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NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM 2019 (1)

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Welcome to our first Summer newsletter.

You will find a newsletter packed full of information about pupils endeavours both in and outside of school.

This half-term is rightly dominated by year 6 SATs and they certainly rose to the challenge of the week and I eagerly await the results in July. I am sure they did everyone proud. Our chill day on Friday was exactly what was required and thanks to the PTFA for the lovely extra of the ice-cream van!

Next half-term is always full throttle as each year group starts to plan for the following academic year. Mrs Weir and Mrs Binning have begun visiting first schools as transition to us kicks in. We have had meetings with both upper schools and some pupils have been out to visit as part of their preparations.

'I'm a Scientist, Get Me Out of Here!' is progressing well. The pupils were working with bendy carrots and links to Mexico this week! The pupils involved in this are having such a great time and they are getting a great deal from the combination of Mrs Etheridge and Mrs Hortop. I should also mention how much the pupils get from the lunchtime science clubs. This week's catapults made from lollipop sticks, elastic bands and plastic spoons were impressive!

Thank you for your continued support and regular feedback.

Have a great week, hopefully the weather holds.

Rob Christopher
Head of School



Half Term

School finishes for half term on Friday 24th May at 3.20pm and pupils return to school on Monday 3rd June 2019.

PTFA Summer Fayre

The PTFA Summer Fayre will be held on Friday 12th July 2019
6.00pm - 8.00pm



IS YOUR CHILD LEAVING AT THE END OF TERM?

If your child is leaving us at the end of term (excluding the Year 8 students going to Upper School), have you informed the school office of their destination school?

It is very important that the school office has a note of all children who will be leaving so they can transfer the relevant information to your child's new school.

School Uniform Reminder

If out buying new school uniform for next term, skirts should be grey or black (flared or pleated) and the length should be just above or below the knee and trousers should be plain grey or black straight legged. Please ensure all items are named ready for the start of next term.

Water Bottles

As the weather is warming up, please can we ask that all pupils come to school with a refillable water bottle. It is essential that children are able to hydrate during the day, especially when the weather is hot.

Sports Day

Sports Day will be held on the mornings of Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th June. If the weather is hot please try and ensure your child has a sun hat, sun cream and enough to drink. With regards to taking photos on Sports Day; please ensure that if you take a photograph of your child and have other children in it and you plan to publish it on Facebook etc, you have permission from that child's parent to do so.



Child Protection

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Mrs Alice Ponchaud (Assistant Headteacher). If you have any concerns related to child protection issues please contact her through the school office. If Mrs Ponchaud is unavailable please speak to Mr Christopher, Head of School, or Mrs Robertson who are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Dr Bike

We have had a very successful Dr Bike session this week. Dan and John from Sustrans carried out safety checks and did some minor repairs on bikes ridden into school on Wednesday. One concern they have fed back is that children riding BMX stunt bikes to school, do not always have front brakes and this can make them less safe when riding on roads. Good news for all scooter owners- there will be a Dr scooter session in July.

School Photographer

The School Photographer will be in school on Thursday 6th June to take class photographs and a full Year 8 photo.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION Administration of Medicines

If you wish school staff to administer medication to your child, parents must complete the consent form which can be obtained from the school office or on the school website (Information/School Forms). Staff will be unable to administer any medication (this includes Strepsils and similar throat lozenges) without the required form - a note in the diary or a letter will not be acceptable.

Staff are unable to administer aspirin or medicines containing ibuprofen unless they are prescribed by a doctor.

