

SCHOOL

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter July 7th 2023

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A message from our Principal



Dear parents,

I hope that you are all well and thank you for your support at last weekend's Joechella event. It was a lovely afternoon and extremely well supported. On the last count, the PTA have informed me that over £2000 was raised which is absolutely fantastic and will provide so many great opportunities for our children. I will be able to let parents know the grand total next week.

This week the children spent some time with their next class teacher during our transition afternoon. They all looked so very grown up in their new classes! We will continue to include transition events as we approach the summer to support our children.

Once again, thank you to all of the parents so far who have completed our RE and Catholic Life questionnaire. Currently, 61 of our families have responded - if this could be increased over the weekend I would be very grateful as the comments made and results so far have been very beneficial. I can assure you that I read each questionnaire. Thank you.

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Please do continue to keep an eye on the diary below as there are a number of events coming up shortly - including our end of term prize giving assemblies.

We are also reaching the time of year when you will soon be receiving your child's end of year school report. Should you have any questions or queries about the report then your child's class teacher will be available from 3:30-5:00pm on Tuesday 18th July for a discussion. Please call the school office to make an appointment if this is the case for you.

Uniform:

*As we are approaching the end of the school year I thought it would be prudent of me to remind everyone of our uniform, PE kit and haircut expectations:

We have an official school uniform as listed and details pf which can be requested from the school office.

It is essential that all clothing is marked with the child's name.

Dark grey skirt, pinafore or trousers.

Royal blue cardigan or sweatshirt.

Royal blue polo shirt.

White, grey or royal blue ankle socks, knee socks or tights.

Black Sensible school shoes.

Key Stage 2 children must wear trainers or alternative footwear at playtimes.

During the Summer Term girls may wear blue and white gingham dresses.

P.E. Kit - White tee shirt with school crest and royal blue shorts Black plimsolls (trainers for Key Stage 2)

No child is allowed to wear earrings or jewellery during a P.E. or swimming lessons.

Children must remove and replace their own studded earrings.

Sweatshirts, polo shirts, tee shirts, book bags and shorts are all available from the school office.

Royal Blue Fleeces and Royal Blue Cardigans, both with school logo, may also be ordered via the school office.

Hair should be of conventional style (long hair must be tied back) and no Jo-jo bows should be worn.

Children are allowed to wear their PE kit to school along with their school jumper and blue/grey plain tracksuit bottoms on PE days to reduce the number of items being brought into school.

Please could I ask that this is closely adhered to to ensure the high standards at our school are maintained. Thank you.

All new uniform should display the Emmaus St Joseph's logo.

Mrs Bradley has asked could the orders for any new uniform please be made via parent pay by Thursday. Thank you!

Updates:

July TEN:TEN Newsletter Here is the July newsletter from Ten:Ten. This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout July and suggests ways to support your family prayer times <u>www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/</u>

God bless Mr A. Wilkes Principal



1 - We have a limited number of places available for our Reception class starting in September 2023. If you would like to know more, please contact our school office on 01384 431980. Come and join our wonderful school? *"St Joseph's continues to be a Good school" - Ofsted Feb 2023.*

Reminder- Family Mass takes place each Saturday at 5:00pm. Please come and join us! The latest Parish newsletter can be found at this link <u>OLAS-Bulletin-2nd-July-2023.pdf</u>





2 - Instagram @STJOSEPHSCATHOLICPRIMARY

Twitter @StJoStourbridge

Children's liturgy - The fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary time Matthew 11: 25-30



Today we hear Jesus calling all people who are working hard, who are tired and struggling to come to him. Why do you think he does this?

Jesus knows that we all have times when we find life difficult. We all have times when even though we try hard, we can't do something. We all have times when we are tired, fed up and would like to give up.

Can you think of a time when you have felt like this? Did anyone help you or comfort you during this time? Who helped you? What did they do?

Jesus says his yoke is easy. He does not mean an egg yolk! This yoke is spelled differently. It is a sort of wooden bar that farmers around the world use to make it easier to pull heavy ploughs. So Jesus is saying that he will help us.

