

Coopersale Hall School

NEWSLETTER



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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents,

October was another very busy and exciting month at Coopersale Hall, as you will see from this month's newsletter. We have enjoyed trips, sporting fixtures and different visitors to school to enhance and enrich our curriculum.

Our annual fireworks event at Oaklands was a highlight and it was also lovely and extremely moving to take part in the Remembrance parade in Epping, with our Head Boy and Girl and Deputy Head Boy and Girl laying a wreath at the Cenotaph.

As you will have seen from the Christmas letter we sent out, November and December are extremely busy with lots of special events and activities in the run up to Christmas; we look forward to seeing many of you at these events. Please do check our website, app and the date list for additional information.

We will continue to run our coffee mornings this term and I look forward to the opportunity to speak to you and hear your thoughts and ideas.

Kind regards

Mrs Doherty

Dyslexia Awareness Month

Last week at Coopersale Hall, we celebrated Dyslexia Awareness Week; this year's theme was 'Uniquely You'. Across the school, we celebrated this in class and in assemblies, to help the children understand what dyslexia is and how everyone is individual and it is ok to learn and understand the world differently.

In Early Years and Key Stage 1, the children thought about similarities and differences between themselves and their friends. They could see that everyone was different and special in their own ways. Miss Crick read "Thunder Boots" to the children, to help them understand about dyslexia. They were excited to discover that Spiderman and Bluey both have dyslexia. The children commented on what they had learnt.

Edith – "Everyone is unique."

Harry – "People are all different in many different ways."

In Key Stage 2, the children watched "Sophie's Story" a child explaining their experiences with being dyslexic. The children considered how it was important to support people that have dyslexia and they shared their reflections and thoughts with each other:

Sophie – "if someone is a bit different don't be mean about it."

Jessica – "think about dyslexia in a positive way and this can help you see the positive things that dyslexia can give you."

Poppy – "dyslexia is like a super power."

The children also watched a video from Richard Branson, who explained that he would not have been able to achieve the many, varied things he has accomplished in his life, if he had not had dyslexia. All the children expressed that they now have a greater awareness, how it affects the lives of people who are dyslexic and how we can appreciate this "SUPER POWER" in the future.



Year 1V Maths Lesson

Year 1V have been focusing on using more than and less than signs in their maths lessons this week. We have used a range of concrete materials to help with our learning, such as dice, number cards and counters.

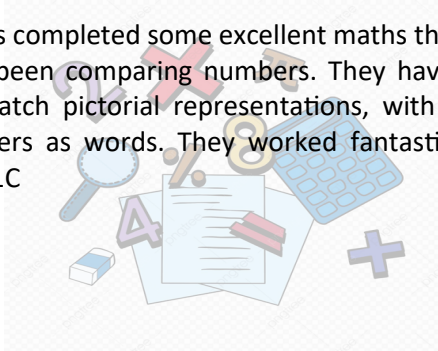
We have also been consolidating our Number Bonds to 10 by learning a new song to help us remember it!

Well done 1V keep up the great work!



Year 1C Maths Lesson

Year 1C has completed some excellent maths this week, where they have been comparing numbers. They have worked as a team to match pictorial representations, with numerals and with numbers as words. They worked fantastically together. Well done 1C



Tag Rugby Competition Years 3 & 4

Coopersale Hall was delighted to have two teams taking part in the Tag Rugby Competition held at the Upper Clapton Rugby Club in Thornwood. Each team worked hard together and supported each other to enjoy this event.

Coopersale Team B reached the final against Epping B.

Jesse in 3B — We won our 6 games and got into the final. At the end of the game it was a draw and the referee told us that the winner would be the team that gained the next try.. Epping B just got there before us.... but I was really very proud of everyone for playing so well together."

We had a wonderful day and really enjoyed this tournament. Well done to everyone who participated and represented Coopersale Hall School.



