Cropredy C of E Primary School

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Friday 2nd May

Dear Parents/Carers

A note from Mr Reeves

Well, what a lovely afternoon we've had celebrating Mayday this afternoon. A huge thank you to Louise and the fantastic PTFA who have supported the school organise such a brilliant event. The Maypole dancing was the first event I came to before I officially started at the school last year and showcased what a special place this is to come to school. A huge thank you to all the staff who supported in the preparation for the event in making it a real success.

Before half term children have been learning dances as part of their PE and it is a good opportunity for them to showcase their talents. I appreciate that for some children, this may not be their favourite thing to do, but it's been great to see those who, where it doesn't come naturally step out their comfort zone and really rise to the challenge.

Thank you all for coming and making today a truly memorable day for the children.

School Photos – Tuesday 6th May

On Tuesday it is whole class photos from Cygnets to Y6

All children must be in school uniform for the photos.

Children in Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 who are due to have PE on Tuesday should bring their PE kit in a separate bag to change into.

Next Week In School

Don't forget to order your child's Hot Dinners through ParentPay if you haven't already done so.

Monday	• Bank Holiday
Tuesday	• Photos – classes and year 6 leavers, full school uniform please Clubs: French Club
Wednesday	• Clubs: Chrome Club
Thursday	• Special lunch menu for VE Day • Year 5 trip to Sulgrave Manor Clubs: Tennis Club
Friday	• Year 1 Funding Friday

PE days

Cygnets	Forest School – Wednesday PE – Wednesday
Year 1	PE Session 1 – Tuesday PE Session 2 – Friday
Year 2	PE Session 1 – Tuesday PE Session 2 – Thursday
Year 3	PE Session 1 – Wednesday PE Session 2 – Friday
Year 4	PE Session – Tuesday Swimming – Thursday
Year 5	PE Session – Monday Forest School – Wednesday
Year 6	PE Session – Tuesday Forest School – Wednesday

Out Of School Achievements

It has been lovely to see the variety and range of awards brought into school to be shared.

Ivy had her ballet exam and modern exams and achieved a distinction in both, well done Ivy!

Layla-Mae completed her first ballet exam on Sunday and achieved a distinction with 91%. Well done Layla-Mae!

Sienna had her tap exam and achieved a distinction, well done Sienna!

Liliana and Oriarna achieved distinction in their ballet exams last month we are very proud of them.

Thea D passed her Ballet Exam with a mark of 87/100, gaining a Distinction, well done!

Evie G-F competed in the Hinton dressage series last night: she was placed 3rd in the Junior Intro section, well done!

Rosie A took her Grade 3 Ballet exam last weekend with Susan Taylor Dance Academy - and gained a Distinction with 87 marks out of 100.
Well done Rosie!

Thea D, Eadie and Bridget took part in the sports afternoon at Chenderit and did tennis, badminton and table tennis. Well done girls!

To have future achievements shared in the school newsletter, please send the details to the School Office. Any certificates, medals or trophies to be presented in Celebration assemblies on a Friday, please also drop these into the school office.

School Lunch Menus

On Tuesday 8th May there will be a change to the pudding. It will be pancakes with either fruit or sauce (raspberry or chocolate).

We also have 2 special menus coming up. If your child would like to take part then please book on ParentPay. Any previous bookings have been cancelled.

The usual selection of jacket potatoes will also be available on both days.

- (v) Jacket Potato with Cheese
- (v) Jacket Potato with Beans
- (v) Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans
- Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo

Our Week Of Learning

This week Cygnets, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 are sharing their learning.

Cygnets

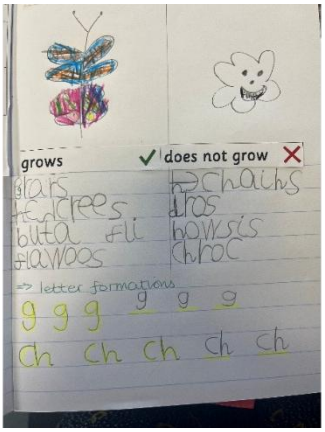
Who can believe that we are into the Summer term already! The Cygnets have returned from the Easter break, ready and raring to go!

