

FAMILY MATTERS

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

"Each day is filled with countless simple joys which are the Lord's gift: the joy of living, the joy of seeing nature's beauty, the joy of a job well done, the joy of helping others, the joy of sincere and pure love"

Pope Benedict XVIth.

The Great House Challenge



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Summer Fair Fun!



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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

The joy of Christianity

As Pope Emeritus Benedict notes above, Christianity is a joyful religion - after the resurrection of Christ at Easter we should be clear in understanding that we have great things to look forward to. Death is not the end but the beginning of our eternal life. I'm pleased to say that there is much joy at Holy Family. Everyday there is laughter and fun (at least for some of the time!) This week we had lots of fun on our Enrichment Day when students worked together in their House groups and completed a range of problem solving activities, acts of physical strength and quizzes to earn points for their House. It was lovely to see students of different age groups working together and getting along well.

Community Action Day

Our Yr 12 students took part in our annual Student Community Action Day where they go and help local organisations such as our partner primary schools, our local care home, churches and so on to tidy up, clear up gardens or do some basic refurbishment. The students are always very positive and it is good to see them serving others.

We were delighted to receive the following feedback from Mr Alexander, the headteacher at St Joseph's Junior School: '...can I congratulate your Year 12 pupils, 20 of whom spent the day with us yesterday as part of their Community Action Day (including a few ex-pupils). They were the best group we have hosted and really engaged with the pupils and indeed the whole day, plus I got my prayer garden re-decorated and spruced up! It was nice to see them spending the lunchtime playing with the pupils and coaching basketball etc. They were a credit to you and the school'.

Transition Day

'Welcome to your new family, Holy Family' was the lesson to take home from our Yr 6-7 Transition Day on Wednesday. The new students were excellent and a credit to their primary schools and families and we look forward to welcoming them all in September. Most were both excited and a little nervous on arrival and, hopefully, they were still excited but not quite so nervous by the end of the day!

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Work experience

Yr 10 work experience begins on Monday 8th July for the final two weeks of the summer term. Staff will be visiting them all, mostly during the second week.

Visitors from China

Next week we shall be pleased to welcome a party of 25 Chinese students and their three teachers. They are visiting England and they asked if we would host them so that they get an experience of the UK educational system. We are looking forward to them coming and shall be practising our Mandarin with them.



And finally...

I'm sorry to report that we do receive complaints from time to time from members of the public about the poor behaviour of a small minority of Holy Family students on the way home from school. We had such an incident this week when some students were unruly in Grove Rd. Please talk to your son/daughter about the importance of good behaviour and being respectful and courteous on the way home. We have identified the students responsible and they will be dealt with severely because we will not allow the reputation of our school to be sullied by the anti-social behaviour of a few students.

Parents' surgery

Parents' surgery is every Thursday from 4pm to 5pm on the Walthamstow site. If ever I am unavailable, a member of the senior team substitutes for me.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

Dr Andy Stone

Headteacher

Headteacher Commendations



This week we have Headteacher commendations for **Sharon Davis in 8I**.

Not only she has progressed well but Sharon has a very grown up attitude and a very pleasant manner.

Remus Bujor in 8Ph is another student who had progressed extremely well and recently created an excellent fabric portrait. They were both nominated by Mrs Perera.

Headteacher Commendations



We also have commendations for **Maxwell Emmanuel** who has worked consistently hard and impressively in English throughout the whole year and for **Ayomide Akindayini** for impressive effort and engagement in English for the last six months. They were both nominated by Mr Myers.



Congratulations to them all.

SOCIAL MEDIA CATCHUP

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Vicky te Velde
@VickyteVelde

Full house at the [@HFCSWaltham](#) Achievement Evening. So much talent in one room!

Well done to all the pupils receiving an award tonight. Never stop aspiring.



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hfcswaltham Even though insta was down last night the year 13s still had a blast at their prom! Wishing them every success with their results this summer!



