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10th March 2023

Dear parents and carers,

This week we had a double celebration with World Maths Day and International Women's Day on Wednesday. We held special assemblies to recognise and celebrate the amazing achievements of women throughout history – Emmeline Pankhurst, Dr Mae Jemison, Ibtihaj Mohammed and the England World Cup team led by Leah Williamson were some of the children's favourites.

Children also had lots of fun exploring maths games, activities and puzzles as part of World Maths Day. Numbers, shapes and patterns filled the classrooms and children rose to their challenges brilliantly!

Thank you for everyone who came along to support Deme and our fabulous dancers from Year 3 and Year 5 who performed at the Catford Broadway Theatre this week. They were amazing and made us so proud!

Don't forget that it is Red Nose Day next Friday (17th March). The theme this year is '*dress up for joy*'. We will be inviting children to wear something that makes them smile. This might be a favourite jumper, a superhero costume, a funny hat or even their pyjamas! We will be raising money to support Comic Relief and the amazing charity work they do in the UK and across the world.

Lewisham Foodbank have asked for our help to provide Easter Eggs and sweet treats for their clients over the spring holiday period. Donations can be made at the school office or directly to the Foodbank Hope Centre in Mallard Road. See further details later in the newsletter.

Have a super weekend.

Best wishes.

Manda George

Headteacher



NEU Strike Action

Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March

School is closed for children in Years 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6
Online learning is available here:

<https://www.torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk/remote-learning-offer/>

School is open as usual for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 2 and Resource Base.

The Corbett Chase 10K & HALF-MARATHON



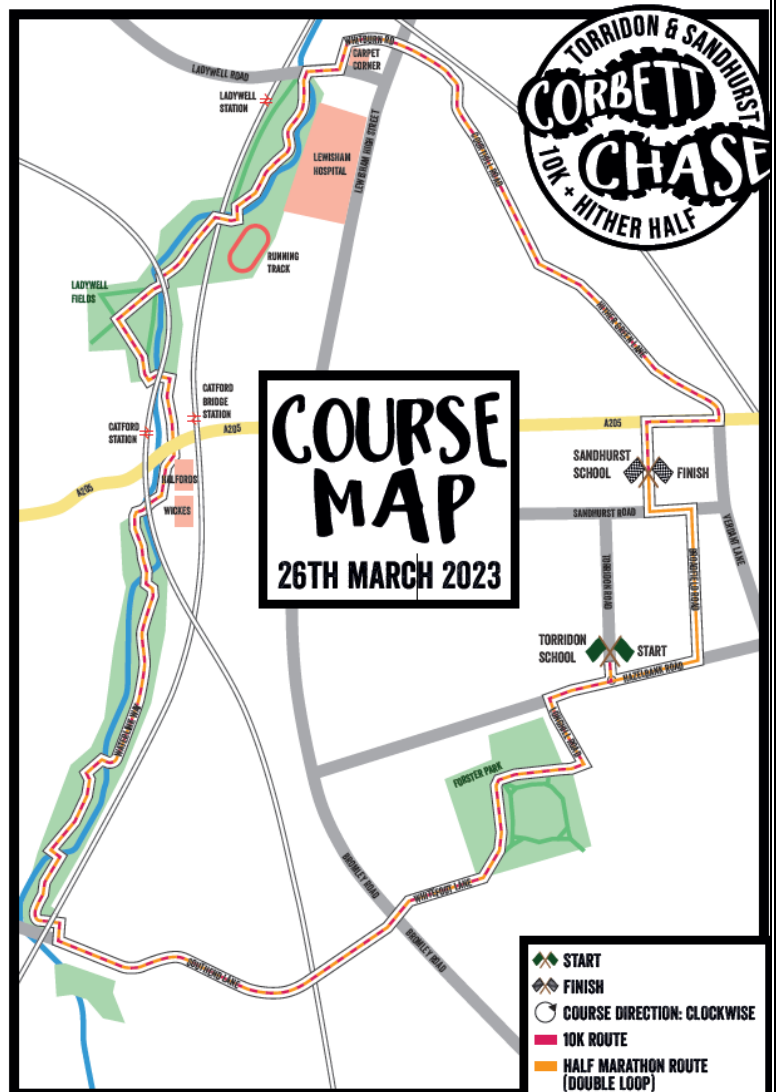
THE CORBETT CHASE & STREET PLAY OUT -
SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2023