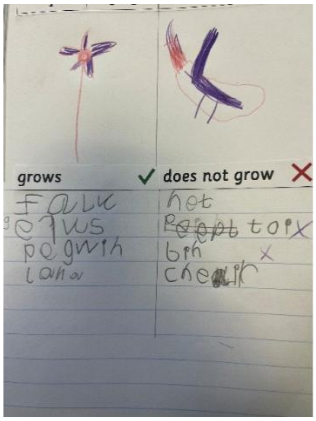
In PE over the last two weeks we have perfected our Maypole and Colour Dance. All of the children have worked so hard, and we are very proud of every single one of them! We cannot wait to share it with you!

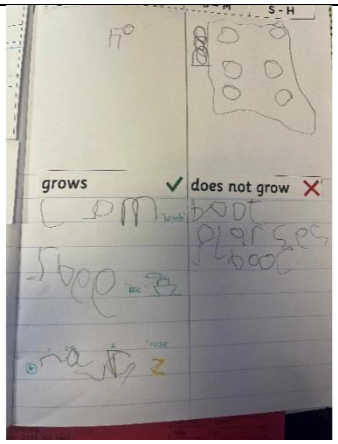
Our new topic for this half term is "How Does Your Garden Grow?". Last week we went on a walk around the garden to look for some signs of Spring. We added to our season trees, drawing blossom and new leaves. This week, we looked at the word 'grow' and thought about what it means. The children came up with some fantastic ideas such. In English, we wrote lists of items that grow and then items that don't grow. It is a pleasure to see how well the children are applying their phonics now, making plausible attempts at spelling some really tricky words!

With the return of lovely warm weather, we have enjoyed being outside in out garden more, and we are seeing such creative learning. On the path, the children are enjoying drawing their own roads, building ramps and jumps for the cars. Children are also enjoying junk modelling, making some wonderful creations from what they can find.

We are very excited for another fun filled term ahead of us. If you would like to read our class letter and overview, you can access it here. Don't forget to look at our photos from last terms visit to the Living Rainforest!







Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy start to the summer term!

In Maths we've started our work on Fractions. Year 2 have remembered the foundations they learned in Year 1 and are building on these looking at finding quarters and thirds of shapes and amounts.

In English we have been looking at a new text "All the animals were sleeping" set in Africa which links to our Summer term topic. We started by exploring story openers and how authors make us want to read more. We will be using these ideas when we come to write our own stories next week. The children have also been predicting the ending to the story and creating their own.

In Science we have started our Plants topic by exploring parts of a plant and their jobs. We have also planned our fair test investigation to find out exactly what plants need to grow well.

In PE we have been focusing on learning our maypole and colour dances for the Mayday celebrations. Year 2 have done a fantastic job and we can't wait for you to see what they have put together!

Year 4

What an amazing start to the term we have had! The children completed, published and shared their character description through speech with Year 3. They are now very excited about starting their innovated Anglo-Saxon myth. Pictures below show some of the fantastic ideas the children have planned.

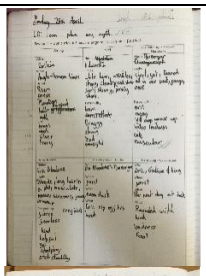
In Maths, we are continuing our work on decimals, looking at converting fractions to decimals, making wholes with tenths and hundreds, and adding three decimals. The children have also been working really hard on their times tables facts ready for their multiplication check in June.

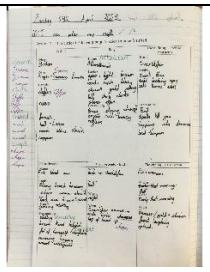
The children began their new Science topic this week. They learned how mains and battery power works, identified many electrical appliances and could say whether they were battery or mains powered and discussed being safe around electricity.

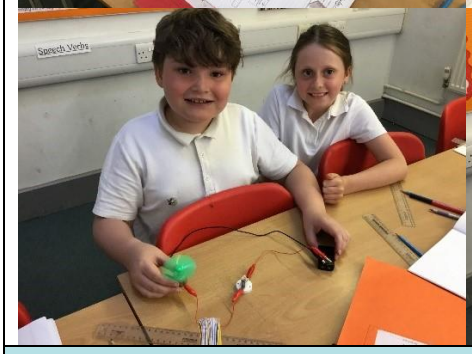
However, the highlight was definitely working with a buddy to construct simple series circuits using real components. They were able to draw and label diagrams to show what they had made. Some of the children even managed more complex circuits including lamps, motors, buzzers and some switches. More pictures available on the website https://cropredyprimary.co.uk/

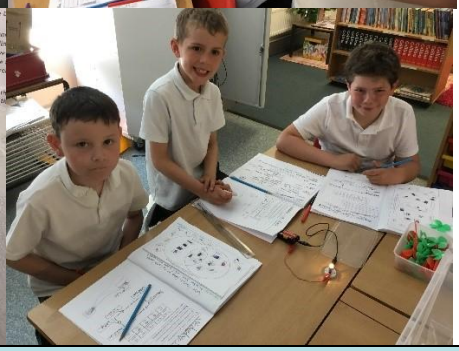
The children have also been working incredibly hard on their Maypole and Colour dances and can't wait to perform for the parents at our May Day celebration.

