



BROADWATER SCHOOL

News



DECEMBER 2008

RETURN TO SCHOOL IS ON MONDAY 5TH JANUARY

Dear Parents

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff at Broadwater School in wishing you a very happy Christmas and prosperous new year.

The second half of this term seems to have flown by although in the last few weeks we have been badly affected by illness of both students and staff. At one point last week we had a third of the staff off ill. Thankfully the situation is beginning to improve but I am conscious that many lessons have been affected by this but we have managed to avoid having to put classes together in the hall. When students are ill they can always access SAMLearning via the Broadwater School website to do work related to their subject if they are beginning to feel better, but not well enough to be back in school. However, hopefully everyone will be healthier next year.

Prior to this outbreak of sickness we were seeing improvements in the overall attendance of students and a



Students with some of the 80 boxes collected for Operation Christmas Child run by the charity 'Samaritan's Purse'

reduction in those with more than 15% absence. It is worth remembering that an attendance rate of only 80% is the equivalent to missing a whole year of education in the five years of secondary school. It is important that parents avoid taking holidays in term time as I am unable to approve these except in exceptional circumstances.

Following our successful Ofsted just before half term we have continued to

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work on the targets set. However, staffing in mathematics has been difficult since Miss Elmer went on maternity leave. I have been pressing the local authority to try to gain additional support and I am pleased that I have been able to secure for two terms Graeme Hawkett, an associate headteacher with the local authority and maths specialist. Graeme will be working with me and teaching some key maths groups in the upper school. In addition to this I have appointed a new maths teacher, Mr Tony Nock. These measures, plus additional learning support assistants for Maths and English, George Mitchell and Laura Armstrong, should enable the students to achieve well in gaining 5+ A*-C including English and Maths this year. Last summer we achieved some of our best ever results for 5+ A* - C overall with significantly improved value added measures. Our target is to do even better this academic year but with English and Maths as well. Also we have appointed additional staff in the SEN department; two higher level teaching assistants, Mrs Janet Terry and Mrs Stephanie Smith and two teaching assistants, Mrs Diane Marden and Mrs Bridget Carter.

We do have a couple of other key appointments. Miss Kelly Riddles, formerly at Ash Manor School, will be joining the science department in January having responsibility for key stage 3 science and Ms Stephanie Thompson, currently working in London, will be taking over as Leader of Achievement of Phoenix House. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Eves who has led the house since Mr Fisher left last Easter. Mrs Eves will be taking a lead role in working with Aim Higher, a project to encourage more students to go on to

university and continuing in her role as coordinator of gifted and talented students. We will be saying good bye to Miss Godwin who has covered the maternity leave of Mrs Salt this year and is returning part-time.

One of our long serving governors, Cathy Gordon-Smith is retiring at the end of this term as a governor and I would like to express my thanks to her for all the support she has given to the school. I know that Cathy will continue to take an interest in the school and we look forward to seeing her at future events.

Congratulations to Ross Preston who follows his brother to Cranleigh School Sixth Form next year having secured a place. It seems to be becoming a tradition that students from Broadwater secure scholarship places at Cranleigh School.

I am looking forward to next year as I see the school going from strength to strength. The opportunities offered to students continually grow, the house system continues to provide both support and challenge, the sports offered both to students and local community are outstanding and our vision of 'Creating opportunities in which every individual can achieve their potential' comes one step closer to being a reality.

Wishing you all the very best for Christmas.

Chris Lee
Headteacher

SLCN Centre Residential Trip to Sayers Croft - 10th to 12th November 2008

In November the two Speech and Language Therapists Miss Bowes and Mrs Griffin from the SLCN (Speech, Language and Communication Needs) Centre staff and I went with 19 students from Years 7 to 11 to Sayers Croft in Ewhurst. We spent 3 days doing a variety of outdoor activities to build confidence and to develop team work and communication skills.

