

Important Notice:

From September 2026, there will be a small increase to the cost of our After School Club and school meals. After School Club will increase from £8.50 to £9.00 per day, and school dinners will increase from £2.50 to £2.60 per meal. We have worked hard to keep these increases to a minimum, however, rising staffing, food and energy costs mean that a small adjustment is necessary. The revised After School Club fee remains competitive within our local area and will help us to continue providing a safe, engaging environment with high-quality resources and activities for the children to enjoy. We appreciate your understanding and ongoing support.

This half term, children will be starting the PSHE unit '**Changing Me**'. This unit helps pupils understand and celebrate the changes that happen as they grow, including physical, emotional and social changes, in an age-appropriate and supportive way.

For more information about the content covered in your child's year group, please visit the Avondale website, navigate to the PSHE page and view the Curriculum Overview, selecting the Changing Me column.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or Miss Bolton (PSHE Lead).




SPORTS DAY UPDATE

We would like to apologise for the disappointment caused by having to postpone our Sports Days. We know many parents and family members arrange time off work to attend, so we completely understand the frustration when the weather turned out to be much better than forecast.

Unfortunately, we have to make decisions based on the information available at the time and on the morning of Sports Day, the forecast showed rain from 11:00am onwards. Whilst the forecast ultimately let us down, our priority has to be ensuring the children can enjoy a full Sports Day experience in safe conditions.

Sometimes with the British weather it can feel like we can't do right for wrong, but please be assured that these decisions are never taken lightly and are always made with the children's best interests at heart. Thank you for your understanding and continued support. We look forward to seeing you at our rescheduled Sports Days:

KS1 Sports Day – Tuesday, 23rd June
KS2 Sports Day – Wednesday, 24th June





A Message to Our School Community



We would like to share some important news with you regarding a valued member of our staff, Mrs Taylor.

Mrs Taylor has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer and will be taking time away from school to begin her treatment. We know this will be upsetting for many in our community, as she is a much-loved colleague and teacher who has made a significant impact on the lives of our children and many of you as parents too.

At this time, our thoughts are very much with Mrs Taylor and her family. We know that families will want to join us in sending her strength, positivity, and best wishes for her treatment and recovery.

In Mrs Taylor's absence, Elmer class will be taught full time by Mrs Mitchell, who is already familiar with the children and will provide continuity, care, and stability during this period. As a school, we are committed to ensuring a smooth transition and maintaining a positive and supportive environment for all pupils.

We will also be organising opportunities to support breast cancer charities as the year progresses, and we will share further details in due course.

Thank you for your understanding and support and please keep Mrs Taylor in your thoughts and prayers.



London Calling



This week our Year 6's took their end of year trip to London. The trip was a huge success and they all had an absolutely amazing time adventuring around our capital.

They crammed in so many wonderful attractions and famous landmarks including The London Eye, Natural History Museum, Thames River cruise, Sealife Centre, Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre, Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, Covent Garden and strolled through various parks during their stay.

It certainly was an action-packed three days! They've made memories to last a lifetime and it was a perfect way to mark the end of our Year 6 pupils' Avondale chapter.

A huge thank you to our incredible staff who put so much effort into making this a trip of a lifetime!





We hope you all had a wonderful time!





