



# Holywell Primary School

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*we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed*

1 April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

The final newsletter for the term always seems a fitting time to thank everyone for his or her support.

I would firstly like to thank you for your ongoing support and to thank all members of staff for their continual hard work, determination and resilience to provide Holywell pupils with the best opportunities possible.

As we have continued to move further away from Coronavirus restrictions, the school feels more and more 'normal'. We are seeing the return of sports events and other performances to the calendar and we even had our Governors in school for a visit this week.

## **Cornet Performances**

Last week, our Year 4 pupils gave a confident performance to their parents showing new music skills which they have mastered as part of their weekly cornet lessons.

For all of you who managed to attend, I am sure you will agree that their focus and resilience in learning to play a music instrument was very impressive.

This week, under the guidance of the cornet teacher Mr Paul Fisher, they excelled again by performing to our visiting governors.

## **Governors Visit**

The school governing body has a crucial role to play in holding the school to account. Whilst face-to-face meetings have now returned after a period of remote meetings, it was great to have four of our Governors attend school this Wednesday.

During their visit, they considered reading in school and had an opportunity to visit some classes. Initial feedback has been good and in particular, they have commented on how well pupils behaved during their visit. We are looking forward to welcoming the Governors into school again in the summer term.

## **Playground Opening Times**

Can I please remind you that the school playground only opens at 8:45am each day, as staff are not available to supervise your children in the playground before then? As the school gates do not open before 8:45am, parents should not enter the site while visitors or staff enter or exit the school premises via the driveway gates.

## **Clubs**

The summer sports clubs do not start until Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April. There are still spaces for many clubs, so please do not hesitate to sign up to avoid disappointment.



## Year 6 SATS

Year 6 pupils will be taking part in their statutory assessment (SATS) from Monday 9th May 2022 until Thursday 12th May 2022.

Can I please ask that you ensure your children are in school every day for these important assessments? We cannot make accommodation for pupils absent on the day of the test.

## Easter Hat Parade

Years 1, 2 and Year 3 organised an Easter Hat Parade. We were very impressed with the huge number of participants and creativity. The hats were amazing.



## Sponsored Bunny Hop

This week all children enjoyed taking part in the sponsored Bunny Hop for the Peace Hospice.



If you wish to sponsor your child's Bunny Hop, please make a donation using the link Below, thank you.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/holywellprimaryschoolbunnyhop>

## Ramandan

With the start of Ramadan imminent, we know that on the return to school, after the Easter break, some pupils might request to fast. We will only allow pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 to fast if we have written permission from you. We would like to remind you that pupils would still be expected to take part in the full curriculum that we offer, including PE, trips and other outside learning. Can I suggest that you possibly discuss with your children that they may break their fast should they feel that they could not manage the school day and the full curriculum because they are fasting.

We wish all parents all the best during this holy period of the year.

### **Easter Break**

School closes today at 1:30 for the Easter break. Happy Easter for those families who will be celebrating Easter.

Staff return to school on Tuesday 19th April for INSET day and pupils return to school on Wednesday 20th April 2022.

Congratulations to all

<b>PE Charter Certificates</b>		
	<b>PE Charter Certificate</b>	<b>PE Star Learner</b>
<b>Y1 Sycamore</b>	Layla	Maluchi
<b>Y2 Hawthorn</b>	Anannya	Owen
<b>Y2 Hazel</b>	Maya	Cornel
<b>Y3 Rowan</b>	Hannah	Eduard
<b>Y4 Cedar</b>	Stefi	Haresh
<b>Y4 Mulberry</b>	Adam	Iniyah
<b>Y5 Chestnut</b>	Shayan	Maddison
<b>Y5 Elder</b>	Elif	Laxshan
<b>Y6 Birch</b>	Haashir	Adaeze
<b>Y6 Elm</b>	Franklyn	Hannah

