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A Message from our Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term! We hope you all have a lovely half term break. We are beginning an exciting new term with lots of fantastic events coming up!

For our wider curriculum opportunities, many of our classes have begun sessions this week. **Year 3 Beech Class** have started their Swimming lessons every **Thursday** at **Camberwell Leisure Centre**.



Dance sessions continue with our **Year 2 Elder Class and Year 6 Maple Class** on a **Wednesday.** They are getting ready for their performances to parents on **Wednesday 2nd December** at **9:15-9:45** in the Upper Hall.

Forest School sessions have begun for our children in **Reception and Year 4 Cedar Class** on **Tuesdays.** Please ensure that they bring in wellies and appropriate clothing!



We will also be hosting lots of fantastic events, trips and performances throughout this term!

Just as a reminder, as the weather is getting colder, please ensure that children are wrapping up warm and coming to school with coats in order for them to still play outside for breaktime and lunchtime.

Wishing our school community a happy weekend.

Leah Grant-Muller

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Talking Tuesday

This week our theme has been around International Mental Health Day. We begun the week with an assembly by Ms Jo McCoy who explored what mental health is and the importance of looking after our own mental health.

Below is the **Talking Tuesday** which we explored this week. Every Tuesday, children in Reception up to Year 6 have been having class assemblies called **'Talking Tuesdays'**. The School Councilors in Years 1-6 are encouraged to lead their classes in a discussion around a question or 'silly' statement to debate. The children are also encouraged to use our 'Oracy Hand Signals' to support structuring their verbal debates.

We would love for our families to also have a go at debating at home! Our **question** this week was themed around Recycling!

"What's the point in recycling? It doesn't effect me!" What do you think?





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Stars of the Week

We would like to recognize the children who have been great examples of our School values and have shown a true commitment to their learning. Well done!

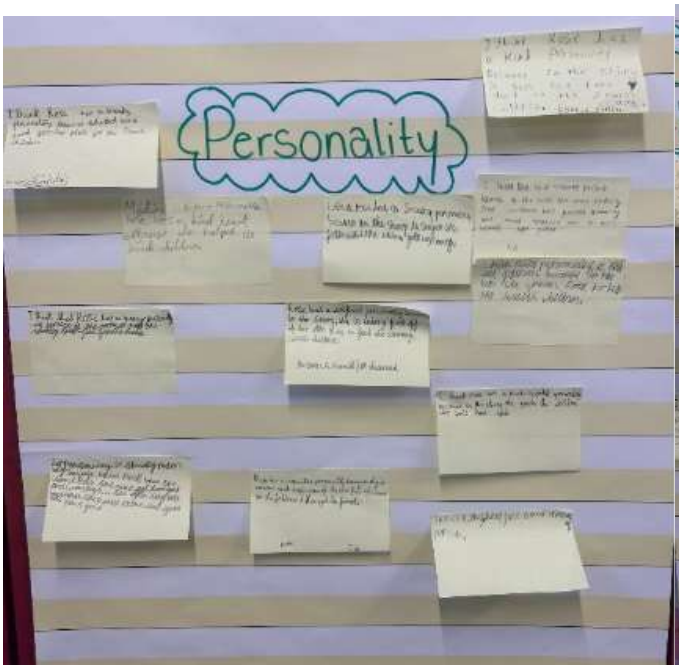
Acorn	**Phebe** for always participating in class and being engaged in our lessons **Lester** for making exceptional progress in phonics with Miss Ulker
Willow	**Kyaire** for working really hard at his table throughout the week. **Afif** for having such a positive attitude and always being a wonderful friend.
Elder	**Ayla** for learning our new songs so quickly, singing in tune, knowing when to 'come in' and her new role as 'singing lead' in Year 2 **Godson** for amazing work in Music identifying different rhythm patterns
Beech	**Adnan** for completing an impressive 2,925 questions on IXL so far this year. **Daud** for an incredible positive change in attitude and behaviour.
Cedar	**Blessing** for good work on recounting the life of Charles Dickens **Matenin** for good work on investigating pairs of factors
Hazel	**Eliza** for her inspiring writing this week **Mzee** for his inspiring writing this week **Ashley** for being supportive in our DT Cooking session. Thank you!
Maple	**Morolake** for her great focus during lessons enabling her to produce fantastic writing in her literacy lessons. **Kamron** for his great resilience when facing a challenging enabling him to overcome challenges and progress further!

