

Chestnuts Primary School Newsletter



Friday 17th October 2025



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 21st October—Parents
Evening (Nursery and Reception
not included)

Wednesday 22nd October—
Parents Evening (Nursery and
Reception not included)

Thursday 23rd October—Individual
Class Photos (All Years)

Friday 24th October—TAD day (
School is Closed)

Monday 27th—Friday 31st October
- Half Term Holiday

Monday 3rd November—ALL Years
Return back to school

Friday 7th November—Malala Class
Assembly

Dear Families,

October has been a vibrant and inspiring month here at Chestnuts as we've celebrated Black History Month — something we honour with pride and purpose. While Black history, British history, is woven into our curriculum all year round, this month offers a special opportunity to shine a spotlight on the stories, voices, and contributions that have shaped our world.

Across the school, children have explored powerful themes such as microaggressions — understanding what they are and why they matter — and have been introduced to a range of inspirational Black figures including Ray Charles, Kerry Davies, and Dianne Abbott. We were thrilled to welcome DJ Spoony and Curtis Darroux, pioneers in the music industry, who led a memorable assembly that had both children and staff buzzing with excitement. From African flags and folk tales to the rhythm of African drumming lessons, our classrooms have been alive with learning and creativity. Year 2 are especially excited for their upcoming trip to the Unicorn Theatre to see Anansi the Spider, a story rich in cultural heritage and imagination.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated staff who bring these opportunities to life for our children. A heartfelt thank you to Ms West for her leadership and passion in guiding this important work.

Alongside our Black History Month celebrations, October has been packed with exciting trips and unforgettable experiences for our children. From the magic of the Harry Potter Studio Tour to the breathtaking views atop the London Eye, our pupils have explored some of the most iconic and educational sites our city has to offer.

They've delved into the fascinating world of communication at the Postal Museum, and even had the unique opportunity to visit the construction site opposite our school, learning firsthand about engineering, safety, and how buildings come to life.

We are incredibly proud of the enrichment we provide at Chestnuts. These experiences spark curiosity, deepen learning, and create memories that last a lifetime. I know from speaking with many of the children just how much they've loved every moment.

Warm wishes,
Mrs Horwood

Attendance

If your child is absent please could you call/email or leave a voicemail on the school office number :



02088002362 or email

office@chestnutsprimary.com

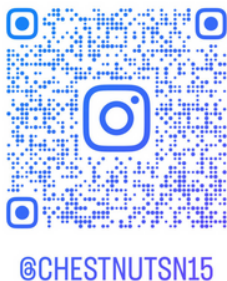
LOST PROPERTY

There were 9 items of clothing outside the art room , only one with the name written in the label! This is a selection of the blanks..... and a gentle reminder to parents to write the name of your child in their clothes. Without this information it is near impossible to return items.



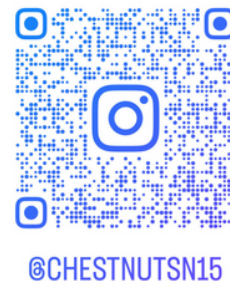
We are now on Instagram!

Come and follow us for regular updates and celebrations of the work our children do!



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What we have done this week

NURSERY

During Black History Month this October, Nursery have been learning all about Brianna McCarthy and her amazing artwork! Brianna McCarthy is a self-taught artist from Trinidad and Tobago. She creates collage portraits. She explores identity, all types of beauty, stereotypes and representation of black women. Running alongside our All About Me focus, the children have been having such fun exploring collage and creating faces inspired by Brianna McCarthy's artwork. Do you like them so far?



DONALDSON CLASS

This week at our singing assembly, we learnt the words and makaton signed actions to the Bob Marley Song, 'Three Little Bird's'. We talked about the lovely message in the song about trying not to worry, as it's all going to be alright. Of course, we are all here to hear any worries, should they arise!



AHLBERG CLASS

As part of Black History Month, Reception have been learning about the artist and celebrated textile designer Althea McNish. Althea McNish was an artist from Trinidad who moved to England in the 1950s. She became the first African Caribbean textile designer to earn an international reputation. The children used oil pastels on coloured paper to create their own masterpieces inspired by Althea McNish.



