# THE PHOENIX



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## Editor's Note

THE PHOENIX has risen from the ashes once again, bringing you new and enthralling updates from all over the school, this time with new features and sections, including book recommendations and artwork by our students. This issue celebrates the hard work and immense skill displayed by our wonderful DPS community.

~ Editorial Team

The toils of yesterday fade once more
Like the crests of the waves
Leave the anchor of its shore
I make the decision to accept
Then reflect

Like the Phoenix
I rise from the ashes

My path I carve
With hands of skill
-Lorraine Day

#### **HELPERS' DAY**

Arvind Ramakrishnan. 11 ISC

On the 4th of May, to honour the selfless work and toiling of the helpers of DPS1S, a celebration in the form of a special assembly was held. Organised by grades 5C and 11 ISC, this year's assembly was one that captivated the hearts of all the students and teachers, leaving tears of joy in the eyes of the helpers who were deeply moved by the students' expression of gratitude.





The assembly started with the recitation of a prayer by grade 5C followed by a thought of the day. The class then went on to recite a poem, with each word of it reflecting the efforts and beads of perspiration shed by our helpers to keep our environment clean and healthy. A skit revolving around the theme of hard work was then presented, depicting the endeavours of our helpers who never fail to reach school early and stay back late to clean each and every classroom.

With a warm round of applause for grade 5C and their efforts, the lead of the assembly was then passed on to grade 11 ISC, who began with the recitation of an inspirational poem written by Rishith Sistla to honour and thank our helpers. To promote the racial harmony of the workers and to recognise the diverse communities of the helpers, songs were sung in Tamil by AmruthaVarshini of 10 1C accompanied by Pranhav on the violin, in Mandarin by Namrah and Rishith of 11 ISC and in English by Suchit and Yukta of 11 ISC which garnered hearty appreciation from the audience and the helpers. Our school helpers were presented with roses and gift cards by the Student Council of the academic year 2017-18 before a cake-cutting ceremony was held in their honour.

The joyous event was concluded with a photoshoot of the helpers posing in a colourful frame designed by class 11 ISC, giving each helper a special place in the picture and in our hearts.







#### **SCIENCE WEEK**

Namrah, 11 ISC

The 16th of July 2018 marked the beginning of the annual Science Week celebrations in DPS, filled with a myriad of fun and engaging activities,

The little ones of Block A joined in on the fun too, with project presentations on various science and environmental science topics including sense organs, bird nests, family photo frames, and animal and plant life. The young students of grade 4 also presented an informative skit on Safety and First Aid.

The senior grades from 7 to 12 had their share of fun, both organizing and participating in the week's activities. Grade 7 had an interesting presentation on scientific innovations. The students divided themselves into pairs, with one student playing the role of a scientist and the other playing that of an invention, and discussed the important theories and principles responsible for the invention.

A presentation of working models was conducted by grade 8. The students also had a fun time solving Tarsia puzzles, which involved answering intriguing science questions, and then putting the pieces of the puzzle together.

Grade 9 IC participated in the "Science with fun" activities where the students were able to learn new concepts and principles practically. They made electric circuits and structures of different molecules, studied the working of a homopolar motor, and experimented with a model of respiration. Grades 9 IG and 9 IC also presented interesting skits on topics like mass and inertia, and microwave invention, and participated in a treasure hunt organized by grade 11 AL as well.

Thaarun Thirumeninathan, Shankar Kannan, Meenatchi Selvaraj, and Sakshi Singh of grade 11 AL organized science memory games for grades 10 and 12, an activity that was thoroughly enjoyed by all the participants.

Grade 11 ISC conducted a science quiz for the students of grades 8 and 9, to test the extent of their scientific logic. With five challenging rounds, the teams were up against tough competition. The quiz finally ended with a tie breaker, with team C, consisting of Arya Mishra and Harihara of grade 9, and Adrian, Nithin G., and Aarushi Burde of grade 8 emerging the winners.

The week was ultimately an enriching, amusing experience for all the students, who learned a great deal from the week's activities.







#### FRIENDS OF SINGA 2018

FOS team

The FOS team has put in lots of effort towards making a difference in school. For the first project, welcome cards were made by the team as a gift to all the new joiners in the school. These cards were distributed during assemblies conducted for each grade.

