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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The owl of Minerva spreads its wings only with the falling of the dusk."

Hegel

GENERAL

Notes from the Lighthouse

"Congratulations, dear Robert!!! It is a really very very important activity the job your school is doing for our young generation, Thank you very much for such investment in our generation of new citizens, citizens of the future of the Moldova state. This is a very important model of education of our society. Thank you for encouraging parents of your people to accept your model of education, for recruiting the team you built, and for your great experience and decision to do your important job, here in Moldova.I am so proud that I discovered your school activity. Good luck, dear Robert. With high appreciation, Veronica Lupu, Chairwoman of the AWCS, Moldova"

Anyone involved in education and working with children or young people, know that no two days are the same. The incredible highs and lows that come from ensuring we guide, nurture, challenge and educate our precious next generation is always something we never get used to, nor should be in many respects. The quote from the German philosopher Hegel, I was asked to complete an assignment once as a school student, and it always struck me then how important it was to allow wisdom to emerge once a full picture had come into view and in education, as in life, often reflection comes long after the event. As a student and a teacher, to use the American writer's Faulkner's words, the past often isn't even the past. We have asked students to make sure they are writing down or recording somehow, their thoughts, feelings and reflections, as they live through undoubtedly, one of the most tumultuous periods of their young lives. I have been really impressed with the very thoughtful pieces from the Student Council on Instagram and shared them with many colleagues here and around the World to see what our students are feeling. Their resilience and sense of perspective is humbling. We are so proud of them and how they have coped. This is also important to make sense of our lives and to see them in context, especially in such times. The owl of Minerva flying in the dark also made me think of the moments when we have our "3am thoughts" and this weekend, as families went outside for the first time in weeks here in Moldova, as well as countries such as Spain and Italy, as restrictions were eased slightly, all of us started to look ahead to a new chapter of this crisis as it continues to twist and turn. As a school leadership team, as with any leadership, or job is to try and see around the corners, and as the World looked to Vietnam, Hong Kong and Denmark partially going back to school, we have planned for all eventualities getting to the end of May and these last four weeks of this extraordinary academic year in the young life of our school. As the old joke goes, how do you make God laugh, tell him you have a plan.

Well, at the risk of Divine humour, we do have a plan and it is to continue our daily education, care and educate our young people for these remaining weeks and to continue to plan for the next academic year. Mrs Lynda made the point in the weekly staff meetings the importance of hope and looking forward with optimism as we daily interact and teach our students. The hope also comes from celebrating life and events when we can and this week, as an eTwinning school, with so many eTwinning projects benefiting our students, we marked the 9th May and the remarkable vision of people like Robert Schumann, Jean Monnet and Paul Henri Spaak, that created an idea out of the horrors and destruction of World War II to ensure the continent of Europe worked and collaborated together in peace and trust to build a more prosperous and hopeful World for all Europeans. On the 15th May we will celebrate the day of the Family and we know our families come in all shapes, guises and disguises but they are central to us in our love and support as individuals. We honour and recognise as a school the strength and relationships we have with our families as we work together as one school community. Looking forward to the summer, as with my colleagues at home, teaching daily from their living rooms and kitchens, doubling their workloads and juggling their own families, I am also definitely looking forward to finding a way home for the summer break to see my family after these months.

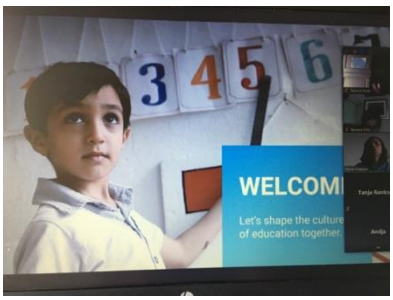
It is has been my privilege to have received all kinds of messages of support in recognition of the work the school community has done over the last couple of months, in the most challenging of circumstances, to ensure meaningful, daily, challenging and interactive learning continues, school life continues and our students continue to develop and progress

