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The Drama and Music Department were incredibly proud of all the pupils involved in the spectacular production of 'The Wizard of Oz'.

It was a real team effort to bring the production to life. The production crew was made up entirely of Senior pupils, including hair and make-up, costume, sound and lighting. The stage crew did incredibly well to manage the demanding set changes to give a slick performance every night.

The cast demonstrated their immense talents throughout. Led by the fantastic principles the cast stepped up to the challenge

of bringing the land of Oz to Wycliffe. Everybody worked so hard to give their best and the result was an electrifying show full of awesome adventure, fierce friendship and a wickedly dangerous witch.

A huge thank you to everyone that came to watch the show. We are incredibly grateful for your support. It truly was a show to remember and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed putting it on for you.

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Hands-On Learning in the River Churn

A group of Wycliffe pupils were spotted in the River Churn in January as they conducted a study on the river's flow. They measured the velocity and cross-sectional area of the channel to calculate the discharge. This hands-on learning experience allowed the pupils to apply their environmental knowledge in a real-world setting.





A Visitor from the University of Texas

Wycliffe College was delighted to host **Nick Baker**, Assistant Coach and Recruiting Coordinator from the University of Texas. In a meeting with **Mrs Miller**, Wycliffe's International University Coordinator, Nick shared insights about OW **Yasmin Howe**'s significant impact on the University of Texas



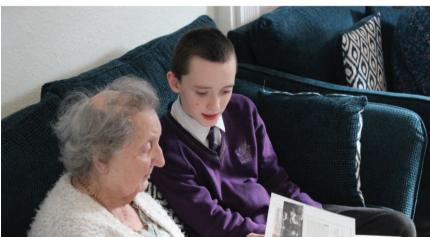




Pupils from Year 6 and 8 visited Regency Retirement Home in Stonehouse to get to know older people and find out about the past.

The pupils were tasked with empathising and discovering about experiences older people had of the past.

It was an amazing experience for all those involved and brought to light how important and uplifting it is to share and spend time with others, who have lived through so much of the past.







A Level English Literature Trip to see Othello

A Level English Literature pupils saw a production of their Shakespeare set text -'Othello' - at the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse, part of the Globe Theatre complex in London. On the way back to the minibus, the pupils spotted two lead actors making their way home and persuaded them to pose for a photo with them!





Year 6 STEM

As part of their STEM Saturday, Year 6 were asked to build a Lego geared buggy to race over a distance of four metres. They needed to come up with the best gear ratio and wheel size. As ever, the winning pair were those who worked best as a team. The other half of the morning was spent building a raft capable of carrying the heaviest load on water, with a limited budget. All had fun and learnt about the principles of STEM and engineering.













and Van Dyck.

and learnt to improve their accuracy





Out of This World!

The learning theme for Pre-Prep this term was Space! The pupils have been learning all about the eight planets of the solar system and famous astronauts.

Pupils in Reception and Year 1 used the department's bank of Microsoft Surface Go devices to access Purple Mash and turn themselves into real life astronauts on the moon! The pictures from up there are incredible! Pre-Prep pupils welcomed family members to enjoy a variety of activities linked to our learning theme of Space! Children and adults could be seen cutting, colouring and even dressing up, and it was a pleasure to see everyone have so much fun together.

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Senior Quiz Team Shine at Tournament

Wycliffe's Senior Quiz team continue to show excellent form as they progress through the knock-out rounds in the National Schools' Challenge tournament.

In their most recent contest, the team comfortably beat

their opponents from Shrewsbury School 410-230, maintaining their high-scoring record this year. Captained by Head of School, **Jonty J** (Ward's), they hope to improve last year's fine performance when they were pipped in Round 4 by the eventual national semi-finalists.

Meanwhile, this year's Interhouse tournament has proven to be a nail-biting affair, with several highly competitive matches being played out across the term. At the time of writing, the semi-final line-up had just been decided, with Ward's set to take on Haywardsfield whilst Collingwood were due to play Ivy Grove, with the final in the last week of term.



The team (above) L-R, Aidan K (Haywardsfield), Jonty J (Ward's), Barnaby S (Haywardsfield), and Nathaniel C V (Collingwood).