Jesus says in today's reading that he is always there to comfort and support us. That when we are tired or finding things difficult, we can turn to him and find rest.

What do you think this means? If we take our worries and the things that we find difficult to Jesus, he will be there for us.

How do you think we can share our worries, or the things we find hard, with Jesus?

We can share our worries in prayer. And we can pray for help during the most difficult times.

How does it make you feel to know that Jesus is there with us when things are hard?

Just knowing that we are not alone can make a big difference when we are finding life hard. God is with us always, when we are alone, but also in the people who help and support us.

So, this week, let's remember we can turn to God when things are hard. But also, let's look after others who are finding things difficult and do our best to help them. We can show them that they are not alone by the way we treat them.

There are many ways we can do this. Here are some that we've thought of:

Perhaps you could pray for all people who are poor, sick, lonely or sad.

You could take food to your local food bank to help those in your community who are struggling to get enough to eat. You could help your grown ups with jobs around the house when they are tired. Or you could send a postcard to someone you know who is sad to help cheer them up.

What other ways to help others can you think of?

What will you do this week to help someone who is finding life difficult, who is tired or struggling?

Jesus invites us to go to him when times are hard and so we pray together:

We pray for the Church throughout the world: that it may do all that it can to reach out to people when they are in need. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for all members of our global family who are poor, or who are finding life difficult: may they know that they are not alone and find the support that they need. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may do all we can to help those who are finding life difficult. Lord, in your mercy...

Closing prayer: God of all, be with us when we find things hard. Strengthen us as we help each other, so that all people may have hope for the future. Amen

Reflection adapted from Cafod children's liturgy

The school choir rose to the occasion last night by singing on stage at a concert to raise money for Mary Stevens Hospice. They entertained and impressed the audience with their huge smiles, stunning voices and synchronised dance moves! Thank you for working so hard! Great night... very proud! Mrs Cangiano

MSH Choir presents SUMMER CONCERT

Featuring MSH Choir with Kim & Andrew Lowings Emily Carew-Gibbs St Joseph's School Choir plus Drumming with Tim Scarborough of Rhythmicity

____ Location

St Joseph's Primary School Lea Vale Road Stourbridge DY8 2DT

_____ Date & Time Thursday 6th July 2023 7pm Tickets £5 (under 16's FREE)



Book your tickets

AND SPICE

Thank you also to all of the performers at last night's concert, as well as our school caterers AIP for donating refreshments and our PTA for serving them. The evening was a huge success and we're very proud to be able to support and serve our local community. Well done everyone!

Curriculum



Have you seen the curriculum area on our school website? It is full of information about the progression of key knowledge and skills that our children learn throughout their time at school. Our curriculum is designed to ensure that the precise knowledge and skills are learnt and reinforced so that the children develop a wide schema (web of knowledge) and are able to know more and remember more during their time at school and are prepared for their next stage in education.

Ofsted agreed that we are continuing to develop an ambitious curriculum so that in all areas the children are able to achieve well and use the techniques that they have been taught to tackle a variety of challenges. Our curriculum is rooted in the teachings of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teachings so we make links with the children's learning to areas such as caring for our world, the dignity of workers, developments for the common good and more.

To bring the curriculum to life, we also plan for educational visits and visitors that enrich learning further.

You can view your child's learning in all areas at the link below.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stourbridge - Curriculum Plans (st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)

Live Simply Update



Next week, each of our children in school will write their pledge for how they are going to continue to Live Simply over the summer and into the next academic year.

Our Gardening club is coming soon! The seeds and greenhouse has arrived and we will shortly begin growing to show our commitment to living sustainably! More news to follow!

Gifts from God



The following children have been awarded certificates in our Gifts from God assembly this afternoon and will be invited to 'Brew with Mr W' on Friday afternoon to discuss their achievements. Well done children for your hard work and commitment to our school values.