In swimming this week, the children worked hard, and the following children achieved their 5 metres award: Alice, Olithia & Toby. These children achieved their 10 metres distance award: Lucas, Reuben, Aneirin, Ella, William, Henry, Hannah, Liliana, Max, Henrietta, Noah & Jacob. They will be given their certificates next week when we next have a celebration assembly.









Year 6

Year 6 have had an amazing start to their last summer term at Cropredy with some memorable experiences already enjoyed. Forest School with Mr Pemble and myself (Mr Parsons) has allowed the class to revisit some memories of their time here and explore the new lay-out and options available in the wooded area; tree-climbing and den building have been the favoured activities so far.

Through the back of forest school, you can see the local canal where, if you were out and about, our first twelve children could be seen paddling along on a sunny Tuesday morning. All dozen children displayed bravery and confidence to take on the challenge of canoeing (most for the first time) with everyone able to even stand up in their canoes on the water! A special thank you to Kirsten, Sally and the team at Banbury and District Canoe Club for facilitating this. The club have an open day this Bank Holiday Monday 10am – 14pm for anyone interested in having a go.

The class have mastered their two dances for the May Day celebrations. We have learnt 'The Spider's Web' on the Maypole with every child participating which is always lovely to see, and our colour dance of 'I've Got a Feeling' is certainly one to enjoy. They have done exceptionally well to learn them both so expertly on top of all the other demands that we are currently balancing.

On top of all these activities Year 6 have been working diligently in preparation for their upcoming assessments. With the curriculum now covered, the class are using past papers to practise the different

question types, honing their ability to answer concisely as well as fine-tuning their time-keeping skills. Top tip, stay calm and keep adding those little one percents so you can perform to our best.

Please find attached the summer term overview, timetable and year group letter.
https://cropredyprimary.co.uk/

Boys' match - Hanwell Fields (a)