Duke of Edinburgh Training Walks



By Isabella W-N (Gold DofE participant, Year 12)

On Saturday 20th January, I helped supervise a training morning for Bronze DofE pupils, as part of my Gold level 'Volunteering' section.

Half of the morning was spent covering First Aid, then groups discussed emergency scenarios that they might come across on their expeditions and how they could deal with them. The other half of the morning was spent on camp craft, which involved learning how to put up tents and cook safely using the Trangia stoves, in preparation for final expeditions. The following day the participants navigated independently in teams on a route starting and finish at Cam Long Down, in windy but very bright weather.

On Sunday 4th February, a Silver and Gold day walk took place on Sugar Loaf Mountain in Wales, in which I took part. We arrived at the start of our route at around 11 am and the walk took about three to four hours. It involved hiking through woodland, by rivers, and up very steep exposed mountain side.

The weather started off quite sunny and clear but became progressively colder, wetter, and windier as we made it up the mountain - it was so windy at the top that it felt as if we'd be blown away! This walk was a chance to practise navigation skills, including using the compass and identifying key landmarks on the map to determine our next steps.









Year 9 Enterprise Morning

Pupils were asked to design a product that would help to reduce plastic waste in the local area and/or around the planet.

Year 9s had two hours to come up with an idea, decide how to market and finance it and then create and practice a pitch. They then presented to the other groups.

Pupils worked in groups of six to eight, often with pupils they had not previously worked with. New team dynamics had to be tried out and working patterns agreed. Ideas had to be exchanged and voted upon.

Year 9s greatly enjoyed this highly self-directed task, increasingly

moving from staff support to deciding on their own project structure and distribution of tasks.

During evaluation it was evident that pupils had learnt different things. Some told us that they realised they needed to support each other in the team and to work closely to finalise their ideas. Others that they found an accumulation of ideas led to an eventual higher quality outcome.

Paul Woodhouse from GFirst LEP came and judged the ideas and presentations.

The winning team were **Charlie W**, **Harry B**, **Henrietta V**, **Rory S**, **Rowan G** and **Sophie N**.

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International Week Celebrations



This event is always one of the highlights of the school year, and very much anticipated, the Senior school community has the opportunity to celebrate the diversity in cultures we have at our school.

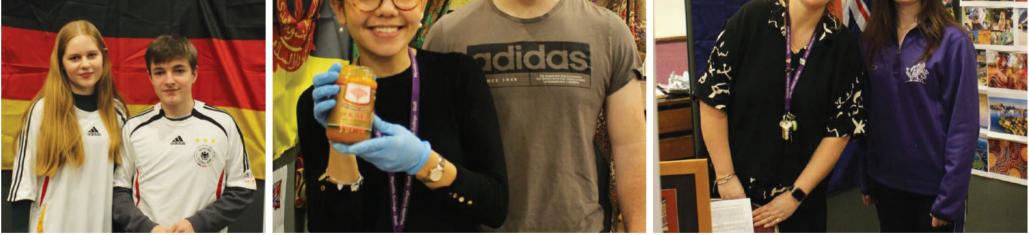
This celebration binds us all together and fosters a mutual respect. We are so fortunate to be in a very diverse community. We celebrated the many nationalities of pupils and staff, learning so much from one another.

The fair aligns with our key school vision of embracing our futures as global citizens. It is an important milestone, bringing pupils together who might not know anything about the lives and cultures of those around them—providing a platform for International pupils to showcase their nationalities.

Pupils and staff spend many weeks planning their stands in small groups, making interesting displays, conjuring up exciting games, showing off traditional clothing and purchasing delicious food and drinks representing their cultures.

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Sikh Gurdwara Visit

Year 8 pupils enjoyed their first ever visit to a Sikh Gurdwara in February in order to discover aspects of Sikh belief and practices. They had a lovely discussion followed by a visit to the worship/prayer room and to the Langar dining area, where pupils ate their food. It gave them all a memory and impression of Sikhism in the UK today and was a precursor to completing their own Sikhism Coursework.