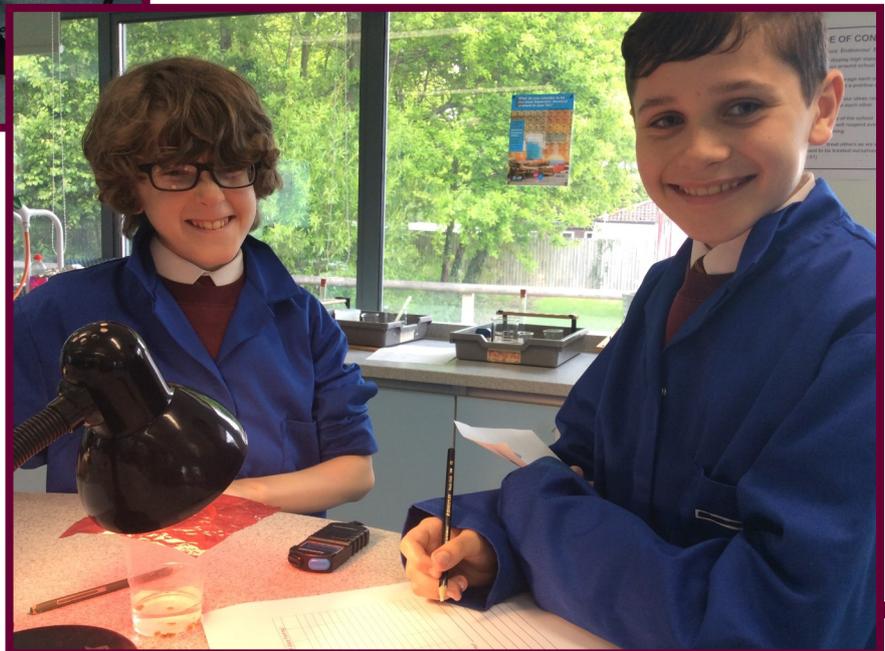
All medicines must be in their original box or container.

All prescribed medicines must be provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include the instructions for administration.



I'm a Scientist Get Me Out of Here

Year 6 pupils who were selected to take part in the I'm a Scientist Get Me Out of Here after school club have been enjoying themselves getting stuck into some new topics. They have been reviewing rocket seed growth, identifying the parts of a cell by creating Elodea and Onion cell slides to be viewed under the microscope and making their own plant cells. They have also been identifying the key elements necessary for photosynthesis (plants making their own food) and conducting an experiment to see which form of light was best for photosynthesis.



PUPIL NEWS

As you will know from Mr Christopher's weekly bulletin we have a lot of pupils who are excelling at their chosen sports outside of school.



Kitty-Jay competed in two national races at the Stoke Ski Centre. She won on both days and in addition won the 'Fastest Mini Girl Racer' and received a fantastic shield for engraving. The shield is very inspiring as she gets to see her name next to girls who are now part of the U18 GB Development Squad! Great motivation to keep trying her best.

Erin Lush took part in her first Triathlon at St Michael's Middle School on Sunday 19th May and thoroughly enjoyed it! There were only 4 children competing in her age group and she came second. The event involved, 12 lengths of a pool - 216m, 1600m of Run - 4 laps of 400m circle and 4200m Bike Ride - 5 laps of the bigger field 840m circle.



Verity Webber has been accepted into the National Tennis Tournament (Grade 2). There were over 60 entries and they only accept the top ranked 24 - she got in as number 9. This will be a very tough tournament but will be a fantastic experience and she is very excited.

She has also been selected to play for Dorset in the 10U County Cup, with the winning county going forward to the Finals in June.



PE NEWS

On Friday 10th May, 16 pupils from year 7 and 8 went to Moors Valley to compete in a mountain biking competition. They all did extremely well and we're waiting for the results to be emailed to us. Well done to everyone that took part.



On Wednesday 15th May, 26 year 8 sports leaders went to Verwood first school to help organise and supervise pupils at the Sports day. The feedback that we have had from the first school about how well the Sports leaders did was outstanding! Well done to all involved.

Year 6 Netball Team

The team have performed so well this year. We entered a league with 14 teams competing. We made the semi-final, then the final, finishing second overall. An amazing result, well done!!

On Friday 17th May 14 sports leaders were involved in training to organise and run a tennis festival. The festival is for the first schools and will be hosted at Emmanuel Middle school on Friday 24th May. Good luck to all involved.



YEAR 6 POTTERNE PARK/MOORS VALLEY

When we got to school, we got told by our teachers that we were going to be last to walk down to Potterne Park and we were all disappointed. I asked the teacher whether or not we would be the last class back and Mr Timmins said yes, and our disappointment was lifted! Due to having time to kill, we put on a film (Matilda) which we very much enjoyed. By the time we were half way through the film we got told to go to the toilet, get our bags and line up to get ready to walk.

