

Arnold Mill Primary School

17th May 2024



A massive well done to the year 6s for completing their SATS this week! They have been a real pleasure to work with and I know they have tried their hardest, which is all we can ask.

Thank you to you (parents) and the staff for supporting the children through this process and keeping their stress levels to a minimum.

I have had a complaint about the parking situation on Mill Lane, we have been asked to put this message out to our parents :

- asking you not to park on Mill Lane or Mill Crescent since they are private roads.
- asking for considerate parking I understand no one wants to walk far nowadays but safety should be the first priority.
- inform that the incident from yesterday has been reported to 101 by concerned neighbours and also photo evidence will be sent to the local council
 - any new incidents involving inconsiderate parking where it concerns safety will be

reported to 101 and the council too with a photo evidence so parents may expect some consequences.

Next week is the last week of half term and there are no clubs, apart from both gardening clubs.

Have a good weekend!

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Children's Work





ARNOLD MILL NEWS

1st of May 2024

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Last right, at dusk, on 30th of April a huge won man was caught in a hig hole in the ground. In the middle of a yield a jumes 10 year old son named Hogarth captured the won gaint with a nayl and a knize clanging together. The exited games were proud of them selves and Hogarth.

Hogath was attempting to eatch a you with a dead chicken as the bait. As the you approached the hole he stopped and glaved up at the won man which was standing onlop of the

dig. Then all of a sudden the iron man came stomping down the hill towards Hogarth. Eating up barb wire as spaghilli.

Hogarth, our eye witness said "I could not believe my eyes a huge iron giant to was eating barb wire whiles stomping in my



ARNOLD MILL NEWS

Tuesday 30th April 2024

£3.500

IRON MAN BURIED

At dusk on Tuesday 30th April 2024 in the gamer's field the Iron Man was caught in a deep hole. Trey caught the Iron Man because he as he ganter's machiney and the gamers was scarvel.

A gamers son called Hogath Saw the Iron Man.

Hozbih was trying to catch a gar. But the gar dud'nt go to the die hen. The gar was the gar sur the for san the Iron Man. Hozath got an knige and a nail Clashed together and the Iron Man gell in the deep deep hole.

The eye witness, Hogath Said

I could't believe my eyes; when I you Man was rolling up barbed wive and eating it like Spaghetty. He said I was amazed when I trapped the I you Man and the Samers convert the I was not involved.



ARNOLD MILL NEWS

Surday 17 December 2023

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CAUGHT TROM HAMPED!

Last Night at dusk, there we are trable inclosens on the cold and wet farmers filled. A little way named thought into a BIG DARK HOLE! He had been hopeing to catter him all along.

It all Started Friday 15th. December 2023
When Hogarth tried to catch a jox. He trew a dead chiken on the hole's center and gated to see 4 age while comb. But he had noticed that the

sox wasn't going to wards the traps. It had seen somephing ruge and metal perhaps a big bearst! Wen Hogarth had looked to See when the had seen the most gripholing from wealt EIVER!

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ARNOLD MILL NEWS

Wednesday 30th April 2024

£3.66

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On Wednesday 30th A pil, at dusk a momentous event took place, a gar-rues son, a boy called Hogarth caught the one and only. IRON MAN'He caught him in a spillary trying to catch a pox. Although it was harsh there was a reason to, he had eater half of their machinery, Tarmers and villages your rearby settlement buried him alive.

Young H agarth wasn't sure what to do. Should he alert the jarreo? Should he run and hide? Should he capture the I ron Man? He decided to grab his nail and knip and hap them together. The I ron Man heard the mouth watering metal. Calling to kirn Hopth carried on

and THUD! The I son man was apre! He ran home to his gother.

We asked our up exitness Hogalth if there was anything he wanted to add and he said, I'd never seen anything more properties of this large I wan I get a short gliese of his large I wan took as he munched another price like speakathi. A fer we captured him, I get slightly guilty. I woner if he will never column?



