so, clicking on these adverts can take players out of the game and onto external sites that have nothing to do with Township or its developers: this raises the risk of children encountering inappropriate content or being tempted by online purchases.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE STRANGERS

Township's online multiplayer mode (as with any game which includes that functionality), is an avenue through which a child could be contacted by people who they don't actually know. It's worth reminding young Township fans, therefore, not to give out any personal information to strangers online – whether that's within the game itself or in the social networks associated with it.

Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new games and tools, he's also a parent who prioritises online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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