Science Awards	W/C 25.9.23	W/C 2.10.23	W/C 9.10.23	W/C 16.10.23
Reception G	Valentina	Olivia	Elara	Leila
Reception S	Rory	Harrison	Ralph	Hugo
Reception GM	Ethan	Ava	Sonny	Adriana
Year 1 V	Grayson	Tommy	Millie	Lavinia
Year 1 C	Emma	Arthur	Jasper	Yarema
Year 2 H	Max	Ariya	Carter	Violet
Year 2 N	Not awarded	Ivy	Isabelle	Sonny
Year 3 B	Thomas	Benjamin	Phoebe & Kairo	Jesse
Year 3 G	Roma & Luke	Martin	Isabelle	Roma
Year 4 B	Margaux	River	Jessica	River
Year 4 G	Edward	Nicholas	Lilly	Carter
Year 5 H	Richard	Maria	Xander	Arty

Year 6 Orchestra

Year 6 have started their orchestral course in music. This course allows them to try out different instruments, learning the basics of performance and notation. Some pupils bring their own instruments and act as section leaders, taking a more challenging part and helping other pupils with tricky music. The pupils have been working hard and can already play a number of pieces as an ensemble. It is always inspiring to see pupils trying new things and a number of children have started instrumental lessons after using the school instruments.

We are always grateful for any donations of instruments, so that we can continue to run this course for our students.



Girls' Football Tournament At Shooters - Years 3 & 4

We were delighted to take part in a Girls' Football Tournament held in North Weald.

There were 14 teams playing games of 6 minutes each. The games were fast and everyone played with enthusiasm. The girls on the team reflected on this experience:

Ava – Year 3 – “I enjoy playing football. It is a happy thing to do, and it does mean that we get to know each other really well.”

Verity – Year 3 – “I loved it! The matches were good and it was nice to get to know all the girls from the different classes. It was also lovely to have my mum and grandfather coming to support the team, they were really very encouraging to all the players.”

Our final match of the tournament gave our team our final position on the leaderboard. It was against Braeside – so it was a real Oak-Tree derby. The final score was 1 – 1 making both Coopersale Hall and Braeside joint 7th overall.

Thank you to Mr Barham for taking the girls to this tournament; they thoroughly enjoyed it. Well done to the girls from all the schools for their sporting behaviour. It was great to see so many smiling faces.



U11 Football & Netball Tournament

On Tuesday afternoon, pupils from all 4 Oak-Tree schools took part in the annual U11 Football and Netball Tournaments.

The boys played out some great games on the Oaklands playing fields and can be very proud of their efforts in some very close games.

The girls executed very pleasing ability on the netball court, showing excellent teamwork and sportsmanship throughout.

Final results were:

<u>Game - Football</u>	<u>Score</u>
Oaklands Vs Coopersale	3-1
Normanhurst Vs Coopersale	4-0
Oaklands Vs Normanhurst	1-1

<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Goal difference</u>
1st	Normanhurst	8	+4
2nd	Oaklands	8	+2
3rd	Coopersale	2	-6

<u>Game - Netball</u>	<u>Score</u>
Oaklands Vs Coopersale	3-5
Braeside Vs Normanhurst	4-2
Oaklands Vs Normanhurst	3-3
Braeside Vs Coopersale	2-0
Oaklands Vs Braeside	1-4
Normanhurst Vs Coopersale	3-5

<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Goal difference</u>
1st	Braeside	15	+7
2nd	Coopersale	11	+2
3rd	Normanhurst	5	-4
4th	Oaklands	5	-5



Year 1C Visit the Library

Year 1C recently enjoyed their first visit to the school library. Good fun was had by all.



Making a Difference

Ula in 2N has raised an incredible £270.50 through the sale of her scrumptious honey for St Clare Hospice. The honey came from her own bee hives. This is an amazing amount of money to raise and she should be very proud of herself.

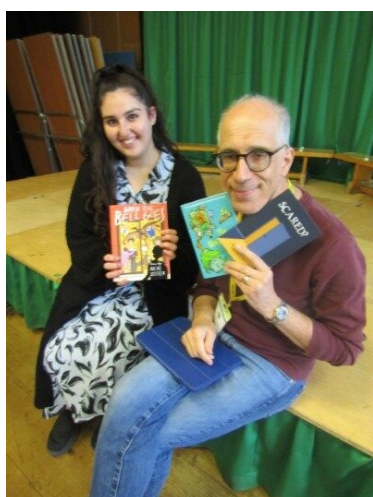
St Clare Hospice advised Ula that the money raised could be used in a number of ways. The money could help cover the cost for St Clare's to support a patient with having a special service at the Hospice or in the community where friends and family join together to celebrate and mark a milestone occasion in a way that everyone would be able to treasure forever.