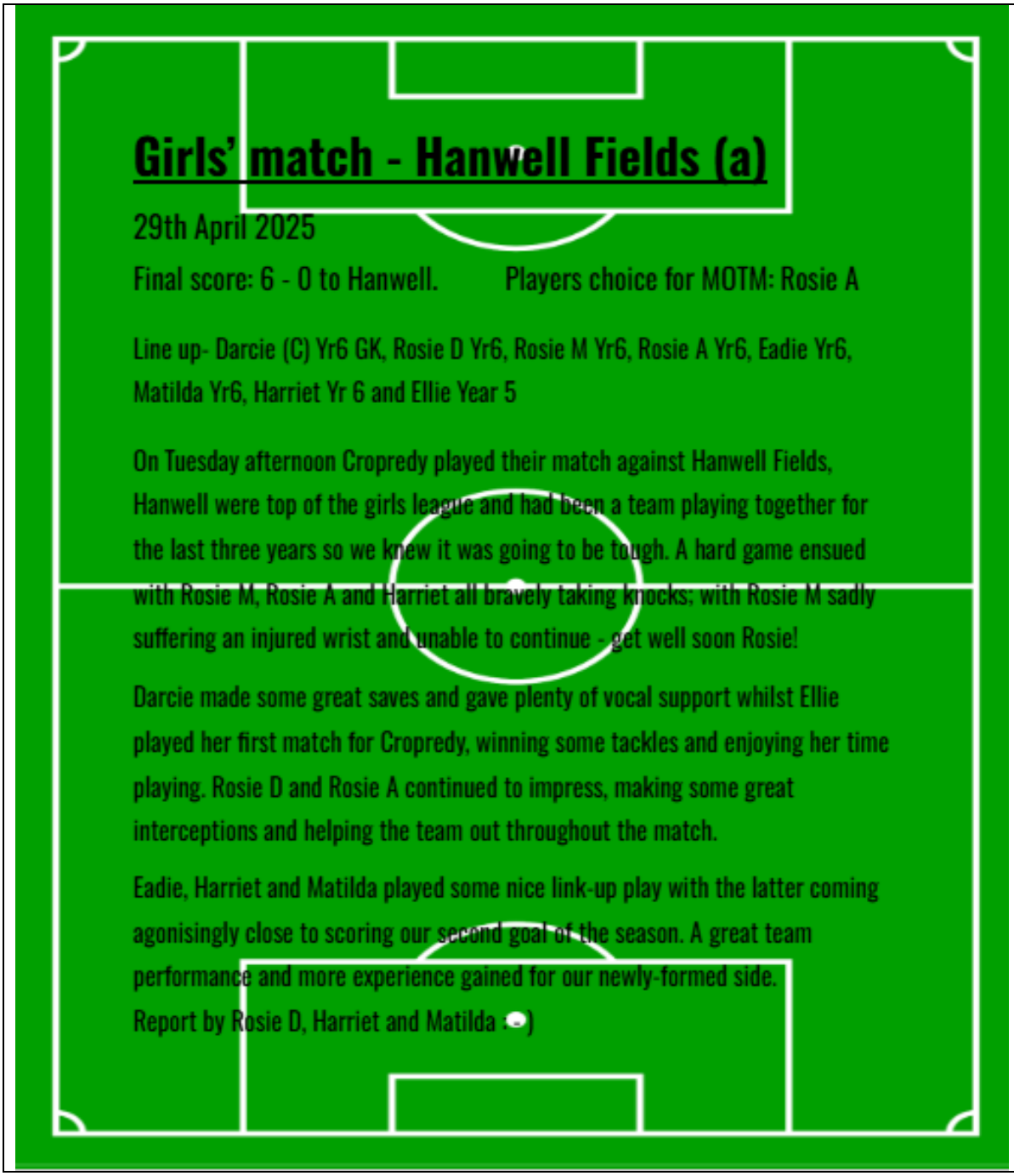
29th April 2025

Final score: 4 - 2 to Hanwell. Players choice for MOTM: Rory (C)

Line up- Leo Yr6 GK, Rory Yr6 (captain), Monty Yr5, Nicholas Yr5, Harrison Yr6, Henry H Yr4, Henry James Yr 5 - Subs: Ted Yr 5, Javi Yr 5, Raffety Yr 3.

On Tuesday afternoon Cropredy played their match against Hanwell Fields, Hanwell got off to a terrible start, by conceding a penalty superbly taken and scored by Monty with a ferocious strike and then soon followed up by a smart finish scored by Ted just after half time. Sadly things then took a turn, as the opposing team scored a freekick which deflected off of Leo's hands and bounced into the open net, quickly followed by a deflection off of Rafferty's head.
Tackles were flying in and three of our players had to be subbed off injured and unable to continue. The momentum was with Hanwell and they scored two further controversial goals to take the game away from us. Our players ended the match hot, bothered and disappointed as it was a match we should have won comfortably. The team, however, looks on and hopes for another win soon in our next fixture...

