

SJIIM Weekly Update

29 March 2019



Lasallian Reflection from Brother Jason:

Dear Lasallians,

This article is being written on March 29th - a significant date for Lasallians in this part of the world.

167 years ago, an eleven-year old mostly ordinary, but smaller-than-usual, Belgian boy was a student at the Brothers' School in the town of Mellet. His mother ran a café that served Belgian ale and his father was a blacksmith. At the same time, approximately 88 kilometers away at the town of Antwerp, a rather pretty ship, the *La Julie*, was preparing to set sail with its precious cargo of six De La Salle Brothers bound for the warm climate of Asia. First arriving in colonial Singapore on March 29th, 1852, Brothers Lothaire Combes, Venere Chapuis and Jerome King made their way up north and founded St Xavier's Institution in Penang in April 1852; the other three Brothers remained in Singapore and eventually set up St Joseph's Institution there.

Perhaps from the above, we could offer this reflection: Six pioneer Brothers set sail from Europe to Asia and planted the metaphorical *Lasallian seed* that has now grown into quite a big *Lasallian tree*. Parts of that tree have grown to their full potential, served its purpose and have withered away or are in various stages of stagnation and decay. Yet other parts of that tree are sprouting new shoots. Some have planted a new tree altogether. The question that can be asked is: What are the seeds that we are sowing? Or want to sow? What are the seeds that need to be planted? And what might be some of the fruits that will be reaped in the future?

SJIIM is a young plant. With all the many service project initiatives that have been started (and more being planned) by various groups within the school community, I am amazed at how quickly our Lasallian seed is growing its first shoots and roots! De La Salle would have shared in this amazement as well.

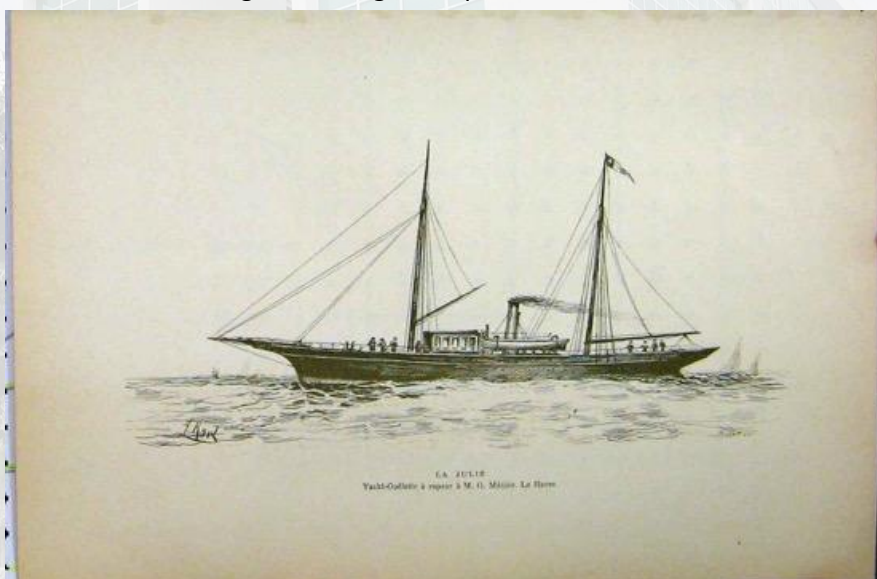
It would be true to say that the *eleven-year old mostly ordinary, but smaller-than-usual, boy in 1852* whom I mentioned above, benefitted from our *Lasallian Tree* in Belgium. He grew up to be the future St Brother Mutien-Marie Wiaux.

Happy Lasallian Foundation in Asia Day!

Yours in De La Salle

Br Jason Blaikie, FSC
Brother Director

Insert: *La Julie* successfully purchased at auction by the former Brother Director of St Joseph's. The original is vacuum sealed in Singapore



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Whole School Update

[Open Day - Sunday 7th April](#) - Please see our Open Day flyer.

Mass - 2nd April - Next week's Mass has been cancelled .

April 8th: Paraliturg Service for Easter

On April 8th at 08:15 am we will have a special paraliturg service for Easter. This will take place in the Blackbox on Level 1. Catholic students and families from Year 1 are invited to attend. Students, staff and families from our high school are also warmly invited.