As part of Black History Month, Year 1 have been enjoying the book Kiki's Magic Afro, where a young girl learns to truly love her natural hair and 'with love brings magic.'

This half term in RE, we have been learning about Sikhism and exploring why the 5 Ks are important to Sikhs. The children had the opportunity to look at the different objects and even tie their hair in a dastar.



SEACOLE CLASS

What an inspiring few weeks it has been! In celebration of Black History Month, the children have been learning about significant Black figures who have made a lasting impact throughout history. Their enthusiasm and curiosity have been wonderful to see.

Many children have brought in books about important individuals they've discovered at home and have proudly shared what they've learned with the class. These moments have sparked meaningful discussions and deepened everyone's understanding of the achievements and contributions of Black people across the world.

This celebration has also helped nurture a real love for reading. The excitement has extended beyond the classroom, with parents joining us to share their favourite childhood stories. These shared experiences have created a strong sense of community and connection, showing how reading can bring people together across generations.

Linked to our work as a Rights Respecting School, Article 30, which reminds us that every child has the right to learn about and celebrate their own culture and the cultures of others.

Through these activities, our children have shown respect, curiosity, and pride, demonstrating how learning about history can also strengthen our values of equality, respect, and inclusion.



RASHFORD CLASS

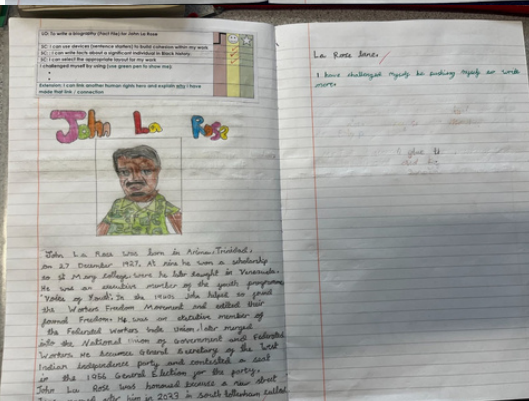
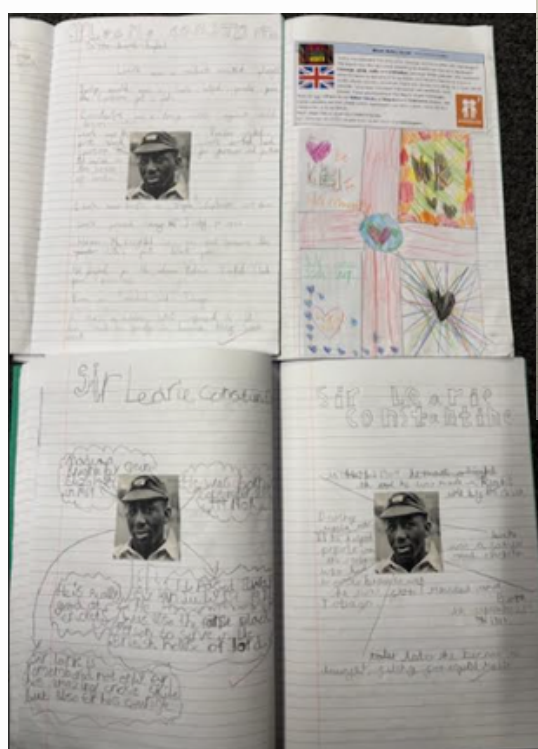
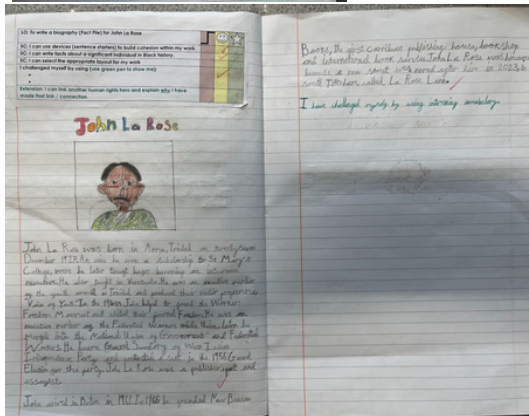
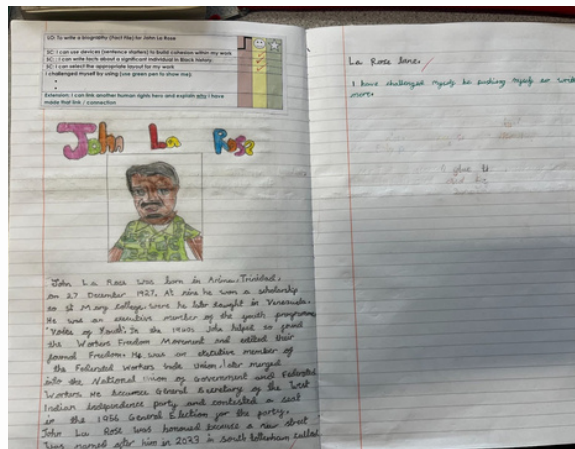
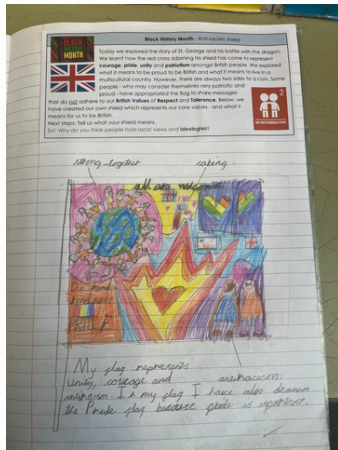
In year 2, we have been learning about different significant black people. Here, the children have created posters for black history month and have written why it is important to celebrate black history month.



