

**THEMES OF THE WEEK***"University Challenge"**"Independent Learning - Show My Homework"*

7th October 2016

PURSUE EXCELLENCE AND SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES

29th September will go down as a wonderful evening for Woodlands School and the wider community. There were nearly 1800 visitors during our Open Evening and the feedback we have received from our visitors shouldn't really come as a surprise because it was so positive. Our guests spoke of how brilliant our pupils were, how amazing the school looked and the great atmosphere there is at Woodlands School.

During this week, I have been leading tours around the school with visitors who wanted to see our school in action. It is always impressive to see our young people working so hard in lessons and the outstanding teachers delivering well planned and challenging lessons. Thank you to all pupils and staff who greeted our guests with such enthusiasm and pride.

#PESO

The outcomes the Class of 2016 delivered this summer were amazing and have left a legacy for Mr Hellen and the Class of 2017 to compete with! They started in earnest this weekend by attending the Maths and English revision weekend in Kent. In between lessons, pupils and staff enjoyed the outdoor pursuits available at the camp and by looking at the photos they looked like they had lots of fun!

I had the pleasure of joining the group on Saturday and I know that the pupils will benefit from the extra input from our great teachers including Period 6. #seize opportunities.

This week, the Senior Leadership Team led a work scrutiny of pupil's books. We are constantly monitoring teaching and learning through learning walks, lessons observations, climate walks and work scrutiny. As a school, we place a strong emphasis on assessment and this week the Year 11 and Year 10 pupils sat the first round of their Pre Public Exams in English and Maths. The results give SLT an opportunity to ensure that teaching is having an impact. Pupils across all age groups are being given lessons on revision techniques and we would encourage all families to support your child in preparing for exams. #pursue excellence.

Some of our pupils have been so lucky this week to have met 2 international superstars! It was great to hear Doc Brown (the songwriter/actor) and Theo Spalding the former Olympic Judo Champion sharing their thoughts. Their words of wisdom help raise the aspirations of our pupils and ensure that they are persistent in all aspects of their lives.

#pursue excellence and seize opportunities

Continued.....

On 8th and 15th October we will be hosting a selection day for Year 6 pupils in Sport and Creative Arts respectively. This will guarantee 30 pupils a place in Year 7 on our scholarship scheme in September 2017. Families who are interested can download the form from our website.

Thank you all for your continued support in driving standards forward rapidly at Woodlands and we look forward to another exciting week ahead!

‘Every accomplishment starts with a decision to try!’

Kind regards

Simon Cox

Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals 
NHS Foundation Trust

Polly thanked the pupils for their kind donation.

Polly Parrot flew into Woodlands School to thank the pupils for raising more than £700 for the children’s services at Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals.

The money was raised with a school non-uniform day in the summer term, with pupils choosing to donate the cash to the Polly Parrot Appeal.

The appeal raises money to improve the environment of our children’s services, including neonatal and oncology.

Helen Mattock, capital accountant at Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals and Polly fundraiser, said:

“We’re really grateful to Woodlands School for donating the money. It’s so nice that the children chose Polly, especially as we are neighbours and it’s likely if the children need acute medical care, they will be treated at Basildon Hospital.”



L to R: Polly with Year 8 pupils from Woodlands School and Mr Amran

Lands' End to John O'Groats

Tom Davies reporting.....

This time two years ago I set myself a target to complete a 1,000 mile journey from Lands' End to John O'Groats. At this time I didn't even own a bike and hadn't ridden one since I was fifteen (over ten years ago!). I somehow managed to convince four of my friends to join me as well, and so training began. We decided to base our charity event on the great works of Havens and Little Havens Hospices do locally. They provide professional care and much needed respite



for families with children and adults who have life limiting and threatening illnesses. Our target - £15,000!

We would be cycling roughly 98 miles a day for eleven days straight. After our first ride of just ten miles we knew we definitely had some training to do! Regular mid-week hill training and 5.00am Saturday starts became the norm quite quickly and the mileage soon racked up! We were keeping a fairly decent MPH over our distances and were feeling confident in ourselves for the trip.