<b>Spanish Certificates</b>		
<b>Y1 Sycamore</b>	Preesha	Charlie
<b>Y2 Hawthorn</b>	Alexia	Eden
<b>Y2 Hazel</b>	Maya	Zakariya T
<b>Y3 Rowan</b>	Lily-Rae	Patrick-Alexandru
<b>Y4 Cedar</b>	Natasha	Ritesh
<b>Y4 Mulberry</b>	Iniyah	Liban
<b>Y5 Chestnut</b>	Kayla	Rick
<b>Y5 Elder</b>	Katherine	Samuel
<b>Y6 Birch</b>	Parneet	Lorenzo
<b>Y6 Elm</b>	Nicola	Haris

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2021	
92%	

Week Commencing 21 March - 25 March 2022

Attendance by Class			
Nursery	82%	Mulberry	97%
Reception	93%	Y4 Cedar	92%
Y1 Sycamore	93%	Y5 Chestnut	91%
Y2 Hawthorn	88%	Y5 Elder	93%
Y2 Hazel	90%	Y6 Elm	92%
Y3 Rowan	94%	Y6 Birch	99%

Attendance	
<i>Best Classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Y1 Sycamore
Key Stage 2	Y6 Birch

House Points	
Vicarage	133
Cassio	254
Brightwell	276
Ebury	324

Yours faithfully



Mr C van Straaten  
Headteacher



# SPIRIT TO SUCCEED MEDALS

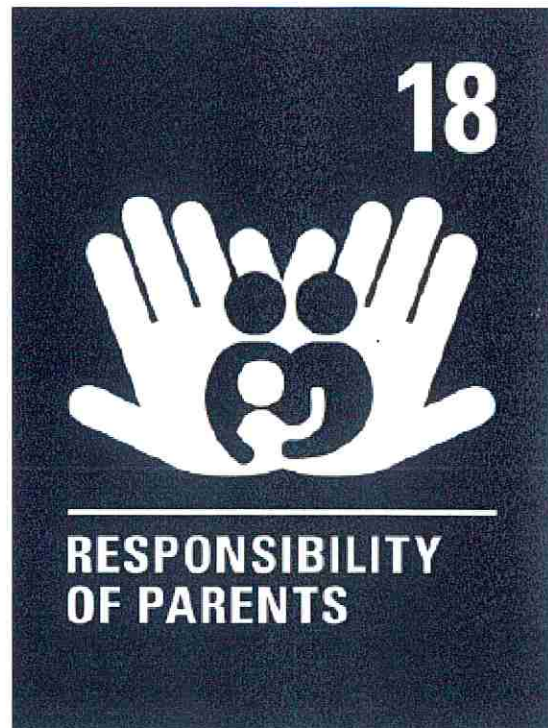
		Childrens Vote	Staff Vote
<b>Nursery</b>		<b>Jeevan</b> - Jeevan is always happy, settled and tries hard every day.	<b>Anni</b> - Anni is always so calm and kind and tries hard every day.
<b>Reception</b>		<b>Kijani</b> - Kijani always tries hard every day.	<b>Alishba</b> - Alishba who always tries hard every day.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>Emilia</b> - Although a bit shy and quiet, Emilia won the children's vote by being a good friend, kind and loyal.	<b>Hafiy</b> - Hafiy shows great enthusiasm for everything he does at school. He is always engaged in the lessons and is keen to improve his work. He is an excellent role model, respectful towards all and a great friend to many in the class.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Hawthorn</b>	<b>Isaiah</b> - Isaiah has significantly progressed this term and has shown his Spirit to Succeed through determination, hard work and demonstrating all of the 6R's.	<b>Jovino- Jovino</b> has significantly progressed this term and has shown his Spirit to Succeed through determination, hard work and demonstrating all of the 6R's.
	<b>Hazel</b>	<b>Liya</b> - Liya joined us earlier this year and has done nothing but impress us with her motivation and resilience. She is now completing Maths work that really challenges her and the rest of the class have noticed how hard she tries and how caring and kind she is. Well done, Liya! A fantastic achievement- we can't wait to see what you can achieve next!	<b>Muhammad</b> - Muhammad does nothing but make us smile with his fantastic sense of humour and with how hard he tries. He consistently shows us all of the 6Rs and is a role model to all! Mrs Woolcott and I feel incredibly proud of all of Muhammad's achievements and of how far he pushes himself to achieve the targets set. Keep this up, Muhammad! We are very excited to see what challenges we can continue to give you throughout the rest of the year that you will embrace and achieve through your resilience and the dedication you have to your learning! Well done!
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Hadia</b> - for always being respectful and supportive to her peers and the adults in the school. She is always extremely polite and helpful inside and outside of the classroom. Hadia has worked hard this year to develop how she reflects on her work to improve it, and this has enabled her to make some great progress across the curriculum. We can always rely on Hadia to be a positive role model for all as she is an inquisitive learner who shows passion for developing her knowledge.	<b>Kristina</b> - for always being a responsible role model who we can always rely on to do the right thing. She is a friendly and kind child who is always willing to help both her peers and adults in school. Kristina came to Holywell in September with no English and has worked extremely hard and is now working independently. She has really developed her resilience in her learning and this has allowed her to make great progress across all subjects. She always shows respect by listening to others' opinions, thoughts and beliefs and is generally a lovely girl to have in the classroom.