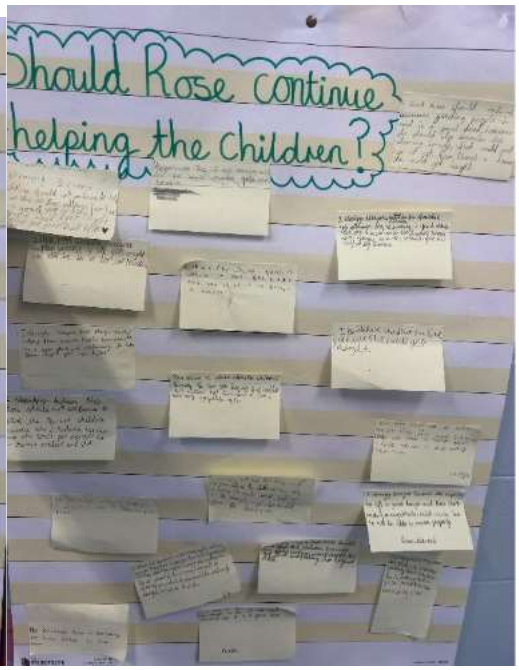
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Year 6 Maple Class Learning

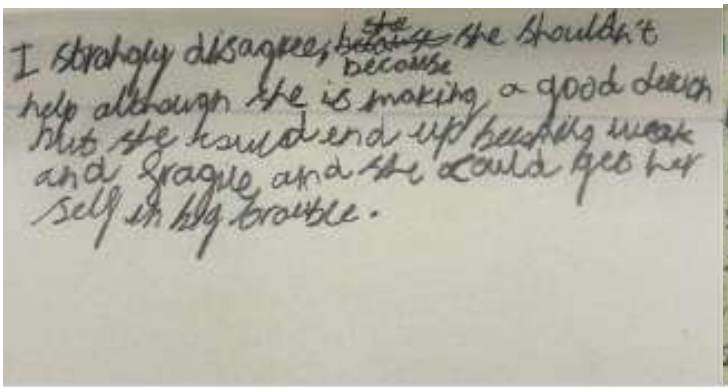
This term, in year 6, we have started reading Rose Blanche to support us with understanding the lives of children during WW2. This week in preparation for our character description we have been gathering evidence on how Rose may have been feeling throughout the story and we have been gathering evidence to infer her personality.