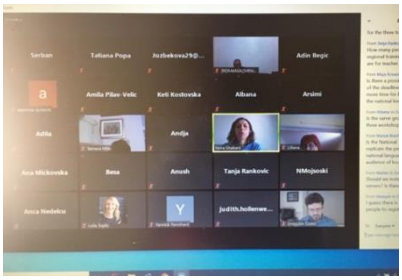
as they would if we were physically on the campus. The School is and remains OPEN. The words from one of our recent Founders' Lecture speakers, the incredible Human Rights lawyer, Veronica Lupu, really humbled me, because knowing her remarkable, harrowing and inspirational work her words mean a great deal speaking to our values and mission as a school as the Founders intended for Heritage and Moldova over three years ago. The wisdom of that decision and plan is now becoming more clear and as Veronica remarked, what we are all doing here for the younger generation in their education, social responsibility, values, intellectual development and the role models we provide is our society's hope for the 2020s and beyond. We don't need a wise old owl to remind us of this purpose. Our remarkable team of teachers and support staff live it daily for our children.

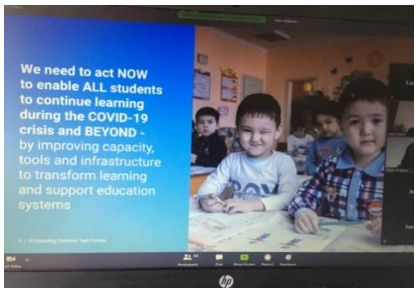
Rob Ford, Director.

Heritage in the media:

Head of International Education & eTwinning ambassador, Tatiana Popa, has been invited onto a global UNICEF task Force, by the Ministry of Education, to launch an international education platform looking at educational issues around technology and learning that will help global citizens in all countries. This is a real honour recognising our work and Tatiana started her role on the task force this week.



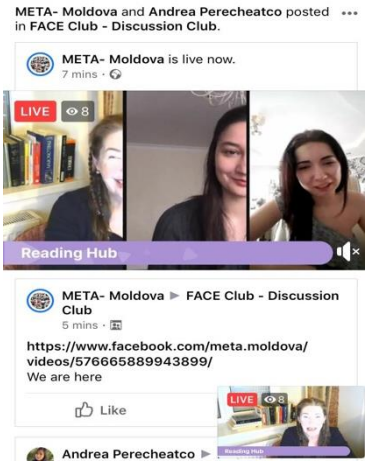




In June, director Rob Ford, has been invited to speak at a special conference in the UK by the British Council and Eton College, about the importance of international education for the 2020s, using our model at Heritage. This will be a very unique and prestigious collaboration between Heritage and arguably the most famous private school in the World, and certainly one of the oldest.

We updated our Crisis Management Matrix (CMM) this week (4th May) to include our principles on school re-opening before September. The Prime Minister's announcement on Monday has made that very unlikely but the update is there in case: http://www.heritage.md/en/coronavirus-updates/

Mrs. Lynda, took part in the second story reading for children across Moldova this week for META, choosing "The Beautiful".



FAQs

Q1: Will there be another opportunity for a whole school virtual choir again before the end of the academic year?

A1: *We are planning several such opportunities across all schools as put together performances for Family Day on the 15th May, Founders' Day 27th May and International*

Week w/c 25-29 May. If your child is interested in getting involved please email Mrs Stela or Mrs Nina (stela.negura@heritage.md nina.dorin@heritage.md)

Q2: Is the school planning to raise fees for 2020-21 because of the additional costs of the DLP?

A2:No. It is reported that there are a lot of fee paying schools doing this but we are not. This was the decision of the LT & Board last week when they met. The school will not be passing on its additional costs incurred to operate the DLP to families and we will not be raising fees for 2020-21 as we all acknowledge the difficult economic climate our families are in because of the crisis.

Q3: As it looks more than certain that International Week will be online, what can parents do to help?

A3: With the announcement of PM Chicu yesterday, schools will be closed in Moldova until September so we know that International Week will be virtual. We need as much support as possible from our families to make this a worthy celebration of an extraordinary 3rd Year for our school. Contact your child's tutor and teachers to ask what can be done to help. We are collating the Yearbook at the moment, putting together various songs from students and collating photos of the year.

Q4: When will we find out about Summer School and are there plans for an intense English Language Summer School?