Year 7 Book Review Corner

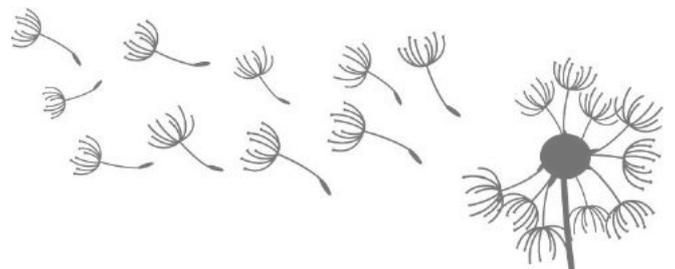
HARRY POTTER AND THE

CHAMBER OF SECRETS

Reviewed by: Nevin Roys

My favourite book is Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. Why? Because of the interesting things that happen, like magic and wizardry. What happens is that Harry was with his uncle and auntie and also his cousin Dudley. He thinks its like a prison cell in that house. So Ron and his twin brothers used their fathers magic car to get him out of that house and off to Ron's house. Next they where at Kings Cross St Pancreas to get the Hogwarts express to get to Hogwarts but they were to late for the bus so they used the magic car to get their they were also late for the assembly. So they got punished using magic in front of muggles. As Halloween was coming they were invited to a party in the dungeons. He went with his friends Ron and Hermione. As they were going to the Gryffindor common room they through on of the hallways and on the wall it said "THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS HAS OPENED ENEMIES OF THE HEIR BEWARE! They also saw the caretaker's cat was hanged on a peg dead. The whole school came just five seconds later they thought that they had written the words on the wall. Next they made a potion called the polyjuice potion so that they can look like Draco Malfoy's friends. Why? Because Draco Malfoy knows where it is. When they got to the chamber of secrets Ginny Weasley was lying down dead on the floor. Later he knew why that message was written on the wall and who the Heir of Slytherin was? Ginny was forced to write that message on the wall by the heir of Slytherin. The Heir of Slytherin was LORD VOLDEMORT! Next he faced the Basilisk the enormous snake. Suddenly Professor Dumbledore put the magic hat on the floor. It magic up a sword and with that he defeated the Basilisk and annihilated the book of Lord Voldemort's past and Ginny wasn't dead anymore. It was a happy ending I would recommend you to read this book it is really interesting.

Chaplaincy Corner



Lord, bless the passages and the transitions
that happen in our lives.

And if these changes in life cause us pain,
guide us to healing and deeper understanding.

May we let go with courage.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

This week we welcomed the new Year 7 intake for their transition day. The new students will go from being the oldest and most familiar with their primary schools, to again being the youngest. Finding out where everything is, trying to remember the name of lots of teachers, new routines etc. Similarly, the current Year 8 students spent the day on the upper site with the same feelings.

It was interesting to hear from some of the current Year 7s, all excited to see friends or siblings and also finding it hard to think that a year has passed, and they will return in September as Year 8s.

Change is natural if not always smooth as we move from one phase of life to another. Change means letting go and accepting what will come. It is now time for seeds to begin the process for the next life cycle.

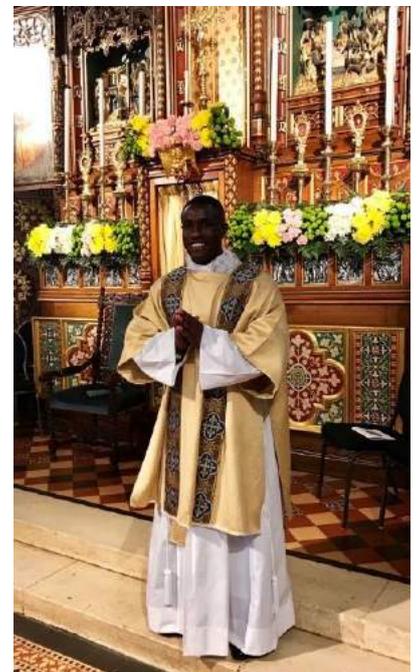
Called by God for the service of His people

Some of you will remember Paschal Uche, a former chaplain at Holy Family.