Celebrating the Year of the Dragon

Wycliffe College celebrated the Year of the Dragon with a series of fun and festive activities. Pupils had the opportunity to try their hand at dumpling making, learning about the traditional Chinese cuisine and enjoying the delicious results.

The festivities continued with a special Luna New Year celebratory lunch in the Dining Hall at the Prep and Senior school.









Trier Trip



By Athina M-V, Year 11

"At the end of last term, we went to Trier to visit our exchange partners. The trip's highlights were visits to the

Christmas markets, attending their lessons and trips to Saarburg and Luxembourg. We all had a lot of fun and can't wait to show them around Wycliffe.

The exchange between Wycliffe and the FWG Trier has existed since 1988. It has been wonderful to maintain this long-lasting relationship."







Auspicious Beginnings

Year 7s learned about Chinese culture, myths, legends and philosophy to celebrate the Lunar New Year. **Mr Broadhead** also spoke about innovations and inventions that have come from China. We were fortunate to welcome some parents who came to speak to us about Luna New Year traditions and do some activities with us. Pupils were shown how to write some couplets with calligraphy, and they did some paper-folding activities. All received traditional red envelopes. The pupils also attended a workshop on Kung Fu and mastering our minds, bodies and selfcontrol. Many thanks to the parents of **Seraphine, Sarina, Lok, Pearce** and **David** for spending a morning with us.

We all had a lot of fun and enjoyed the opportunity to do this. **>>** Lucy O, Year 7







Newly Appointed Year 8 Prefects



Pictured above: Heads of school: William H and Georgina L. Prefects: Theodore F, Molly P, Austin W, Jess C, Evie-Mae W, Lula T, Darcey J, Leo B, Rowan C, Isla E, Jaden H-R. Inset: Seraphine M

Sixth Form Spanish Trip to Madrid



Our very keen Year 12 and Year 13 pupils' Hispanists asked for a Sixth Form Spanish trip, organised and tailored to their excellent Spanish level, and that explored many A Level topics firsthand.

We based ourselves in Madrid, and the trip included many activities in the city and day trips to Toledo and Salamanca.

Pupils attended Spanish lessons at Don Quijote language school, the world leader in Spanish language education. The lessons focused on grammar, Spanish culture, and conversation.

Other activities in Madrid included eating Churros at San Ginés, the oldest churros café. We visited the beautiful Royal Theatre Opera House and the Reina Sofia Museum to see Guernica by Pablo Picasso. We explored Retiro Park on bikes, spotting all the beautiful main sites. We explored Puerto del Sol, Gran Vía, and Plaza Mayor and ate lunch at Mercado San Miguel. There were many options and pupils chose squid, jamón serrano, croquetas and montaditos. We then visited the Cathedral, Alcázar, the Church of Santo Tomé, and more.

We also visited the beautiful University city, Salamanca, the Oxford of Spain. We visited the University of Salamanca and Convento de San Esteban and admired the stunning Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque styles of architecture.

Every day for lunch, pupils ate the typical Spanish Menu del Día, a three-course set menu with bread and a drink. Each region of Spain has its famous dishes, and we ate at a Galician restaurant and sampled their most famous dish, 'Pulpo a la Gallega' a Galician-style octopus tapa.

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Another day, we visited Toledo, a World Heritage Site by Unesco and a museum city. We started the visit with a zip wire experience over the river Tagus.







Year 8 Winter Formal

Year 8 pupils celebrated their first formal event of the year in style, with both pupils and teachers enjoying a memorable evening! The atmosphere was made even more special by the decorations and supper provided by the Holroyde Howe Team. The delicious food and joyful company created a truly unforgettable experience for all in attendance.





Japanese Visit

On Wednesday 21st February, Year 3 to Year 8 pupils were invited to a special assembly led by a group of Japanese pupils from Reitaku Junior High School. They were treated to a TikTok medley dance and a presentation on Japanese traditions. This was followed by a workshop on traditional games for Year 7 pupils.

Our pupils were very excited to meet the group and were very curious about the Japanese culture.

C I enjoyed having the Japanese school coming to Wycliffe. It was so fun and interesting to learn a lot about their culture and the games that they love to play. For me, the best part of the day was when they did the most entertaining dance at the start of the assembly. It was such an amazing experience. I loved it so much that my family and I are now becoming hosts for Japanese exchanges.