Calendar



May

Fri 24th - Year 1 & 2 Reading for Pleasure Session 9.00-9.30am (see letter)

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - Half Term

June

Thur 6th - Class 2b Assembly with Parents (see letter)

Fri 7th - Foundation Stage fundraising cake sale (available before and after school)

Mon 10th - *PTA Meeting 9.00 - 10.00am*

Weds 12th - Sponsored Sports Day - Parents Invited (more details to follow)

Fri 14th - Year 3 Trip to the Royal Concert Hall to see 'Now Hear This!) (see letter)

Tues 18th - Music Assembly (provisional - Details to follow)

Tues 18th - 2c library visit

Weds 19th - School photographer in school for class/group photos

Weds 19th - 2d library visit

Fri 21st - Class 2f and F1 library visit

Fri 21st - Non Uniform Day (donation of a bottle or chocolate for the Summer Fair)

Tues 25th - *Dogs Trust whole school assembly and workshops with 2a, 2b, 2c* (children only - more details to follow)

Tues 25th - 2b library visit

Weds 26th - FS/KS1 Summer Disco (Details to follow)

Fri 28th - Summer Fair (Details to follow)

July

Tues 2nd - 2a library visit

Weds 3rd - Ice-Cream Wednesday (Details to follow)

Weds 3rd - KS2 Summer Disco (Details to follow)

Thurs 4th-Fri 5th - Year 2 Robin Hood Camp (see letter)

Thurs 4th - 2e library visit

Tues 9th - Year 3/4 Egyptian Day (Details to follow)

Weds 10th - French morning with parents (Details to follow)

Thurs 11th - School reports /details of new classes sent out

Thurs 11th - Year 1 trip to Wollaton Hall (provisional - Details to follow)

Fri 12th- Inset Day

Mon 15th - Transition morning - Children visit new classes

Mon 15th - F2a library visit

Mon 15th - Meet the teacher evening for parents

Tues 16th - F2b library visit

Weds 17th & Thurs 18th - Year 6 Production

Tues 23rd - Year 1 & 2 Reading for Pleasure Session 3.00-3.30pm (see letter)

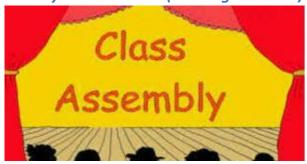
Fri 26th - Gold Star and Handy Helpers Assembly (9.10am)

Fri 26th - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 2.45pm

Latest News



Class 2b Assembly: Thursday 6th June 2024 (booking essential)



We would like to invite Class 2b parents/carers to join us for the above assembly.

Due to health and safety reasons relating to the number of people in the Hall we have to limit the number of guests for the assembly to two per child. To ensure that we set out the correct number of guest chairs on the day please complete/submit a booking form by midnight on Wednesday 5 th June via this link 2B assembly form

We will not be issuing physical tickets as the booking form enables us to produce the guest list for us to check on the day.

We would like to clarify the arrangements for the day as follows:

On the morning of the assembly, we will set out the number of seats as requested via the electronic booking form.

Doors open for guests at approx. 9.05am and the assembly is due to start at 9.10am.

Please note that the pedestrian gate on Bestwood Avenue is locked at 9.15am and will remain locked until 3.15pm.

The main vehicular access gates leading to the staff car park remain closed during the day, if the vehicle gate happens to be open, please do not park in the car park as you risk being locked in (the gates will remain locked between 8.30 and 9.10am).

REMINDER - in line with our Safeguarding Policy and Social Media Parental Agreement, there should be no phones out during the assembly.

Thank you.

Mr Booth

Visits to Arnold Library



During the Summer Term Most children will be visiting Arnold library (dates listed below). They will be walking from school to the library. Your child will be given the opportunity to browse, borrow books and even share a story or two. Library staff will not lead the visit this time, although they are on hand at the Help Desk to support.

We would like all children to be able to choose a book on their visit to Arnold library. For this to happen please send in your child's library card or get signed up beforehand.

If your child has a library card, please send it into school on the day of the class visit - they will bring it back home after the visit, along with their new book (which will need to be returned to the library please). If your child does not have a library card and you would like to request an application form to be sent to you, please email the school office.

Please find the dates for when your child's class will visit the library.

Thanks for all your support.