Paschal was ordained to the Diaconate last Saturday in Birmingham, where he is a seminarian.

He will be ordained a Priest in 2020.

He asks that we remember him in our prayers.



FEAST OF ST. RICHARD

HOUSE DAY CELEBRATION!

On Thursday we belatedly celebrated the Feast Day of St Richard, one of our House saints. Students from Year 7 through to Sixth Form came together to celebrate Mass at Our Lady & St George parish.

Many thanks to students from Years 7, 8 and 9 who volunteered to read, serve and to take part in the offertory.

Later in the day they had lunch together and were treated to an ice cream (welcome in the lovely sunshine), courtesy of the Friends of Holy Family.



The Great House Challenge

On Tuesday 2nd July 2019 students took part in The Great House Challenge. Students were in mixed teams of years 7 to 10 and competed in a range of team building activities with other students in their House. Activities included Spiderweb, Minefield, Tug of War and The Balloon Race.

Pride, teamwork, competition, citizenship, leadership, and participation are core values of our House system. Opportunities such as House Enrichment days are an excellent way to develop these qualities and students in the past have thoroughly enjoyed these days.

A huge congratulations to all students and to St Richard's House who were the overall winners!



YEAR 12 VISIT TO LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER

As the last few weeks of Year 12 are drawing in, it is now the time for students to start thinking and processing which universities, post-18 choices and courses they intend to go on to.

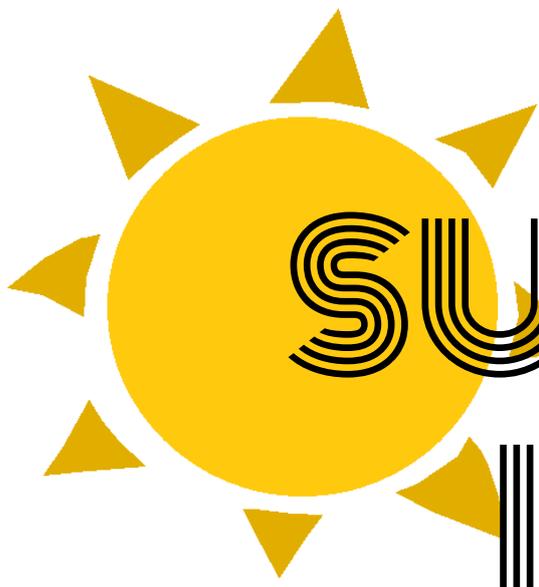
Last week, some students were given the opportunity to spend two days in the East Midlands to experience the university feel out of London and more of a campus based experience.

We were blessed to have the best of both worlds of a pure campus based university - with accommodation and a city of their own - and a campus with the city and accommodation separate.

All students were given the opportunity to have campus tours with student ambassadors and were able to ask a variety of questions which related to the experiences and the yes and no's of first year and so on.

Overall, the trip gave us the true realisation of how close we are to applying for our university choices for September 2020, but to also be prepared for what is to be expected. Staying overnight in Leicester/Loughborough also established the independence as well as the feeling of freedom and growth in maturity. This really has put our future plans into perspective which some may continue to stay in London or definitely move out into the country, regardless of our decisions, we are definitely eager to go out and build our legacies within the next year and after.





2019

SUMMER FAIR





Solitary Bee Week

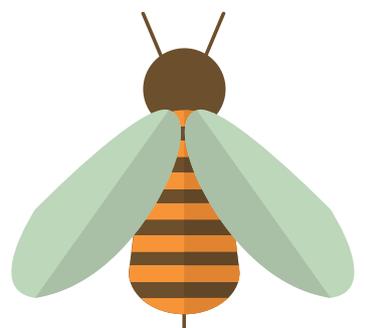
RAISING AWARENESS OF ALL BEES



Miss Barry has been a busy-bee this week letting us all know about the importance of saving the bees! DID YOU KNOW there's over 240 species of solitary bee just in the UK.