A4: Mrs Tatiana Arnautu and her team have finalised the Summer School format and will be sending this out to families and advertising how to join next week. We are looking to put on an intense English Language Summer School as well if you are interested and contact Tatiana at the school directly (tatiana.arnautu@heritage.md)

Q5: I have friends wanting to know more about the virtual Open Day on the 16th May & to access the virtual tour. How do they sign up?

A5: Tell them to contact the school directly. The virtual tour and brochure will be made available next week and we have had considerable interest in new families wanting to join for September 2020.

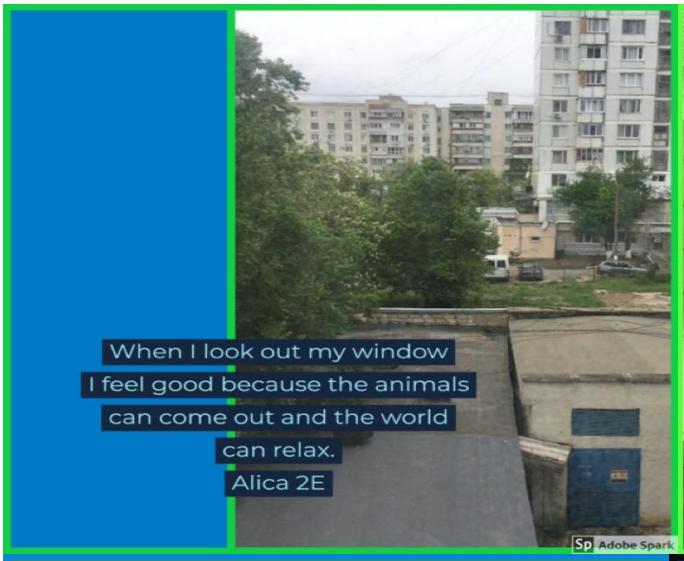
Q6: Will there be an opportunity for a parental survey at the end of the year?

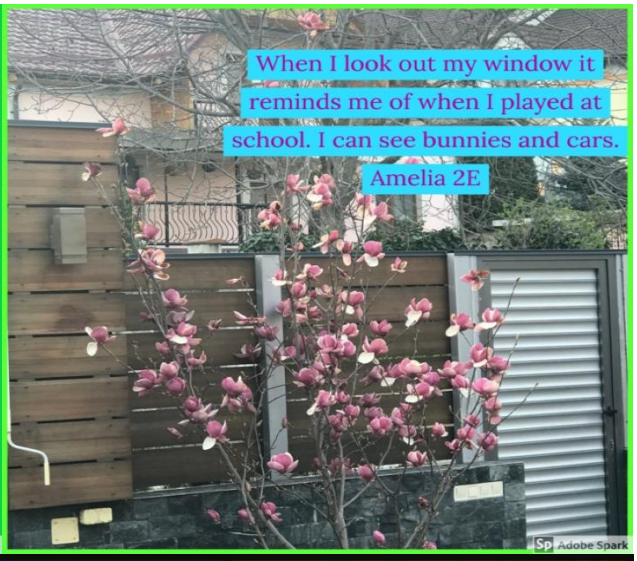
A6: We will be collating structured feedback from all stakeholders formally at the end of the academic year in the summer; students, staff and parents, in a formal way as the school undertakes its annual self analysis review and looks at what priorities to focus on for the new academic year. This is an established part of the school's self improvement cycle and how we address common issues and draw up our priorities going forward. This will be available in June/July.