ES CCAs Term 2

The final day for non-paid CCAs this term will be Monday, April 1st. Paid CCAs will run until Thursday, April 4th.

HS CCAs Term 2

Please be informed the last day of CCAs this term for High School is on 5th April.

Zomi Sports Kit Donation Project

A group of students in the High School are collecting donations of old sports equipment for Zomi Kids (Kuala Lumpur centre). In particular, they are looking for sports jerseys (such as football kits), shorts, football boots or trainers and football socks. The age of the children ranges from 4-19 and are mainly the children of Myanmar Refugees. SJIIM has a long standing relationship with the centre (going back almost three years) with the project being started by our first cohort and continued by successive cohorts. If you have any pre-loved equipment that you'd like to donate please email Mr Cairns (gcairns@sjj-international.edu.my) and he will see that it is passed on to the IB students. High School children can take their donations straight to the Student Wellbeing Centre on the second floor of the High School. Elementary School children can place their donations in the Lasallian Centre.

SJIIM World Book Week 23th-26th April

The week after the Easter holiday (**23-26 April**) will see Elementary and High School collaborating on a series of tasks to celebrate World Book Week. This will include a series of classroom collaborations between English classes of Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 and Elementary classes of Years 1,2,3 and 4: the elder classes will work with their younger schoolmates on a divergent mix of tasks centred around the elementary class' book of choice. Year 10, for example, will work with Year 4 in understanding and developing their study of Dear Greenpeace: There's a Whale in Emily's Pond, with younger students taking a role as interviewers who 'hotseat' the elder student who takes on the part of the whale!

There will also be a book swap, and parents and students are encouraged to bring in old books which can be deposited at the front of the school, before being 'swapped' for a different book at the week's end.

The week's finale will see SJIIM's first whole school dress up day, **with students and teachers in the HS able to dress up as a character of their choice from a favourite book**: the students are already very excited about this and it would be wonderful if parents can support their children in finding or making a costume for **Friday April 26th**. Please note that if a book costume is not to be worn then students are expected to attend school in usual school uniform.

Thank you for supporting this exciting week across the school!

Basement Carpark

Please be reminded to switch your car engines off if you are waiting in the basement carpark. The engine fumes are polluting the area.

Next Academic Year 2019/20 Draft Calendar is available via this [link](#).

Whole School Update

[Willy Wonka Production](#) - Thursday 4th April - Saturday 6th April 2019

Have you got a Willy Wonka golden ticket yet?

If not, do grab a few, tickets are selling off quick!

Come & support our young actors, as they perform at our inaugural ES production: **Roald Dahl's - Willy Wonka Jr.** They would be only too excited to see you there.

In keeping with the true Lasallian spirit, SJIIM has invited children from a local orphanage and refugee families, on Thursday night, to watch the show.

So, join Willy Wonka as he takes you into his world of pure imagination!

Tickets available at the ES office @ Rm20.