We arrived on the Monday morning in the pouring rain which continued relentlessly all day and evening. The activities planned for that afternoon were Orienteering and Shelter Building which everyone got involved with in spite of the rain. In fact it was a great



incentive to produce an effective rainproof shelter!! Matt Harman and Ashley Fox (Year 10) showed their design and construction skills and their team produced a solid dry shelter. Later that evening 5 of the group braved the rain again and went out with one of the Sayers Croft staff on a night walk through the woods. They didn't get to see any wildlife but enjoyed some games and activities along the way. They were all ready for

their hot chocolate when they returned to our accommodation in 'Peaslake Hut'. The others spent the evening playing cards and board games. We were joined during the evening by Mr Coombes, who was soon involved in a game of UNO.

The following morning we woke up to bright sunshine and were able to stroll



rather than run over to the dining hall for breakfast. After breakfast Benjamin Priseman (Year 7) joined us for the day and we spent the morning climbing and on the high ropes course. The students worked really well together encouraging and helping those who were anxious or unsure. Luke Elliott-Parsons (Year 7) was a

natural climber; Jack Elson and Ryan Thomas (Year 8) were unsure to start with but then got all around the ropes course and others such as Sam Millward and Chris Smith (Year 8) started slowly and then did small sections of the course at a time.

The afternoon was spent doing Archery, a blindfold trail and solving a cryptic puzzle to find the way around a maze. Lucy Copplestone (Year 7)



and Jack Whetton (Year 9) were very good at giving directions to someone blindfolded as they made their way around a muddy obstacle course. The beautiful day turned into a lovely clear moonlit night and we built a campfire which we sat around eating toasted marshmallows and baked bananas filled with chocolate. Sam Doyle (Year 11) helped to keep the fire going and the bananas turned so they were thoroughly cooked. When we returned to Peaslake Hut Mr Lee had arrived to join us for the evening and was quickly challenged to a game of UNO.

During each day the activities were



interspersed with several half hour SaLT sessions where the communication skills the students were using doing the activities were talked about and reinforced.

Wednesday was another glorious day although chilly. After breakfast we packed and tidied up the hut and then went along to the Zip Wire. This was



high, long and over a pond!! Chloe Burt (Year 8) was the only student who managed to get right to the very end of the wire and touch the tyre; most were about half a metre away. Miss Bowes also touched the tyre at the end of the wire. Most of the students did the Zip Wire and all of the staff, much to the surprise of the students!! It was a wonderful sight gliding down the wire to see the entire group cheering you on.

We had a fantastic trip. All the students working together learnt that different people are good at different things and that it does not matter how much you do as long as you have achieved your personal best.

Claire Link
Lead Teacher SLCN
Centre.



Maths Department News

Guildford Inter-Schools Maths Quiz

Four teams from Years 8, 9 10 and 11 took part in this quiz, at Charterhouse School. After tea of sandwiches and cakes the teams started their activities which included a relay race, fridge magnets, nets and inequalities. All teams did extremely well, with the Year 11 team **Neil Hobbs, Tom Hill and Stephen Pink** coming second – only beaten by RGS. Other schools competing included Glebelands, St. Catherines, George Abbott, Cranleigh School and St. Peters.



Wine and Maths

A group of Year 11 students and their parents joined us for an evening of 'Wine and Maths'. The students worked with their parents on a variety of number based activities that can be used for revision, including matching games, puzzles and quizzes. The evening started with a competition using the DS Lites working on mental calculations and ended looking at GCSE questions. The feedback was very positive and we hope to run a similar event early next term, concentrating on algebra. Please email me if you would be interested in taking part.



Year 11 Revision

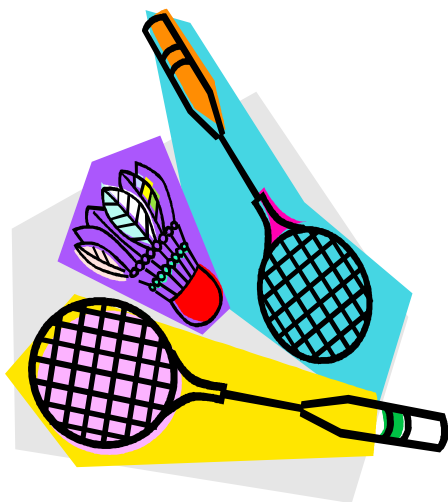
This takes place on a Thursday evening 3.30 to 4.30 and is for students retaking a module in January. From 22nd January the revision will be for all students in Year 11 taking a module in March.