Thank you once again Ula for caring about St Clare Hospice and helping them to ensure that each and every patient receives the care and support that they deserve.



Author Visit

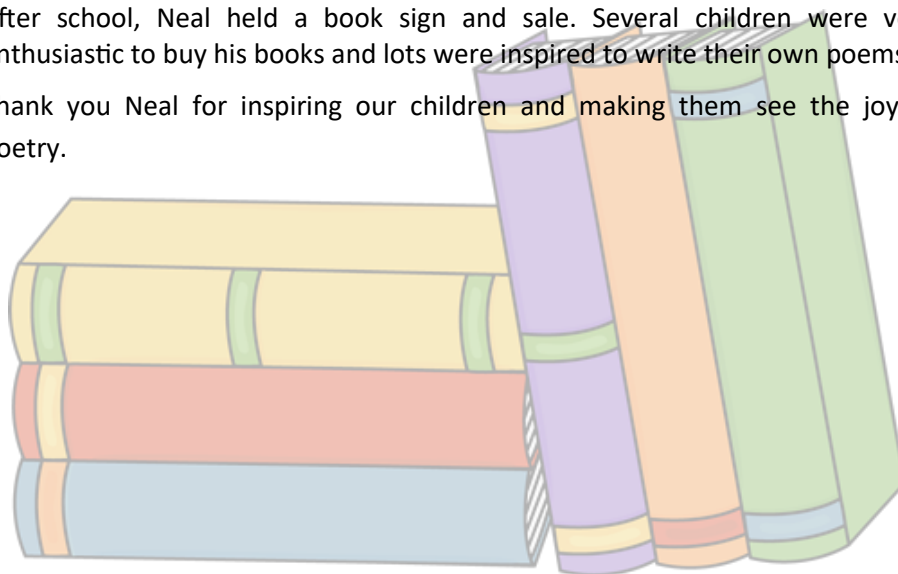
On Monday 16 October, we had a famous children's poet and author visit our school. Neal Zetter led two assemblies – one for KS1 and another for KS2 and KS3. He read some of his poems to the children. They thoroughly enjoyed his fun and interactive poetry. They were able to join in with the rhyming words, rhythm or simply listen and enjoy his child friendly and exciting content. The children were then given the opportunity to ask Neal questions. Some examples of the questions were 'How long does it take you to write a poem book?' and 'What inspires you to write your poems?' Neal was able to answer all the questions the children asked and it was lovely to see them so inquisitive.



Neal also took time, after the assembly, to read poetry that Scarlett in 3G had written. He was thrilled that the workshop had inspired her to write her own poetry.

After school, Neal held a book sign and sale. Several children were very enthusiastic to buy his books and lots were inspired to write their own poems.

Thank you Neal for inspiring our children and making them see the joy in poetry.



Merit Badges & Star of the Week

MERIT BADGES	W/C 25.9.23	W/C 9.10.23
Reception G	Elara	Valentina
Reception GM	Harry	Ethan
Reception S	Rory	Harrison
Year 1C	Frankie	Emma
Year 1V	All	Kenzo
Year 2H	All	Rufus
Year 2N	Maddox Ula	Jacob
Year 3B	Evelyn	Tommy
Year 3G	Joe	Roma
Year 4B	Teddy Harmonie	Charlotte
Year 4G	Edward	Valentina
Year 5H	Henry C Richard	Alex M
Year 6B	Simran	Rauf Blaise
Year 6Z	Oscar	Defne Imogen
Year 7R	All	All

STAR OF THE WEEK	W/C 29.9.23	W/C 9.10.23
UKC	Rhys Charles Ava	Violet Fifi Rhys
UKF	Darragh	Ayla
UKH	Ralph	Bonnie
Reception G	Stanley	Albie
Reception GM	Ava	Maddox
Reception S	Buddy	Albie
Year 1C	Edith	Yarema Arthur
Year 1V	Oliver	Blakely Louis
Year 2H	Karam	Olivia
Year 2N	George	Maddox
Year 3B	Tommy	Reuben
Year 3G	Hudson	Roshni
Year 4B	Lily	Margaux
Year 4G	Flo	Felicity
Year 5H	Iman Maria	Luke
Year 6B	Isla	Donald Blaise
Year 6Z	Jack	Elena Imogen
Year 7R	Darcey	Not Awarded

Well Done Emilia

Emilia in year 5 really enjoyed taking part in the London Festival of Gymnastics recently. She performed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday - on each round Mum & Dad were holding their breath as she was thrown into the air. Congratulations Emilia for doing so well.