Stars of the Week



Elmer

Atlas

Gruffalo

Alzeah

Class 1N

Parker

Class 1S

Maeve

Class 2L

Wania

Class 2P

Caleb

Class 3B

Arthur

Class 3L

Alice

Class 4F

Connor

Class 4W

Ellie

Class 5M

Hannah

Class 5S

Nieve

Class 6C

Spencer

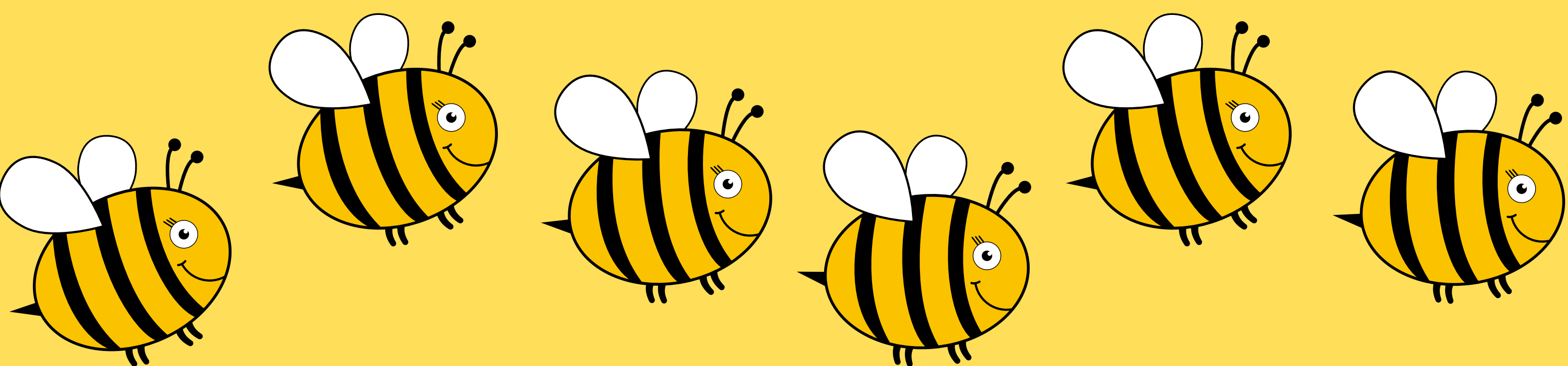
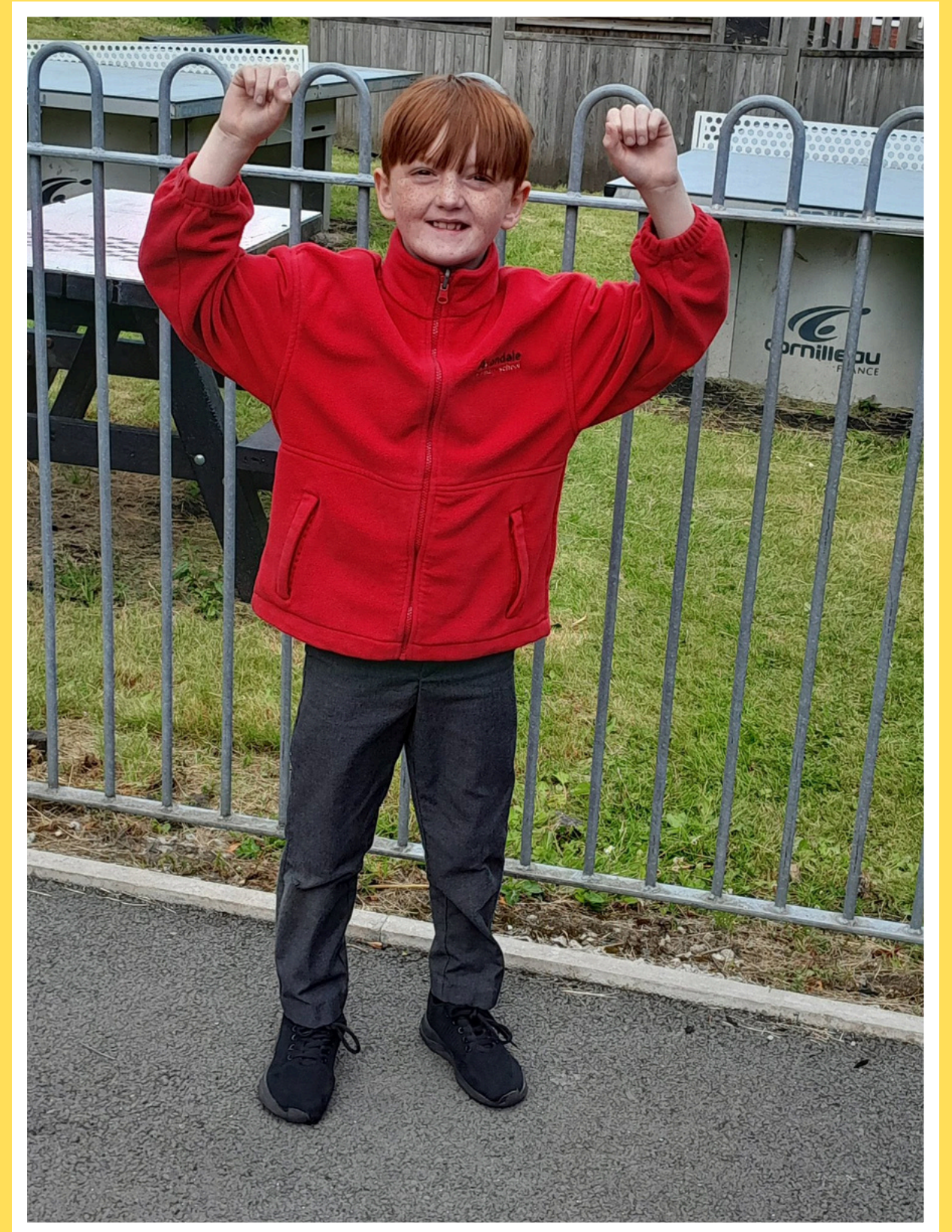
Class 6J