We cracked on through the harsh hills of Cornwall and through the misty mounts of Dartmoor. These first few days were the hardest, not only were the hills the most constant here but our bodies needed to adjust to getting up the next day and starting again. Once we had adjusted we were able to take in the beautiful scenery the UK has to offer.

There were definitely long, rainy, steep times where we all thought we weren't going to complete the trip but before you knew it we were in Wales then moving up to Scotland, we were getting closer. When it did get really tough, I thought back to the great work that Haven Hospices do and the effect the money would have on this charity. I also didn't want to let my family and friends down. I think my pure stubbornness also played a major part.

7.37 miles in and we had our first crash. Unfortunately, our friend crashed coming down a hill in Cornwall after hitting a drain. He damaged tissue in his elbow which stopped him from holding the handlebars and more importantly the brakes. He sadly had to go home a day later from Bristol. Our other friend also crashed on day 8 and was considerably worse but managed to grit his teeth and carry on another 4 days to the end!



1000 miles, 48,000 ft, three different countries and not even one puncture later we had made it. I can honestly say it was the hardest thing I have ever done, but looking back it was also one of the best. We are now so close to our target of £15,000 for this wonderful charity so if you're able to donate anything please do at:-

www.justgiving.com/lands-end-1000

PE

Jon Bonnett reporting.....



Great start for the Year 9 rugby team!

After such a successful year last season, the boys knew they had to start strong in their first league game. The boys played De La Salle in their opening encounter and played fantastically well winning 55-0 with the game being stopped 10 minutes into the second half. The real pleasing thing about the result was the number of players who scored tries. Not only this but they were well worked tries with the majority of them being scored out wide. Our first Essex Cup game is on Thursday 20th October at home to KEGs and then Wednesday 9th November vs Fitzwimarc (Away). It is vital the boys attend training on Monday lunchtime and Thursday after school to ensure they are fully prepared for the Essex Cup campaign.



Congratulations to Maisie S who achieved a third place (Out of 62 girls) in a Level Six County competition in the vault.

Congratulations to Darcie L who achieved a Silver medal at a County Level Three competition. Not only this, but Darcie also achieved a Bronze on vault and beam. Well done Darcie.



Senior Netball

So far the Year 10's have played one game against Mayflower winning convincingly, the under 16 squad have also played one game beating Bromfords 25-9

Good luck ladies for the rest of the season lets carry on the winning streak.

Jo Ginbey reporting.....



Billy Manners reporting.....

The football season has only just started but Woodlands have made an excellent start to the District Competition remaining unbeaten throughout the year groups with Year 9 making an impressive start winning both their matches 5 - 1 against Mayflower and Bromfords. Top scorers for Year 9 so far are Liam G - 3, Richard O - 3, Cameron E - 2 and Michael B - 2.

Goals from Harry N, Tom H and Harry O for Year 7 who drew their first game 3 - 3 against a strong Mayflower side. Year 8 started their season with a comfortable 4 - 1 win against Bromfords with goals from Jonathan E-I and Dominic N.

The senior football team has also made a solid start to the season with a 3 - 3 draw against Mayflower before beating Bromfords 7 - 3 with Morgan B scoring 6 in two games.

Cup Competitions

Year 10 have progressed into the 2nd round of the National Cup with an impressive 3 - 0 away victory against St John's Catholic Comprehensive School with goals from Morgan B, Louis Y and Clement W. Next up is St Gregory's at home in the 2nd round. The U13 girls have also progressed into the 2nd round of the Essex Cup after Cornelius withdrew.

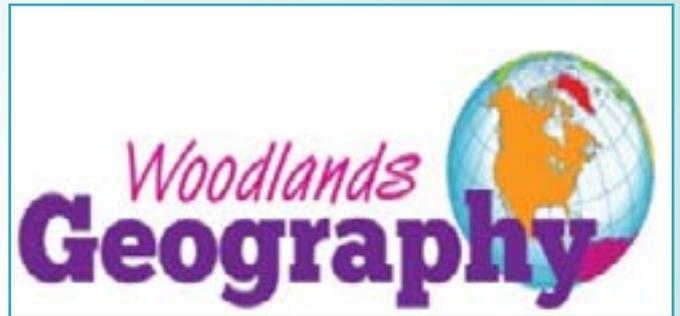
EPD Success

Congratulations to EPD Footballer Morgan B (Year 10) who has recently signed a one year contract for Southend United. We are hoping for more good news with three more pupils from our EPD Football Programme currently on a six week trial at Southend United.