Thursday 4th April @ 5:30 pm

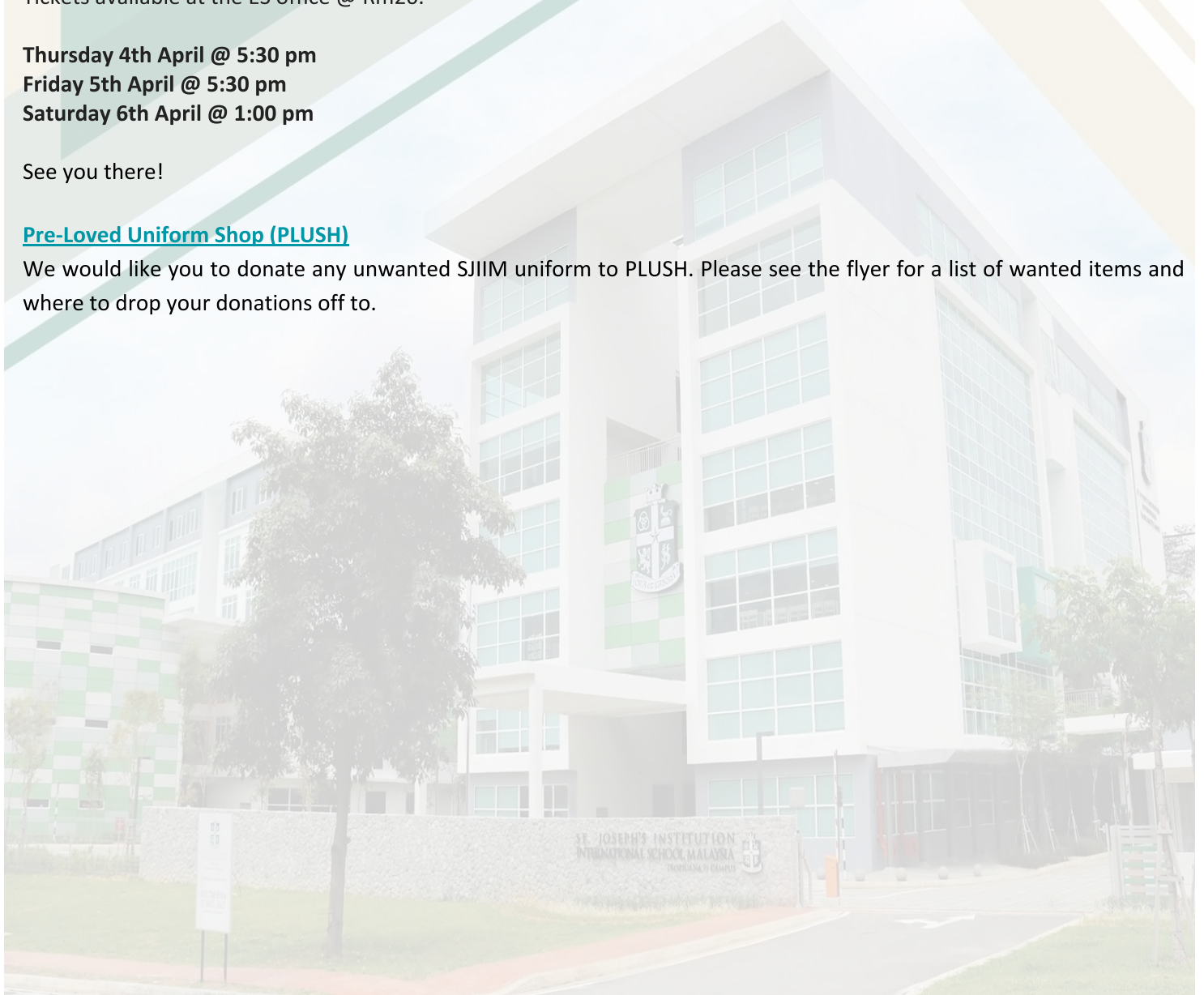
Friday 5th April @ 5:30 pm

Saturday 6th April @ 1:00 pm

See you there!

[Pre-Loved Uniform Shop \(PLUSH\)](#)

We would like you to donate any unwanted SJIIM uniform to PLUSH. Please see the flyer for a list of wanted items and where to drop your donations off to.





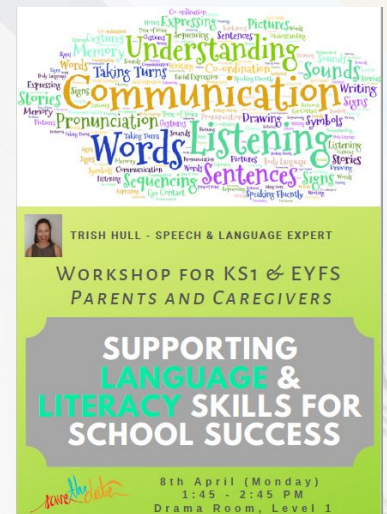
Elementary School

A group of ten young soccer players and their coach are posing for a photo on a grassy field. The players are wearing green jerseys with blue accents and blue shorts. One player on the right is wearing an orange jersey. They are all wearing blue caps and white socks. A soccer ball is on the ground in front of them. The coach, a man in a green and white shirt, stands behind them. In the background, there is a soccer goal and a fence.

EYFS & KS1 Parent Workshop

Please bring helpers/nannies/grandparents (anyone who supports your child) to gain ideas in the best way to develop your child for school success.