Prep Pupils Awarded 13+ Scholarships

We congratulate the following pupils in Year 8 in Prep who have been awarded a Scholarship for Year 9 in September 2024.





Sponge the Teacher!

This half term, Haywardsend and Haywardsfield Houses took the lead in selecting a charity for the School to support.

They chose The Epilepsy Society, inspired by Steve Stainer, a dedicated member of the Grounds and Gardens team for over 26 years. Steve, who has epilepsy is running his first London Marathon this April to raise money for the cause. To complement the non-school uniform day the Houses organised a playful "sponge the teacher", the School successfully raised over £1000 for The Epilepsy Society.

Теуо М	Art, Drama
Seraphine M (pictured inset above)	Art
Leo B	Art, Drama
Anoushka Z	Art
Isla J	Art and DT
Wilfred R	DT
William H	DT
William P	DT
Georgina L	Drama
Lula T	Drama and Music
Rowan C	Music
Oakley J	Sport
Kitty A	Sport
Molly P	Sport and Academic
Joshua C	Sport
Olivia D	Art



Spotlight On The Boarding Houses

Haywardsfield

Haywardsfield pupils recently enjoyed a delightful afternoon tea in their common room with a special twist. Bramley, their house mascot took on the role of server for the afternoon!



Haywardsend was recently transformed into a serene spa for the evening, thanks to the efforts of the PASS Committee. The girls indulged in a relaxing and rejuvenating experience, complete with foot spas, face masks, manicures and pedicures. The pamper session provided the pupils a chance to unwind and enjoy



Ivy Grove

Following a busy Saturday, and Year 11 having just finished their mid-mocks, the girls in Ivy Grove had a mindfulness evening. Providing a relaxing atmosphere, they took park in jigsaw puzzles and colouring activities. To top it off, they enjoyed pizza, creating the ultimate level of comfort.

Lampeter

The girls of Lampeter House enjoyed a fun and creative Sunday activity led by Mrs Cobbs this term. They spent the afternoon making bath bombs, learning about the process and experimenting with different colours, shapes and scents.



Loosley Halls

Loosley Halls welcomed their newest member, **Mr** and **Mrs Costello**'s (House Parents) little boy. He has enjoyed meeting his big 'brothers and sisters' in between sleeping and nappy changes!





Pennwood and Windrush

Wycliffe Prep School Boaders embarked on an exciting trip to Warwick Castle, where they spent a thrilling day exploring the historic grounds. The pupils also loved the numerous attractions, including the challenging maze, and entertaining bird show, and the enchanting Zog Land. They also found time to visit the gift shop, picking up souvenirs to remember their time. Overall, it was a fun-filled day that will be remembered.

Robinson

The start of the new term at Wycliffe College was celebrated with the traditional Quiz and Toastie Night, in Robinson House. It was an evening filled with friendly competition and delicious toasties. After a series of challenging questions, the team consisting of John, Ethan, Hugo and Andre emerged as the winners of the quiz!





Ward's

This term has included a lot of baking for the boys in Ward's House. Along with some guests from the Wycliffe Squash team, they undertook another fun baking activity, this time to create Red Velvet Cupcakes – **Dr Smith**'s favourites. The results were delicious.



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Year 11 Macbeth Workshop

The English Department took Year 11 English Literature pupils to Stratford on Wednesday 7th, February, to participate in an interactive twohour workshop on key scenes of Macbeth, one of their exam texts.

Professional actors took our pupils through character motivation, actions and reactions, allowing them to see the text as a play to be performed rather than just words on the page.











Hot Chocolate with Mrs Grant

Hot Chocolate Fridays! Each week pupils are nominated by their Heads of House for having gone above and beyond – in lessons or to others around them. They have the chance to sit with **Mrs Grant** in her office with a hot chocolate and discuss their positive weeks!