Year 4	Cedar	<b>Natasha</b> - Natasha has been selected by her peers for this medal as she always shows reasoning skills by sharing her ideas during lesson. She also shows a lot of resilience during lessons and she always tries exceptionally hard when she learns. Natasha has an extremely positive toward her learning in all subjects and makes tries hard in everything that she does. In addition, Natsha is very kind member of Cedar class. She often tries really hard to make others feel included and always shows respect to my classmates and the adults around her.	<b>Harvey</b> - Harvey has been chosen to win the model by his peers as they have acknowledged that he is trying very hard to meet the different six R's. During lessons, Harvey shows reasoning skills by sharing his ideas during class discussions. As well as that, Harvey has shown responsibility this term by completing homework and reading frequently. Furthermore, Harvey is developing his understanding about how to show respect others around him. Moreover, Harvey is also very good at reflecting and thinking about ways to improve his behaviour towards others and his learning.
	Mulberry	<b>Shailah</b> - For always following the 6 R's and having a positive attitude towards her learning. Shailah is a kind friend who always plays with everyone. She is good at sharing and taking turns with everyone.	<b>Adam</b> - Adam consistently follows the 6 R's, he tries his best with everything he does. He is always finding ways to challenge his learning. Adam is always willing to supports others in the classroom and playground. He is a fantastic team player and encourages all the children to get involved in PE lessons.
Year 5	Chestnut	<b>Benita</b> - because she has settled into the class really well and is now a great friend to many. She is an excellent role model and is always kind to others.	<b>Fozia</b> - because she always gives 100% in every task and loves to help others with their learning.
	Elder	<b>Daniel</b> - Daniel always shows his respect and kindness towards other students. Well done Daniel for positively contributing to Elder Class.	<b>Samuel</b> - Samuel is a polite, positive and respectful member of Elder Class which is why he has been chosen for a medal. Samuel always shows resilience in his work and strives to be the best that he can be. Well done, Samuel.
Year 6	Elm	<b>Haris</b> - for always following the 6 Rs, for being an excellent role model to the class. He is a good friend to everyone and always tries his hardest in all that he does.	<b>Lois</b> - For her incredible attitude in class. She always tries her hardest and is open to advice, which she always takes on board. Lois is a good friend to everyone and a fantastic role model.
	Birch	<b>Adaeze</b> - Adaeze is a responsible person and always follows the 6Rs of Holywell. She tries to make people happy whenever they are upset. Adaeze is a good friend is always selfless.	<b>Adn</b> - Adn understands the value of respecting the rights of her peers in accessing their education; portrays responsibility in every task she performs in class and playground; resiliently tries to understand and apply her knowledge to achieve the maximum potential in lessons. Always volunteers to support her classmates when they are in need.

# UNICEF ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

## Article 5 and Article 18

Articles 5 and 18 are all about the job of parents and carers in the upbringing of children and young people.