Year 10 – Set 1 – Revision

This takes place on a Wednesday evening from 3.30 to 4.30, and will continue until the Module in January.

Mrs S Johnson – Maths Subject Leader

PE Department News



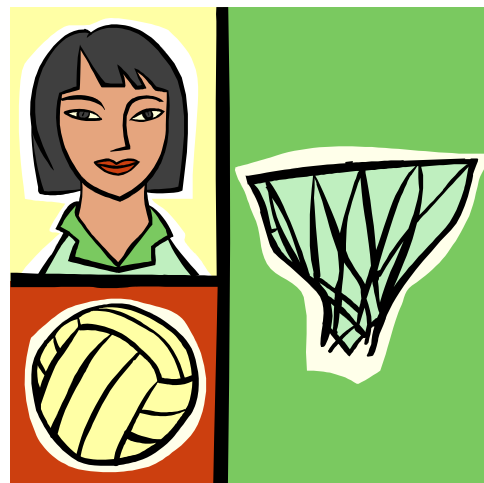
The Waverley and Ash Year 10 and 11 Badminton Tournament was held at Broadwater on 21st October. All 7 schools attended and an excellent standard of play was seen. Well done to the 8 pupils who represented Broadwater. They were **Hayley Ekins, Laura Hall, Ruth Ewing, Roseanne Goody, Jonathan Horvath, Toby Segar, Jake Goddard and Sam Hill**. All played really well, getting to the final, but were narrowly defeated by Weydon School. Thus, Broadwater came second overall.

The Year 11 netball tournament was held at Broadwater on Thursday 13th November. 8 schools attended and again an excellent standard of play was seen. The Broadwater team consisted of 5 Year 11 pupils and 3 Year 10 pupils. The girls did exceptionally well beating Rodborough B 5 – 0, Guildford County 7 – 4, Guildford County B 7 – 0, Kings College 5 – 0. They drew with George Abbott 1 – 1 and Rodborough 3 -3. The only school they lost to was Howard of Effingham. Thus, overall Broadwater came third, with Guildford County in second place and Howard of Effingham first and Rodborough 4th. Well done to the following girls who played to a fantastic standard:

Hayley Ekins, Laura Hall, Charlotte Hacker, Emma Hardy, Katie Bellman, Ruth Ewing, Roseanne Goody and Tarsha Wood.

The Year 10 district netball tournament took place at George Abbott School. We had 4 Year 10 pupils and 4 Year 9 pupils playing. We beat St Peters, Kings College, George Abbott, Guildford County B and drew with Rodborough. This put us through into the semi finals. Unfortunately we lost to Howard of Effingham but played Guildford County in the 3rd place play off and beat them with a convincing win. Thus, again we came 3rd overall. Well done to the following girls:

Roseanne Goody, Ruth Ewing, Tarsha Wood, Scarlett Gee, Samantha Sayers, Harriet Earley, Carmen Fitzmaurice and Marissa Nash.

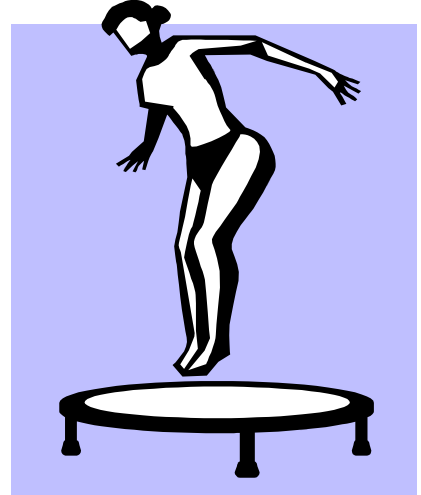


Broadwater was the host to the Year 5 and 6 Badminton Festival on November 27th. Both Loseley Fields and Godalming Junior School sent pupils along and a wonderful afternoon was had by all. 21 Year 10 Broadwater pupils were Young leaders who ran the festival on the day, along with Carol Bilton from Badminton England. It went very smoothly and the youngsters showed a great deal of promise on the badminton courts. Godalming Junior won overall. Well done!