Deputy Head Teacher

Shaun Hewlett

Class	When	Time
2F	Friday 21st June 2024	9.30-10.30am
2E	Thursday 4th July 2024	1.30-2.30pm
2D	Wednesday 19th June 2024	1.30-2.30pm
2 <i>C</i>	Tuesday 18 th June 2024	1.30-2.30pm
2B	Tuesday 25 th June 2024	1.30-2.30pm
2 <i>A</i>	Tuesday 2 nd July 2024	1.30-2.30pm
1C	No library visit this term due to other commitments	
1B	No library visit this term due to other commitments	
1 <i>A</i>	No library visit this term due to other commitments	
F2A	Monday 15 th July 2024	1.30-2.30pm
F2B	Tuesday 16 th July 2024	1.30-2.30pm
F1am	Friday 21st June 2024	9.30-10.30am
F1pm	Friday 21st June 2024 (invited to come on morning visit).	9.30-10.30am

The Arnold Mill Sponsored Sports Days



Years 1-6: Wednesday 12th June 2024

We are very excited to be holding our own sponsored event on **Wednesday 12th June 2024**. The monies raised from this event will be used to buy PE equipment. The event will run throughout the day with one class completing the challenge at a time.

Years 1 to 6, will go to the field at their specified time (see below) and complete a range of obstacles and challenges, trying to beat their own score each time. Any adults who attend can choose to support their child by encouragement or have a go themselves!

Please ensure that your child comes to school on the day wearing their PE kits.

Attached is a sponsorship form for your child to use in order to help raise money for the event. There will be a prize for the child who raises the most amount of money. In addition to raising money this way, we will also have the Ice-Cream Van in school all day so children can purchase an Ice-Cream with prices starting at £1.30. If you are not attending on the day and you wish for your child to purchase an Ice-Cream/lolly, please send them to school with the up to £2 in a named envelope on the day, change will be given. The van will also stay for 30 minutes after the school day if you would like a treat after school too!

Please ensure that **sponsorship forms and money** are returned to the school office on or before the **Friday 28th June 2024.**

Foundation Stage: Wednesday 19th June 2024

We are very excited to be holding our own sponsored event on **Wednesday 19th June 2024**. The monies raised from this event will be used to buy PE equipment.

Parents from **F2** and **F1** are invited to stay in school from 9.00am till 10.15am as part of our Sponsored Sports Day events and take part in some challenges set out on the field. Any adults that attend can choose to support their child by encouragement or have a go themselves!

Please ensure that your child comes to school on the day wearing their PE kits.

Attached is a sponsorship form for your child to use in order to help raise money for the event. There will be a prize for the child who raises the most amount of money.

Please ensure that **sponsorship forms and money** are returned to the school office on or before **Friday 28th June 2024**.

Kind regards,

Mr Robinson and Mrs Greentree

Team PE

Sun Safety



Summer Fair: Friday 28th June 2024 - Call for Stallholders



If you know of any external stallholders that may be interested in having a stall at our Summer Fair (consisting of up to 2 tables provided by school at a charge of £20 – payable in advance) please invite them to apply via this link. https://forms.office.com/e/CdrnddaJZW

A massive thank you to:

- everyone that has donated a prize or items for the Summer Fair so far (a special thank you to Mr Landa from DSL Group for the generous donation),
- to the PTA team for all of their hard work behind the scenes planning and preparing for the Summer Fair.

We would welcome donations of:

- Raffle prizes please can you ask your employers if they might like to donate a prize to the school too)
 - Tombola prizes
 - Any small 'pocket money' toys
 - Cuddly toys (for name the teddy and the teddy tombola
 - Bottles of wine, beers, spirits
 - Unused perfumes, soaps, bubble baths, gift sets etc
 - jars (with lids) for the Jar Hoop La
 - Children's toys/games (in a good condition)
 - bunting
 - table cloths
 - unwanted Yale lock type keys (for a future treasure chest challenge)
 - wrapped sweets
 - wrapping paper

Nearer the date of the summer fair, we would also appreciate any donations towards our jam jar hoopla. We ask that each child fills a jar with child appropriate goodies i.e sweets, lollies, small toys etc. and brings it back into school before the fair. Please let us know if you need a jar.