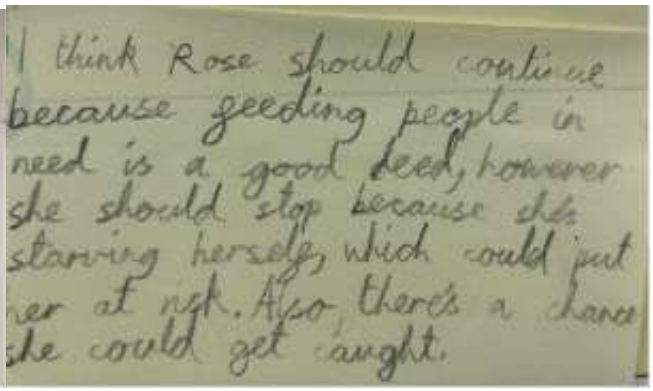


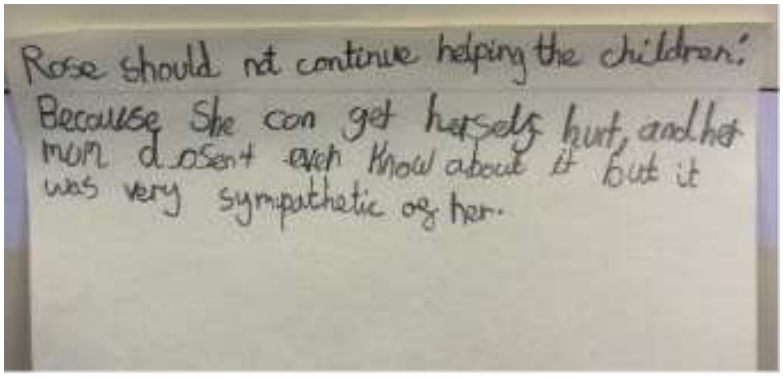


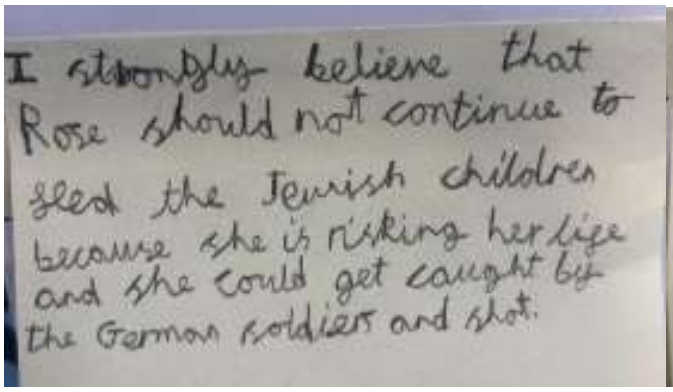


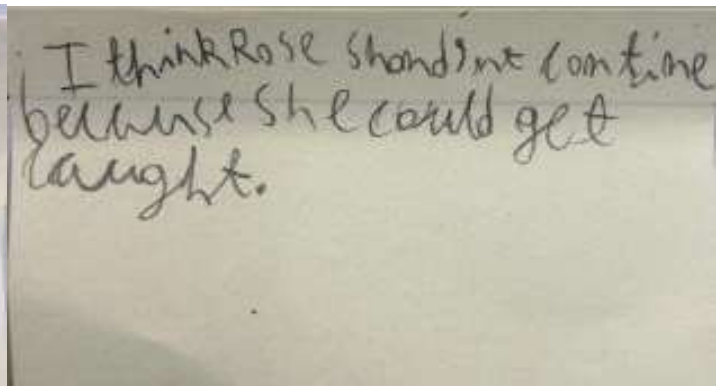
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I strongly disagree, ~~she belongs~~ because she shouldn't help although she is making a good deed but she could end up being weak and fragile and she could get herself in big trouble.


I think Rose should continue because feeding people in need is a good deed, however she should stop because she's starving herself, which could put her at risk. Also, there's a chance she could get caught.


Rose should not continue helping the children. Because she can get herself hurt, and her mum doesn't even know about it but it was very sympathetic of her.


I strongly believe that Rose should not continue to feed the Jewish children because she is risking her life and she could get caught by the German soldiers and shot.


I think Rose shouldn't continue because she could get caught.

Makaton

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Sign of the Week

Every Monday the staff and the children will be learning a Makaton sign. Makaton is a language with speech, signs and symbols used to support people who have difficulty communicating. We teach it to all of our children and staff so that we can become even more inclusive as a school. This week our Makaton sign was "cold". We use this in our assemblies and when answering the register. Please practice this at home too!

This weeks sign is Cold- hands in front of shoulders making a shiver



Attendance

Conker	**92.86%**
Acorn	**94.25%**
Willow	**97.88%**
Elder	**93.97%**
Beech	**98.99%**
Cedar	**91.59%**
Hazel	**95.88%**
Maple	**94.26%**

Please note that as directed by the Department of Education, term time holidays will not be authorised



Come and join us for our Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs!

Breakfast club will start at 7.45am- This will include breakfast of cereal or toast and will cost £5.70 per day

After School club- Light snack and sports activities and games and will cost:

1 Hour £6.50

Full session (2 1/4 hours) £14.10

Snack will only be offered to children staying over 1 hour.