Year 7 Passover Meal

Some of our Year 7 pupils have been learning about Judaism and experienced one of their festivals in the classroom on a Monday in February- the Pesach (Passover) meal. They were joined online by **Rabbi Zvi Solomons**, who explained the significance and meaning of the meal. It was a fun way to remember what this meal means to Jewish people around the world. The Seder plate with the items that tell the story of the Hebrew people escaping slavery in Egypt during the time of Moses.







Fantastical Fish!

Year 7 pupils at Wycliffe Prep have been busy with their "Fantastical Fish" project, using clay and wire to bring their creative visions to life. Drawing inspiration from renowned artists **Louis Renard** and **Anthony Caulder**, they've been researching and incorporating elements of these artists' styles into their own unique designs.





French Junior Open

Seventeen squash players from Wycliffe travelled to Lille, France, during the February half term to participate in the European Gold event, the French Junior Open 2024.

The players gained invaluable experience playing against some of the top junior squash players in Europe.

One of the stand out performances was from **Ryan G**, who faced the 5/8 seed early on in the 16th Round. After an intense, hour-long battle, with match balls, Ryan narrowly lost 3-2. Despite this early setback, Ryan didn't lose a match afterward and finished in 9th place.

Emilie LB also had a strong showing, making it to the semi-final where she face a fellow French player. Although she lost in three games, Emilie gave it her all

in the next match to try to finish on the podium. She played against the No.1 seed, but lost a very close 3-2, finishing in 4th Place.

Another notable performance came from **Viggo H**, who showed great form throughout the tournament, After just losing out in the quarter-final, he faced English player **Dylan R** in a great match, but narrowly lost 3-2. Viggo placed 7th overall.

The squad had a fantastic trip with many positives to take away from the experience. The players represented Wycliffe with great sportsmanship and skill, and the experience of competing at a high level will benefit their future development in the sport.

The school and coaching staff are proud of the players' achievements and look forward to supporting their continued growth in the sport.

The final standing for the Wycliffe Squad were:	
Girls Under 13	Emilie – 4th
Boys Under 15	Seamus – 19th, Eishin – 21st, Henry – 23rd, Arthur – 31st, Oakley – 52nd, George – 53rd
Girls Under 17	Violet – 10th
Boys Under 17	Viggo – 7th, Julian – 11th, Owen – 13th, Oliver – 24th, Will – 30th, Caspar – 31st
Boys Under 19	Ryan – 9th, Alex – 33rd, Sacha – 45th



The basketball program is taking huge strides this year. Teams have been competing from U14s to U18s, with an overall record of 15 wins and one loss.

There has been much success as the basketball team entered the District Tournament in December, winning U13, U15, and U16.

Gabe N (Year 11) has recently been selected to represent the Philippines this March in Manila for the Global Games and Wales for the Four Nations in Ireland.











Girls' Football

Wycliffe hosted the Under 13 Girls Severnside 6-a-side football tournaments. Wycliffe put out an A and B team against Beaudesert

Park and Clifton College and played a round-robin tournament. Despite the cold, the girls had a great day playing lovely football and working hard for each other. We rotated positions so that the girls could play in goal, defence and upfront, and it was brilliant to see the support they showed each other throughout the day. The final result was 1st - Beaudesert, 2nd Clifton, 3rd Wycliffe A and 4th Wycliffe B.



Wycliffe Netball Tour

The Wycliffe Netball Team had an incredible tour in Manchester, featuring a highlight training session with Manchester Thunder player **Shadine Van der Merwe**. Team building activities at "the cube" strengthened their bond, and challenging fixtures against local clubs and Manchester Thunder pathway squads tested their resilience. Both the Wycliffe 1st and 2nd Teams grew from the experience, gaining valuable skills and memories.













GB Trials

It was a proud weekend in February for Wycliffe College as our rowers competed in the GB Trials and achieved some excellent results.

The event brought together some of the best young rowers from across the country to showcase their skills and for a chance to represent Great Britain in future competitions.

Results		
U19 Mens 1x	Max F - 2nd	
U19 Womens 1x	Lily M - 1st, Violet H- 2nd, Eloise E- 3rd, Tash P - 18th, Lily C - 57th	
U19 Mens 2x	Max F - 1st	
U19 Womens 2x	Lily M - 1st, Eloise E, Violet H - 3rd	
U19 Womens 2	Tash P - 7th, Lily C - 17th	

Handball Tournament

Wycliffe hosted numerous County Handball Tournaments at the start of this year.