Thank you very much for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you on the day.

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In the past we have received lots of invaluable help from parents and other helpers. Whether it was sourcing, donating or collecting amazing raffle/tombola prizes, wrapping gifts, labelling tombola items, helping to set up in the afternoon or helping on a stall during the fair.

If you, or someone you know, is able to help this year, either:

- got an idea for a stall and are happy to prepare it, set it up and run it on the day, please mail
 office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk
 - sticking tombola tickets onto tombola prizes (during school hours 26th or 27th June)
 - help setting up on the day (in the afternoon of Friday 28th June from 1.30pm)
 - help on a stall during the fair (between 3.30pm -5.00pm)
 - making tea for our volunteer stallholders
 - or any other help would be appreciated.

If you have access to a gazebo which you would be willing to loan to us, or even better if you know of anyone who could help us with a marquee, please talk to Karen in the office.

Join us at the PTA meeting on 30th April and/or 10th June 2024 (staff room 9.00am – 10.00am). If you are unable to attend the meeting but are interested in supporting the PTA in either a big or small way please email the school office and ask to be added to the PTA mailing list.



Dinner Menu: w/c 20th May 2024



Previously Published Articles

Year 3 - Now Hear This! Trip: Friday 14th June 2024



On Friday 14th June Year 3 pupils have the opportunity to visit the Royal Concert Hall to watch NOW HEAR THIS!, an interactive performance by the famous Hallé orchestra.

The performance is a fun-packed, fast-paced introduction to classical music and instruments of the orchestra - with the chance to join the orchestra in making a sensational sound, along with some singing!.

The cost of the trip is £11.30, which includes a ticket for the event and travel to/from the event. Please make payment via ParentPay by 9th June.

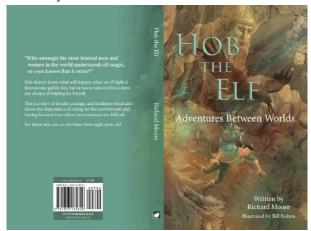
Useful Information

- The children must wear their school uniform.
- If your child needs to take any medication with them on this trip (such as inhalers, hayfever medicine and travel sickness tablets) you will need to fill out a separate form for each medicine and hand the completed form and the medication in on the day in a clear sandwich bag with your child's name on it.
 - The children will eat lunch in school before travelling to the venue.
 - Pupils will travel to and from the Concert Hall by coach (accompanied by school staff).
- Please pick your child up at the normal time from their classroom, we will be returning to school during the early afternoon, depending on traffic, so should be back in plenty of time.
- A hard copy of the necessary permission form and medication forms have been sent out with the children.

If you have any questions about the day, please talk to your child's teacher.

Mr Phillips - Music Coordinator

KS2 Author Visit: Wednesday 5th June 2024



We are excited to announce that we have an author visit for KS2 on Wednesday 5th June 2024 which is at no cost for the school. The author is Richard Moore, and he is going to introduce his book 'Hob the Elf-Adventures between Worlds'. The book itself is inspired by the poem 'Hob the Elf' by Norman M Johnson. This book is a fantasy genre and focuses on the transformative power of kindness and love with a balance of light-hearted episodes and serious themes. Find below some feedback from some of Richard's previous visits:

Delia Jones, a retired primary school teacher says:

"As a former class teacher, I was constantly foraging for poems and stories to nourish, enthuse and inspire the children in my care. "Hob the Elf - Adventures Between Worlds" is one such gem.

"Richard Moore has a rare gift for light-touch profundity. The story is rich on so many levels; a wealth of characters lift off the page in scenes full of insight and humour, excitement and kindness, danger, and generosity."

The superb illustrations beautifully complement the text. A book to enjoy, to keep and to treasure." March 2023

Reading for pleasure is such a vital development in children's life and recent research from the National Literacy Trust has found just 2 in 5 children aged 8+ enjoy reading in their free time (the lowest since 2005). We believe having author visits should support a love of reading.

If your child wants to buy a signed copy of the book for a discounted price of £7.00, either on the day of the visit or after, please order at the office with the £7.00 payment in cash only. Your child will then receive the book a few days later. Please see the front cover and blurb below.