For the second project, the FOS team along with the school seniors volunteered at a Food Bank to promote the RESPECT FOR FOOD CAMPAIGN.

They also participated in the business fair where funds were raised through a game stall and a food stall. The gathered funds were then donated.



Recently, assemblies were conducted from kindergarten to grade 8 to spread awareness on the importance of food and how it should not be wasted. There were skits and informative presentations on this.

The team plans to conduct an assembly for classes 9 to 12 soon, where they will have interactive talks and quizzes to ensure better understanding of the campaign.









#### FOOD BANK VISIT

Sanjana Kandula, 9 IGCSE

The FOS team from DPS, as a part of our campaign 'Respect for Food,' had gone to the Singapore Food Bank to volunteer for the inventory of food items sent in as donations, on the 5th of April, 2018.

The nine of us along with our two teachers in charge had gone to the food bank in the afternoon slot, the job was to make a complete list of all the new crates of food that had just come in for that week. There were maybe 10 or so full crates that needed sorting, a mountain load of work for one person. Our instructor was a kind woman who had been helping out at the Bank for quite some time. She taught us how to check all the items and what we should watch out for and left us to our task

We split into two groups to spread the work evenly, both groups working on one crate each at a time. Within the groups, we divided the tasks amongst ourselves – two of us checked all the items and inventoried them, while the rest put them away at their specific locations on the shelves around us. We barreled through five full crates in less than 2 hours and were eager to take on more.

This visit to the food bank has been our first project outside of the school after becoming the FOS team of DPS. And to say the least, we worked like the cogs of a well-oiled machine - smooth and efficient. This activity provided us with an opportunity to forge unbreakable bonds and learn the importance of team work and communication hands onin the best way possible. The experience was an all-round win, enough for all of us to want to go back and do it again.

#### INTERHOUSE SOCCER

Rohit Datta. 11 AL

The 2018 DPS football interhouse tournament had been one of the most competitive yet. With the four houses who battled, one winner prevailed, which was Spring.

The tournament began with the group stage clash between last year's champions — Glacier house, captained by Rohit Datta of 11 AL, and Lake house, captained by Adithya Prakash of 12 ISC. The very evenly matched duel ended with a 1–0 victory for glacier, with a goal scored originating from a throw in.

The second match had last year's runner-up — Spring, captained by Indra Khatri, battle against Oasis, captained by Akshadh Narendar of 11 AL, where the nail-biting bout ended with a 1-0 victory to Spring house.

The third group stage match was a contest between Oasis house and Glacier house. Oasis had opened the scoring, but Glacier had made a remarkable comeback with an equalizer and a final blow with the trial ending with a 2–1 victory to Glacier house and securing Glacier with a spot in the finals.

The fourth group match consisted of Lake house and Spring house battling with one another, with Spring house prevailing victorious with a score of 1–0, securing them a spot in the finals too. Thus, for the second year in a row, the finals would see Glacier facing Spring.

The fifth group match was an evenly matched contest which ended goal-less — Oasis O, Lake O.

The battle for third place saw houses Oasis and Lake desperately attempting to gain salvation, with Oasis finally emerging victorious and claiming 3rd place with a score of 2-1.

The two finalists, Glacier and Spring, faced-off in one of the School's classic football matches, the match finally ending with a one sided win for the skilled yellow-collared team, Spring, who claimed revenge for the previous year's defeat with a score of 4–0, despite Glacier having given their best efforts.

Congratulations to the Champions, Spring house!

### RESULTS

Champion: Spring

Runner-up: Glacier

Third place: Oasis

Fourth place: Lake

#### INTERHOUSE BASKETBALL

Shreya Sushanth, 11 ISC

The Interhouse Basketball tournament held from the 31st of May to the 1st of June 2018, as always, was an exciting event that saw the rekindling of old rivalries and creation of new ones. The tournament was an intense one as teams from all the four houses battled for the first position and of course, bragging rights of 2018.

In the junior division, the young and enthusiastic students of Block A, from grades 4, 5, and 6, displayed their stunning skill in handling the ball on the court. The first position was ultimately clinched by Oasis, followed by Spring, Lake, and Glacier securing the second, third, and fourth positions respectively.