As we were walking to Potterne Park, we got a few waves from people driving past and a couple of beeps for us to wave back too! Everyone in our class was waving, it was so much fun.

Then we got there! Mr Brenton and Miss Howe's classes were already starting to head off to Moors Valley, whilst Mrs Anderson and our class (6MT) were playing in the park and on the field with lots of P.E equipment, such as: tennis rackets, balls, footballs, rounders equipment, cricket bats and much more. In the park we had a lot of fun pushing people on the swings and people pushing us. It was great!

Before our BBQ, my friends and I (Ella) were throwing and catching tennis balls when one of their balls rolled away so I went to fetch it. After I had collected her ball, one of my other friends had a tennis racket and I got a nasty whack on my nose and I sadly had to go home (but having a free ice-cream to takeaway made it feel better).

After all our fun and games, it was time for our delicious BBQ. Once the first batch was done we all lined up, our tummies rumbling. Mrs Anderson's class got to line up first so by the time they had got their lunch they had run out of burgers and hotdogs for us, so Mr Christopher and helpers had to make the second batch. My friend (Grace) was at the end of the line when they had finished the first batch so she had to wait till the second round of burgers were cooked, which took a little while because they had to be cooked to a certain temperature. Finally, it was cooked so she sat down and enjoyed her salad, biscuits, Doritos and burger!

After we had had our lunch it was time for an ice-cream! We both had a Mr Whippy before I went home, it was delicious. My friend sat down and enjoyed it with everyone else. During the period of everyone eating their ice-cream we were all waiting to do the last swap of the day, with two of the other classes.

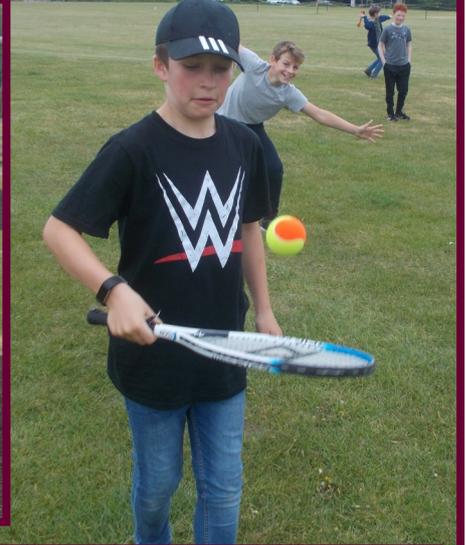
Finally, we are off. We had less time at Moors Valley, due to the BBQ taking a little bit more time than expected. It was a long walk but there were lots to see, including swans, golfers, dogs on a walk with their owners and, all the cows. When we got there we played in the park. Me and Daisy loved the zip wire and the big climbing frames! It was amazing. There were also lots more to play on, such as: a giant slide, a spider web, a rock to climb and a tyre swing.

Eventually, it was time for the long walk back to school. Lots of people had aching legs and were a bit tired of our fun day out on our reward trip. Even I (Grace) was exhausted. I was so glad when I gradually made it to the school gates! Overall, I had an amazing day at Potterne and Moors Valley it was an enjoyable and excellent experience. I really appreciate the teachers and staff taking us out of school for the day after our week of SATs had finished; much better than some of the lessons we would've had back with the rest of the school!

Written by Grace T and Ella H (6MT)



YEAR 6 POTTERNE PARK/MOORS VALLEY



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My Trip to RAF WARMA By Emily Harrison 8TW

I go to Air Cadets, and we went on a camp at an RAF base in Cosford, where we were doing Radio coverage for a two day military march. We had to get to the minibus just before 10, as the staff had asked us to help load the vans. We packed all the radios, aerials, and masts in one, and all the luggage in the other.

When we got there, we all had dinner at the chippy, then carried on to the base. As there were less rooms than we were meant to have, some people had to sleep on the floor in camp beds. In the morning, we had to get up at 5am, so I only got 6 hours of sleep. The showers were communal, so you had to shower in your swimming costume!