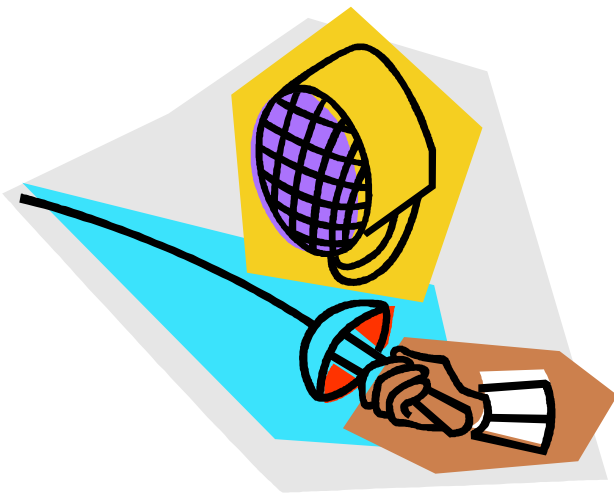
The Godalming Sports awards were held on Friday 28th November. We had 3 pupils nominated this year. **Jack Honey** for his abilities in skiing, **Jack Lemmer** for his

abilities in golf and **Ruth Ewing** for her leadership skills and abilities in swimming and Athletics. Unfortunately, none of these were successful this year but did very well to be nominated.

Well done to **Mrs. Fowler** and **Ruth Ewing** who have just qualified as Urban Rebounding instructors. They had to attend a practical training day and have a theory and practical examination. Both are looking forward to running clubs and teaching Urban Rebounding in lessons. (Urban Rebounding is like aerobics on a mini trampoline. It is a great work out and good fun at the same time). Urban Rebounding has been running during the Autumn term as a club at lunchtime run by a qualified coach. After Christmas this will continue with Ruth or Mrs Fowler leading the sessions.



This term we have had a cricket coach come in to a couple of lessons and at lunchtime to prepare our girls for two festivals after Christmas. We have also had a basketball coach in some lessons from the Guildford Heat and a Dance instructor in on a Monday lunchtime running a club for all year groups. This will continue if interest remains after Christmas. New members are always welcome. It is free of charge.



In January we have funding to set up a lunchtime Fencing club. Mick Johnson, a highly qualified fencing coach, will be coming into school on Tuesday lunchtimes to run the sessions. Only 20 places are available. Please see Mrs Fowler if interested. Mick will hopefully also be running some sessions in Loseley Fields and Godalming Junior in the New Year.

Thank you to all the young leaders who have helped Mrs. Fowler this year so far. We have been in to 5 local primary schools leading P.E sessions and the schools have also been into Broadwater for Athletics training assisted by Su Goode, the Active Surrey Athletics coach.

Mrs K Fowler

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Samaritans Purse has run an appeal called Operation Christmas Child which Broadwater School has taken part in for the last 2 years. All of the tutor groups collected toys and other necessities to put in shoeboxes. These are being sent out to Romania for the children who are not as fortunate as we are. Altogether 80 boxes were collected from the school.

Mrs Mowat, GMO tutor and Mrs Hatcher GMO support tutor, would like to thank and congratulate all students in GMO for their enthusiasm and generosity towards the Christmas shoebox appeal. GMO raised TEN shoeboxes full of toys, the most in the school, for the second year running.

Hopefully we will be having a small party to celebrate!

Mrs G Mowat and Mrs Hatcher – GMO Form Tutors



Students from winning tutor group, GMO-Pegasus, with the Christmas Boxes

Photo from the 'Surrey Times'



'BOOKED UP' - FREE BOOKS FOR ALL YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Broadwater's Year 7 students have been eagerly awaiting the delivery of a special consignment of books.