Abigail

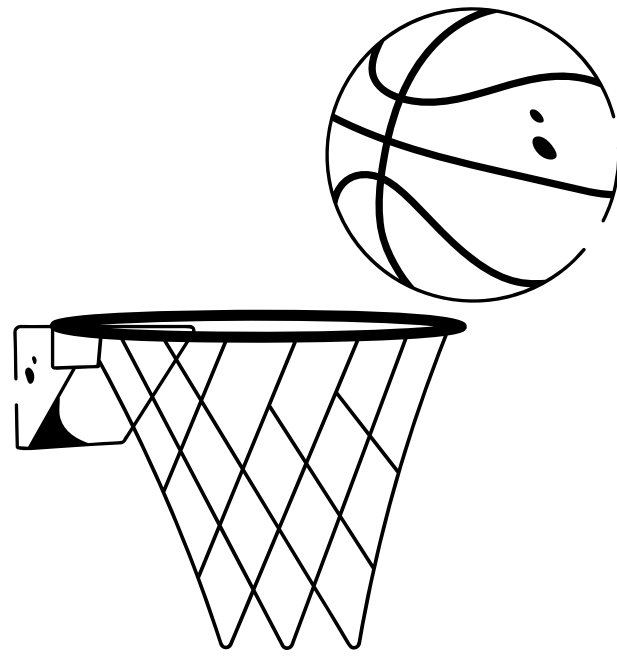




A huge well done to everyone in Year 4 who took part in our Spelling Bee. Everyone was fantastic and tried their best. An extra well done to our finalists Jaxon, Noah and Freddie and an extra, extra well done to Jaxon who was crowned the ultimate winner.



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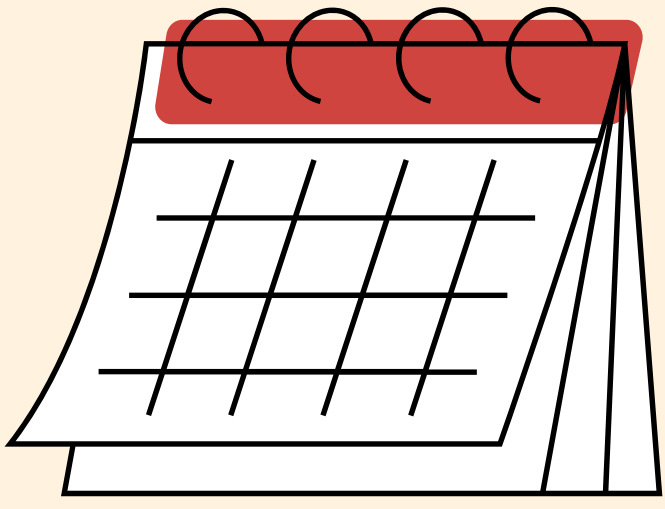


The best end to our netball season - winning all three of our matches on Thursday after a very busy week for Year 6.

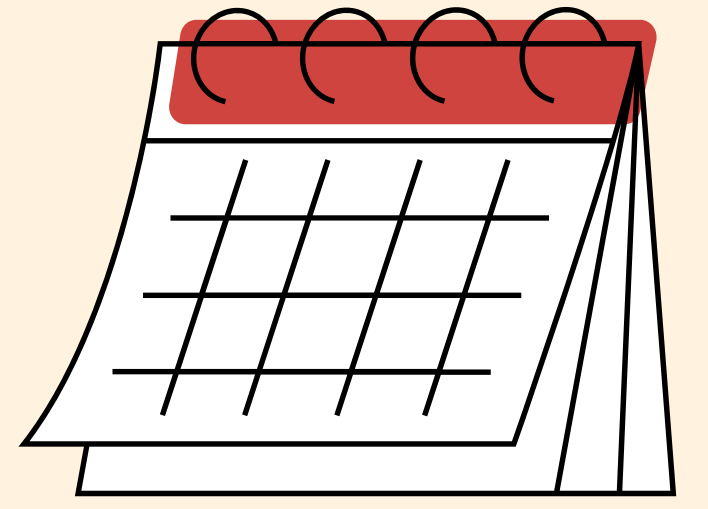
We could not be prouder of our Year 5 and 6 netball team and all of the hard work they have put in this year. The way they have progressed as a team has been phenomenal to watch! You have all been an absolute pleasure to work with and we will really miss the Year 6 team members as they move on to secondary school.

A big shout out and thank you to the amazing families (our cheerleaders) who have supported each week. Well done netballers!