But the most anticipated part of the interhouse was, without a doubt, the senior matches. The day's events kick started with the Glacier vs Lake and Spring vs Oasis matches, loud cheers from the scores of supporters present filling the air. Spring and Lake emerged victorious in the opening matches, but Oasis went on to play the finals with Spring. The match between Lake and Glacier saw Lake go on to secure the third place as Glacier secured fourth.

Then came the most nerve-wrecking part of the event - the finals. On the court were the same teams that had qualified for the finals in 2017, a sense of nostalgia overcoming the spectators.

Oasis was determined to hold on to their winning streak, but the finals ended in a tie between the two teams, with a tough fight put up by Spring. As decided by the referees, the tie breaker — a shootout — ensued, which too ended in a tie. A final 4-minute match was then played, both teams giving it their all. The winning basket was ultimately scored by Oasis in the last few seconds of the game.

The exhilarating matches were thoroughly enjoyed by participants and spectators alike, truly representing the spirit of sportsmanship and team effort.

#### RESULTS

#### **JUNIOR**

Champions: Oasis
Runner-up: Spring
Third place: Lake
Fourth place: Glacier

#### **SENIOR**

Champions: Oasis Runner-up: Spring Third place: Lake Fourth place: Glacier



### U11 SOCCER

Thaarun Thirumeninathan, 11 AL

The story of an extremely talented team's remarkable transition from the new kids in the block to Champions of the ESPZEN J-League

In Football, a game of changing fortunes and changing attitudes, seldom is it possible to see any single team hold dominance over a particular league or a cup, be it in professional football or amateur football. And even amongst those teams which do boast remarkable dominance over extended periods, there is a common trend- A rich legacy of pride, history and experience. Thus, when a team, who are the newest kids in a reputed junior football league hotly contested by Soccer academies across Singapore, proceeds to make shockwaves by finishing as the First runner up in its first ever year and then builds on its strong foundation by winning the league in its 2nd year, one can only dream of the qualities of which the team is made up of. Indeed, the DPS Under 11 football team is precisely that. A Dream come true.

DPS FC, our school's very own football team, owes its existence to the visionary guidance and footballing genius of our much beloved coach, Julius Sir, who recognized the footballing talent which sprouted in abundance within our school and willingly took it upon himself to gather together these promising football players and assemble a team, all from scratch. Without an iota of doubt, Julius sir, with his eternal well of experience, has played as the pivotal 12th man week in and week out.

It has not always been a smooth sailing journey for this team. They were defeated the first time they took to the field, losing 1-2 to Football Plus. The infant team could have easily chosen to remain dispirited and crushed by this defeat, they could have easily chosen to play their remaining 7 games with a losing mentality. Instead, DPS FC, the underdogs of the ESPZEN Junior League U10 category, chose to never give up. They chose to fight tooth and nail for every ball and every tackle, and their persistence and mettle paid dividends when they won their second match by a massive margin of 5 goals against Admiralty primary school, the final score line reading 7-2. This win against Admirally Primary School would also stand as the Largest ever win recorded by the fledgling team. But the road to podium was seldom strewn with more hardships, as DPS FC entered its 8th and final match of the season finding itself in a challenging spot, requiring a win in order to seal its position as runners up, while a loss or a draw would have seen ESPZEN Purple, the third placed team and the only other undefeated team apart from the eventual champions Barker Boys,

leapfrog its way above DPS FC. Thus, the stage was set for an epic showdown, with DPS FC drawn to play against ESPZEN Saturday. But the young boys blocked out the pressure and kept their cool in the decisive match, edging 4-3 against ESPZEN Saturday in a 7-goal thriller, walking out of the match as the League runners up, the product of a 7-match undefeated streak. DPS FC U10's first season would see them bag more accolades. DPS FC U10 saw three of their players, Defensive midfielder Divy G, second striker Shourya Rathod and Striker Ansh P be named in the top 10 goal scorers list, while utility player Ashish S and Striker Shourya Tanna were placed 4th and 5th respectively for the number of assists.