Report by Leo, Harrison and Rory - Year 6



PTFA Updates

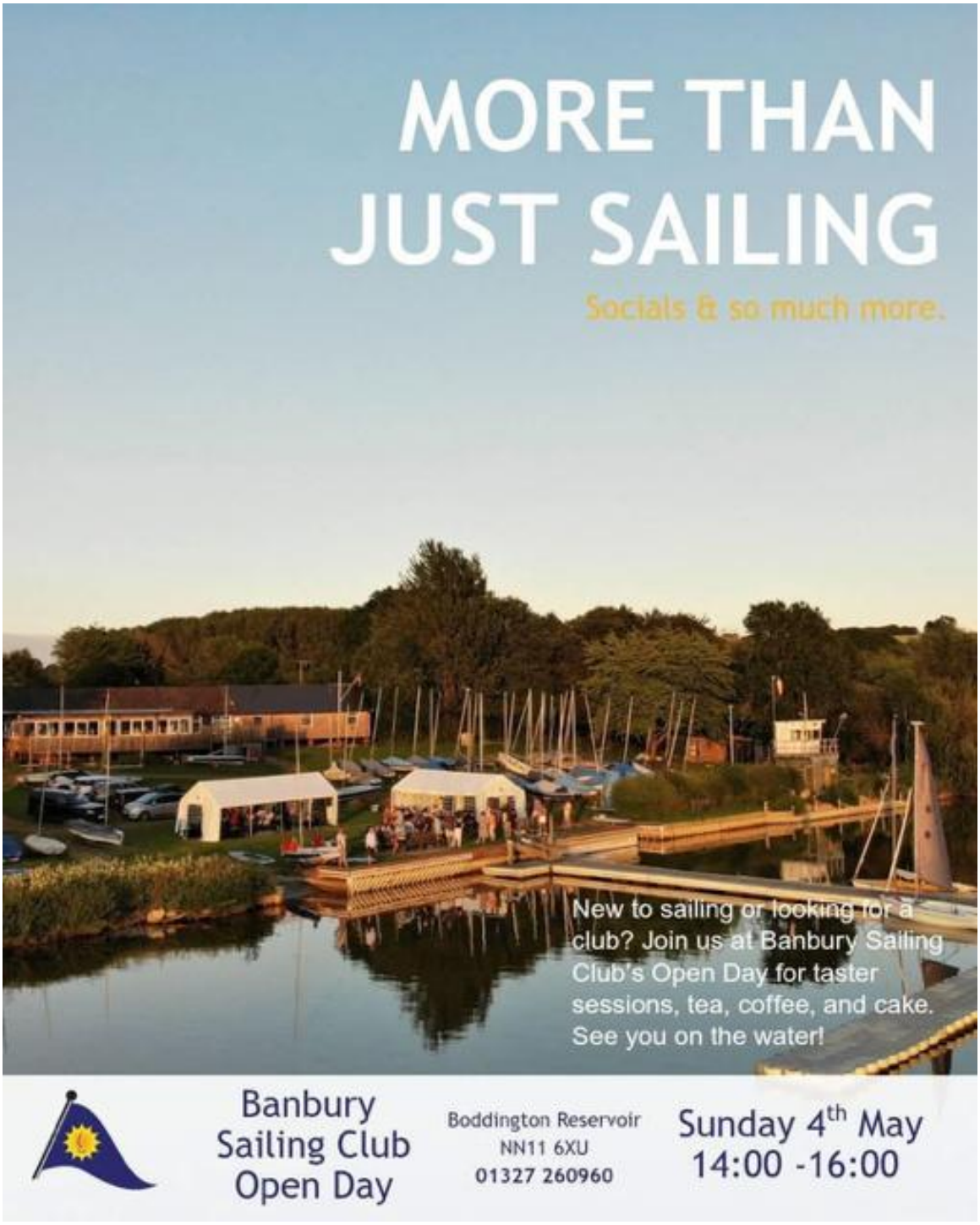
Friday 9th May – Year 1 Funding Friday
Friday 16th May – Cygnets Funding Friday

Upcoming Dates For Your Diary

Monday 5th May: May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 6th May: Class Group Photos and Year 6 Leavers –full uniform please
Monday 12th May: KS2 SATs -Friday 16th May
Monday 19th May - Friday 23rd May: Year 6 residential
Friday 23rd May: End of term
Monday 2nd June: Start of term
Wednesday 11th June: Whole school trip to Warwick Castle

Please note due to a clash in dates and school events, the end of year 6 Production will now be in the last week of term.
Monday 14th July: 13:30 - 14:30 Afternoon performance to the school
Tuesday 15th July: 13:30 - 14:30 Afternoon performance to parents
Wednesday 16th July: 17:30 - 18:30 Evening performance to parents
Friday 18th July: End of term (finish at 1:15pm)

Yours sincerely,
Cropredy School SLT



COME & JOIN US

MOLLINGTON FETE

& Fun Dog Show

SATURDAY 17TH MAY

ANITA'S CARAVAN PARK, MOLLINGTON

OPENS 12.30PM

PRIZES TO BE WON!

Bar & Refreshments

Events

Tug of War, Disney Bouncy Castle & Slide, Raffle, BBQ, Entertainment, Cake Competition, Classic Cars, Children's Fancy Dress, Local Country Trades & Craft and much more!

Fun Dog Show on the Day!

Bring your Fluffy Friend along!
Classes include: Waggiest Tail, Most Handsome Dog and Best Young Handler..

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for ages 10 to 14

At Guides, all girls are welcome to enjoy our fun-filled space, where she'll make good friends, learn to be herself, explore what she loves and do stuff she's never done before!

1st Grimsbury Guides

We meet at St Paul's Church Hall, Warwick Road, OX16 2AN on Monday evenings from 7-8.30pm (term time only)

For more details please contact Catherine Blackburn via email: *firstgrimsburyguides@gmail.com*

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