Chartwells Healthy Eating

Year 3 were so lucky to be visited by Chartwells. We were led through a workshop all about positive mental health. We practised breathing methods and discussed fears, anxieties and worries. We discussed how we could overcome these feelings to best look after our mental health. Chartwells made it clear to us that food health can positively impact our mental health. We had the opportunity to make our own healthy porridge bowl to learn that we can be independent and healthy, even in year 3! The children enjoyed being independent, mixing and choosing fruit for their healthy porridge bowls. They certainly enjoyed eating their creations at the end of their session!

Thank you Chartwells for thinking of us and guiding us to always be healthy!



Year 3 PE Lessons

Year 3 students have had a fantastic term in PE, learning to play a new game that combines netball and football. The game is designed to build teamwork, concentration, and player position awareness.

The students have really embraced the game and enjoyed the variety it offers. They have learned the importance of working together as a team to achieve a common goal, as well as how to maintain their concentration throughout the game. They have also developed a better understanding of player positions and how to move around the court effectively.

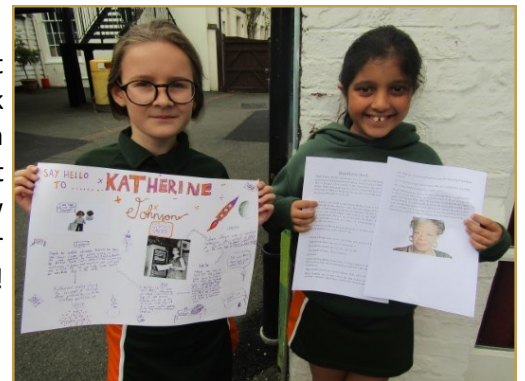


Well done to all the Year 3 students for their hard work and dedication in PE this term. Keep up the great work!



Humanities Club

Children in Humanities Club have been working hard on finding out more information about significant people in celebration of Black History Month. Simran in 6B produced an informative piece on Maya Angelou whilst Isla in 6B produced a creative piece of work about Katherine Johnson. Both girls worked extremely hard over the last few weeks to choose their person of interest and reflect upon how their influence on the rest of the world has been significant. Well done girls! Both pieces can be viewed in the Library for all to see.



Shapes In Upper Kindergarten

As part of their maths work recently the children have been looking at how to make shapes together. The children joined together to make circles, squares, triangles, rectangles, stars and hearts. Well done children.

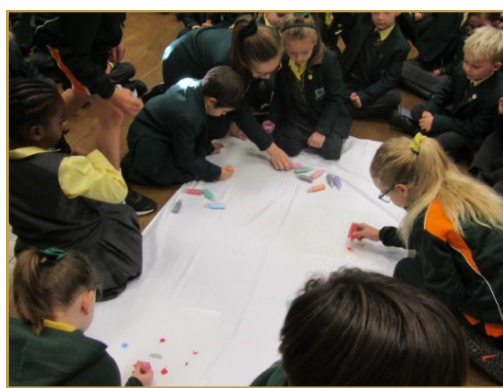


Diwali Assembly 2023

Mrs Newbigging welcomed everybody back to school for our first assembly in the hall. Sitting in a 'U' shape, they listened while she explained that during this time of the year a number of festivals are celebrated. One of these festivals is Diwali which will be held on the 12 November, 2023. The children were asked what they knew about this festival: Diwali is the Hindu Festival of Light, and the story that is remembered during Diwali is that of Rama and Sita. House Points were awarded for the excellent contributions!

Mrs Newbigging asked the children what they do if they have a guest coming to visit. The children shared how they might tidy their rooms, prepare activities and have some food ready. They were told that, in the same way, Hindus prepare to receive the goddess Lakshmi into their homes at Diwali.