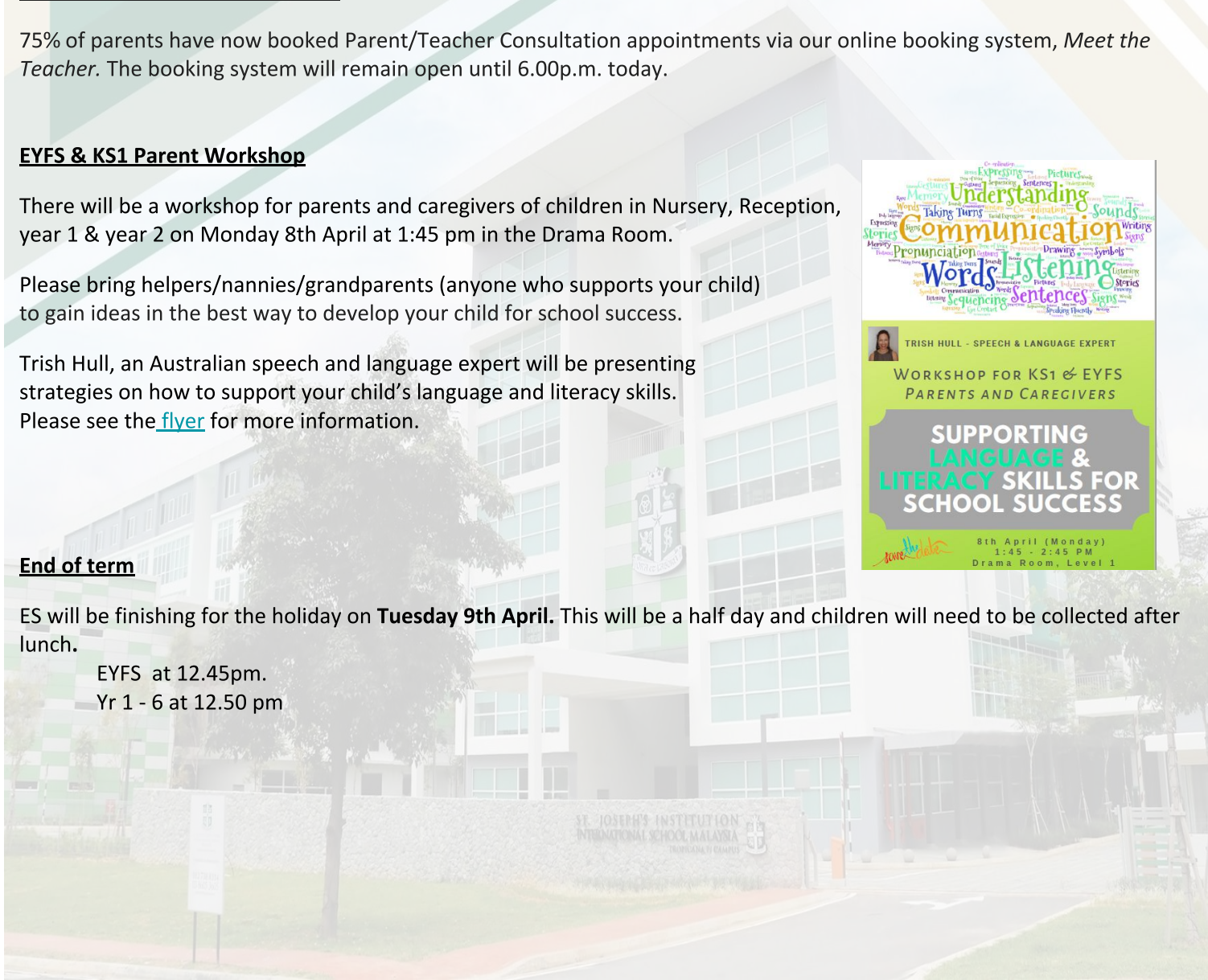
Trish Hull, an Australian speech and language expert will be presenting strategies on how to support your child's language and literacy skills. Please see the [flyer](#) for more information.



ES will be finishing for the holiday on **Tuesday 9th April**. This will be a half day and children will need to be collected after lunch.

EYFS at 12.45pm.