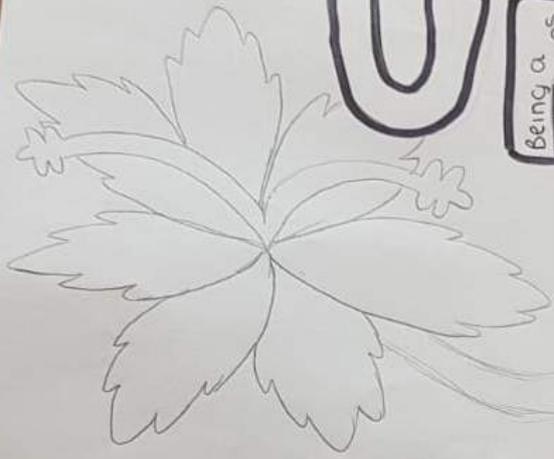
This week is to raise awareness that not all bees live in hives or colonies or make honey. Yet they are all incredibly important because they are pollinators and if we don't have them then our food gets scarce, read the page above to find out more!

We think spreading the word about solitary bees is the best way to make people love the 'other' bees, our students have written some poems to spread the word!



NATURE'S UNSUNG HEROES

THEIR UNTOLD STORY...



Being a solitary bee...

It's like only living your life without being free.

It's the complete opposite to being a human being.

Who don't have to work to be free

We have to follow the cry of a nation.

We are never really recognised.

But to be honest we tend to save a couple hundred lives.

We wake up with mourning.

At 6 o'clock we wake up at morning's call.

All the brothers and sisters we've lost.

I don't know how we are still walking.

But what really is fun.

is all the flowers, buds and gardens I've come to see and pollinate.

These wings flapping and fluttering by my side.

Really, and truly do feel great.

Then I drop to the ground, I try to have a rest and sleep sweet and sound.

Then these huge beasts come down with their blankets for a big feast.

But then I arise. And sorry if I seem like an annoying fly.

But if you wear yellow, I'm only trying to do my job.

There is no need to throw your Jello.

Then I had to dodge your cheese and chips.

There's no need to throw a massive fit.

Then what seems to be a few steps away may be my only gateway.

Then we made it. To the woods.

But soon there won't be any woods to hide.

Because of all you humans, my habitat

where all my friends want to stay

because of all you humans, my childhood may

be no more...



OUR



solitary

BEE

Our pollinated food,
which saves our mood,
comes from a creature,
with more than one amazing feature.

Doesn't even sting,
there's so much it could bring,
but soon enough they'll disappear,
if we don't make the warning clear.

Our main focus is "me",
but what about
OUR SOLITARY BEE!

Solitary

Bees



Buzz
Bzzzz

They help produce about a 1/3 of our food

There are many types including Woodhorses and Mining bees

They are 90% of the bee population



They are mostly harmless

They live alone in solitude, hence their name!

They do not produce honey nor wax

Solitary bees, are what we see, not bumble or honey bees.

Living in Solitude is its style, no other bees to disturb.

No Wax to make,
No honey at stake,

It does not defend
It only brings
So no painful stings!

So do not poke or sting!

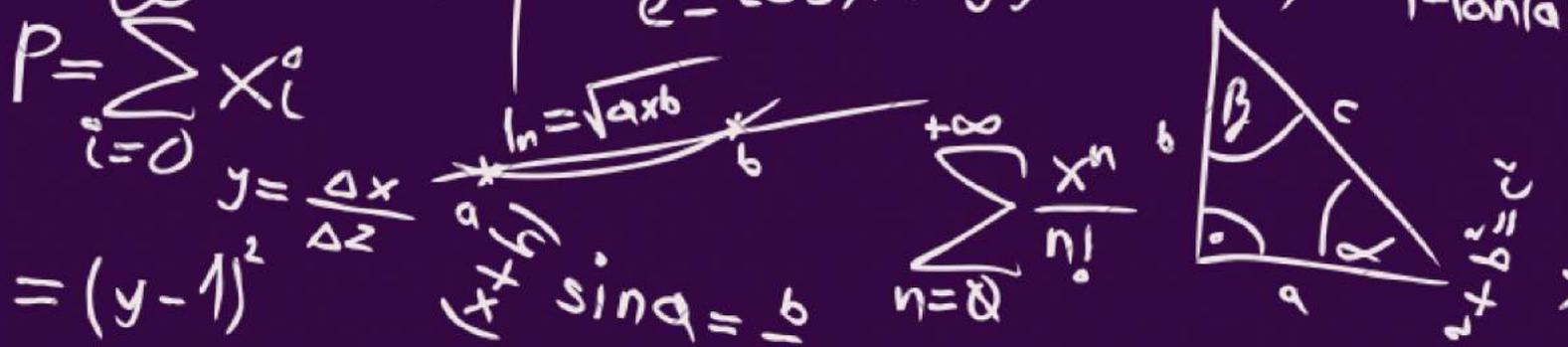
Now these bees give us thieves food, but no one notices