Our Bright Shine students **:**

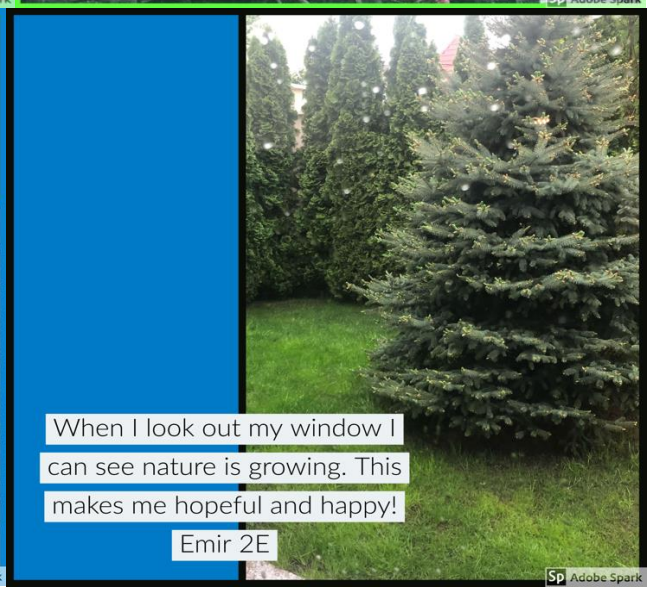
Synesthesia Art Gallery by grade 3
https://sites.google.com/heritage.md/artgallery/third-grade?authuser=0

2E View from my Window Project

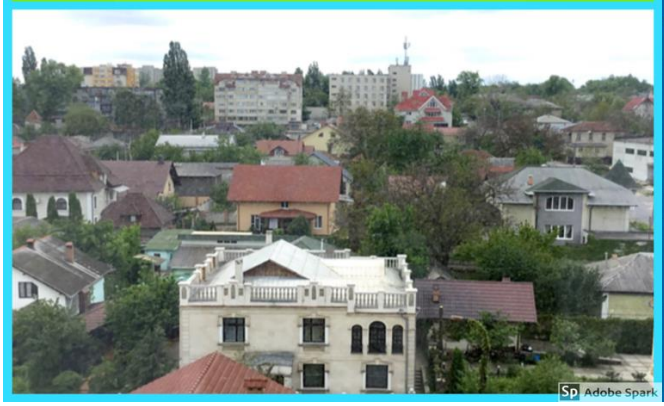




When I look out and see the sunshine or rain I feel a few different things. The sunshine makes me happy.
Annie 2E



When I look out my window I feel like I am on a tropical island, because my dream is to go to Hawaii!
Erik 2E



When I look out my window I feel like we will really end this! I tell myself to never give up!
Helen 2E

studentcouncilheritage
Chisinau, Moldova

Heritage International School

***I**, Gesica Sirbu, an eighth-grade student of Heritage International School, have studied here for already three years. I would like to say that here at Heritage International School, I have made many beautiful memories and greatly developed my knowledge. I am thankful to be given this opportunity of attending this fantastic school!*

***T**he teachers of Heritage International School are the greatest! They have kind hearts and are very knowledgeable. They are the most important factor in a student's success as they do very much for us; they work hard and are determined to provide us with an excellent education, as well as they encourage us to do our very best in school.*

***H**eritage International School students are incredibly friendly, active, and have unique personalities. They spread happiness all around, and we learn from them as they are great role models. Even with our diverse nationalities, we are still a massive family!*

***H**ere at Heritage International School, we are all united. We all collaborate with one another to make our school a safe, healthy, and welcoming environment. During difficult situations, we also strive to help and support each other. This is what makes our school feel like home. This is what makes Heritage International School a family for many scholars from our school and me as well!*

Gesica Sirbu

Distance Learning at Heritage International School

Mariella-

The question that is currently asked very often is : What is distance learning and what are student's personal opinions about it?

Distance learning describes any learning that happens without the students being physically present in the lesson.
Studies indicate that distance learning can be as effective as the traditional format when the methods are appropriate to the teaching tasks, there is student-teacher interaction, and the teachers provide students with appropriate and timely feedback. Distance education, like any education, establishes a learning group, sometimes called a learning community, which is composed of students, a teacher, and instructional resources—i.e., the books, audio, video, and graphic displays that allow the student to access the content of instruction.Distance learning traditionally has focused on nontraditional students, such as full-time workers, military personnel, and nonresidents or individuals in remote regions who are unable to attend classroom lectures. However, distance learning has become an established part of the educational world, with trends pointing to ongoing growth.

Sabina-

Because of the quarantine that was caused by Covid-19, all the schools in the Republic of Moldova were forced to close in order to prevent the spread of the virus. Our school had already been prepared for an urgent situation similar to this one. The administration, together with the teachers have prepared on time everything the students needed to continue the studying from a distance. I am going to talk about my personal experience with the online studying program.

