



Be your best.

## NEWSLETTER - 15th March 2024

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*Dear all,*

*Happy Friday! Here's this week's news and reminders to share with you all... Today is national Red Nose Day- thank you if you were able to donate to this great charity!*

**Today is also one of our Friday Focus Days** - a day dedicated to Science & Curiosity! I'll hopefully have some lovely photos from everyone, to share with you next week!

**Parents Evening Appointments** - bookings for our next Parents Evening meetings will open on MONDAY next week and close by next Friday. The progress meetings are taking place during the first week back after the Easter break - Monday 15th April & Wednesday 17th April. Meeting slots are booked on a 'first come first serve' basis - any problems in getting booked on please call the office. Class 5A's parents meetings were arranged this term due to changes in staffing and so this event will not be open for booking again for this class only.

**Class Dojo Messages to teachers** - A reminder that Class Dojo messaging is not to be used to raise a complaint or a way to deal with a concern between you and the class teachers. This is not an effective tool for resolving concerns and we expect all families to call our office to request a telephone conversation or face-to-face meeting.

**Next week we are celebrating and teaching our children all about Neurodiveristy - being curious, accepting and knowledgeable about how different people think and learn. We are also looking forward to Year 2's RE performance, all about Passover :**

**Monday** - An assembly at 9am for all our children about Neurodiveristy

**Tuesday** - Year 2 team invite all our families to join them in the hall at 9am for their RE performance

**Wednesday** - Dawn from MHST will be in school for any support and advice for parents

**Friday** - 9am Celebration Assembly is for Y4/5/6 - families of children who will be receiving a certificate will be invited in advance

**On the final Monday 25th March we will host our termly red carpet event with Headteacher Certificate assembly at 9am for Y1-Y6. If your child is being presented with an award, we will contact you to come along. Look out for your invite! F1 & F2 awards are presented to them in their classrooms during the final week of this term.**

*I hope you have a great weekend everyone.*

*Take care,*

*Emma Beardah*

*Headteacher*

*headteacher@walterhalls.nottingham.sch.uk*

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## Spring 2 Home learning

### CURIOSITY!

#### GET READY FOR THE THIRD EDITION OF...

**'Walter Halls Book of Curiosity: A collection of stories written by the children of Walter Halls'**

Last year, lots of you became PUBLISHED AUTHORS! Who wants to take part this year? Let's make the third edition **EVEN BETTER** than the last two!

If you've got an adventure story inside you, just bursting to come out, you could see your story in print, inside a published book, available to buy and sitting on the shelves of our library!

All you need to do is write your own short story – type it, write it on paper, it's up to you! You might even want to illustrate it too? Here are the rules to follow that will help you:

- Your story can be about anything you like, as long as it's fun to read, adventurous and has some curiosity and excitement to it! Try writing it with a twist at the end or with a cliff-hanger that leaves people wondering!
- It should be a short story: between 2-6 A4 pages.
- It can be typed and printed out or it can be hand-written – but if you're writing it out, be sure to make it neat and use a pen if you can do.
- You can add illustrations if you want to, but you don't have to. Maybe a friend can help you?

**HAND IN TO MRS BEARDAH BY TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 or email it to [headteacher@walterhalls.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@walterhalls.nottingham.sch.uk)**

## Key Dates coming up...



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### *Spring 2 term:*

*Our core value learning this half term is all about CURIOSITY*

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- **w/c 18th March** – *Neurodiversity week- we will introduce the topic of Autism Awareness Month, which begins in April*
- **w/c 18th March** – *Y2 will lead a Religious Education performance on Passover with parents invited – date TBC*
  - **Thursday 21st March** - *Coffee Morning for Neuro-diversity organised Mrs Glover*
  - **Monday 25th March** – *Headteacher Certificate ceremony 9am school hall for Y1-Y6*
    - **Wednesday 27th March** – *KS2 Spelling Bee competition*

- Last day of term is Wednesday 27th March. School closes to children. School staff attend INSET training on Thursday 28th March
    - School re-opens after the Easter break on Monday April 15th
  - OUR REMAINING INSET DAYS ARE: Thurs 28th March, Thurs 25th & Fri 26th July
  - Term dates can be found on our website here: <https://www.walterhallsprimary.co.uk/term-dates/>
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## ATTENDANCE!