9:15am - 10k and half-marathon run starts at
Torridon Primary School

10:00am - 12:00pm - Play Street on Minard
Road in front of Sandhurst Primary School,
where race finishes

**DON'T DELAY - FIND OUT MORE & SIGN
UP [HERE](#) TODAY! WE NEED YOU - RUNNERS,
WALKERS AND VOLUNTEERS.**

Come one come all! We're looking forward to a
wonderful community event with Sandhurst School but still need lots more helpers to make it happen and lots
more runners/walkers to match Sandhurst's team! If you can't run or volunteer - bring your family to enjoy the
Play Street on Minard Road, and cheer on the runners as they finish the race - or sponsor the runners as they
raise money for the new outdoor Creative Corner - [donate here](#). Many thanks for your support.



World Maths Day



The children had a fantastic day celebrating World Maths Day on Wednesday! They had opportunities to discuss why they loved maths and shared where they see and use maths in every day life as well as taking part in a variety of fun, practical maths lessons.

Nursery enjoyed developing their maths skills whilst baking bread rolls!

Reception explored maths in lots of different ways including a block challenge!



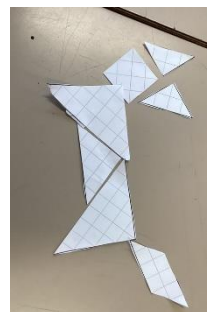
Year 2 had fun exploring symmetry in nature!



Year 6 got creative with angle fans to show the five main types of angles!



Children in Year 3 loved exploring Tangrams.



Here's what some of the children in Year 5 love about maths:

'I love maths because there are many different methods and I like the problem solving' - Amira

'What I like about maths is it's a challenge and that challenge pushes me further to understand my work' - Ava

'The reason I love maths is because it's fun to learn and you would have to use it in every job. Maths can help you with everything - it can help solve any problem' - Nicholas

Portrait Challenge Competition



The art team have sent off this incredible portrait of Manda to the Sky Arts portrait competition in the hope of getting it shown on Sky Arts this summer! Watch this space!! And congratulations to Shahan (Year 5) for being such an outstanding portrait artist!

PTA Volunteers

Maintenance Day tomorrow




Come along tomorrow, **Saturday, 11 March**, any time between 9am and 2pm to help paint the school's cloakrooms. All supplies will be provided, but please wear clothes that can get messy. Any questions? Email friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com.

Help plan the Summer Fair

Spring is almost here, so it's time to start planning the Summer Fair! We need lots of help to plan and run an event of this scale. In case you missed Megan's presentation during the virtual meeting on Wednesday, you can view the presentation slides [here](#). If you have ideas to share or you'd like to join our planning committee, please tell us [here](#) or email friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com. Thank you!

This year's Summer Fair will be on Saturday, 8 July, 12-4pm - save the date!

Weekly Attendance by Class

	Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance
	1G	97%		3A	97%		5L	91%
	1M	90%		3L	95%		5R	97%
	1N	93%		3S	95%		5S	90%
	2G	89%		4C	93%		6A	95%
	2S	96%		4V	95%		6C	95%
	2SW	92%		4W	94%		6L	98%

Our attendance figures were slightly lower this week than they have been. Remember, regular attendance is crucial to ensuring that children achieve their very best in their learning. Congratulations to 1G, 3A and 6L who won the attendance cup for their phase this week.

Update: Fit Fun Torridon Fundraiser



Thank you for all of those participating in Couch to 5K that started last Friday! We have 39 participants and have so far raised £2000.

Thank you again to Darren from FitFunActive for leading on this fundraiser.