**Article 5 (parental guidance and a child's evolving capacities):** Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents and carers to provide guidance and direction to their child as they grow up, so that they fully enjoy their rights. This must be done in a way that recognises the child's increasing capacity to make their own choices.

**Article 18 (parental responsibilities and state assistance):** Both parents share responsibility for bringing up their child and should always consider what is best for the child. Governments must support parents by creating support services for children and giving parents the help they need to raise their children.

# What are some of the important things that carers and parents do for children?



## DID YOU THINK OF THESE?

- They provide you with a home.
- Care for you and show you love.
- Feed and clothe you.
- Set you a good example.
- Help you to become independent.
- Give you emotional support.
- Make sure that you learn and are well educated.
- Make sure you are fit and healthy.
- Prepare you for adult life.
- Share their culture and identity and beliefs and values with you.
- Help you to enjoy all your rights!

Unicef, Article 5 and 18

Dear Mum,

Thank you for everything you have done for me. Feeding me, Taking me to school, making my dreams come true and way more! You let me choose what I want and you have trust in me.

From Hattie



Article 5 and 18

To: Mum and dad

Thank you for giving birth to me and looking after me every day of my life. Thanks for everything you do for me even if I don't listen and thanks for giving me treats when I'm always good. I'm always grateful, especially when it's your guys' food and I will always love you through and through.

From: Your daughter, Leira

To understand article 5 and 18



Family Guidance      Responsibility  
as children develop of parents

Super  
Helpful  
Amazing  
in a year  
Smart  
Lovable  
11

Great  
Happy  
Amazing  
11  
Don  
100%  
Respectful

Dear Mum and Dad,

You always there when I need you. You give me food and a safe place also, you help me with my education. When I need on my timetable you help me. You set me a good example for the future. In addition, you always make sure I'm fit and healthy so I would like to thank you!



18  
Respectful  
of parents



5  
Family Guidance  
as children develop

Mum  
and  
Dad

I thank my dad because  
he has the best job all  
his 4 children in Portugal  
he takes us to places we love!

I thank my dad always



I thank my mom for helping  
me in life and gave me a life.  
She has made me to be  
who I am today. I thank my  
mom always.



To Mum and Dad,  
Thank you for everything that you have done  
for me. You have provided me all of my rights  
and I am grateful for that. Throughout my life you  
have helped me, supported me, cared for me,  
protected me, given me a good home, food, love  
and environment and ever more, you're the best  
parents I could ask for. Thank you.

Love from

Liam

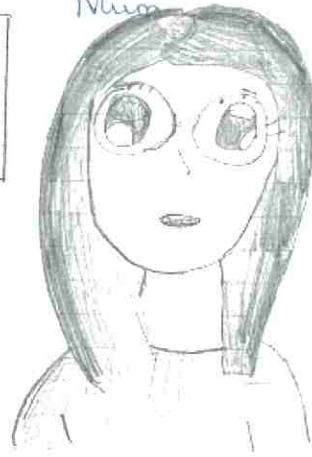
Article 5

Parents should not  
punish and communicate  
good their children so  
that as they grow up  
they can learn to use  
the rights in the best  
possible way. Parents  
should give guidance  
to their children.

Article 18

Parents or other persons  
responsible for a child  
do not have the right to  
interfere with their  
rights. Parents and  
guardians should ensure  
that their children's  
rights are protected  
both of the child's own  
and the child's best  
interests.

Mum



As a mother  
you're really generous  
when I'm sad, you bother  
when I'm upset, & for a wrong  
reason, you don't guess

As a parent, you've done a  
lot, and I am really grateful  
for that. As a parent you're  
doing a lot  
thousand

29/3/2022

LO: To understand articles 5 and 18.

Being thankful to my  
parents.



- 1) My mom is so sweet that she even  
tries to prepare my school and life.
- 2) She cooks something new every day but also  
healthy enough to eat.
- 3) When my mom is not there, my father \* makes  
nothing except for snack type.
- 4) So I try to ignore it ~~and~~ and eat something  
healthy.
- 5) She is more strict when I don't learn  
anything.