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*As a school, we strive for 100% attendance each week. Anything above 96% attendance, we class as 'good'. We have an attendance team at school, who track attendance of individual children very carefully, to ensure all of our children are able to come to school all of the time and not miss any of their learning. If you need support with your child's attendance, please speak to us straight away.*

***We always report attendance for the previous week.***

***LAST WEEK, WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WAS: 95%***

***The class with the highest attendance was: Class 4A with 98.6% - AMAZING!***

***Also doing well were: Class 1A with 98.2% and Classes 2A, 5A, 5B & 6B all with 97%! That's excellent effort!***

**THIS YEAR'S TARGET IS 96% AND WE AIM TO REDUCE OUR PERSISTANTLY ABSENT FIGURES FROM 15% TO 8%**

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NOTTINGHAM  
**Puppet**  
FESTIVAL

FREE  
TICKETS

**EGGBIRD**  
AND OTHER STRING PUPPET STORIES

Touring Nottingham Community Centres...  
A puppet show & workshop for people aged 6 to 106 years.

**CITY ARTS** THEATRE ROYAL  
BIBBOROUGH HALL

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ENGLAND

Nottingham  
City Council

**The Vine  
Community Centre**  
8 April 2024  
11:00am - 1:00pm  
Bobbers Mill Road  
Nottingham  
NG7 5GZ

**Sheila Russell  
Community Centre**  
9 April 2024  
11:00am - 1:00pm  
St Martin's Road  
Bilborough  
Nottingham, NG8 3AR

**Bulwell Riverside**  
10 April 2024  
11:00am - 1:00pm  
108 Coventry Road  
Bulwell  
Nottingham  
NG6 8PS

**Brendon Lawrence  
Sports Centre**  
11 April 2024  
11:00am - 1:00pm  
35 Hungerhill Road  
Nottingham  
NG3 4NB

Book online:  
[city-arts.org.uk/whats-on](http://city-arts.org.uk/whats-on)



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**Touring Nottingham Libraries...**

A puppet show for children aged 2 to 4 years.  
Older siblings & friends welcome.



**Bilborough Library**

9 April 2024  
2:00pm - 2:30pm  
Bracebridge Drive  
Nottingham  
NG8 4PN

**Bulwell Riverside Library**

10 April 2024  
11:00am - 11:30am  
Main Street, Bulwell  
Nottingham  
NG6 8QJ

**The Meadows Library**

10 April 2024  
2:00pm - 2:30pm  
Wilford Grove  
Nottingham  
NG2 2DR

**Hyson Green Library**

11 April 2024  
11:00am - 11:30am  
The Mary Potter Centre  
76 Gregory Boulevard  
Nottingham NG7 5HY

**Clifton Library**

11 April 2024  
2:00pm - 2:30pm  
Southchurch Drive  
Clifton, Nottingham  
NG11 8AB

**St Ann's Valley Library**

12 April 2024  
11:00am - 11:30am  
St Ann's Valley Centre  
2 Livingstone Road  
Nottingham NG3 3GG

**Nottingham Central Library**

13 April 2024  
12:30pm - 1:00pm  
1 Carrington Street  
Nottingham, NG1 7FH

**Nottingham Central Library**

13 April 2024  
2:30pm - 3:00pm  
1 Carrington Street  
Nottingham, NG1 7FH

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The Welly Bank is a new community-led network in Notts. It is free to join and all items are shared free of charge. But WE NEED YOUR HELP! We will only grow a bustling network if everyone helps to increase membership so please TELL A FRIEND and spread the word

## Nottingham **WELLY BANK**

Because playing outside should not cost the earth....



Donate, swap or request wellies and outdoor clothes at [www.facebook.com/groups/nottinghamwellybank](http://www.facebook.com/groups/nottinghamwellybank)

**Free!**



## OUR CORE VALUE THIS TERM IS...



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*CURIOSITY. These are the main teaching points we will cover:*

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- *People who changed the world.*
  - *Wonders of the world & other worlds (sea, space, sky, science, technology).*
    - *Research skills and independent projects.*
    - *Famous inventions and inventors.*
    - *Asking questions – always be a questioner!*
    - *Trying something new – bravery and courage.*
      - *Overcoming fears.*
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*As always, your help in talking to your children about all of these things at home is appreciated.*

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## OPAL PLAY UPDATE



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*Some recent concerns that our Opal Play team have had brought to them:*

**Using play equipment outside at the start of the day** - *Some of the larger equipment is left outside and some of our children are enjoying using this at the start of the day. No staff supervision is available outside at the start of the day, until 8.40am when teachers arrive to collect classes. Parents and carers are therefore responsible for choices being made outside first thing in the morning.*