We are able to offer a discount to families that wish to book full week after school club and this is charged at £67.00 per week.

Wraparound Care (ASC) will not be suitable for Nursey pupils (5 years old+)

Please see Carrie for information

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Why Good Attendance Matters - At Rotherhithe Primary School, we believe that every day in school is an opportunity for children to learn, grow, and thrive. Regular attendance is essential because learning builds day by day. When children attend school consistently, they develop important skills, gain confidence, and make steady progress in their learning.

Being in school every day also helps children build strong friendships, develop social skills, and feel part of the school community. Missing school can make it harder for children to keep up with lessons and can affect their confidence and wellbeing.

Good attendance also helps children develop positive habits that will benefit them throughout their education and future careers. Arriving on time and attending regularly teaches responsibility, resilience, and the importance of commitment. Every Day Counts. Every Lesson Matters!



Parking and idling around the School

Please be reminded that cars should not park on the double yellow lines or white zig zag lines on the roads surrounding the School. We have received a number of complaints from residents and from the Salvation Army about vehicles parking in or across their driveways. This is private property and we are not permitted to use this as a School drop off. Parking is permitted in the local area past Letsom Gardens. Please check restrictions.

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Study Bugs



Please continue to use Study Bugs when reporting your child's absence.

When stating the reason for your child's absence, please remember to specify the **exact symptoms** of the illness as these are required when marking them as 'illness' on our registers. If symptoms are not listed, it will be marked as an 'unauthorised absence'.

We are going to be phasing out using Arbor for text messages. To replace this, we will be using the in App messaging service in Study Bugs.

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Nexus Education Schools Trust

Are you interested in working for NEST—or do you know someone who might be?

At NEST, we offer a wide range of rewarding roles across our schools. Whether you're an early careers teacher, an experienced educator, returning to work after a break, or simply looking for meaningful employment, we'd love to hear from you.

We have opportunities in **teaching**, **school administration**, **finance**, **HR**, and **estates**. Click **here** to view our current vacancies or register for our talent pool and learn more about joining the NEST team and the exciting career opportunities available.

https://www.nestschools.org/286/current-staff-vacancies

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Scooter and Cycle Safety and Parking

If you are Scootering or cycling to school, please remember to wear your helmets! We have seen a number of children who are not wearing helmets as they are riding their bikes or scooters to school. It is essential that you wear one to protect your head from injury incase you accidentally fall off.



Please also be advised that parking or idling is not permitted in Karen Court Carpark, neighboring residential parking spots or on the zig zags directly outside of school. There is free parking available in the surrounding areas.



Dates for your Diary

11/11/2026	Armistice Day
16/11/2026	Odd Socks Day- children come in with odd socks
16/11/2026	Anti-bullying Week begins
20/11/2026	Children in Need- children wear spots/ yellow and donations welcome
20/11/2026	Year 6 Science Museum Trip
10/12/2026	Year 6 Bake Sale
11/12/2026	Xmas Jumper Day and Xmas Lunch
18/12/2026	Last Day of School

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SQUAD GIRLS' FOOTBALL

WILD CATS GIRLS' FOOTBALL

FREE GIRLS WILDCATS & SQUAD GIRLS FOOTBALL.

RETURNS 7TH SEPTEMBER.



- EVERY MONDAY (TERM TIME ONLY)
- 17:00-18:00
- BURGESS PARK SPORTS CENTRE
- REGISTER VIA LINK OR SCAN QR CODE!

COME PLAY, MAKE FRIENDS, HAVE FUN!

ENGLAND FOOTBALL | THE NATIONAL LOTTERY | SPORT ENGLAND | NIKE

Autism Support Team

Developing Toileting Skills

Free online training for parents & carers of autistic children

In partnership with the Neuroinclusive Education Network (NEN)



Do you want to know how to support your autistic child to achieve toileting independence and how to work with others to develop these skills?