Wycliffe also entered the U15 Boys competition this year for the first time. Wycliffe had Five Acres, Bournside and Crypt in their group, with the top two progressing to the knockout round. The team wasn't sure how they would fair and felt nervous to start, but a tough 2-0 win against Five Acres set the team off to a good start, and they grew from there. They then drew 2-2 against Crypt, which meant a win was needed against Bournside to ensure they advanced through to the knockout stages; this was done with relative ease and a 6-0 win. In the semi-final, Wycliffe played Chipping Camden in a physical game, but Wycliffe prevailed to win 2-1 to make the final against Pate's. The final was a brilliant game with excellent play from both teams, but Wycliffe won 4-1 to become County Champions and progress to the Regional Tournament in April. Well done, boys, and onto the next round.



Welcome to The Wycliffian Society

The Wycliffian Society is at the heart of connecting and reconnecting with old and new friends alike. Whether you're joining our traditional Carol Service in cosy candlelight or tearing across the cricket pitch to catch that little leather-cased ball, we always look forward to welcoming you back to all of our TWS events across the year! Get in touch with us at TWS@wycliffe.co.uk

Roger Kirby

Honorary OW and Staff Member 1963-1997

Roger passed away on 22nd January, aged 88.

For over three decades Roger (Mr Kirby) was a teacher at Wycliffe Prep School (1963-1997) and also Housemaster between 1968-1989, ranging from Senior Day Pupils to those in The Grove and Ryeford Hall at the Prep School. His devotion and loyalty to the school never faltered and his tireless enthusiasm, adventurous spirit and sense of community inspired so many pupils and staff colleagues alike, even today, with The Kirby Challenge Award, undertaken by Year 8 pupils in the Prep School, which is named after Roger. He is survived by his wife **Barbara**, stepchildren Catherine and Nicholas, and five grandchildren.

Many OWs, current and former staff members and former parents sent TWS comments and memories regarding Roger, which can be read on the obituary page of our website at https://www.wycliffe.co.uk/ the-wycliffian-society/.



Events Update

A wet and windy night in February saw around 40 OWs and Hon. OWs pack into the Panel Room of The Old Lodge, Minchinhampton. It was great to see so many and from so many eras of Wycliffe life, catching up over drinks and nibbles.





d Neil MacDonald (P W 1984-1992)







OW Achieves

Beth Motley (SH 1992-1994)

Huge congratulations to OW Beth Motley (SH 1992-1994) (second from left, in photo) along with Lizz, Kit and Laura of @teamaceofblades for completing their crossing of the Atlantic at the end of January, after 47 Days, 7 hours and 27 minutes, rowing 3,000 miles! An amazing achievement, which also raised thousands of pounds for charity!



Announcements

Marriages and Births

To share news of your nuptials and new arrivals, please email TWS@wycliffe.co.uk

Deaths

During the Spring Term, we sadly said goodbye to:

Roger Kirby (Hon. OW & Staff Member 1963-1997)

Richard Ault (W 1958-193)

For more information and to read any of the obituaries, please go to: https://www.wycliffe. co.uk/the-wycliffian-society/news/obituaries/

Upcoming Events:

Sat 16th March

TWS Sport – Senior School Campus

OW Basketball, Netball and Football v Wycliffe College Teams

Sun 17th March

TWS Come & Sing! - Sibly Hall, Senior School Campus

Sun 28th April

TWS Sport - Senior School Campus OW Cricket and Tennis v Wycliffe College Teams

Thu 27th June

TWS Drinks - Stroud Brewery, Thrupp

Exact details and timings, along with invitations, will be made available via email, TWS social media and our website https:// www.wycliffe.co.uk/the-wycliffian-society/ as each event approaches.

Green (P S 1984-1994), and Nolan Webber (J S 1987-1994)



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Wycliffe Roundup

Highlights from our social media channels this term. Follow us on Instagram, X and Facebook for more!

> Meet Miss Oliver, Windrush's Housemistress





Please get in touch to arrange your personal visit.

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