I personally stay in awe of distance learning. I find DLP (Distance Learning Program) an extremely great way to discover new personal interests and develop yourself in other areas. You don't have to waste time commuting every day, and you can even wake up just before the lessons. It usually saves a lot of time and makes you focus on more important things. Not to mention that online learning provides much more opportunities that we have never experienced in school, such as doing more complex presentations, working with different applications during the lesson, etc. Another advantage of DLP is that it is a great opportunity for students to develop responsibility and management because the teachers can not always be in control of the students' actions during the lessons, that's why the students have to take the obligation to control their own studying process.

However, there are still some disadvantages of online learning. As I mentioned above, teachers can not observe all the actions of the students, which makes the lesson more unusual and atypical. Also, this way of learning makes it harder to do the tests and the final assessments. In this situation it all relies on the honesty and fairness of students. Spending many hours daily in front of a screen can affect our vision, that's why the teachers try to keep us busy from the monitor during the lessons.

To wrap it up, online studying has its own advantages and disadvantages. Nevertheless, it is a great experience for each of us to explore a way of learning we have never tried before. One day the quarantine will end and everything will become as before. We just have to be patient because DLP is the best way to protect us and the environment from the spread of the virus and it also helps us do not stay behind with the learning curriculum.

Bogdana-

The COVID-19 affected countries all around the world which led to most of the schools shifting to distance learning. And when we say most of the schools, we mean the schools that have the conditions and facilities for distance learning, the countries that have a medium economical state and Moldova is one of them. Different countries use different methods and apps/websites for distance learning.The most common apps/websites used are: Google Classroom, Google Meet, Zoom, The Big Blue Button. Some schools came up with incredible ideas, like some schools in Japan. The students that needed to graduate and couldn't, made an online graduation via Minecraft.Universities practise distance learning too.Here are top 10 best universities in Europe:

1.Wageningen University and Research (WUR), the Netherlands
2.Freie Universitat Berlin, Germany
3.Stockholm University, Sweden
4.Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
5.University of Oxford, the UK
6.University of Nicosia, Cyprus
7. EU Business School, Spain
8.Swiss School of Business and Management, Switzerland
9.International Telematic University UNINETTUNO, Italy
10.Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL), Belgium

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BEST 8 WAYS TO BUILD RESILIENCE

1 I have resilient adults around me

What you model matters

2 I am good at some things and need to work on others

Find and celebrate strengths

3 I am hopeful and positive even when it's tough!

Teach optimistic thinking to power success

4 I can cope with change

Build capacity to be adaptable and flexible

5 I can practise to achieve my goal

Resilience is supported by people who mentor, guide and model

6 I have people who help me to shine

Connection to meaning and purpose fuels the many steps to mastery

7 I can learn from mistakes and solve problems

Problem solving and taking action leads to self-improvement

8 I am me – and that's enough

Self-acceptance builds the capacity to embrace strengths and accept challenges

BEST PROGRAMS 4 KIDS

10 Things We Can Learn From Superheros
1 We all have something we are good at.
2 Being different can give you power.
3 Embrace who you are and be proud of it.
4 Adversity can be overcome.
5 True strength is helping others find their own.
6 Facing danger is the best way to overcome your fears.
DANGER
7 Not everyone needs rescuing.
I'm OK thanks!
8 Nice guys don't always finish last.
Nice guy
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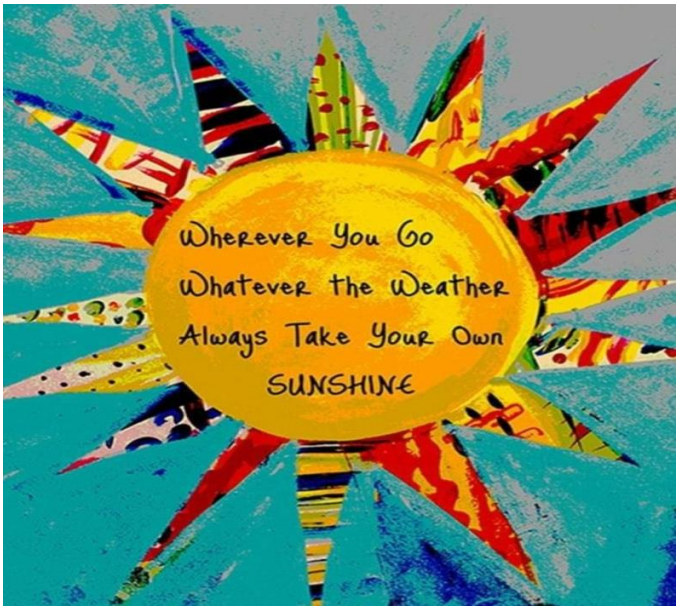
9 You don't need superpowers to be a hero.
10 If you want to change the world, start with yourself.
@sylviaduckworth