Through this training session you will learn:

- ✓ How autism can impact the development of toileting skills
- ✓ The importance of all adults working together to support the process
- ✓ How to remove barriers to developing toileting skills
- ✓ How to make adjustments to support further toileting independence

All sessions are delivered **online** for **free** by Early Years Autism Support Officer, Annette Archer

Click here or scan to register

Upcoming sessions	
Tuesday 20th October 2026	10:00am - 12:00noon
Tuesday 8th December 2026	12:00noon – 2:00pm
Monday 8th February 2027	10:00am – 12:00noon
Tuesday 23rd March 2027	12:00noon – 2:00pm
Tuesday 25th May 2027	10:00am – 12:00noon
Monday 26th July 2027	12:00noon – 2:00pm
Thursday 5th August 2027	10:00am – 12:00noon
Thursday 12th August 2027	12:00noon – 2:00pm

A Microsoft Teams meeting link will be sent to your email 2 days prior to the training

National Autistic Society | Neuroinclusive Education Network

autismsupportteam@southwark.gov.uk

Southwark Council

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Southwark Independent Voice

Empowering families - creating brighter futures

SAVE THE DATE!

Make sure you don't miss any of our upcoming events

YEAR 5 ANNUAL REVIEW (transition for Secondary)

Tuesday 6th October 2026 – 10am to 1pm

Recommended for those with children in Year 3,4 & 5

Come along and learn from the Southwark SEND team what the Year 5 Annual review is about. This annual review is so important as it's the one that goes forward for secondary school choices.

MEET THE SIAS TEAM (Southwark Information Advice Service)

Thursday 19th November 2026 – 10am to 1pm

SIAS has a new manager, come along and meet the whole SIAS Team. Find out what they do and how they can help. PLUS share your experience of the service with the new manager so they can improve the service.

EMOTIONAL REGULATION (BIG feelings, helping you to understand how you can support yourself and your child with greater safety, calm and confidence)