and now they are going extinct,

cannot act in their instinct,

As they are linked to their habitat.





MATHS CORNER

Solutions from last week's Riddles:

Two Fathers and Two Sons Riddle

Two fathers and two sons sat down to eat eggs for breakfast. They ate exactly three eggs, each person had an egg. The riddle is for you to explain how

One of the 'fathers' is also a grandfather. Therefore the other father is both a son and a father to the grandson.

In other words, the one father is both a son and a father.

The Merchant

A merchant can place 8 large boxes or 10 small boxes into a carton for shipping. In one shipment, he sent a total of 96 boxes. If there are more large boxes than small boxes, how many cartons did he ship?

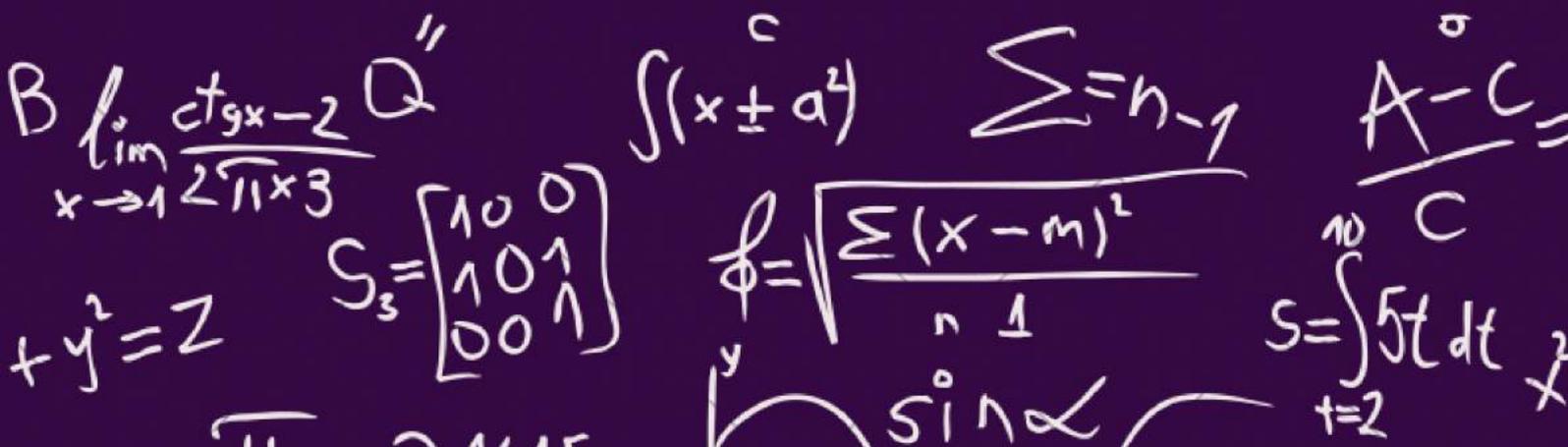
11 cartons total

7 large boxes (7 * 8 = 56 boxes)

4 small boxes (4 * 10 = 40 boxes)