BENJAMIN CLASS

ATTENBOROUGH CLASS

As part of Black History month we have been learning about John La Rose - a powerful voice for justice and equality. John La Rose was a writer, publisher and activist who worked hard to make sure Black people's stories and cultures were heard and respected. He helped set up the first Black publishing company in Britain and the New Beacon Books bookshop. Benjamin Class wrote about his life and legacy and why his achievements should be remembered. We have also produced posters for our learning about Black History Month. These posters represent fairness, respect and unity to help make England a better, more equal place for everyone.



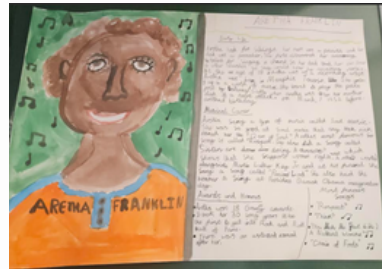
FIBONACCI CLASS

This October, Fibonacci Class has been immersed in a vibrant celebration of Black History Month, exploring the lives and legacies of influential figures who have shaped history through courage, creativity, and activism.

One of the highlights was our African drumming workshop—a joyful, energetic experience that had everyone moving to the beat! The children loved learning traditional rhythms and discovering how music connects people across cultures and generations.

We also spent time learning about the incredible Aretha Franklin. Known as the “Queen of Soul,” Aretha was not only a legendary singer but also a powerful voice for civil rights and gender equality. Her music inspired millions and her activism helped bring attention to important social issues. Did you know she was the first woman ever inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame? The children were amazed by her achievements and the impact she made both on and off the stage.

It’s been a truly inspiring month, filled with learning, creativity and reflection. I am so proud of how engaged and thoughtful the children have been.



GANDHI CLASS

Gandhi class had a wonderful time celebrating Black History Month (as have the rest of the school). One of the lessons was taking an in depth look at the English flag and what it means to us. All the children took time to create their own flag and write down why exactly they had chosen the colours and designs they did. It was wonderful to see how much pride they took in inclusion, diversity and the country in which they live.



PANKHURST CLASS

THOMPSON CLASS

This October, Year 5 have been enthusiastically exploring Black History Month through a wide range of creative and inspiring activities. Pupils took part in exciting author workshops, where they learned about storytelling and the importance of diverse voices in literature. The classrooms came alive with in-depth discussions and an appreciation and celebration for black heritage. Throughout the month, they also learned about influential role models from Black history, discovering how their courage and achievements continue to inspire us today. As part of their learning. It's been a joyful and meaningful journey of learning, creativity, and celebration!