In the morning, you got split into your different stations, which were Relay, checkpoint 1, 2, and 3, and Control. It was our job to tell the March Control about marchers who were injured or had dropped out so that they could be picked up or have first aid. I was on Checkpoint 2 the first day, then changed to Control, so I was lucky, as they were both indoors! The people on relay the first day were freezing, as they were in a gazebo with no sides, and it was really windy. When you are on relay, you have to be there all day, as all the messages have to go through relay first. When I was on Control, I played different card games with people, as not much happens in Control.

On the second day, I was on relay the whole day and, though it wasn't as cold as the day before, it was still freezing! We had to huddle up in blankets until about 1 o'clock as the pub down the road didn't open until 12. When they opened, they brought us down tea and coffee which was really nice. After that we gradually warmed up, and we got to see all the marchers from different regiments go past. There were a few regiments from different countries as well, and we saw Germans, Spanish, Belgians and a few more. When they went past, we asked them if they had any spare badges to collect, and we got loads! On Sunday we went home, and we didn't get back until 10pm!



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Thursday 6 th June 2019 – registration and intro	Week 1	4.45pm	4.45pm - 5.15pm	5.15 – 6.15pm	6.15 – 7.15pm
Thursday 13 th June 2019	Week 2	5 pm	5pm – 5.15pm	5.15 – 6.15pm	6.15 – 7.15pm
Thursday 20 th June 2019	Week 3	5 pm	5pm – 5.15pm	5.15 – 6.15pm	6.15 – 7.15pm
Thursday 27 th June 2019	Week 4	5 pm	5pm – 5.15pm	5.15 – 6.15pm	6.15 – 7.15pm
Thursday 4 th July 2019	Week 5	5 pm	5pm – 5.15pm	5.15 – 6.15pm	6.15 – 7.15pm
Thursday 11 th July 2019	Week 6	5 pm	5pm – 5.15pm	5.15 – 6.15pm	6.15 – 7.15pm

If you have any questions at any time or need to speak to someone about this programme please contact:

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YEAR 5 NEWS

Wishing you all a very warm welcome to the summer term from us all in the Year 5 camp. The children have been working incredibly hard and it is with absolute pride and pleasure that we take this opportunity to share their learning, their resilient attitudes towards school life and their overall willingness to go beyond their limits...

Creative Writing...

As we near the end of our epic adventure story, Viking Boy, the children have been charged with writing their own ending. With an ongoing focus on developing vocabulary, the children are regularly reaching for the thesaurus and rising to the challenge of including more ambitious words and phrases. Their honed inference skills are also benefiting their writing hugely, as they continue to show their deeper understanding of the key characters. We cannot wait to read their Norse narratives and will look forward to sharing them with you at our final parents' evenings.

Maths No Problem!

The children continue to enjoy our Singapore mastery approach to maths and have done themselves so proud during our recent fractions, decimals and percentage topics. It is particularly enlightening to witness the children justifying and explaining their mathematical responses whilst linking ideas across the topics they have learned this year. After half-term, we will be launching into the subjects of measurement and geometry.

Swanage

To link in with our geography and history learning, Year 5 will be visiting the seaside resort of Swanage in July. Two classes will be heading off on 9th July and the other two classes on 11th July. It will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn more about the historical significance of our local area. As always, we would love some parental help on the trip so please contact your child's teacher if you can volunteer for either of these dates. An electronic parental consent form with details of the trip and a request for payment will be sent out via ParentMail shortly with further information.

En Francais!

We have all noticed how confident the children are becoming with their French speaking and writing this term. With authentic experiences such as our French cafe, the children have really thrown themselves into the challenge of learning a foreign language and it has been a real treat to witness their impressive French sentence building skills, using verbs, adverbs and adjectives to describe different nouns.



YEAR 5 NEWS CONT

E-Safety

Please continue to ensure your child has the correct privacy setting on his/her phone and that they understand how to keep safe on the internet. Each term, we teach the pupils about e-safety in Computing and Wellbeing lessons, as well as during worship, but we advise parents to monitor new Apps and any internet activity your child may be involved in. Emmanuel School Policy is that phones should not be used on the school grounds and certainly not in the playground before and after school. Thank you for your support in reinforcing these messages at home.