Yr 1 - 6 at 12.50 pm



High School Update

Congratulation to Nicol Yong

This past weekend, Year 13 student Nicol Yong Jia Jia won the China Daily "21st Century Cup" International English Speaking Competition in Hangzhou, Zhejiang province. With more than 31 competitors from 30 different countries and regions, the competition was fierce. In fact, the second prize winner hailing from China is a final year English Literature student at Tsinghua University. Even though Nicol was one of the youngest competitors, she showcased three character traits that allowed her to stand out from the rest: firstly, Nicol spent hours rehearsing and applying feedback to her speeches prior to presenting them; secondly, her flexibility and willingness to reflect allowed her to make last-minute changes moments before going on-stage; and finally, she displayed confidence all throughout her performance, using humour and vulnerability to engage the audience. The topics of the speeches were: "let us be true to one another" and "the great truth is simple". You can read more about the competition here. Additionally, on the same day she won the competition, she also found out that she was accepted into Yale-NUS in Singapore, which offers her dream programme of study. We are all so happy for you, Nicol!

Term 2 Reports

The Term 2 reports for students in Years 7- 10 & 12 will be issued on Friday 5th April. These will be issued via Managebac. A further email will be sent on Friday 5th April and will provide instructions on how to access these reports. It is the same process used for Term 1 reports.

Y11 & Y13 Study leave

Year 11 and Year 13 have their last day of formal lessons on Tuesday 9th April. After the holidays they will commence their study leave. A full revision programme and exam schedule will be sent to parents and students before the end of the term. Students are welcome to come into school to seek help from their teachers. Full school uniform should be worn when students attend school or exams.

Ski Trip

18 students and 3 staff members are meeting at KL International on Friday evening to embark on the very first SJIIM Ski Trip. The group is travelling, via Dubai to Geneva Switzerland and then continuing on to Crans Montana resort where we will be staying for a week of skiing and other fun activities. Each day students will be taught by experienced ski instructors, will eat fabulous home cooked food and then take part in an afternoon and evening activity, such as ice skating, disco, rock climbing, and other team activities. Students will be receiving their souvenir Ski Trip hoodies this week, perfect for travelling and those cold evenings . . . which we rarely get here in KL! Photos and updates to follow. A

Xi'An Trip

We are pleased to announce that 30 students from Year 8, 9, 10 and 12 have signed up for the Xi'an Trip and we will be departing on Wednesday, 10th April.

We will meet at the Departure Hall Information Counter in KLIA2 at **4.00pm on Wednesday, 10 April**. On Tuesday, 16 April, we are estimated to arrive at around 7am, parents and guardians may meet us at the exit of arrival hall after 7.30am.

Below are the info of the flights:

Departure Date	Destination	Flight Number	Departure (ETD)	Arrival (ETA)
10 Apr 2019 (Wed)	KUL – XIY	D7 346	0905	0025
16 Apr 2019 (Tue)	XIY – KUL	D7 347	0140	0655

High School Update

LYM Leadership Formation Camp

SJIIM's first Lasallian Leadership Formation Camp (LLFC01) ended on the 23rd of March 2019. It was a very unique camp particularly because the camp was initiated and organised by our very own students- Anissa Ng, Dhiirsyha Vinesh, Taewon Choi, Wayne Lau, Dang Vu Minh, Lanz Bosita, and Nicol Yong. For some of them, this was part of their 'Action Plan' upon participating in the 28th National Lasallian Youth Convention in Ipoh last December. We are proud that they have put together an inaugural formation camp for the leaders of SJIIM to ensure that the school continues to grow and appreciate our Lasallian heritage in its different areas of leadership.

Besides learning more about the life of the Founder as well as new Lasallian songs and cheers, the students also got to listen to speakers from graduates of our Lasallian partner schools who are still involved in Lasallian camps and activities despite going on to their work life and university studies. We also had great bonding sessions between different year groups and we hope to see that carry on in the school as we build a stronger community.

Toward the end of the camp, our SJIIM leaders also came up with their own Action Plans and we hope to see them implemented in school very soon. A big thank you to all our parents, student leaders, organisers, partners, and staff who came to support this new endeavour. Ora et Labora!



Useful Links



[ES Student Absence Form](#)

[HS Student Absence Form](#)



[PSG - UMMC Visit](#)

[PSG - Character Development
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[PSG - Parent Virtue Talk](#)

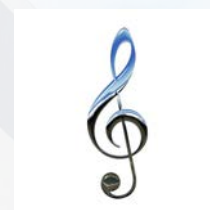


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