Year group	Gospel values	Good work
Reception	Dylan	Vivienne
Year 1	Fionn	Arjun
Year 2	Seth & Vinny	Isaac & Peony
Year 3	Chloe	Arthur & Hattie
Year 4	Joe	Grace
Year 5	Joe	Orla
Year 6	Megan	James

Diary Dates - Summer term

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Please note the following diary dates for Summer

Monday 10th July - Dudley Road Safety Officers in to visit Year 6

Wednesday 12th July 2:10pm - Year 1 prayer service (parents welcome)

Thursday 13th July 2.30pm - Year 4 Viking musical performance

New date* Friday 14th July - Mufti Day £1 donation (via parent pay) towards the PTA and school funds

Wednesday 19th July - Year 6 serving lunch to the senior parishioners

Friday 21st July - Prize giving for Years Reception - Year 5 (9:10am)

Monday 24th July - Year 6 leavers' assembly and prize giving (9:10am)

Tuesday 25th July - Year 6 leavers' Mass (9:10am)

Tuesday 25th July - Final day of the summer term

Monday 4th September - Inset day school closed to pupils

Tuesday 5th September - Inset day school closed to pupils

Wednesday 6th September - School opens for pupils.

Wednesday 6th September 1st half of Reception class to stay in school until midday (Separate letter to be sent to parents)

Thursday 7th September 2nd half of Reception class to stay in school until midday (Separate letter to be sent to parents)

Friday 8th September - All of Reception class to stay in school and have lunch - collection time 12:30pm

Monday 11th September - All of Reception class to stay in school for full day (and for the rest of the week)

PTA updates



We are very lucky to benefit from such an active and passionate PTA - thank you for your ongoing support to our school!

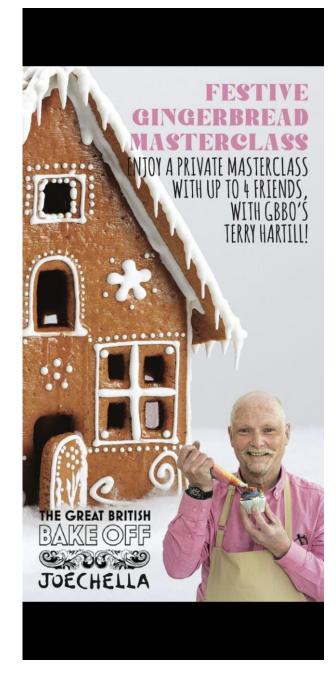
Please see the below videos for how our outside area has been transformed in school with thanks to the PTA! We have lots of exciting plans including a gardening club, vegetable patch, the use of a greenhouse, a pond area, new benches to listen to stories from the storytelling chair and areas for children to be responsible for. All showing how we are caring for our common home - how wonderful!

Please also see then auction for a private masterclass with #GBBO Terry Hartill!!!

Thank you so much to our fantastic PTA!



3 - Joechella was a huge success! Thank you all for supporting the PTA - over £2000 has been raised so far with further funds to be raised.



Please see the link below for an update on the PTA outdoor projects for the rest of this year. If you can help in any way, please do let your

class PTA representative know. Thank you to the PTA for preparing this wonderful slideshow! <u>OUTDOOR PROJECTS (canva.com)</u>



Thank you so much to the PTA who joined us last Saturday and helped out with the outdoor area at school. The school environment looks absolutely wonderful and the children had a brilliant surprise on Monday morning! Thank you PTA!





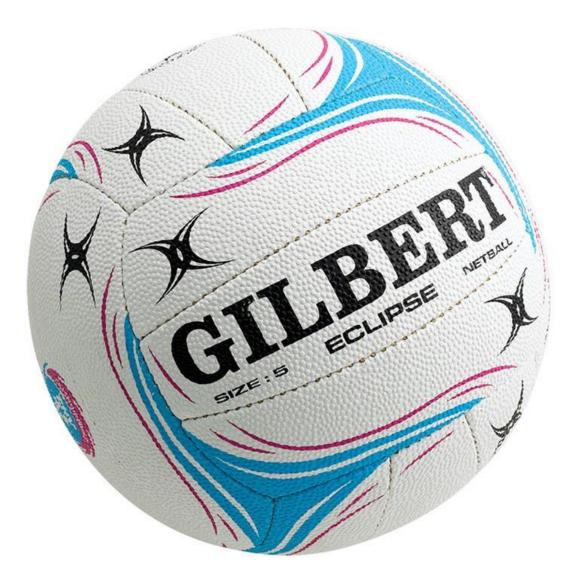
PE Timetable



Please take note of your child's PE days for this half term.