[FitFunActive | Deptford Gym | Personal Training and Group Exercises](#)

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Lewisham FoodBank

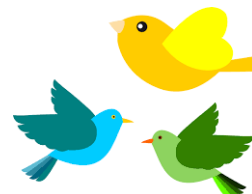
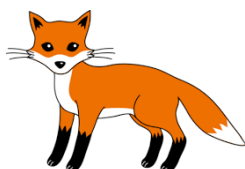
Hello Lewisham Foodbank Friends. It's that time of year again when we seek to treat our clients. We believe that our clients deserve a treat from time to time - in addition to the nutritionally balanced food parcel.

We would love for you to be involved again this year.

We would ideally need all of your eggcellent donations to be received at our Hope Centre (118 Malham Road SE23 1AN) **by Friday 24th March** so that we can get them to our centres ready for when our clients come along.



Woodland Friends' Day update



We invite you to come to school on **Monday 15th May** dressed as a woodland creature! Children who do not want to dress up as a woodland friend are invited to wear green. This is a fundraising event for our new woodland area, which coincides with Walk to School week!

Donations can be paid directly to Parent pay or buckets will be on the gate to accept cash.
Suggested donation of £1.

Article 2 – No Discrimination

Article 2 ~ Non-Discrimination

‘The convention applies to every child without discrimination’

This week during our Rights Respecting assemblies, we celebrated International Women’s Day. International Women’s Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. We discussed how women have helped to change the world that we live in and acknowledged how they have worked hard to challenge inequality that happens due to gender. ‘We need to be brave to challenge unfairness and make the world a better place.’ ~Unicef.

If we all stand together, one day that can be achieved.



Red Nose Day – Friday 17th March



This Red Nose Day is all about coming together, spreading joy, and having the best day.

To raise money this year, children can come to school dressed up ‘red’ to toe for a donation.

Children can come dressed for joy - they might come dressed as a superhero, wear red from ‘red’ to toe, wear their brightest socks, wear something that makes them or their friends smile.



We will be selling red noses for £2.50 in the playground at the end of the school day by the admin office from Monday 13th March.

A Very Muddy Day at Forest School



Junior Bake Off 2023

Please click here to apply for the [Junior Bake Off application form!](https://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)



Applicants must be aged 9 years (or over) on 1st June 2023. The closing date/deadline for applications is Sunday 12th March 2023



Can You Fix It? – Yes You Can!

CREATIVE CORNER
NEEDS YOU....



ARE YOU A
PLUMBER
OR
BUILDER??

The Creative Arts team is calling out to any parent and carers that can help us with our latest venture. The PTA have helped us to purchase a sink to kick start creative corner, our new outside creative classroom. We are looking for parents that can help us install it, if you think you can support us and would like to give us a quote for how much installation would cost, please contact us at...

ed@perryhillprimary.lewisham.sch.uk

Torridon Dancers Take The Stage!

This week Year 3 and Year 5 dancers took part in a community showcase of Primary and Secondary school dance at The Catford Broadway as part of Live Dance 2023. The performances happened over two evenings.

Dance has a solid and strong place in our school community highlighting our talented children and Torridon's core values. Our dancers were amazing - demonstrating confidence, personal expression, creativity and joy! For many it was a first being on stage performing to a packed audience. Well done to all the dancers who took part.



Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 11 th March	PTA Maintenance Day
Monday 13 th March	Year 5 to The Science Museum
Tuesday 14 th March	Year 3 parent and carer open evening
Wednesday 15 th and Thursday 16 th March	NEU STRIKE ACTION - SCHOOL CLOSED TO YEAR 1, 3, 4, 5 AND
Friday 17 th March	RED NOSE DAY
	9am- 10am Drop in session with the Headteacher
Week beginning Monday 20 th March	Whole school assessment week (change of date to avoid potential NEU strike action)
Tuesday 21 st March	Reception vision and hearing screening
Friday 24 th March	Year 4 to the Science Museum
Sunday 26 th March	Torridon and Sandhurst 10K fun run
Week beginning 27 th March	Autism Acceptance Week
Tuesday 28 th March	Y3/4 Tri-Golf tournament
Tuesday 28 th and Thursday 30 th March	Parent and carer open evenings
Monday 3 rd April – Friday 14 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Tuesday 11 th – Friday 14 th April	Year 6 Easter School
Tuesday 18 th April	Y3/4 Quad Kids Tournament
Tuesday 25 th April	Y5/6 Football Tournament
Wednesday 26 th April	Y3/4 Football Tournament
Monday 1 st May	BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 3 rd May	Y5/6 girls' cricket tournament
Monday 8 th May 2023	ADDITIONAL BANK HOLIDAY FOR THE CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III
Tuesday 9 th May – Friday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Week beginning Monday 15 th May	Walk to School Week
	Dress Up as A Woodlands Creature
Monday 22 nd May	Year 6 Unity at Crystal Palace
Wednesday 24 th – Friday 26 th May	Year 6 Residential Trip
Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Friday 23 rd June	INSET DAY
Saturday 8 th July	Summer Fair 12-4pm
Friday 21 st July	Last day of the summer term