Each student in the Year group was given a magazine from which to choose a free book from one of the twelve specially selected titles.

The *Booked Up* scheme is run by *Booktrust*, the national independent charity, which encourages people of all ages and cultures to discover and enjoy reading and is funded by the *Department for Children, Schools and Families* (DCSF). It is hoped that the *Booked Up* books will inspire a sense of excitement and will encourage the students to enjoy reading further.

The arrival of the books is aptly timed to make a fitting conclusion to the *National Year of Reading*, which has seen Broadwater students of all ages participating in a variety of reading related events, including , 'Another Brick in the Wall', - inter-house book review challenge, a celebration of World Book Day, an author visit to school, a Roald Dahl event, the Carnegie Shadowing Scheme, a book related cinema visit, Book Buddying,to name but a few.

The *Booked Up* scheme has been enjoyed by our students as well as helping us build a whole school reading community at Broadwater.

Mrs L Goldsmith – Learning Resource Centre Manager

CAREERS FESTIVAL ON MONDAY 29TH JUNE 2009 AT BROADWATER SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

We are writing to invite you to become involved in the Broadwater Careers Festival for our Y9 and Y10 students. The aim of the festival is to inspire, motivate and help our students find out more about careers and the skills required by talking to real people doing real jobs.

In previous years we have had a fantastic response from organisations, employers and colleges but we are still looking for more help.

The Festival is to take place on Monday 29th June 2009 from 9.00 to 11.00am

If you feel you could be involved and wish to share your experience with our students, or require any further information please contact Mrs Bridges on 01483 520659 or email d.bridges@broadwater.surrey.sch.uk or Mrs Salt email r.salt@broadwater.surrey.sch.uk

Mrs Bridges, Careers Assistant

Year 10 Work Experience

Just a reminder for any Y10 students who have elected to find their own Work Experience that the completed green forms are required to be returned to me no later than **Friday 8th January 2009**.

Any problems/queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Debbie Bridges
Careers Assistant

Careers Advice

Our Connexions Personal Advisor, Sue Moore, will be holding "Careers Drop in" sessions next term on **Monday lunchtimes from 12.30 to 1.00pm**.

Sue can give advice to any Y8 to Y10 students regarding Option Choices/Further Education and Careers related matters.

Friends of Broadwater School

Jumble sale - The Friends of Broadwater School would like to thank everyone who donated jumble and especially those who gave up time to help sort and sell. We made a profit of £337 and were able to donate our unsold clothing to the "Mind" shop in Farncombe thereby raising a further £38.50 for "Mind".

Fun Day - Saturday July 11th - more news in the New Year.



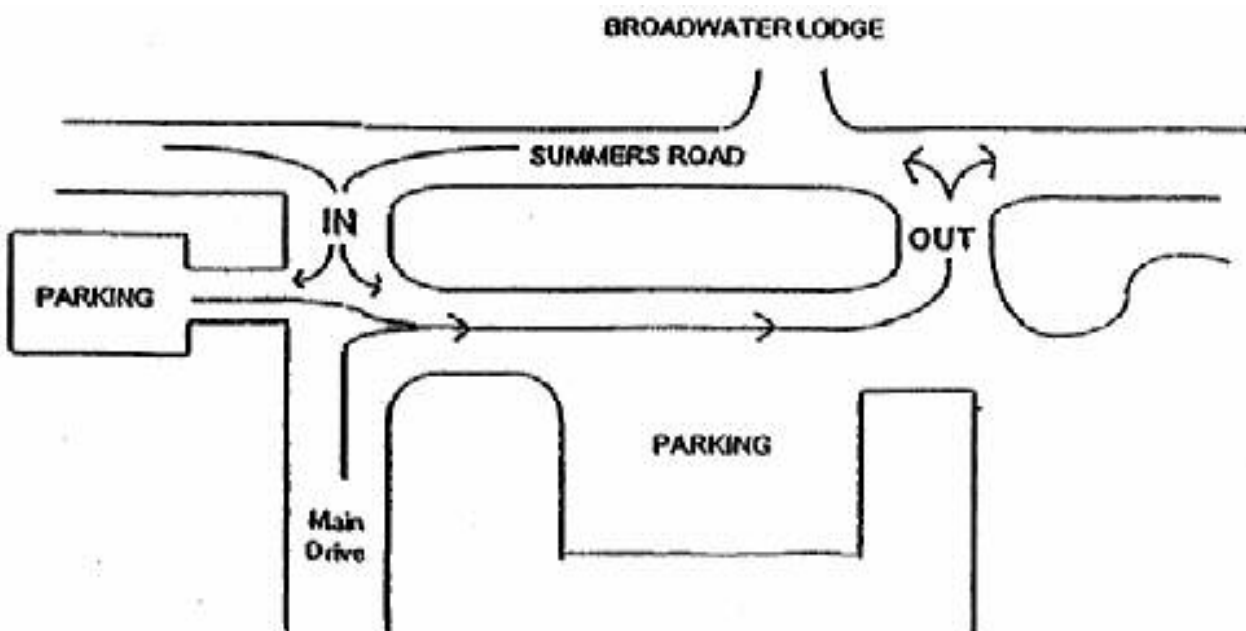
Please remember the PTA fundraisers:

Shop online and raise funds for the school!
For full details go to the PTA page on the website or go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/broadwatersch

Search the web and raise funds for the school! Go to <http://broadwatersch.easysearch.org.uk>

Broadwater Traffic Flow

To avoid congestion and for the safety of students, we would ask you to observe the one-way system as shown below. Please use the visitor parking by the main entrance if waiting for students at the end of the day. **Please observe the 'no parking' signs and do not park blocking the entrance/exit.** It is not permitted to use the main drive/reception parking area for 'dropping off' and 'collecting' students at any time. **Overflow parking is available in Summers Road.**



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YOUR SPACE - YOUR SPORT

Year 9 Internal Exams 2nd – 6th February 2009

Monday 2nd

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| Lesson 1 | RE (Humanities groups X and M only) Humanities groups T and P to normal lessons |
| Lesson 3 | Science |
| Lesson 4 and some of 5 | English (1hr 15m) |

Tuesday 3rd

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| Lesson 1 | Spanish (non Spanish group to AHE as normal) |
| Lesson 3 | Maths |
| Lesson 4 | Geography (Humanities groups X and M only) Humanities groups T and P to normal lessons |

Wednesday 4th

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| Lesson 2 | Music |
| Lesson 3 | History (Humanities groups X and M only) Humanities groups T and P to normal lessons |
| Lesson 4 | Maths |

Thursday 5th

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| Lesson 1 | English |
| Lesson 3 | Science |
| Lesson 4 | French (for Humanities groups T, P, M only – group X normal timetable) |

Friday 6th

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| Lesson 1 | Tech |
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N.B. GCSE Humanities mock will be arranged later for Geography, History and RE for Humanities groups T and P

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BROADWATER SCHOOL DIARY DATES

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Wishing all parents and students a very happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year from all the staff at Broadwater School.



January 2009

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| Monday 5 th | Start of Spring Term - Week B |
| Friday 9 th | Maths Modular Y11 - Sets 5 and 6 |
| Monday 12th | INSET Day |
| Tuesday 13 th | English Modular |
| Thursday 15 th | Chemistry Modular |
| Monday 19 th | Physics Modular |
| Tuesday 20 th | Maths Modular |
| Thursday 22 nd | Y11 Parents' Evening |
| Tuesday 27 th | Specific Learning Difficulties Evening 7pm |
| Wednesday 28 th | Swimming Gala |
| Friday 30 th | Y7 Theme Day |

February

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| Monday 2 nd | Year 9 Exams begin - see timetable inside |
| Thursday 5 th | Intermediate Maths Challenge UK |
| Thursday 12 th | Year 9 Option Information Evening |

Spring Half - Term: February 16th-20th

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| Monday 23 rd | Return to school - Week B |
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