MALALA CLASS

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This month, our children have been immersed in the vibrant stories, cultures, and achievements celebrated during Black History Month. It's been a wonderful opportunity to deepen their understanding and appreciation of Black heritage through a variety of engaging activities.

One of the highlights was our African drumming workshop, where the children explored different drums and percussion instruments. Their enthusiasm was infectious as they worked together to create beautiful rhythms and sounds—an experience that sparked joy, teamwork, and creativity. We're incredibly proud of how curious and involved the children have been throughout these lessons.



ART CLASSES

Everyone is excited to put on their aprons and get stuck into a new term of creativity! Here you can see some of the year 2 children exploring mixing primary colours together to make secondary colours.

A gentle reminder for children to wear clothes that are not 'precious' as we cannot guarantee that there won't be the occasional splash or spillage during these fun lessons.

Miss Hen

Art Teacher



New website for ADHD & Autism support in Haringey

A new neurodevelopmental website is now live – a central hub for information, services and support for children and young people under 18 with ADHD and autism-related needs. It offers easy access to NHS referrals, local events, and community resources for families, professionals and those seeking guidance.

<https://londonwaitingroom.nhs.uk/autism-adhd-support-ncl/neurodevelopmental-support-haringey>

Congratulations to our Year 6's who won the football tournament at Park View !



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This month we have celebrated Black History Month!

At Chestnuts we try to embed Black history across our curriculum throughout the year, for example fair trade and cocoa growing on the Ivory coast and Ghana in year 5, African environmental activism and indigenous knowledge in year 3, Haringey's links to Windrush and much more.

Therefore, BHM is a chance to celebrate people and ideologies and societal changes needed beyond the usual BHM celebrations- this year, we revisited microaggressions, we discussed Partners and their role in the Black pound, KS2 looked at Hurricane Katrina and the injustice served to those in New Orleans and both key stages did work around St George, the story around the Dragon and discussed what England means to us- a multicultural melting pot of cultures, delicious foods, music and celebrations!

We also had a visit from DJ Spoony who spoke about his career, growing up in Hackney and working hard to achieve his dream- a message echoed by our year 6 parent Curtis Darroux who spoke about his 20 year long career at BBC radio 1Xtra. Thank you everyone and don't forget on Thursday 23rd October we wear traditional dress and bring a dish to share (My favourite day of the year- YUM!)



Calling all Chestnuts Musicians...

We need YOU!

Would you like to be involved in one of our Key Stage 1 music assemblies? We are looking for parents, carers, siblings, friends and neighbours to get involved.

What can I do?

Bring in an instrument to share with the children, explaining the different parts, how it is played, etc.

Perform a song or 2 for the children

Teach the children a song

Or perhaps you have an idea of your own. (I am happy to let you lead or I can do all the talking if you'd rather not!)

Assemblies take place on Thursday afternoons at 2.40-3.05pm in the KS1 hall. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Ms Yong at

myong@chestnutsprimary.com

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to remind you of the booking process for our After School Club (ASC) to ensure all children are safely and correctly registered.

◆ *Booking Before 12pm All ASC sessions must be pre-booked via Magicbooking by 12pm on the day of attendance.*

◆ *Booking After 12pm If you need to book ASC after 12pm on the same day, please email asc@chestnutsprimary.com directly. This is the only accepted method for late bookings.*

⚠ *Important Notice Children who are not booked in through either of these methods will incur a late booking fee of £15. This policy is in place to ensure we maintain accurate registers and keep all children safe.*

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Warm regards, Chestnuts Primary School

SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE 2026

A reminder to all Year 6 families: The deadline to apply for a secondary school place for September 2026 is 31 October 2025. Please ensure your application is submitted on time via your local authority website.