Rather than rest on their new laurels, the DPS U11 team began to look for ways to capitalise on their incredible season by making improvements to key areas of the team. Most notably, two of the players, Ansh P and Ashish S underwent extra training at external academies to supplement the training they already received to give DPS FC the extra edge over its opponents.

Their efforts didn't go in vain as the DPS FC U11 started their second season with a spectacular display of strength by pummelling LFS Rouge 5-0. They would go on to become the only undefeated team in the 12-game league, in which they won 10 games and drew just 2 games, ending the season as the ESPZEN J-League Champions with 32 points, 10 points clear of the second placed team. So as to add icing on the cake, Shourya Rathod and Ansh Patil were placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in the goal

scoring charts, with a sleuth of other players including Divy, Om Naren Vinnakota, Arman Parkash, Shehan Shirsat and Masahiro Yamasaki all making it to the top 10 goal-scorers list. The top assists list was dominated by DPS FC players, with Ansh Patil and Divy Maheshwari being placed first and second respectively, each providing a staggering 10 assists in the league while Om Naren Vinnakota was placed 8th in the Assists list, thus ending their second season boasting unheralded dominance and exaltation.

It is important to realise that the story of the DPS U11 team is not that of a one hit wonder, rather it is a success tale hinged on consistency and perseverance, for a team to remain undefeated for 19 games over the span of two seasons is no small feat. With this in mind, one can only imagine the glorious success awaiting this young team of talented youth striving hard to leave an indelible mark of victory in the game they enjoy the most.



# Artyfacts





### INTERHOUSE DRAMA

Sarvagya Bhatnagar, 11 AL

The Inter-House competitions are greatly anticipated events which provide a multitude of opportunities to prove one's potential in an atmosphere of healthy competition. Soon after the inter-house music competition, held earlier this year, where each team put on an impressive show of dexterity coupled with a melodious ensemble, the thrilled atmosphere was once again rejuvenated by the first ever inter-house drama competition held shortly afterward.

Owing to the devoted efforts and preparation of the contesting teams, the Inter-House Drama competition held on the 21st of February this year did not fail to impress the Judges and the Audience. The event consisted of two categories — a group play and a monologue.

The group plays were performed back-to-back in the 'GLOS' order — Glacier, Lake, Oasis and Spring, that staged their acts to the theme — 'Across the dimension of genres'. Despite many feeling the strain of the clock ticking up to the day of the competition, every single team took up the challenge with energy and enthusiasm and achieved the delighted cheers and the occasional chuckles of teachers and students alike. The series of plays were an enthralling experience as the onlookers delved into each of the unique takes of popular fables. Their refurbished plotlines kept the atmosphere amused and audience invested. Every minute of the acts was engaging, and the actors, each engulfed in ardour and the edge of competition, collectively presented a deluge of sentiments to us through their creative fantasies.

The monologue acts followed the plays in the same order, with the theme — 'Visible and invisible borders'. Some of the acts were

## Artyfacts

amusing and left the audience in giggles and a carefree attitude while the others left them stunned by the talent and the visible and inspiring dedication of the actors. The three minutes that followed the monologue entries caused quite a stir among the audience and left them in anticipation for the upcoming act.

With emotions and elation running high in the air, choosing a clear winner was a difficult choice. Each act distinguished itself from the others in one way or the other, and the choice was not an easy one to make. Whilst the judges themselves delved into strenuous effort to single out one winner from the rest, the students assembled fell into a vibrant buzz of speculations. After much deliberation, Glacier house emerged as the proud victor, securing the 1st position in both the group play and the monologue. Lake secured the 2nd position in both the group play and the monologue.

Spring secured the 3rd position in the group play and the 4th position in the monologue, and Oasis secured the 3rd position in the monologue and the 4th position in the group play.

However, this day produced more than just results. It evoked in each and every one of us, performers and audience alike, immense joy. Needless to say, the first ever Inter-House Drama competition was a thorough success, in allotting unique experiences and memories to each one of us. Each actor had spent grueling hours in perfecting the role of their character and it had surely paid off, not only in just tangible outcomes, but lessons of integrity, team work and creativity. Creativity was an important factor that contributed to the essence of the event, and each one of the acts witnessed on this day had exceeded expectations by leaps and bounds. This was truly an unforgettable experience, an endless gift of synergy and entertainment.