Stars of the Week



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery pm	Chloe	For developing her confidence and willingness to try new things!
Nursery Full Time	Beniccio	Developing his communication skills and being a super helper!!!
Red Class	Maisie	For working hard on her writing and numbers. She has been kind to everyone. Well done, Maisie!
Blue Class	Adam	For trying his best in writing and for being a great helper at tidy up time. Well done!
Yellow Class	Hannah	For working so hard on her reading and writing. Well done!
1G	Oscar	For his dedication to improving his handwriting. He has been trying his best and his hard work is paying off! Well done Oscar 😊
1M	Florence	For working extra hard in phonics and making progress. Keep it up Flo! 😊
1N	Hussein	For his increasingly mature attitude to learning! He has impressed us with his dedication and it's great to see his confidence and independence grow. Keep up the great work! 😊
2G	Phaedra	For her beautiful presentation and dedication to improving her work. Keep it up!
2S	Ellie-May	For her positive attitude to learning this week! Your independent maths work has been amazing! Keep up the super work 😊
2SW	Iris	For her positive attitude to learning and always trying her best in lessons. Well done Iris!
3A	Maya	For standing up for herself and others to make sure that everyone in our community is being kind and respectful to each other.
3L	Ella	She is a role model in every way, every day! She demonstrates all school core values at all times!
3S	Anaila	For having a positive approach towards her learning. Well done for settling back into our school community.
4C	Zephaniah	For trying his best to make excellent choices in class and working very hard to complete his learning to the best of his abilities. Well done!
4V	Savain	For always pushing and challenging himself, and for always helping to look after our classroom environment.
4W	Zohal	For always having an excellent attitude towards her learning. She loves school and is a wonderful friend and role model to everyone. Continue to spread positivity across our school community 😊
5L	Anayah	For showing great resilience in her math learning. Anayah has challenged herself and applied her knowledge of place value to aid with rounding numbers to decimal places. Well done Anayah!
5R	Adam	For demonstrating more drive and determination in writing lessons and challenging himself to share his ideas during class discussions. Well done.
5S	Nikisha	For being an exemplary student and embodying all the core values of the school. She is always going over and beyond to help others and consistently participating in learning discussions. Well done!
6A	Leo	For writing an excellent visitor's guide on our topic –The Stonewall Inn- using the Year six writing framework to assess his learning. Well done, Leo!
6C	Maliah	For working extremely hard in all lessons. You are becoming more confident when answering reading and maths questions – well done!
6L	Shanaya	For always having an excellent work ethic and applying your skills to reasoning and problem-solving questions. Well done!
Blue Pathway	Jesse	Well done for fantastic art work this week.
Green Pathway	Joshua	Well done for joining in to reception play independently today.

Tales on Moon Lane

And just like that it's March. We hope you've been having a great start to the year! March marks the month that most New Year's Resolutions are abandoned, so we are taking this opportunity to encourage you to get re-motivated and keep reading, with the help of these children's books the whole family can enjoy! This newsletter edition features the best of the month's new titles. We hope you enjoy and we'll see you in the shop soon!