Stay
hopeful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Whatever the Weather
Always Take Your Own
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farmers
teachers
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thank you for all that you do.

MAY THE 4TH
BE WITH YOU
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WEAR A MASK
WHEN YOU GO OUT
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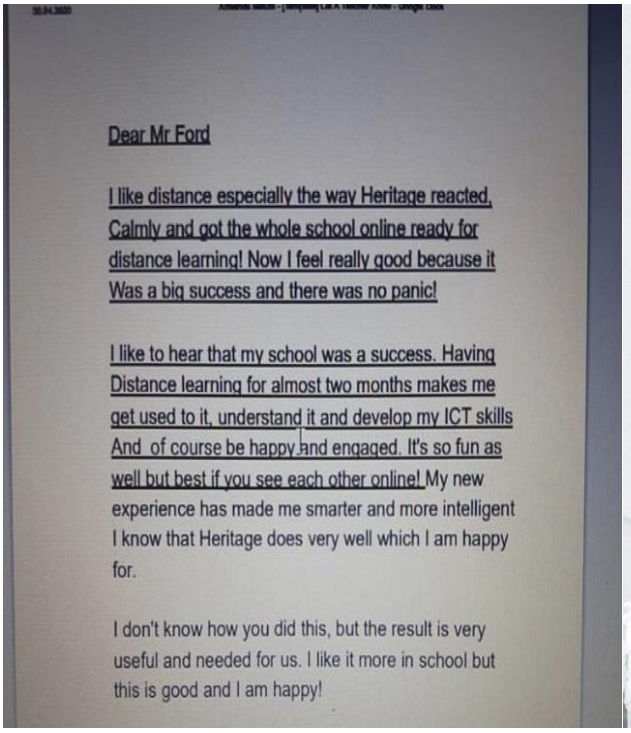

Dear Mr Ford

I like distance especially the way Heritage reacted, Calmly and got the whole school online ready for distance learning! Now I feel really good because it Was a big success and there was no panic!

I like to hear that my school was a success. Having Distance learning for almost two months makes me get used to it, understand it and develop my ICT skills And of course be happy and engaged. It's so fun as well but best if you see each other online! My new experience has made me smarter and more intelligent I know that Heritage does very well which I am happy for.

I don't know how you did this, but the result is very useful and needed for us. I like it more in school but this is good and I am happy!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cambridge Spring exam series 2020:

As you know, Cambridge Checkpoint examinations were cancelled this year but as a team we have found ways to allow our students the experience of Cambridge exams...online!

Over the next few weeks all of our Cambridge students will take end of year assessments. The purpose of these assessments is for them to provide one way for us to monitor student progress over the course of the year.

For our IGCSE 1 students, this means an opportunity to take real IGCSE papers (adapted to meet needs). These papers will give our students an idea of the standard, format, layout and expectations of these very important exams that they will take for real in May/June 2021.

Good luck to all of our IGCSE 1 students!

***Heritage Chess Championship** will take place on Thursday, May 14th (Primary school) and on Friday, May 15th (Secondary school). If your child would like to participate, contact Cristina Zaruba to sign up and receive further information.* cristina.zaruba@heritage.md

11th-15th May,2020	***Heritage Chess Championship***
15th May,2020	***Family Day***
25th-29th May,2020	***International Week***
27th May, 2020	***Founders' Day***
29th May, 2020	***Heritage International Day***

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