Mark
YOUR
Calendars



Weds 8th July 2pm - Year 6 Production

Weds 8th July - Staff Training no After School Club

Thurs 9th July - Year 6 Production 6pm

Thurs 16th July - Year 6 Leavers' Celebration

Fri 17th July - Year 6 Assembly

Friday 17th July - School closes for summer at 1:30pm

SAVE
THE DATE

AVONDALE FOOD MENU

MONDAY

- A Chicken Curry
- B Veg Burger
- C High Five
- D Jacket Potato

TUESDAY

- A Spaghetti Bolognese
- B Veg Bolognese
- C High Five
- D Jacket Potato

WEDNESDAY

- A Minced Beef
- B Veg Mince & Dumplings
- C High Five
- D Jacket Potato

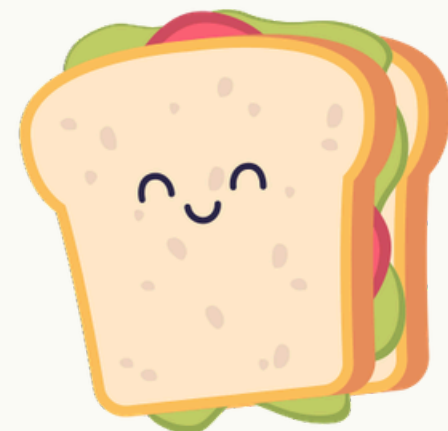
THURSDAY

- A Meatball Subs
- B. Cheese & Tomato Subs
- C High Five
- D Jacket Potato

FRIDAY



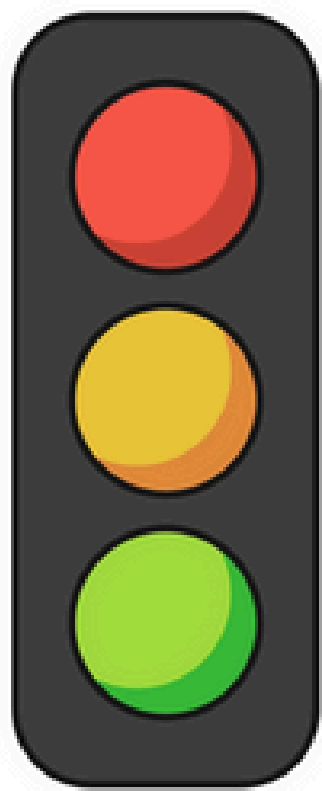
- A Chicken Nugget Burger
- B Veg Nuggets
- C High Five
- D Jacket Potato



Attendance

Why is it important?

Good school attendance is vital to enable all children to achieve their full potential, develop socially, forge good friendships and have a sense of belonging within their school community. Our school attendance target is 97%. Thank you to all those families who are working with us to achieve the best outcomes for your child.



89% & Below Drastic effect on academic achievement
95% - 90% Cause for concern
100% - 96% Excellent

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons

2P	4W	1S
99.3%	98.5%	98.0%



Well done to 2P who had the best attendance this week.



ADULTS ONLY

Join us for a relaxed morning of creating and chatting. Whether you journal, knit, crochet, sew or just fancy a slowed down Sunday chat and a brew with other like minded people please come and join us.

JOIN OUR COSY COMMUNITY CRAFT CLUB

No pressure - just bring yourself and whatever project you are currently working on!

If you want to try something new, there will be a small craft available to make on the day.

This is a free event with small donations welcome to contribute towards tea and coffee for other future Cosy Community Craft Mornings.

This will be held at Avondale Primary School on June 28th at 9:30am until 11:30am.

Please contact Miss Braysford via email at the school office to express your interest in the group!

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you soon!

FREE ENTRY



 This Sunday sees the Blackburn & Darwen Band proudly hosting their 11th Annual March and Hymn Tune Contest! We're excited to welcome bands from across the North West and beyond to Darwen Market Square, performing beneath the iconic falcon. It's set to be a fantastic day of music, competition, and community spirit, with both familiar faces and new friends joining us.

 First band takes to the stage at 1pm

Everyone is welcome – come along and enjoy the music!

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**EVERY
TUESDAY**

Darwen
Community
Helpers,
Bridge St,
Darwen,
BB3 2AA

**9.30am-
11.30am**

**EVERY
WEDNESDAY**

Bank Top
Neighbourhood
Learning
Centre,
Arthur Way,
Blackburn,
BB2 1QP

**9.30am-
11.30am**

**EVERY
THURSDAY**

Audley
Neighbourhood
Learning
Centre,
Pringle St,
Blackburn,
BB1 1SF

**12.45pm-
2.45pm**




Is your child registered with a dentist?

Bateman & Best dentist are currently accepting new child patients on the NHS.

Good oral health starts early, and regular dental check-ups play an important role in preventing problems before they develop. As the saying goes, prevention is always better than cure when it comes to maintaining healthy teeth and gums.

NHS places for children are limited and are expected to fill quickly. If you would like to register your child, please contact the practice as soon as possible on:

 01254 773512



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