Geography Rocks @Woodlands

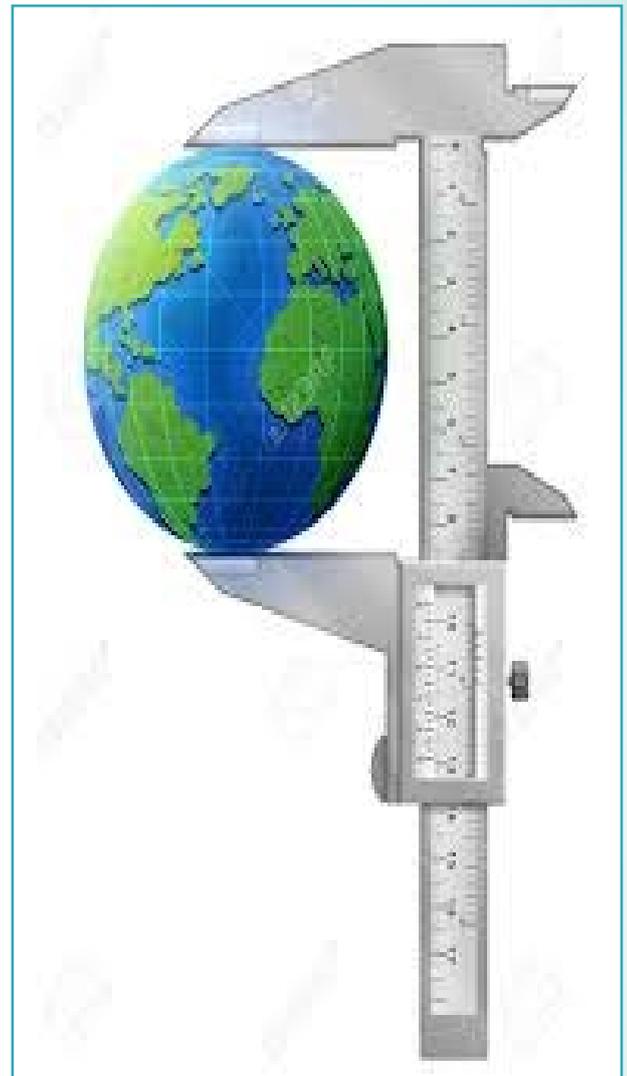
Katherine Merchant reporting.....



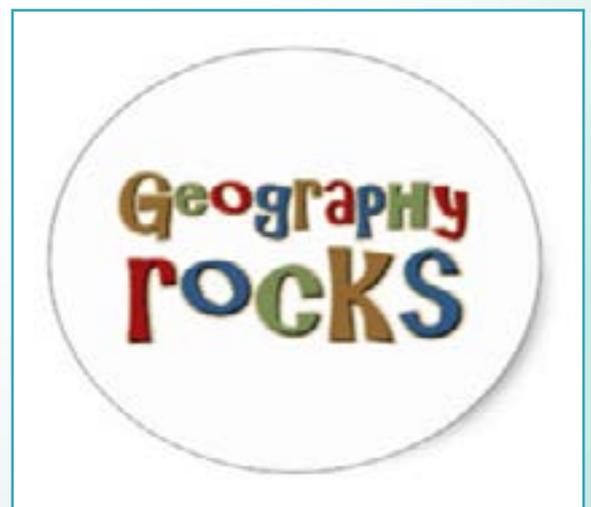
It's been a busy term so far in the Geography Department at Woodlands School. All the Geography teachers have been delivering engaging and dynamic lessons to inspire all year groups and abilities. The term started with a celebration with Owen B winning the summer Geography quiz. Well done Owen on your superb efforts! Good geographers think outside the classroom as well as inside. Geography is all around us after all!



Owen B completing the Summer Geography Quiz!



Good luck to all Geographers in Years 7 and 8 who are currently completing their interim assessments!