11 total cartons and 96 boxes

SEE MRS ASANTE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS



$$y = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$e = 2,79$$

$$P = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i^a$$

$$e = \cos x + \sin x$$

$$\tan(2a) = \frac{2 \tan(a)}{1 - \tan^2(a)}$$

$$y = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta z}$$

$$= (y-1)^2$$

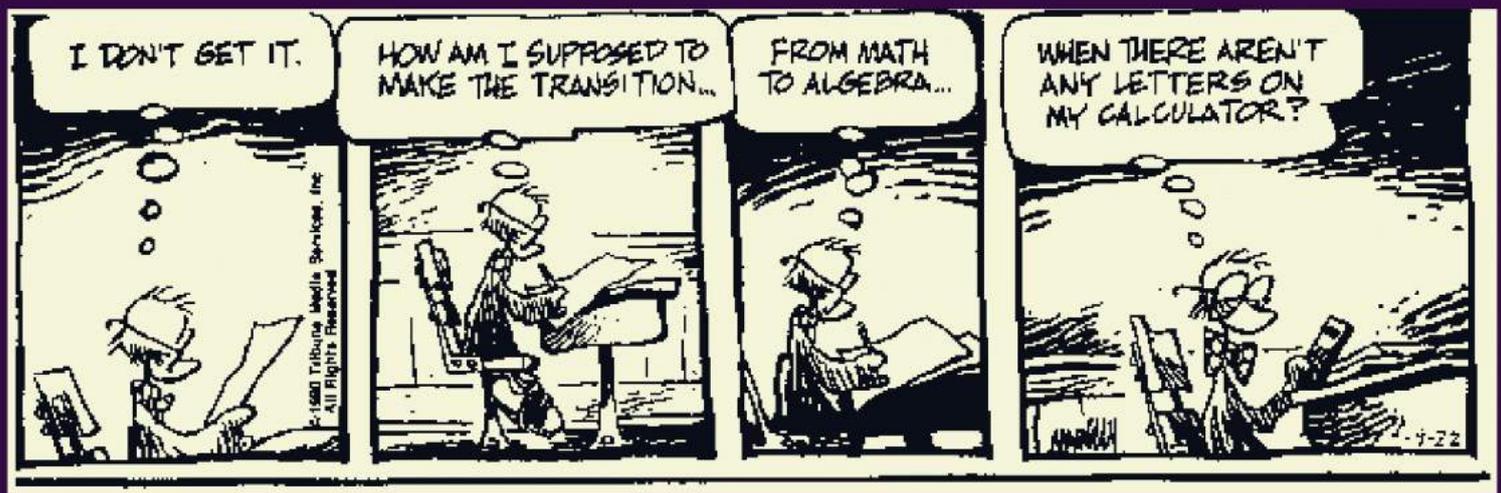
$$ln = \sqrt{a \cdot b}$$

$$(x+y) \sin a = b$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

MATHS JOKES



$$B \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\cot x - 2}{2\sqrt{1-x^3}}$$

$$S_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\phi = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x - m)^2}{n-1}}$$

$$S = \int_2^{\infty} 5t dt$$

$$\pi \approx 3,1415$$

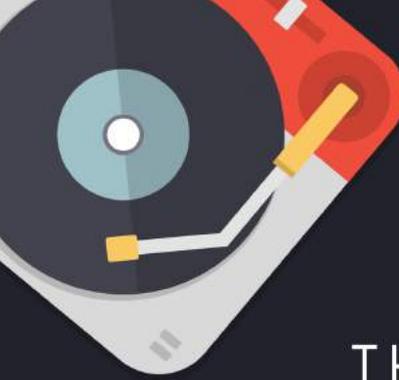
$$P = r^2 \pi$$

$$\Delta t = T - \frac{3a}{x}$$

$$(x+y)^2 = \left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta y} = \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 1} \frac{\Delta x + 2}{\Delta y - 1}$$

$$A - C = \frac{10}{C}$$



THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS



A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

SUMMER CONCERT 2019



THURSDAY 11TH JULY
6.30PM - 7.30PM
WALTHAMSTOW SITE HALL



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