I When I need help for study  
ing studying, I call my mom for  
help. When she is busy, I try to  
figure out myself.



Dad

Mum

Article 5



Family guidance  
as children  
develop

Article 18



Responsibility  
of parents





NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS

Easter 2022

Coding

Learning

Inventing



TECH

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NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS

EASTER CAMPS 2022

4TH - 14TH APRIL



Coding & Robots



Circuitry & Inventions



Immersive Virtual Reality



STEM Engineering



Tech Fun

Movie Making | Video Game Design | Robot Coding | STEM Experiments | Engineering

4TH - 8TH APRIL 2022 \*5 DAYS £205

11TH - 14TH APRIL 2022 \*4 DAYS £170

LIMITED SPACES

**Project Based Learning**

This Easter, we are implementing project-based learning across the full week of camp, we will start our coding or tech-based project on Monday and they'll work on this for a few hours each day, ultimately completing the project by the end of the week!



**How to book**

STEP 1

SCAN THE QR CODE



STEP 2

FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP



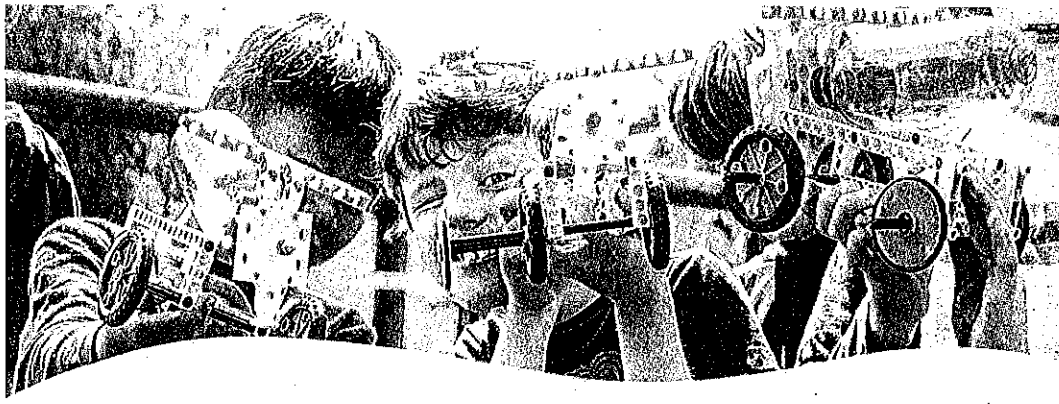
STEP 3

BOOK ONLINE SPACES LIMITED



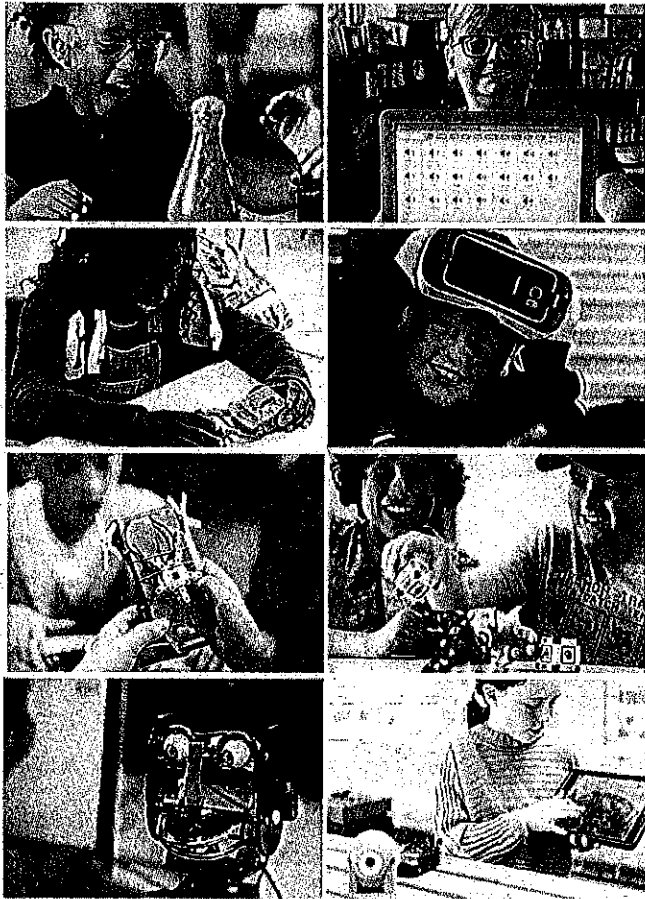
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Hertfordshire's  
Holiday Activity Programme