**Risks of injury** - *All of our activities have been risk-assessed and supervision during Opal Play is called 'roaming supervision' meaning that adults roam a particular zone and intervene in play only when things are particularly risky. Full training on this has been undertaken by Opal Play leaders and our sites are checked regularly*

**Items left out / the site looks 'messy'** - *Children are encouraged to revisit dens and play spaces over many days. The aim is not to have a tidy-looking site but to develop effective life-long skills through well-thought-out play. We've done the research, had the training and heard the impact on learning this all has - Opal play is part of our curriculum*

**Rainy / Muddy play** - *leaflets of information have been shared prior to Christmas and again this term with information regarding this approach. We recognise the need for more sheltered areas to be created, when our budget allows for this. In the meantime, decent clothing, hoods and brollies all help, as well as the spare clothing we have in classrooms and at 'Take Home Tuesday'*

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**NOTTINGHAM Puppet FESTIVAL**

**FREE TICKETS**

**THE SEARCH FOR TEDDY ISLAND**

A CITY ARTS PRODUCTION

Touring Nottingham Libraries...  
A puppet show for children aged 6 months to 4 years.  
Older siblings & friends welcome.

**Wollaton Library**  
9 April 2024  
11:00am - 11:30am  
Bramcote Lane  
Nottingham  
NG8 2NA

**Bulwell Riverside Library**  
10 April 2024  
2:00pm - 2:30pm  
Main Street, Bulwell  
Nottingham  
NG6 8QJ

**Dales Centre Library**  
12 April 2024  
11:00am - 11:30am  
206 Sneinton Dale  
Nottingham  
NG2 4HJ

**Nottingham Central Library**  
13 April 2024  
11:30am - 12:00pm  
1 Carrington Street  
Nottingham, NG1 7FH

**Strelley Road Library**  
10 April 2024  
11:00am - 11:30am  
Strelley Road  
Nottingham  
NG8 3BJ

**Hyson Green Library**  
11 April 2024  
2:00pm - 2:30pm  
The Mary Potter Centre  
76 Gregory Boulevard  
Nottingham NG7 5HY

**St Ann's Valley Library**  
12 April 2024  
2:00pm - 2:30pm  
St Ann's Valley Centre  
2 Livingstone Road  
Nottingham NG3 3GG

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13 April 2024  
1:30pm - 2:00pm  
1 Carrington Street  
Nottingham, NG1 7FH

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**CITY ARTS** **ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND** **NOTTINGHAM CITY LIBRARIES** **Nottingham City Council**

**FREE**

**Green's Windmill Trust**

**NOTTINGHAM FESTIVAL OF SCIENCE & CURIOSITY**

**GREEN'S MILL STEM DAY**

PART OF BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2024

Join NTU Physics students and celebrate British Science Week at Green's Mill. Explore the work of George Green through the science of energy transfer, learning about the nature of moving magnets and making your own pinwheel to bring home.

**DROP-IN FAMILY ACTIVITIES**  
**SATURDAY 16 MARCH**  
**11AM-3PM**

**Green's Windmill & Science Centre**  
**Windmill Lane, Sneinton, NG2 4QB**





children each day. PLEASE DO NOT USE CLASS DOJO TO RAISE A COMPLAINT OR QUERY SOMETHING – call the office or send an email as above instead.

- Parent Mail – whole school messages, newsletters, whole-school events and all bookings for clubs and any visit payments are all done via Parent Mail.

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If you need help setting up Parent Mail or Class Dojo please call our office for help – our aim is to be as 'paper-free' as possible so all key messages will come via these channels.

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## CHILDREN'S CLUBS IN OUR COMMUNITY...

**THE RENEWAL TRUST**  
Helping communities grow

**ABC**

**EPIC PARTNERS**  
Empowering Positive & Inspirational Change

**MTVH**

# HEALTH HUB

**FREE** **AGE 8-16**

**AT HILL VIEW COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
RANSOM ROAD, NG3 3BP**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY 5:00PM - 7:00PM**

These sessions allow young people to come together in a relaxed environment. You can choose from a range of activities from learning the knowledge of food, healthy living, and cooking skills. You can participate in sport with physical, mental health and wellbeing support. Along with mindfulness activities.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 0115 8372021**  
**WWW.EPICPARTNERS.CO.UK**