Uniform and Equipment - Ready to learn

As the days get warmer, it can be tempting for the children to start dressing down a little. Thank you for your support in ensuring that we maintain our high standards of pupil appearance at Emmanuel, both in school and when wearing the uniform outside the school gates. At EMS, we pride ourselves on our 'Emmanuel Way' and an important part of this is being ready to learn. As such, we thank you in advance for supporting your child to check their pencil case and resources regularly to ensure they have the appropriate equipment for their learning.

Reading

Thank you for reading with your child regularly at home and recording it in their blue Reading Record. It is great to see how much the children are enjoying their reading and particularly as this has such an impact on their learning in school. If we can encourage them to continue reading a range of genres, that would be hugely beneficial for the development of their comprehension skills.

Thank you, once again, for your support and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming parents' evenings. Before then, please do contact us should you have any queries or concerns regarding school. Our doors are always open.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Weir (Head of Year 5), Mrs Richardson, Mrs Prestage and Mr Brennan



YEAR 6 NEWS

What a term we have had! I could not be prouder of year 6 and what they have accomplished. From their dedicated focus in lessons, to their extra revision sessions to the sitting of the tests; they conducted themselves brilliantly, worked incredibly hard, and showed maturity and determination to ensure that they gave the SATS their very best. I look forward to the children receiving their results in early July.

We had a fantastic celebration day on Friday 17th May at Potterne Park and Moors Valley; it was a great opportunity to relax in the fresh air, have fun and socialise as a year group after all of our efforts with the SATS. Please read the descriptive account written by some Year 6 children, which is within this newsletter.

I am astounded by the amount of candle credits that the children in year 6 continue to receive. From excellence to endeavour to enjoyment, each one of our school values is being celebrated across the curriculum; I hope the certificates are making their way home to be further celebrated with you.

As we move towards the final half term, many preparations are being made for a smooth transition to year 7, whether that is remaining at Emmanuel or moving on to another school. The children remaining at Emmanuel will be mixed around for year 7 and I will be taking some direction from the children as part of the process.

The Isle of Wight residential trip is in the final planning stages and a date for an information evening for parents will be sent out after half term, so please look out for that if your child is going. If your child is staying at school that week, they will be in a tutor group altogether and a timetable will be sent out to them so they know what to look forward to.

Thank you very much for your continued support and communication.

I wish you an enjoyable and relaxing half term.

Kind regards,

Miss Howe (Head of Year 6)

Please note that the final instalment for the Isle of Wight trip is due on 31st May via ParentMail or Monday 3rd June to the school office.



YEAR 7 AND 8 NEWS

Prospective Year 8 Ambassadors

Now that the Summer Term is well underway, we have begun the process of selecting the 2019-2020, Year 8 Ambassadors. The current Year 7 pupils need to be aware that these coveted positions are linked to some agreed criteria. Firstly, an Ambassador has to have an attendance data score which stands at -at least 96% in July. In addition, the average attitude to learning score of a potential Ambassador will need to be at, or above 3.6. Prospective Ambassadors have by-now submitted an application form - detailing their personal qualities and understanding of what they think the role entails. EMS staff are also given an opportunity to endorse / vet the list of applicants.

Once appointed, our Ambassadors carryout a number of responsible roles (including providing prospective pupils and adults with tours of the school). This year I'm intending to limit the number of new ambassadors - capping their numbers at no more than 20 pupils. In doing so, I would hope to add greater value to the title and also ensure that only children who are genuinely willing to fulfil their roles become Ambassadors.

There are numerous other, super opportunities such as 'Sports Leader', or 'Arts Ambassador' that the pupils may also wish to pursue as part of their transition year.

Important Year 8 Dates for your Diary

As half-term is fast approaching, I thought that this would be a good opportunity to remind everyone of some key dates and events that are important to your child's upper school transfer process as well as highlighting celebratory events that will take place to mark the end of the Year 8's time at Emmanuel Middle School.

Please take time to familiarise yourself with those dates which are particularly relevant to your son, or daughter.