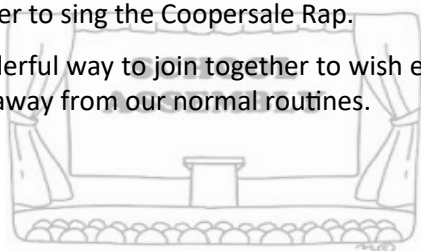
They prepare their homes by cleaning and tidying, they may wear new clothes, buy gifts, prepare special food and light Diwa lamps. They will also decorate outside the front door with a Rangoli pattern, often made with colourful sand. The assembly finished with a number of children being invited to work together to make colourful, sand Rangoli patterns where everyone could look on.



Last Assembly Before Half Term

Mrs Jones was delighted to share with the school her choir and musical club pupils performing to the children and staff. Everyone enjoyed a rendition of "Waving Flag" and then the whole school joined together to sing the Coopersale Rap.

It was a wonderful way to join together to wish everyone a safe and happy break away from our normal routines.



Getting Social

Click the images to visit our social media sites.



The Hive Year 4 Camp

The children in Year 4 recounted their experience of their recent camp residential, held at the Hive, from Wednesday 11 October until Friday 13. These are a selection of their thoughts:

Felicity – 4G

Last Wednesday, we all went to The Hive. In the afternoon we waited for the bus to arrive, and when it came, we went in feeling all excited. It took 10 minutes to get there and we all got off the bus to be introduced to Alex. She was going to help us with the activities.

Carter – 4G

We were going on the glamping trip for two nights. We did this to become more independent and to build our confidence. The first thing we did was listen to Alex going through the rules and boundaries. We then found out who we were sharing a pod with and unpacked all our luggage. Putting on our wellies we headed into the forest. We spoke about animal habitat and where we could find different animals in the forest. After speaking about habitats, we looked for animals and put them into a pot (we released them after) and took them back to the Hive classroom and had a closer look at them through the microscope. I caught a spider and two worms.

Margaux – 4B

We looked at our animals under a microscope to look at all the patterns like lines, dots, zig-zags and a lot more. It was so interesting. We also found out what type of insects they were.

Harmonie – 4B

That night we had a quiz and it was very hard! But we had lots of fun. While doing the quiz we had lovely warm hot-chocolate with a biscuit. We had some pod time before bed time. In my pod we played UNO which was fun. The next day we did a treasure hunt. We had to find cards in different places, just with a map and a compass. Our next activity after lunch was den building. It was wonderful and we called our den the Sunshine den. We found a slug that we called Sunshine also.

River – 4B

That evening we sat around the camp fire and we all had a marshmallow to toast and we enjoyed some tasty hot chocolate. I think that was one of my favourite bits. I would definitely go again.



Remembrance Parade

In 2023 the theme for Remembrance Sunday is remembering and honouring service. This is inclusive; physical, mental or emotional injury or trauma; the absence of time with loved ones; or the pressures that come from serving, highlight why the Remembrance of Service is so important. This year we mark significant anniversaries united by the theme of 'Service'.

Laying the Wreath

Head Girl - Simran

On Sunday, I was given an honourable opportunity to lay the wreath in Epping. I felt pride come over me as I placed the wreath at the Cenotaph. It was a very serious matter. I was proud to lay the wreath as Head Girl and represent my school. I am very glad that I had this amazing opportunity and I hope whoever is Head Girl next year will feel as honoured as I did.

Head Boy - Oscar

On Sunday 12 November I placed our school wreath on the Cenotaph in Epping. As I walked out towards the Cenotaph I felt so excited and nervous at the same time. It was so quiet and very intense. It was an honour and I hope that the Head Boy next year will appreciate this opportunity to represent the school in this way as much as I did.



Year 7 Netball Tournament

Year 7 had a fantastic trip away to Windmill Hill PGL for a netball tournament. As well as playing lots of netball matches, the children were able to participate in lots of different PGL activities, such as rock climbing, zip wire, abseiling, archery, axe throwing and the giant swing! The children were awarded the 'Umpire's team of the tournament' for demonstrating resilience and sportsmanship on the netball court.

Well done to you all.



Thank you for your Book Donations!