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# YOUTH NIGHT

**ONLY £ 2      AGE 11-16**

**THE OLIVER HIND YOUTH CLUB,  
EDALE ROAD, NG2 4HT**

**EVERY FRIDAY 5:00PM - 6:45PM**

These sessions allow young people to come together in a relaxed environment. You can choose from a range of activities each week and compete in friendly and fun games.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 0115 8372021**

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# FUSION

Youth Club

## EVERY THURSDAY

During term times

### 5:30PM-8:00PM

10-17 year olds

### 50P ENTRY

At The Greenway Centre Trent Lane NG2 4DF

WHAT WE DO:

Instrument room   Sports   Cooking or baking  
Fun & Games   Arts and craft   Music studio



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@sendprojectnottingham  
instagram





St Ann's Community Orchard

# Free After School Sessions

Every Wednesday  
3:30pm-5pm



Orienteering,  
exploring, bug  
hunting, cooking on  
the fire, arts, crafts,  
and more!

Children aged  
8-12 only



Booking essential: [www.staa.eventbrite.com](http://www.staa.eventbrite.com)  
Contact Rachel on 07498 864498 to book.  
The Community Orchard is on  
St Ann's Allotments, off Ransom Road,  
look out for the yellow signs.





## FREE PLAY FOOTBALL



### **Mondays**

4pm to 5pm (ages 5 to 11)

5pm to 6pm (ages 12 to 16)

### **Brewsters Park**

141 Brewsters Road, NG3 3BY

Free\*

**Book your place:** [bookwhen.com/renewaltrust](http://bookwhen.com/renewaltrust)

\*Sessions open to families living in St Ann's, Sneinton and Mapperley  
(Nottingham City Wards - Dales, Mapperley and St Ann's)





Skate Nottingham

# Free skateboard coaching sessions



**SATURDAYS AT BRENDON  
LAWRENCE SPORTS CENTRE**

10:30 - 12:00  
From 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
For ages 7+

	<p><b>Free Play Football - Free*</b>  <b>Monday 4pm to 5pm</b> - ages 5 to 11  <b>Monday 5pm to 6pm</b> - ages 12 to 16          Brewsters Park, 141 Brewsters Road, NG3 3BY  <b>Book your place:</b> <a href="http://bookwhen.com/renewaltrust">bookwhen.com/renewaltrust</a></p>	
	<p><b>Wicketz</b> - ages 8 to 16 - Free*  <b>Wednesday 5:30pm to 7pm</b> - ages 8 to 16          Brendon Lawrence Sports Centre, 35 Hungerhill Road, NG3 4NB  <b>Register here:</b> <a href="http://app.upshot.org.uk/signup/c310d54a/">app.upshot.org.uk/signup/c310d54a/</a></p>	<h2>Term time activities</h2>
	<p><b>BLSC Youth Club does ACE</b> - ages 8 to 16 - Free*  <b>Thursday 5:30pm to 7pm</b>          Brendon Lawrence Sports Centre, 35 Hungerhill Road, NG3 4NB  <b>Register here:</b> <a href="http://app.upshot.org.uk/signup/ad80caee/">app.upshot.org.uk/signup/ad80caee/</a></p>	<p>with The Renewal Trust (and friends!)</p>
	<p><b>PL Kicks - Football and Cricket</b> - ages 8 to 16 - Free*  <b>Thursday 6pm to 8pm</b>          Nottingham Academy, Greenwood Road, Sneinton NG3 7EB  <b>Book your place:</b> <a href="http://bookwhen.com/nfct">bookwhen.com/nfct</a></p>	<p><b>To find out more call:</b>          0115 911 2226  <b>or email</b>  <a href="mailto:enquiries@renewaltrust.org.uk">enquiries@renewaltrust.org.uk</a></p>
	<p><b>Feel Good Family Fun</b> - £1 per family / household  <b>Friday, 4:30pm to 5:30pm - monthly from 15 September</b>          Brendon Lawrence Sports Centre, 35 Hungerhill Road, NG3 4NB  <b>Book your place:</b> <a href="http://bookwhen.com/renewaltrust">bookwhen.com/renewaltrust</a></p>	
	<p><b>PL Kicks - Football</b> - ages 8 to 16 - Free*  <b>Friday 6pm to 8pm</b>          Brendon Lawrence Sports Centre, 35 Hungerhill Road, NG3 4NB  <b>Book your place:</b> <a href="http://bookwhen.com/nfct">bookwhen.com/nfct</a></p>	<p><small>*Free sessions open to families living in Nottingham City wards Dales, Mapperley and St Ann's</small></p>