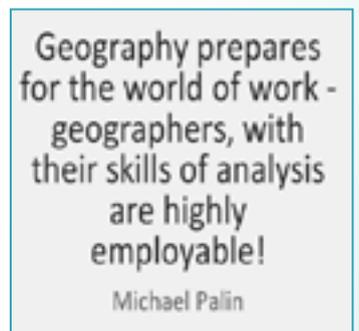


The Geography curriculum at Woodlands is varied and enriches pupil's geographical understanding of the human, physical and environmental worlds;

| KS3 Curriculum | | Edexcel Geography B Syllabus (NEW) | | Edexcel Geography B Syllabus (Old) |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
| 1. What is Geography? | 1. Population and Resources | 1. Hazardous World | 1. UK's Evolving Physical Landscape | 6. Extreme Environments |
| 2. Employment | 2. Our Uneven World | 2. Development Dilemmas | 2. Geographical Investigations - coastal management and conflict in Southend | 7. Population Dynamics |
| 3. Settlement | 3. Ecosystems | 3. Challenges of an Urbanising World | 3. UK's Evolving Human Landscape | 8. Population and Resources |
| 4. Changing landscapes past and present | 4. Brazil | | 4. Geographical Investigations - Investigating dynamic urban areas | 9. Globalisation |
| 5. Water World | 5. Natural Hazards | | 5. Changing of Rural Settlements | 10. Development Dynamics |
| 6. Ferocious Flooding | 6. Japan | | | 11. Changing Economy of the UK |
| | | | | 12. Challenges of an Urban World |

A Geographical Eye on GCSE Geography.....

Well done to all Year 11 pupils who are working hard on their Geography work during the morning enrichment lessons, Period 6 and Period 7 this half term. It is fantastic to see so many pupils seizing opportunities to reach their potential in Geography. A special well done to all those Year 11 Geographers who attended the enrichment day with Mrs Merchant on Friday 30th September, Joe G and Jack P were the heroes of the day! Period 6 and 7, and morning enhancement lessons continue to the end of this half term. Families have been notified via email if their son/daughter is expected to attend.



Fieldtrip on the horizon...

Next week, Year 10 Geographers will be undertaking their first fieldwork in Southend-on-Sea. Pupils complete fieldwork as part of their Geographical Investigations unit of work for their GCSE. Fieldwork is an essential part of the course, enabling pupils to experience real life geographical issues. Pupils will be undertaking various primary data collection techniques along the coastline from Chalkwell to Southend's Sea Life Centre. When pupils return to school, they will learn ways of presenting their fieldwork data and then analyse their results in order to make conclusions. Year 10 will complete a second piece of fieldwork in March whereby they will be exploring dynamic urban change at Canary Wharf / Cubitt Town of London. More details about the Geography Department's evolving fieldwork opportunities will follow in later editions of the WCN.



An evening of Geography in G4...

On Thursday 29th September, Woodlands School opened its doors for Open Evening. The Geography Department welcomed visitors to G4 whereby they had first-hand experience of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and fieldwork techniques. James P, Chloe H and Isabel B were excellent Geography Ambassadors by demonstrating the use of fieldwork equipment (quadrats, ranging poles and clinometers) and Google Earth in an interactive format. Visitors were able to explore Google Earth for themselves and participate in sediment analysis using various items of fieldwork equipment. Sediment from the Southend coastline was analysed in order to identify various coastal and fluvial processes that take place along the coastline.



Chloe H, Isabel B and James PG – Geography Ambassadors during Open Evening last week.

Geography reminders....

Year 11 pupils are still able to purchase their revision guides in preparation for forthcoming PPE's and final examinations next year. Revision guides are tailored to the exam board we use at Woodlands. There is also a revision workbook available, with lots of exam practice. See Mrs Merchant in G4 for further details. Revision guides are £2.00.

Miss Tugwell and Mrs Merchant are still collecting Year 10 fieldwork consent forms. Any pupils who have yet to return their consent forms must do so as a matter of urgency.

Year 10 GCSE Geography Fieldwork

Tuesday 11th October 2016
Set 1 and Set 3

Thursday 13th October 2016
Set 2 and Set 4

Consent and payment details have been emailed home. Return slips to Mrs Merchant or Miss Tugwell in the Geography Department.