- **Reception Class Monday**
- Year 1 Tuesday & Friday
- Year 2 Monday & Tuesday
- Year 3 Thursday & Friday
- Year 4 Monday & Friday
- Year 5 Tuesday & Thursday
- Year 6 Tuesday & Thursday(Swim)

Clubs



Lunchtime Clubs:

- Monday KS2 Choir (Mrs Cangiano)
- Tuesday Cricket Club Years 4/5 & 6
- Tuesday Y6 leading 'Mindfulness group'
- Thursday Football training with Mr Wilkes Years 4/5 & 6
- Friday KS1 Choir (Mrs Cangiano)

*A lunchtime gardening club is to soon begin. Please contact the school office if you would like for your child to be included in this club!

If your child is interested in joining any of our Before & After school clubs, please contact the school office for more details.

Monday 8am - Dodgeball Tuesday 8am - KS2 Gymnastics (spaces) Wednesday 8am - KS2 Multi-skills Thursday 8am - KS1 Gymnastics(spaces) Thursday 3.15-4.15 - Year 5&6 Netball Friday 8am - Archery Club Friday 3.15-4.45pm - Years 1-4 Football

Tuesday & Wednesday 3.15-4.30pm - Irish Dancing

Our new caterers and lunch menu



The children have been delighted with our new lunch menu at school. Meals can be pre-ordered daily or weekly on the new School Food United app, details were emailed out to all parents on

Monday 27th February. Please remember to order before 8am.Pupils in Reception & KS1 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Dinners for KS2 pupils are £2.30 per day.

School Menu-Summer term



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Veggie Wholemeal Pizza (v)	Mild Beef Chilli con Carne with Brown Rice	Braised Chicken with New Potatoes	Pork Sausage Pasta Bake	Fish Fingers and Chips
		Vegetarian		
Chickpea and Spinach Curry with Rice (v)	Lentil Cottage Pie (v)	Cheese and Potato Pasty (v)	BBQ Vegan Meatball Wrap (v)	Veggie Nuggets and Chips (v)
		3rd Options		
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw
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Baguette with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Baguette with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Baguette with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Baguette with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Baguette with Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese
		Vegetables		
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Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fruit Jelly	Mousse	Vegan Ginger Cake	Fruit Turnover
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Macaroni Cheese (v)	Butter Chicken Curry with Brown Rice	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese with Pasta	Fish Fingers and Chips
		Vegetarian		
Sweet Potato and Bean Chilli with Jacket Wedges (v)	Veggie Enchilada (v)	Vegan Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Roasted Vegetable and Mozzarella Tray Bake with Rice (v)	Onion Bhaji with Chutney and Chips (v)
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Wrap with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Wrap with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Wrap with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Wrap with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Wrap with Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese
		Vegetables		
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Summer Cake	Fruit Jelly	Fruit Flapjack	Vegan Chocolate Kale Brownie	Fruit Mousse
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Cheese and Bean Slice with Wedges (v)	Chicken, Leek and Sweetcorn Pasta	Pork Meatball and Tomato Bake with New Potatoes	BBQ Chicken with Rice	Fish Fingers and Chips
		Vegetarian		10 10
Roasted Tomato and Basil Pasta (v)	Veggie Biryani (v)	Vegan Sausage with New Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Broccoli and Cauliflower Cheese Rice Bake (v)	Samosa and Chips (v)
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Sandwich with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Sandwich with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Sandwich with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Sandwich with Ham, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo or Cheese	Sandwich with Tuna Mayo Egg Mayo or Cheese
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Fruit Shortbread	Iced Carrot Cake	Jelly	Vegan Summer Loaf	Fruit Cheesecake
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Attendance



Congratulations to Year 1 & Year 2 who have achieved the highest attendance this week. You will receive an extra play time!

Attendance for the whole school for this week is 97.81%.