Year 2 Trip to Waltham Abbey

Year 2 took a trip to Waltham Abbey as part of their topic studies: What Makes a Town, and Famous People.

Each class took a walk around Waltham Abbey spotting buildings on their Town Treasure Hunt Sheet. Some of us were invited into the Post Office to have a look around. We also visited Epping Forest Museum where we learned about prominent people from the area. We learned about Thomas Willingale who fought to allow people to continue to lop trees in Epping Forest and to hunt for food.

We also learned about Jill Barklem from Epping, who wrote and illustrated the Brambly Hedge children's books. Some of the children got to dress up as historical characters from the area.

Catherine and Charlotte at Epping Forest Museum were knowledgeable, patient and fun. Also, our own Boys in Boy heroically tackled a two hour journey through traffic to us all to pick us up. Thank you.



FoCHS Update

Annual General Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM in October and a very warm welcome to all the new committee members and volunteers who have joined the team. We look forward to a productive and successful year!

Christmas Events

You should have all received an email with the relevant information relating to our Christmas events this term, so please refer to it for dates and times if needed. We have a lot planned such as raffles, the Christmas gift shop, Santa's grotto with reindeer and a pantomime trip for all the pupils. We really hope that they help to get both parents and children into the Christmas spirit!

First off, to start the festive season we have the return of a raffle for our beautiful Christmas baskets which are currently on display outside the school office. Details of how to purchase tickets to win one of these and VIP seats at the Christmas concerts and school Christmas lunch are in the email. You can buy as many raffle tickets as you wish but you have to be in it to win it!

This year we also see the return of our Christmas gift shop on Monday 27 November. The children will be involved in a "shopping trip" to our festive pop-up in the music studio, where they can choose from a variety of gifts for family and friends. For ease, we will have been selling wristbands for the children to wear on the day to indicate how many gifts they would like to buy. These wristbands went on sale this week but do not worry if you have not yet purchased one as you can contact any committee member or class teacher if one is required. We also hope you will have received a message in relation to the sale.



Second-Hand Uniform

Purchasing second-hand uniform is one more way that we can all do our bit to help the environment and reduce waste, so we really appreciate your support.

Our order form can be downloaded from the school website: <https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/cooper-content/uploads/2022/02/CHS-Second-Hand-Uniform-Order-Form.pdf>

If you wish to place an order, please hand in your completed form to the school office and we will let you know if the items requested are available. Please do not email any order forms to us. Once your order is confirmed, payment should be made to us electronically using the details on the form.

Our price list can also be found on the school website: <https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/cooper-content/uploads/2022/02/CHS-Second-Hand-Uniform-Price-List.pdf>

We also very much appreciate any donations of good quality, school-branded uniform. Please leave it with the school office and one of our volunteers will collect it. If you have any queries, please do speak to your class rep.

Easyfundraising

Sign up to easyfundraising and you can donate to FoCHS every time you shop online, at no extra charge. Hundreds of retailers make donations and it is simple to sign up:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fochs>

FoCHS Update

Get in Touch

If you are interested in getting involved this year, have some ideas or if you simply have a question, we would very much like to hear from you.

Each year group has at least one FoCHS rep and the easiest way to get in touch is to message your year rep on WhatsApp:

LK- Billi Carroll

UK- Eleanor Fawcett, Rachel Concadoro & Sarah Ede

Reception- Susan Tetherton

Yr 1- Stacey Cummins

Yr 2- Emma Plant

Yr 3- Rachel Concadoro

Yr 4- Nicola Wiley & Victoria Moyses

Yr 5- Rachel Concadoro

Yr 6- Sarah Cook & Jagdeep Chahil

Yr 7- Gemma White & Angela Szucs

You can also email us at FoCHS@coopersalehallschool.co.uk or speak to any members of the committee:

Susan Tetherton (Chair) Victoria Moyses (Treasurer) Sarah Cook (Secretary) Louisa Richards Stacey Cummins Jagdeep Chahil Rachel Concadoro Nazanin Farhadi Frosini Konstanciak Kathryn Kumar	Honorary members include: Howard Cohen Chris Smith Adam Konstanciak You can also check out our page on the school website: https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/parents-pupils/parents-association/
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