***For any other enquiries please email:
schooladmissions@haringey.gov.uk or contact our
customer service team on 0208 489 1000.***



Chestnuts Menu

Autumn/Winter 25-26



Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Tuna Pasta FISH, WHEAT	Chicken Tikka Masala COCONUT MILK	Lentil Soup LENTIL	Beef Stew	Baja Spiced Chicken Strips with Cheese MILK
Option 2	Kale Pesto Pasta WHEAT	Chick Pea Curry COCONUT MILK	Vegetable Soup	Vegetable Stew	Oaxaca Style Vegetables and Beans
Vegetables	Honey Roasted Carrots	Masala Roasted Cauliflower	As Above	Sweetcorn and Peas	Fresh Mixed Peppers
Salad Bar	Mixed Italian Salad or Beetroot Salad EGG, MILK, MUSTARD	Mixed Salad and Coleslaw Rita EGG, MILK, MUSTARD	Mixed Salad,	Mixed Salad	Sour Cream, Cheese, Mixed Salad, Coleslaw MILK, MUSTARD, EGG
Dessert	Fresh Fruits and Yoghurt MILK	Fresh Fruit and Jelly MILK	Beetroot Cake and Fresh Fruit MILK	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt EGG, MILK, WHEAT	Rice Pudding and Fresh Fruit MILK
Others	Pasta, Garlic Bread GLUTEN	Rice, Naan Bread WHEAT	Baguette WHEAT	Couscous, Slice Bread WHEAT	Tortilla Wrap GLUTEN,



Chestnuts Menu

Autumn/Winter 25-26



Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Jacket Potatoes WHEAT, MILK	Tandoori Chicken and Pilau Rice	Stir Fry Noodles EGG, WHEAT	Lamb Meatballs GLUTEN, SULPHUR, DIOXIDE,	Fish and Chips WHEAT, FISH
Option 2	Cheese WHEAT	Vegetable Curry	Special Fried Rice WHEAT	Vegetable Meatballs GLUTEN,	Falafel GLUTEN
Vegetables	Baked Beans	Broccoli	General Cauliflower	Green Beans	Garden Peas
Salad Bar	Coleslaw and Mixed Salad, MILK, EGG, MUSTARD	Mixed Salad, Coleslaw MILK, EGG, MUSTARD	Mixed Salad	Spinach Salad and Pomegranate, Mixed Salad	Mixed Salad, Tartar Sauce, Ketchup, Coleslaw EGG, SULPHITES, MILK
Dessert	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt MILK	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt WHEAT, MILK, EGG	Apple Crumble and Custard MILK	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt OAT, MILK, WHEAT	Biscuits and Fresh Fruit MILK
Others	Garlic Bread WHEAT	Rice and Naan Bread WHEAT	Noodles and Rice GLUTEN	Spaghetti, Bread	Chips

Webinars for parents and carers

delivered by

Haringey Educational Psychology Service

ADHD and executive functions

- For parents/carers of children of all ages
- Monday, 20 October from 12pm to 1pm

This webinar will focus on understanding ADHD and executive functions (the processes that help with prioritising, planning, problem-solving, inhibition and time-management) and strategies to support children in this area.

Sleep

This webinar will focus on understanding and supporting your child's sleep.

- For parents/carers of pre-school and primary aged children
- Monday, 24 November from 12pm to 1pm

Future webinars

These will be held in the spring and summer term on topics such as:
Managing behaviour, emotion coaching and screen time.

Sign up



Scan me to register or visit
eventbrite.co.uk/o/markfield-31140926185



sendiass@markfield.org.uk



SEND POWER
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LONDON

New series of free monthly workshops for parents

Do you think your child may have ADHD or are they on the waiting list for an assessment?

- **Come along and hear about helpful information and strategies.**
- **Meet other parents and professionals**



Led by
**CAMHS and
the
Educational
Psychology
Service**

Sign up here:

<https://sendpowerinharingey.eventbrite.com>



Upcoming sessions:

Tuesday 21st October 2025 - ADHD and executive functioning

Tuesday 18th November - ADHD and sleep

Tuesday 16th December - ADHD and support in school

Time: 10 - 11.30am

Place: Chestnuts Community Centre (N15 5BN)

BUILDING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR IN



A 5-week parent workshop hosted by The GEMHS team!



The GEMHS (previously known as Trailblazers) team are a Mental Health Support Team working with Haringey Schools to support the emotional wellbeing of children.