Thanks for all your support,

Mr S Hewlett

Arnie's Breakfast Club - Price Increase



The price of breakfast club will be increasing by 25p to £3.50 per session after Easter. The price of breakfast club has not risen since 2017, however our costs have increased significantly, meaning we now need to pass some of this on to parents.

Year 2 Robin Hood Camping Trip



We held a parents' meeting a little while ago regarding Robin Hood camp which was well attended. The Powerpoint slides are available on your child's Teams account if you weren't able to make it to the parents' meeting.

The cost of the trip to **Robin Hood Activity Centre on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th July** is expected to be around £42.00. The final amount will depend on the cost of the Centre as well as the number of children wanting to attend.

Some parents have already made payments on ParentPay but if you haven't, and you do want your child to attend, please pay a minimum of £10 by Wednesday 27th March to confirm a place. You can then pay any remaining balance in whatever increments you wish, as long as the final balance is paid by Friday 21st June 2023. We will confirm the final amount after 27th March, once we know the actual numbers attending.

You will be sent a medical form nearer the time and when you return this to school you will receive an information booklet which includes a kit list.

It would be fantastic if every child could attend this trip but if you are concerned for any reason about your child attending, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Yours sincerely,

The Key Stage 1 Team

Turn on the subtitles: A message from Jack Black



Did you know that turning on the subtitles on your TV at home is the easiest way to get your child reading? Doing this can double the chance of your child becoming a good reader. Yes, it's really that simple. Please visit https://turnonthesubtitles.org/parents/ to see Hollywood legend Jack Black explain how you can turn screen time into reading time in 10 seconds.

OPAL Programme: A Message from the Chair of Governors



I wanted to write to you regarding the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) programme that has been launched this week. As Mrs Oldfield mentioned in her letter last week, playtimes are a huge part of primary school, and it is important that this time is beneficial for the children.

As parents I think most of us look back fondly on our primary school playtimes, how we used the skipping ropes not only for skipping but to create outlines of houses or make shapes in the playground for dobby off ground – I think the modern-day name for this is 'floor is lava'! - hula hoops weren't just for hula hooping but for creating hopscotch and the freshly cut grass was perfect for bug houses or pretend campfires. Times have changed and technology has become so enticing and addictive that imaginative play has dwindled.

As Chair of Governors part of my role is to look at the strategic vision of the school and ensure that it benefits all of the children at Arnold Mill. The main aims of OPAL are to improve wellbeing, improve behaviour and develop skills, all of these changes align with the school's strategic vision. Over the past couple of months, the school has been working hard behind the scenes to bring OPAL to life. I know at the moment it might seem a little unusual when your children come home saying things like "we need to take in old pots and pans!" but the saying 'One person's trash is another person's treasure' feels very fitting when setting out on an OPAL adventure! So please consider the school before putting anything in the bin or doing a charity shop run. If you haven't already, please check out the Bingo Cards that have been emailed out and put on the schools Facebook page.

This week I went into school to watch the OPAL launch assembly. It was lovely to see all of the children engaged and excited about their new playtimes. I hope you will join me in being fully supportive of the introduction of OPAL at Arnold Mill. I am looking forward to all of our children enjoying the outdoors and fulfilling their playtime potential – whether that is making mud kitchens, building dens, learning to walk on cable reels and much, much more.

'The imagination is the golden pathway to everywhere' (Terence McKenna) and that is where we want the children of Arnold Mill to go – wherever their imagination takes them.

Melanie Haslam - Chair of Governors

Opal Launch



As you may have heard we are teaming up with OPAL College to improve your children's playtimes (<u>link to letter which explains more</u>). In order to do this, we need to gather some 'bits and pieces' to get our site mapped out for fun playtime experiences.

We thought it would be fun if we did this by playing a huge, whole-school Bingo game. Each class will have a bingo board (see below). The aim is for every class to collect all the items as a team.

The first class to collect an item from all four corners will get 10 mins extra play. The first class to get a full row of items will get 15 mins extra play. Then the first class to get a full board will be able to play outside for the whole of a Friday assembly.