<https://www.talesonmoonlane.co.uk/news>

If you would like to browse the shop and avoid the crowds, you can come along for our Sunday personal browsing slots; bookable half hour slots available at 9.30-10.00 and 10:00-10:30. Please email us in advance to reserve a place:

info@talesonmoonlane.co.uk

We know that for some of you, buying books online and getting them delivered to you is a better option, so we hope you continue to enjoy our recommendations and use our page on [Bookshop UK](#), which helps support independent bookshops.

Year 5 Dance Workshops

'Back on the Map' project worked with Year 5 dancers delivering a Breakdance workshop as an introduction to the history of dance. Back on the Map project is centred around creating engaging artistic experiences for young people that highlight a wide and diverse history of dance in Lewisham. The company have received the Trinity Laban innovation Award and Arts Council funding to facilitate and support the work. Our visitors will be back into Torridon at the end of term to continue working with the medium of Art and DT creating spaces for dance.



The project will culminate in "Dancing Together Festival" at Trinity Laban on 13th and 14th April



2023 where the childrens work will be exhibited, children will perform, participate in free music, view dance performances to celebrate dance in our community.

More information regarding tickets and timings to follow.

Lewisham Parents and Carers Forum

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find below a poster and links to surveys regarding your experience of the assessment/diagnostic pathway from South East London Integrated Care System. Surveys close on 17th March.

Survey for families/carers: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3HH3S9G>.

Survey for children & young people: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/25VZHML>.

Best wishes
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improve
young
people's
experience**

We want to know how
we can improve the
experience of getting an
autism assessment.

Scan the **QR code** and
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carer, scan here:



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old, scan here:



**South East
London**
Integrated Care System

Contact Laura.koehli@nhs.net
with any questions

Easter Holiday Camps



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We look forward to seeing you!*

Easter Holiday Camps

TENNIS & MULTI-SPORT CAMPS

FOR 4 – 15 YEAR OLDS

Monday 3rd April to Thursday 6th April

Tuesday 11th April to Friday 14th April

Excluding Easter Bank Holidays

BOOKING NOW!

Lots of safe fun & exercise.... meet new friends.... excellent reviews.

from 9am to 3pm - £28.00 pp per day OR
from 9am to 12.30pm - £25.00 pp per day (Tennis and Tennis Games only)

*Tennis *Basketball *Golf *Baseball *Hockey *Tin Can Alley * Jenga and so many toys *Football
*Cricket *Table tennis *Badminton * Magnetic Darts * Tug of war and much more.

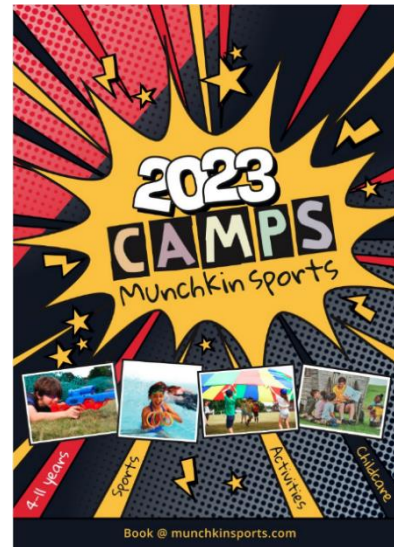
Grouped in age & ability * Equipment provided.

Please bring pack lunch, water and £1 for the tuck shop!

If raining blue tennis operate a wet weather programme and use the main building or the Pavilion, if available

LTA Qualified Coaches with DBS + first aid certification.
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**For Booking and Information contact Martin on 07528 319723 or
soundsman.mc@gmail.com or 'Book & Pay' www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/bluetennis**



We hope your Spring Term has gone well, and we cannot believe that our Munchkin Sports Easter Holiday Camps are now only a few weeks away!

We have six Ofsted registered camp venues to choose from in Beckenham, Bickley, Bromley, Catford, Eltham and Orpington, and are confident that there will be a venue to suit everyone and meet their holiday requirements! Please click on the link down below for the booking page:
<https://munchkinsports.com/easter-camps/>

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Easter 2023

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Online Safety: Need to know about IPADS

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny!) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

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