“Investigating the impact of coastal management on coastal processes and communities”

Compulsory fieldwork that will be examined in Year 11

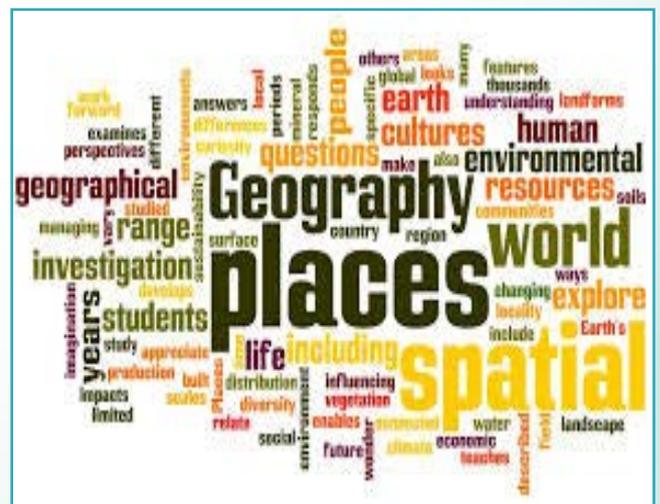


Edexcel GCSE (9-1)
Geography B syllabus at
Woodlands School 2016-17



Calling all Year 10 Geographers, please ensure that reply slips for the Southend Geography Field Trip (11th/13th October 2016) are returned as quickly as possible to either Miss Tugwell (G5) or Mrs Merchant (G4).

This trip is compulsory for all Year 10 Geographers, as you will be tested on your knowledge of completing a fieldwork investigation in Year 11. If you have any queries, speak to your Geography teacher for more information.



Mathematics Faculty

Stuart Reed reporting.....

GCSE Results Summer 2016

The Maths Department were very pleased with the record breaking exam results this summer, with pupils achieving A*-C 67% and A*-A 85% in Maths; a rise of 6% and 2.5% respectively. We would like to take this opportunity to thank both our former Year 11 pupils and staff for working so hard, and wish our former pupils well on their chosen college courses or career paths.



Maths and English boost Trip

On Friday 30th September – Sunday 2nd Oct 2016 the Mathematics and English Departments took 75 Year 11 pupils on an intensive residential trip to The Kingswood Centre, Grosvenor Hall in Ashford, Kent. The purpose of the visit was to provide extra Mathematics and English sessions to facilitate learning and to take part in team building activities to help promote team-work and self-confidence.



The trip consisted of eight revision sessions (4 Maths and 4 English) and seven adventurous activities. These included: abseiling, an aerial runway, team challenge/obstacle course, 3G swing and a scrap-heap challenge.

The trip was well received by our pupils and hopefully we will see the benefits from our recent PPE Exams. A big thanks to all staff who gave up their weekend to enable this trip to be a success and inspiring Year 11 pupils ahead of their first PPE exams: (JNe, RMe, DOc, ROc, PHi, DBe, LNa, JTu & KOm).

Chess and Games Club

When: Tuesday lunch time
Where: G15
With: Mr Reed (SRe)



Chess and games club is open to all pupils and to all abilities; whether you are a Grand Master or a complete novice feel free to come along and play in this friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Other games on offer include: Draughts, Monopoly, Battleships, Dominoes and Jenga.

Cipher Club

When: Friday lunch time
Where: G20
With: Miss Jolly (SJo)



In Cipher club pupils work together to crack codes. It is a national competition that runs from October until January. For further information and details for the next competition, please see Miss Jolly.

Locker Hire 2016/17

An audit review is now being carried out on all occupied lockers and in order to carry this out efficiently the facility to purchase a locker has temporarily been removed from ParentPay.

We will be removing all padlocks on lockers that have not been purchased and the contents will be disposed of. Please remind your child(ren) if they have had a locker previously, but not purchased for this academic year to remove all items immediately and refrain from using one.

Once reinstated, the locker hire will continue to be an annual fee of £5.00 per academic year regardless of the actual payment date. Payment can be made via ParentPay "Locker Fee 2016/17" or PayPoint (please request a unique PayPoint letter from Finance). If you are renewing your child's locker hire, please state the locker number in the notes field on Parent Pay and this will allow continuity to the pupil.