We hope you can help us! Second-hand goods are very welcome!

A massive thank you to:

* everyone that has donated items to Opal College so far (a special thank you to Formost Air-Conditioning Limited for their very generous donations).



Calendar for 2024/25 Finalised (including inset days)



Parking



We have had a request from a resident on Mill Crescent to inform our parents that it is a private road and therefore parents should not park on it.

As a private road, any repairs needed to the road surface are the cost of the residents themselves. Whilst writing, I would ask that you always park considerately around school and would

We would like to remind parents that the car park is for the use of staff only and should not be used for dropping off and picking up. This includes at breakfast club and after school clubs.

Thank you



Pre-loved uniform for sale



We have some pre-loved logo uniform for sale via ParentPay. We will continue to put items on for sale as we receive donations. If you wish to donate old uniform (logo and non-logo), please drop it off at the school office.

Useful information



Here are the PE slots for each class:

F1 (am): Tuesday (please come in PE kit)

F1 (pm): Friday (please come in PE kit)

F2a: Wednesday (please come in PE kit)

F2b: Wednesday (please come in PE kit)

1A: Monday and Wednesday (please come in PE kit)

1B: Monday and Wednesday (please come in PE kit)

1C: Monday and Wednesday (please come in PE kit)

2A: Monday and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)

2B: Tuesday and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)

2C: Monday and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)

2D: Tuesday and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)

2E: Tuesday and Friday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)

Click through the sheets below for information about:

- Wraparound Care
- PE Timetable
- Free school meals and milk
- Information Leaflet about Strep A
- Academic Calendar 2022-23 (including inset days)
- Link to school policies
- ParentPay
- Easyfundraising
- Cost of Living Helpsheet
- Minor Ailment Scheme help with cost towards medication
- Headlice how to detect and treat
- Inspiring Reading Advice for Parents
- Tax Free Childcare (help towards the cost of Breakfast Club and 30 hour lunchtime supervision fees)

Just click on the symbol in the top left hand corner of the relevant sheet to find out more information on that subject.









Greet your child with a smile and not a mobile!



1 - Click here for information about free school meals and milk



2 - Click for important information about Strep A

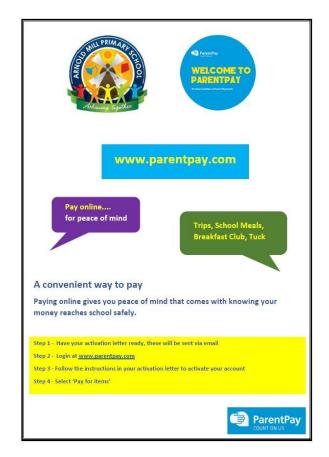
Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2023-24 August 2023 to July 2024







3 - Click here to see school policies



4 - Click link to visit ParentPay



5 - Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising



6 - Link to Cost of Living Factsheet





Inspiring Reading



Children need support to develop the habit and love of reading. How can you be their inspiration?

- I. Talk about the reader's interests and inclinations find connected
- 2. Think about the reducer's interests and infilinations that connected texts that tempt to explore and discuss together.

 2. Think about why reading is good for them focus on intrinsic motivation rather than external rewards.

 3. Capitalise on opportunities to share reading thoughts and interests.
 - with others encourage them to notice preference and choice.

 4. Find regular opportunities to visit your local/school library.

 5. Make reading time relaxed and interactive chat about pictures,

 - Make reading time relaxed and interactive chat about pictures, characters, likes, dislikes and interesting facts.
 Be a reading detective by investigating the different purposes for reading (e.g. adverts to persuade, news to inform, stories to entertain).
 Recognise and celebrate diversity in texts empower reading of magazines, comics and texts that reflect different realities.
 Invite others into the reading space share the love of reading together in your reading community!

In collaboration with Book Week NI 2022



For more inspiration, visit https://ourfp.org/ OpenUni_RfP





We've signed up for Tax-Free Childcare: Have you?

Find out more at childcarechoices.gov.uk

7 - <u>Link to Tax Free Childcare website</u>



0115 9667930 (option 1 to record a child's absence or option 4 to speak to a member of the admin team)

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