**EASY-FUNDRAISING - Please help us!**



# Walter Halls Primary School

Mapperley, Nottingham

£1,048.75 raised

128 supporters

Sign up and support this cause

*We currently have 137 supporters who have helped to raise over £1000 for our school, so far. This is a meaningful amount of money that comes directly to us to help support our children. Next academic year we would like to put the entire money raised through this initiative towards all school visits and trips. We want to make sure ALL of our children get these chances, no matter their circumstances, and we have next-to-no spare budget to make these happen ourselves.*

*If you have yet to join, or know anyone else who would be willing to join, it is so simple and quick to do. You do not have to donate a set amount - simple shop online through this APP, spending the money you would normally spend, and we will get a small donation made each time! From take-aways to holidays there are so many online outlets that support this initiative.*

Simply visit:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/walterhallsprimaryschool/?searchSessionId=2857a911-d6d1-4247-9db6-689c60a13f64>

*Sign-up and support our school - thank you!*

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## **The Little Ted Foundation**



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*Walter Halls continues to support for The Little Ted Foundation - a charity very close to our hearts, following the sad passing of Mr Neal's youngest child, Baby Ted. We will continue to raise money*

*whenever we can, to give to this very special charity. For more information on how you can help too, please visit the following link:*

[https://www.thelittletedfoundation.org/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMIpcTfzqCH-gIVhIBQBh2SPwEHEAAYASAAEqK5XvD\\_BwE](https://www.thelittletedfoundation.org/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMIpcTfzqCH-gIVhIBQBh2SPwEHEAAYASAAEqK5XvD_BwE)

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## Community & Family Support



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### ***FRIENDS OF WALTER HALLS PTA EVENTS:***

*This year, FOWH are raising money towards all school visits and experiences for our children. We do not have enough budget to cover the cost of visits or visitors into school and would like to make sure those who cannot afford to pay don't miss out.*

### ***FAMILY AND PASTORAL SUPPORT***

*We currently support many families with various needs including: food parcels, family advice, parenting support and other referrals to various helpful agencies.*

*Here are a few key contacts of people who may be able to help you:*

***Emma Beardah*** - Headteacher & Safeguarding team leader

***Jo Glover*** - Deputy Headteacher, Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, Safeguarding team

***Gail Holmes*** - Family Support Worker, Attendance officer and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

***Kerrie Chandler*** - Play Therapist, Child Welfare Officer & Deputy DSL

***Lee Neal*** - Behaviour & Learning Mentor

*Joe Hockham - Behaviour & Learning Mentor*

*Dawn Jukes - MHST link worker - on school site every Wednesday. Adult drop-in sessions 8.30-9.15am available*

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE ON 0115 9150045 or COME AND CHAT TO US OUTSIDE IN THE MORNINGS OR AFTER SCHOOL**

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## Safety reminders



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- **COVID and other illnesses** - we want and need our children in school as much as possible. At the moment, advice is for children to isolate for 3-days if you know they have COVID. Upset tummies and sickness requires 48 hours of being at home, to stop the spread. See our poster for other common childhood illness and what you need to do about school attendance.
  - **Please do not gather on the school grounds at the start and end of days.** We have Epic Sports running after school activities and need to be vigilant in closing our gates at the right times to keep the children safe, both in the morning and after school.
  - **No dogs are permitted on site at any time** - we love them but not all children do so please respect this and make plans to leave them at home when coming to school site.

- **Bikes and scooters** - all adults and children should not be riding through the site - please dismount and push them through our pathways.
  - **PE kits** – To avoid children needing to get changed during the school day, PE kits must be worn to school on the day of PE, along with a coat / jumper / cardigan to keep children warm during other parts of the day. PE kits must be plain blue tracksuit bottoms or shorts and a plain white top. If you're still unsure of PE days, please call the office.
  - **Please be considerate and safe when parking outside of our school gates.** Parking officials patrol as regularly as possible. We politely ask that all of our families are mindful of road safety around our school, where very young children are walking in and out.
  - **Respectful behaviour on site** - We respectfully remind you that school is private property and holds it's own set of expectations for conduct on site. If your child walks to and from school alone or gets picked up by another adult we need to know about this - please call the office. We expect all of our children to arrive and leave site in a respectful way and for the conduct of all adults on our site to be polite and respectful too. Repeated cases of problems with this on our school grounds can lead to us asking you to escort your children to and from their classrooms instead of arriving or leaving by themselves and we may ask adults to remain at the gates if respectful and polite adult behaviour becomes an issue.
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