Here is the attendance for this week for each class:

Year R: 98%

Year 1: 99.3%

Year 2: 99.3%

Year 3: 96%

Year 4: 97.7%

Year 5: 99%

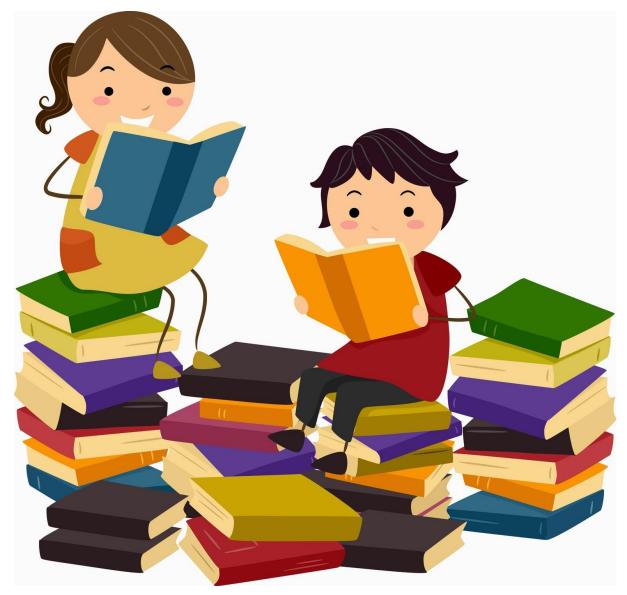
Year 6: 95.3%

Please make sure your child is in school every day unless ill. Remember illnesses such as colds can be managed well with Calpol and although children can feel unwell first thing in a morning they do tend to brighten up during the day. We will always contact you if we are concerned that your child has become unwell throughout the day.

If there is no reason provided for your child's absence an unauthorised code is marked in the register. This will impact your child's overall attendance. Please contact school before 8.55am where possible and leave a message . If we are not aware of why your child is not in school we will try and contact you, if we are unable to contact the parent/carer we may call one of the other contacts on your child's records.

Please try to be as punctual as possible, we have noticed a small number of children are arriving late to school. If your child arrives after the close of the registration period (9.05am) this again is recorded as an unauthorised absence on the register and will affect your child's overall attendance figure. If your child arrives at school after 8.55am they MUST be accompanied by a parent/carer for signing in purposes.

In line with Government guidance all pupils who test positive for COVID-19 are recorded as ill in the register.



Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School,

We get an extra [£1,385 (for primary schools) / £985 (for secondary schools) – these figures are for the 2022/2023 financial year] for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of 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
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Universal infant free school meals

Currently, pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free schools meals and the pupil premium.

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

You only need to register once at the school.

To register, please go to <u>www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals</u>

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

Telephone - 01384 814988

Email - freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk

More information

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

Safeguarding



You can reach out to Mr Wilkes, Mrs McCole or Mrs Riley or any member of staff in school.

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

The Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) for this school are:



Designated Safeguarding Lead Mr A. Wilkes



Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs J. McCole



Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs M Riley

Dudley Early Help Strategy



EARLY HELP STRATEGY | healthandwellebing (dudleyhealthandwellbeing.org.uk)



4 - National Online Safety

This week we have emailed you with information on how to sign up for resources, courses and webinars around online safety using the National Online Safety platform. I will shortly add suggested resources to your parent 'watch list' which I believe will be of great support to us all as we keep our children safe in an ever changing environment online. Please do sign up to this fantastic resource which we also use regularly in school. All schools within Emmaus have been provided with this opportunity to support online safety of our children.

Within school, we are able to see which courses that you have completed, but not any other details. Please ensure that you select the 'parent/carer' user group when you sign up.



5 - Please scan for our Instagram page.

Twitter @StJoStourbridge

Contact us



Mr Wilkes and Mrs McCole are available at the start and the end of the school day and can usually be contacted by telephone throughout the school day or a meeting arranged with a senior member of staff.

You will always receive a warm welcome at St Joseph's!

If you have any concerns or worries, no matter how small, please let us know so we can do everything we can to make things better and resolve your concerns. Never hesitate to get in touch. Thank you, as always, for your support.

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