Should you require any further information - please contact the Finance Office.

ParentPay

Our aim is to become a cashless contact school and in order to achieve this we are requesting all parent/carers to activate their ParentPay accounts.

Going forward we will require all trips, music lessons and any other payments to be made on ParentPay to alleviate cash being brought into school. ParentPay offers you the freedom to make payments whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – safe in the knowledge that the technology used is of the highest internet security available.

Thank you to all parents who have already activated their ParentPay accounts and have fully embraced the cashless concept. We also offer the facility of a PayPoint letter, which is unique to each trip, music lesson etc... and a request for the relevant letter will need to be made to Finance for each individual service.

Finance Office Request

Please note we no longer keep cash in the Finance Office, you will need to ensure you send your child(ren) in with the correct money.

Tempest Photographs

All photograph orders placed through the School have been sent off to Tempest and an estimated return date of Friday, 14th October 2016 has been given.

DIARY

Monday 10th October 2016

8.00am - Dads and Lads Reading

Tuesday 11th October 2016

Year 10 Geography Trip to Southend (Sets 1 & 2)

2.00pm Performance by Boy Code for Year 7

Thursday 13th October 2016

Year 10 Geography Trip to Southend (Sets 2 & 4)

Pupil Visitors from Germany

Friday 14th October 2016

Year 10 Visit to Borough Market & London South Bank

Saturday 15th October 2016

Year 9 STEM - Royal Insitute STEM Workshop

9.00am Creative Arts Aptitude Testing (Year 6)

Thursday 20th October 2016

The Foundation for Essex Arts Creative Arts Fair

Year 9 GoActive Health Study

4.30pm Star Gazing Event

Friday 21st October 2016

8.00am - Dads and Lads Reading



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**IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF, OR
A WITNESS TO BULLYING IN
WOODLANDS, TEXT US NOW FOR
HELP & SUPPORT**

**Woodlands operates a ZERO
TOLERANCE policy on bullying.**

School Shop

Opening Hours:

Monday 8.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 8.30am - 12.30pm

**Please adhere to these times unless
otherwise advised.**

FIXTURES

Tuesday 11th October 2016
U16 Essex Cup Rugby v Harris Academy (h)
Wednesday 12th October 2016
Year 9 Rugby v Brom (h)
Year 8 Rugby v JHS (a)
Years 8 & 10 Netball v Billericay (h)
Thursday 13th October 2016
Year 8 Football v Mayflower (a)
Years 8 & 9 Netball v DLS (a)
U16 Rugby v JHS (h)
Friday 14th October 2016
U16 Football v Beauchamps (h)
Year 9 Football v JHS (a)
Year 9 Netball v JHS (h)
Saturday 15th October 2016
Year 7 A/B, Year 8 Rugby v KEGS (h)
Tuesday 18th October 2016
Year 9 Football v Beauchamps (h)
Wednesday 19th October 2016
Years 8 & 9 Netball v Bromfords (a)
Year 7 Rugby Tournament @ Cornelius
U16 Football v Billericay (h)
Thursday 20th October 2016
Years 7 & 8 Netball Rally @ Billericay
Year 9 Rugby v KEGS (h)
Year 8 Football v DLS (a)
Friday 21st October 2016
Year 8 Football v Beauchamps (h)

MIDDAY ASSISTANT REQUIRED

1 HOUR PER DAY (5 DAYS PER WEEK)
TERM TIME ONLY
(+5 NON PUPIL DAYS)
£8.20 PER HOUR INC. OUTER FRINGE
PRO RATA'D.

TO APPLY:
CONTACT JAN FENNELLY HR MANAGER
FOR AN APPLICATION FORM.

CLOSING DATE 17TH OCTOBER AT MIDDAY

DUTY PUPILS

To the following Year 8 pupils who have acted as Duty Pupils, thank you very much for all your hard work.

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| Treasure A | Skye-Louise A | Owen B |
| Brooking B | Olivia B | Wezley B |
| Shakira C | Cherona H | Joe H |
| Jack H | Kelci H | Victor G |
| Greg H | Lennon H | Morgan J |
| Ellena L | Louis M | |



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