The GEMHS team are trained in evidence-based approaches for a range of wellbeing concerns including:

What will be covered:

- The importance of play.
- Learning through praise and rewards.
- Supporting your child to understand and regulate feelings.
- Empathetic boundary setting.
- Space for questions and troubleshooting.

"Felt like a really safe space - really appreciated all the help and guidance."

"Just delighted with it so lucky to have this"

(Parent workshop feedback, May 2023)

**BOOK A PLACE BY
EMAILING:**

Jeanne Milstein

senco@chestnutsprimary.com



WHEN & WHERE?

9am - 10am @ Chestnuts Primary School

Friday 7th November - 5th December 2025



SCARY STORY

WRITING COMPETITION

There will be one KS1 and one KS2 winner with two runners up in each.

STORY IDEAS:

- The Haunted House
- What did I see beneath the stairs?
- The mysterious forest.
- A visit to the cemetery.
- Sssshhhhhh! Did you hear that?

**DEADLINE: THE FIRST FRIDAY BACK
AFTER OCTOBER HALF TERM**

Entries should be emailed to Miss West at AHT@Chestnutsprimary.com with 'Scary story competition' as the subject along with the child's name and class, or handed in to the office.



**CHANCE TO SHINE
STREET**



MIDDLESEX
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COMMUNITY

**IT'S
FREE!**

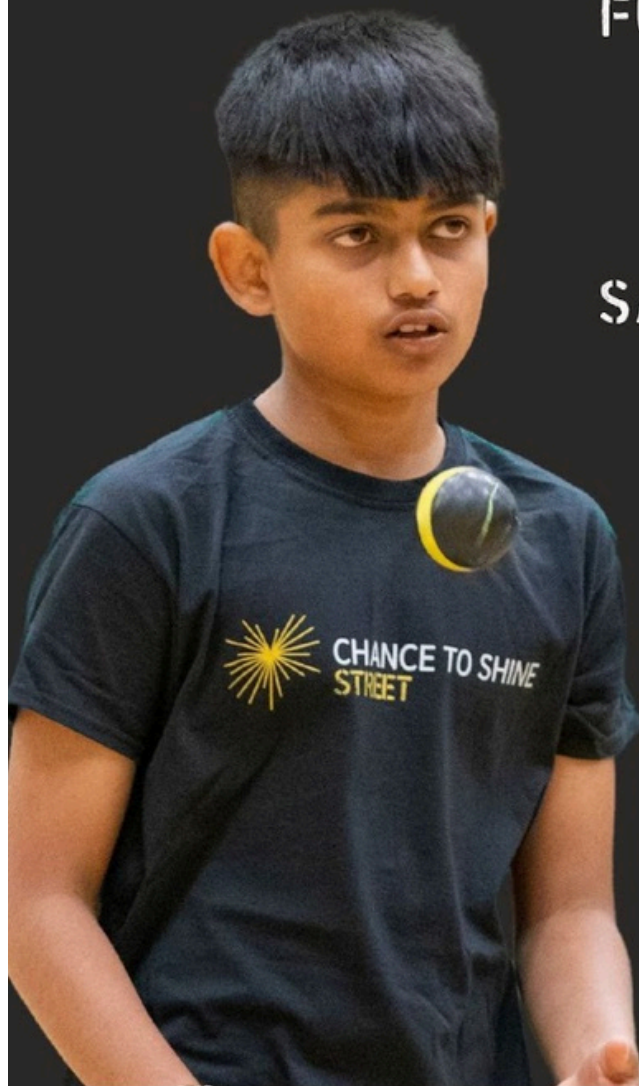
WANT TO PLAY CRICKET?

**FUN, FREE CRICKET FOR ALL
LEVELS. NO EQUIPMENT
NEEDED!**

SATURDAYS 10AM – 12.30PM

**10AM - 11.15AM (UNDER 7
YEARS)**

**11.15AM - 12.30PM (8-15
YEARS)**



**PARK VIEW HIGH SCHOOL, WEST GREEN RD,
LONDON N15 3QR**

**TO FIND OUT MORE, PLEASE CONTACT:
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