# Entrepreneur News



### **BUSINESS FAIR**

Anuja Raut & Swati Mahadevan, 11 ISC

The Business fair held on 19th April 2018 ushered in the new academic year, bringing out the budding entrepreneurs in all of us. The event was meticulously organised by the Student Council members, led by the Entrepreneur Society, under the guidance of their mentor, Leena Ma'am, and saw the participation of students from grades 7 to 12.

There were a wide variety of stalls, from those that sold ice cream, baked goods and popular Indian snacks to those that provided services like henna and tattoo art. But that's not all! This year the Entrepreneur Society had come up with an innovative idea of having a competition where there would be stalls representing countries including Singapore, Italy, Mexico, USA, and Belgium. Each stall sold food and drinks native to the country they represented. They also had games and other activities to keep their customers engaged.

After visiting all the stalls, the students voted for their favourite stall at the voting booth manned by Nishali and Rishith of grade 11 ISC.

All teams tried to capture the hearts of their customers, as the winner would be decided based on majority vote. Team Italy sold delicious freshly baked pizzas, which was an instant favourite. Mexico sold eye-catching rainbow mocktails. Team USA held a photo booth where students could get polaroids with their friends. Team Belgium's mouth-watering waffles were a big hit. The winner of the competition however was Team Singapore who allowed students to play Fortnite at \$2, which attracted huge crowds of students. "Seeing the students that visited our stall leave with bright and excited smiles was a truly rewarding experience," said Keya Prajapati of Class 11 ISC who was a part of Team Singapore. They also sold Mee Goreng and the students' all-time favourite Bubble tea. "I was really delighted when they offered to heat up the Mee Goreng 1 ordered," said Owais of Class 6C who had voted for Team Singapore.

The fair was a great success, allowing students to gain a vast array of business knowledge, from deciding on which products to sell, to how to best advertise them. It was an enthralling and enriching experience and hopefully there will be many more opportunities in the future for students to showcase their entrepreneurial skills.

Most profit maximization: Singapore
Most popular: Mexico

# Literary Section

#### A MAY DAY'S ODE

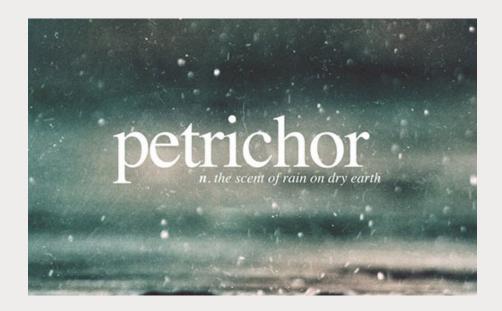
Rishith Sisla. 11 ISC

You toil all day, throughout the year coated in sweat, yet you bear no fear Today, we thank you, our dear volunteers For you are to us, so much very dear.

Untiring completely in the efforts that you make
But even under pressure you never did break
So relax today and be full of good cheer
For it is your day, our dear volunteers.

Helping us everyday, your efforts know no bounds cleaning up messes that can make a mind go rounds
Pristine angels on earth, that's what you are
For you are to us, each a bright, bright star.

#### WORD OF THE MONTH



### Book Recommendations



MATILDA ~ ROALD DAHL

"These books gave Matilda a hopeful and comforting message: You are not alone."

A Roald Dahl masterpiece, Matilda is a lovely little book about standing up against bullies, about learning to make do with what you have, about believing in yourself. Dahl has always added a way of life, in the form of magic, to his characters, and Matilda is no exception! Be mind-blown by the titular character's ability to move things with her mind, the terrifying strength of the principle of the school and the undying kindness of a young teacher.

For: Primary School



### A WRINKLE IN TIME ~ MADELEINE L'ENGLE

A Wrinkle in Time is the story of Meg Murry, a high-school girl who is transported on an adventure through time and space with her younger brother Charles Wallace and her friend Calvin O'Keefe to rescue her father, a gifted scientist, from the evil forces that hold him prisoner on another planet. Although this book was written in 1962, it remains a classic because L'Engle is able to look at the surface values of life from a perspective of wholeness, both joy and pain, transcending each to uncover the absolute nature of human experience that they share.