**HAPPY**



**HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUND**  
• TECHNOLOGY • ARTS &  
CRAFTS • MULTI-SPORT

## **FREE HOLIDAY FUN AND FOOD !!**

We are **Next Thing Education**, a camp dedicated to children who want to excel in the Tech subjects, and provide them a first-class education using the best, **fun** and **engaging** technology.

Fun courses: Build and code **Robots**, Program **LEGO**, produce your own movie trailer, **compose** songs, take on **engineering** challenges or dive into **game development!**

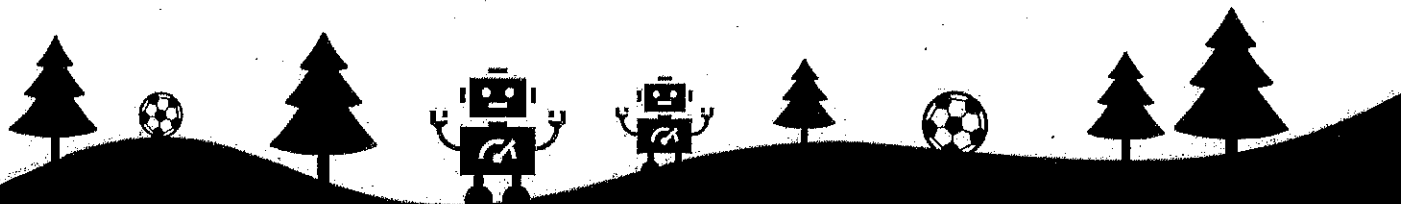
Children eligible for free school meals can attend the camp for **FREE**. Please enter your unique code given to you by your school at the time of booking.

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**MONDAY 4TH - FRIDAY 8TH APRIL**

**MONDAY 11TH - THURSDAY 14TH APRIL**

9 AM - 1 PM MORNING SESSION  
12 PM - 4PM AFTERNOON SESSION



# EASTER 2022

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PLEASE USE YOUR HAF BOOKING CODE FROM YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL





# EASTER HOLIDAY CRASH COURSES

At Rickmansworth School

## Dates

Week 1: MON 4<sup>th</sup> – FRI 8<sup>th</sup> April

Week 2: MON 11<sup>th</sup> – TH 14<sup>th</sup> April

 8 AM to 12:30 PM

Duration : 30min /Session

## Fees

	Class Ratio	Week 1 (5 Days)	Week 2 (4 Days)
Group Lessons	3:1	£70	£56
Semi Private	2:1	£85	£68
Private	1:1	£150	£120
Mixed Fun Activities		£65	£52

WEEKLY TERM-TIME LESSONS ALSO AVAILABLE AT

ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL FOR GIRLS  
RICKMANSWORTH SCHOOL

### Mixed Fun Activities

SWIM 50M+

DAY 1 - Stroke Technique  
DAY 2 - Water Skills  
DAY 3 - Diving  
DAY 4 - Livesaving  
DAY 5 - Snorkeling



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# Gigging Panda Chinese School New Pearl Class launch!

8<sup>th</sup> May,  
2022



New beginners / Non Chinese Background required

Age: 3-6 / Every Sunday: 1:00 - 2:00PM

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# Easter Soccer Camp

12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Ages 9-16

Watford Ladies FC are pleased to announce their Easter soccer camp which will take place at Queens' School, Bushey 9:30am-12:30 Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th April.

You can look forward to lots of great football and fun with our outstanding UEFA coaches so book early to ensure you don't miss out.

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To register please use the link below:

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