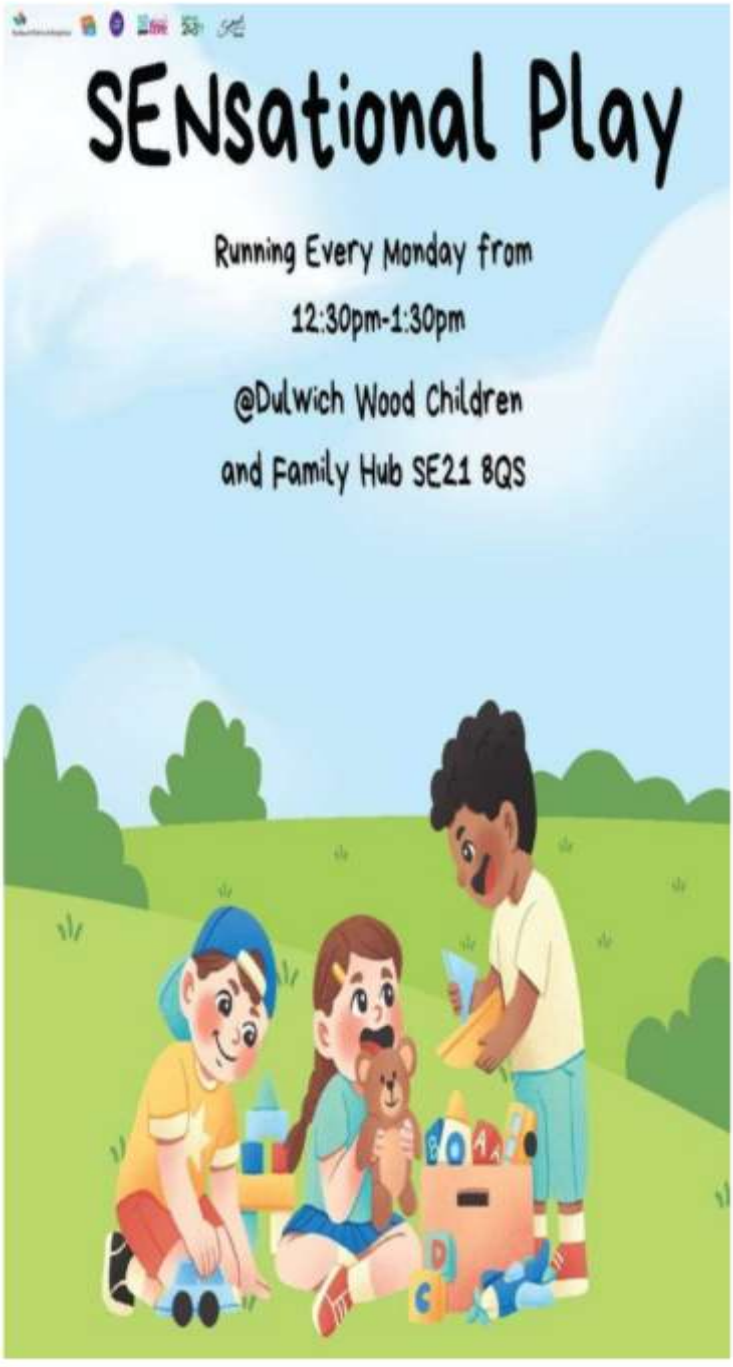
Tuesday 1st December 2026 – 10am to 1pm

Join GRAPEFRUIT WORLD who combine educational expertise, evidence-informed practice and lived experience, to help you understand the foundation of emotional regulation. Plus learn how to become the regulation anchor your child needs while being able to regulate your own emotions.

WHERE – The Links Community Centre, 353 Rotherhithe New Road, SE16 3HF

Light refreshments provided

* These events are for adults only as there are no facilities for babies and children



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	Monday 5th October 2026 **9:30-11:30am** Online via Zoom £44 plus VAT per person
All Things Visual Strategies Supporting autistic children / those with communication difficulties with visual strategies - why use visuals, which visuals to use and how to use them? **Friday 9th October 2026** **10 - 11.30am** Online - via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	**All things sensory processing** - a workshop exploring the sensory needs of autistic children and practical strategies to support their needs **Thursday 15th October 2026** **9.30am - 12** Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person 
Supporting children with Bereavement and Loss Looking at the impact of bereavement and loss on young children and strategies to support them **Friday 23rd October 2026** **10 - 11.30am** Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	**Selective Mutism** Understanding the causes of selective mutism (situational mutism) and practical strategies to support children in early years and primary **Friday 6th November 2026** **9.30 - 11.30am** Online via Zoom £44 plus VAT per person
All Things Sleep - Looking at the challenges around sleep and bedtime for autistic children / those with social communication difficulties, and practical strategies to support **Monday 9th November 2026** **7 – 8:30pm** Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	**Signalong Foundation Course** Signalong is a sign supported communication system for children with additional needs and supports the development of speaking and understanding. This accredited course will equip learners with the skills they need to use Signalong as a way of supporting communication skills for children and adults. Signalong is a CPD accredited course. **Tuesday 10th November to Tuesday 8th December 2026 (5 consecutive weeks)** **9am-12pm** Online via Zoom £200 plus VAT per person
Promoting Positive Mental Health in Young Children	**Understanding AuDHD** Supporting children who have a dual diagnosis of Autism and ADHD with practical strategies to help. **Wednesday 25th November 2026** **10 – 11:30am** Online via Zoom £28 plus VAT per person
Examining causes of mental health difficulties, learning about anxiety and trauma **Thursday 12th November 2026** **9.30 am – 12pm** Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person	
All Things Behaviour - supporting positive behaviours for autistic children **Thursday 26th November 2026** **9.30am – 12pm** Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person 	**Autism and Girls** Exploring differences and diagnosis . Understanding how autism impacts on girls and strategies and ideas to support them **Thursday 3rd December 2026** **10 - 11.30am** Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
All Things Communication and Play: Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills - laughing and learning together **Friday 4th December 2026** **9.30am - 12** Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person	

Contact Jaci Smith or Nikki Duhig at allthingsautismltd@gmail.com or 01896 649211 to book your place/s

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