For: Middle School



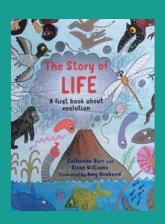
THE BOOK THIEF ~ MARKUS ZUSAK

"Like most misery, it started with apparent happiness."

Set during World War II, the book is narrated by an extremely overworked being who identifies himself as Death, relating the life-story of Liesel Meminger, a young German girl, and her book-stealing, story-telling talents thathelp sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors. Unnerving, thoughtprovoking, life-affirming, tragic, as well as full of hope, this book offers the reader a journey of a lifetime.

For: High School

### Book Recommendations



#### THE STORY OF LIFE: A FIRST BOOK ABOUT EVOLUTION ~ CATHERINE BARR AND STEVE WILLIAMS

For young readers, this book can become a useful tool in understanding the history of life on our planet. The simple text paired with captivating, colourful, labelled illustrations will take readers on a journey through a timeline of life starting before life existed on Earth, shedding light on topics like how the planet Earth, oceans. land and volcanoes formed, and explaining how complex concepts like evolution, extinction, photosynthesis, survival etc. came to be.

For: Primary School

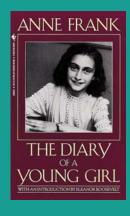


#### BE A CHANGEMAKER ~ LAURIE ANN THOMPSON

There's no time when we most want to change the world than in our youth years. Through this wonderful book, Laurie Ann Thompson speaks to young people who want to make a difference in their surroundings by doing their part to make the world a better place.

Be A Changemaker delineates numerous ways to affect change through several realworld examples, team-building ideas, the author's personal experiences, and some apt Inspirational quotes by renowned politicians, philosophers and authors.

For: Middle School



### THE DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL ~ ANNE FRANK

"I know what I want, I have a goal, an opinion, I have a religion and love. Let me be myself and then I am satisfied. I know that I'm a woman, a woman with inward strength and plenty of courage." ~ Anne Frank.

The Diary of a Young Girl is a book of the writings from the Dutch language diary kept by Anne Frank, written during WWII, when she was in hiding from the Nazis, having to stay in the attic of an apartment in Amsterdam. Inspiring, and immensely engaging, the book is a must-read for all

For: High School

## Artwork



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## Fun Corner

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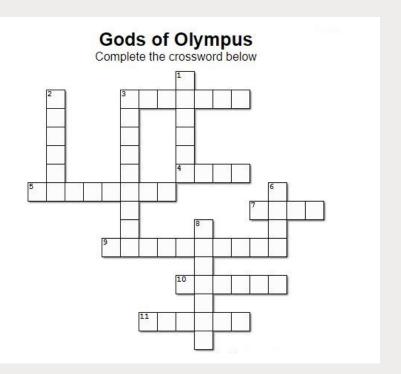
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#### Across

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- 4. God of war.
- 5. Ruled seas and rivers.
- 7. Zeus's third wife.
- 9. God of fire, metal working.
- 10. Messenger of the gods.
- 11. Symbols are the owl and olive tree.

#### Down

- 1. Sister of Zeus.
- 2. God of light, music, healing.
- 3. Most beautiful of the goddesses.
- 6. The almighty god who ruled Olympus.
- 8. Mother of Persephone



# Fun Corner Answer Key

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#### Solar System

OILTLSCA CALLISTO
CNOHRA CHARON
LEAHLY HALLEY
TPNENUE NEPTUNE
TLPOU PLUTO

The outer part of the sun's atmosphere CORONA

#### Gods of Olympus Complete the crossword below Across 3. Twin sister of Apollo. (artemis) 4. God of war (ares) 5. Ruled seas and rivers (poseidon) h 7. Zeus's third wife. (hera) r 9. God of fire, metal working (hephaestus) 10. Messenger of the gods. (hermes) 11. Symbols are the owl and olive tree.(athena) [5p] d ra t Down 1. Sister of Zeus. (hestia) God of light, music, healing (apollo) 3. Most beautiful of the goddesses. (aphrodite) r m e 6. The almighty god who ruled Olympus(zeus) е n a 8. Mother of Persephone (demeter)

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