Key QE Dates

Friday 14th June Transfer Assembly at EMS

Friday 21st June Taster morning at QE

Thursday 27th June Bartlett's Uniform Shop - late night opening by appointment

Wednesday 3rd July Meet the Tutor Evening (Parents & Students) A-J 6:30pm K-Z 7:30pm

Friday 5th July Transfer Day

Key FUS Dates

Tuesday 4th June FUS Careers Morning at EMS for all year 8 pupils

Tuesday 11th June FUS Transfer Assembly at EMS

Friday 5th July Transfer Day

Additional Year 8 End of Term Events

Monday 24th June Year 8 Activity Week starts

Friday 19th July ROA Assembly followed by a BBQ and the evening disco.

Clearly, there's a lot going on in a relatively short space of time. Please check the websites of both QE and FUS regarding transfer information to ensure that the process proceeds smoothly.



YEAR 7 AND 8 NEWS CONT

Year 8 Activity Week

I am pleased to report that (for the second year running) all of our Year 8 pupils will be participating in the activity week. I've received a great deal of positive feedback from both pupils and parents anticipating an enjoyable and memorable week of excursions. I'm sure that it will prove a real success. Again, it's great that the whole year group is 'on board'! All the children have had the opportunity to pair up with at least one friend of choice and as a team we've done our best to provide the children with a balanced and ultimately enjoyable sequence of days out. This year we've added Rock Reef 'clip and climb' to our itinerary and I'd like to commend Mrs Childs for negotiating the transport and entrance fees down to a very cost effective price.

Please take time to read and digest any ParentMail relating to the forthcoming activity week. A final letter giving full details, together with an online consent and further information form will be sent out via ParentMail after half-term. If you could complete and submit this as soon as possible please. I'll brief the pupils on what they will need to take, along with our behavioural expectations.

School Uniform

Unfortunately, at this time of year, some members of Years 7 and 8 tend to try to push the boundaries of what is and isn't acceptable school uniform. Please can I remind you of the necessity of making sure that your son, or daughter comes to school wearing the agreed uniform. Boys should be wearing proper black shoes (not trainers), grey or black school trousers - grey, black or white socks and ideally have haircuts that don't veer below a grade two at the sides. The girls are not allowed to wear make-up (other than a minimal amount of foundation). Nail varnish is forbidden and jewellery is limited to a single pair of stud ear rings. Skirts should be 'just above the knee' and no bracelets (other than a single, charity band) should be worn. Please reference the children's diaries for clarification.

Please remember to write a note in your child's diary for their tutor, if there is a reason why they aren't wearing the correct uniform. We are smart, nicely attired year groups and it is worth remembering that our Year 8 students act as role models to the rest of the school who often mimic their 'fashion foibles'!

Mr Rangdale
Head of Years 7 and 8



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Summer Term 2019

Break up for half term	Friday 24th May 2019
Return after half term	Monday 3rd June 2019
Class Group Photographs	Thursday 6th June 2019
Sports Days	Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th June (mornings only)
Reports Home	Friday 14th June 2019
SEND Coffee Afternoon	Monday 17th June 2019 (2.30pm)
Parents Evening	Wednesday 19th June 2019
Year 8 QE Taster Morning	Friday 21st June 2019
Year 8 Activity Week	Mon 24th June - Friday 28th June 2019
Parents Evening	Tuesday 25th June 2019
Year 6 IOW Residential	Mon 1st July - Friday 5th July 2019
Year 5 Swanage Railway Trip	Tues 9th and Thurs 11th July 2019 (2 classes per day)
PTFA Summer Fayre	Friday 12th July 2019
SEND Coffee Afternoon	Monday 15th July 2019 (2.30pm)
Year 8 ROA, BBQ and Disco	Friday 19th July 2019
Break up for Summer	Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Autumn Term 2019

Staff Training Day	Monday 2nd September 2019
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 3rd September 2019
Pupils Return	Wednesday 4th September 2019
Break up for Half Term	Friday 25th October 2019
Staff Training Day	Monday 4th November 2019
Return from Half Term	Tuesday 5th November 2019
Break up for Christmas	Friday 20th December 2019

Spring Term 2020

Staff Training Day	Monday 6th January 2020
Return from Christmas	Tuesday 7th January 2020

Term Dates (including dates for 2019/2020) and events can be found on the school website



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