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From the Editor's Desk



Ms. Venita Christiana J
Vice Principal

Welcome, one and all, to the first edition of "The Ingenious Finesse" for the academic year 2024-2025! As the new leaves unfurl on the trees, so too does a new chapter begin for our school magazine. We, the editorial team, are brimming with excitement to bring you a platform to showcase your ingenuity and finesse – be it through the power of words, artistic flair, or insightful analysis.

This year, "The Ingenious Finesse" aspires to be more than just a magazine. We envision it to be a vibrant space where students can exchange ideas, ignite discourse, and delve into topics that pique their curiosity. Whether you're a budding scientist with groundbreaking theories or a poet weaving magic with words, we want to hear your voice.


This edition is a mere glimpse into the plethora of talent that resides within the walls of our esteemed institution. We have captivating stories waiting to be unveiled, thought-provoking articles that will challenge your perspectives, and poems that will stir your emotions.

As you delve into the pages that follow, we encourage you not to just be a reader, but to become an active contributor. Share your artwork, voice your opinions, and let your creativity flow freely. "The Ingenious Finesse" is, after all, a testament to the collective brilliance of our student body.

So, unleash your inner genius, hone your finesse, and get ready to embark on this literary adventure with us. We can't wait to see what you bring to the table!

With much anticipation,

The Editorial Team



Beauty of English Language

A contribution from
Mr. Vinod Sukheja
The Director
Subhash Dey's Academy

The beauty of the English language lies in its usage. See, even a blind man can say, 'I see' to mean, 'I understand'. This is so often used when one gets a mental picture of something or someone. However, we see someone or something using our eyes.

"Be seeing you" could be yet another way for a visually impaired person to say goodbye. So is the case with the expression "don't bother seeing me out," when the host tends to escort the guest to the exit.

Remember that a doctor is seen to be offering his or her services to one and all, irrespective of their physical status. Therefore, when it comes to seeing a doctor of medicine, even the blind can see him/her, as seeing a physician is consulting a physician.

Furthermore, seeing that there was no specific medicine for the pandemic, everyone, regardless of their eyesight, was required to receive a corona virus vaccination. Here, seeing that is a conjunction for the meaning 'considering that'.

So you can see from this write-up that the word "see" has both literal and figurative meanings depending upon when you happen to use the verb "see," whose noun form is "sight," as in "get out of my sight." You use it when you want to get rid of someone or you don't want their presence. However, this is a bit rude. Being rude is always seen as being lacking in manners.

At times, you forget someone, following the English proverb: out of sight, out of mind. However, the noun sight has begun to be used as a verb also, as in 'the man in question was sighted roaming around in the vicinity of our colony yesterday.

You will be able to see a lot of usages of "see" once you look up this verb in a good English dictionary, which you should keep sight of. I am not sure whether you see eye to-eye with this author, Vinod Sukheja. 'Seeing is believing' is yet another proverb that asks for concrete proof to establish a fact.

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Articles*



Majesty Carved by Ice: A Glimpse into Fjords

Mr.Gokul Chandar – PGT Economics



Imagine a landscape sculpted by giants. Towering cliffs, etched with waterfalls, plunge into deep, emerald waters. This is the magic of a fjord, a long, narrow inlet carved by glaciers millennia ago. Sunlight dances on the water, while mist hangs ethereally in the crisp air.

Found primarily in Norway, fjords are a testament to nature's raw power and beauty. Lush valleys nestled between the cliffs hold charming villages, their colourful houses a delightful contrast to the grandeur of the surroundings.

A journey into a fjord is a journey into a timeless world. Whether cruising the serene waters or hiking the dramatic cliffs, a sense of awe washes over you. It's a place to breathe deeply, to feel dwarfed by the beauty, and to be humbled by the earth's history etched in stone and water.

Promises of the Students' Council





Pranaav S XII – A Head Boy

- I will enforce discipline on all the students and my classmates.
- I will abide by the rules of the school in all instances.
- I will motivate all my classmates and juniors to participate in all the school events enthusiastically.
- I will uphold the faith and trust of the teachers.
- I will encourage my fellow students to focus on both academics and other co and extra-curricular activities.
- I will contribute to the school's development in all respects.



Vismaya Thanmay XII – B Head Girl

- I will act honestly and ethically, inspiring trust among my peers and teachers.
- I will promote unity and inclusiveness to create a school environment where everyone feels valued and respected.
- I will encourage and support initiatives that enhance academic achievement and personal growth among students.
- I will dedicate myself to serving the needs and interests of my fellow students , listening to their concerns and advocating for positive change.
- I will be a role model, demonstrating responsibility, resilience and a commitment to making our school a better place for all.



Giridar R XI – A1 School Pupil Leader

- I will make my school disciplined and patriotic.
- I will lead my school and be a good leader. By the end of the academic year 2024-2025, our school will be patriotic and disciplined.
- I will encourage cultural events in our school.
- I will listen to the problems faced by the students and help them to overcome. For those who feel that they lack help from peers, I will try my best to help them.



Samritha B XI - A2 School Pupil Leader

- I will respect and follow the rules and regulations of the school.
- I will show accountability in all my actions.
- I promise to fulfill my duties with sincerity.
- I will improve the discipline of the students of our school.
- I myself will step forward to support the management.



Mithun R M

IX SR

Asst.School Pupil Leader

I promise to

- Support and assist the SPLs in all their duties and initiatives.
- Serve as a role model to my peers through my actions, words and behaviour.
- Foster a positive and inclusive school environment where all students feel valued and heard.
- Work diligently to represent the interests and concerns of my fellow students.
- Promote academic excellence, school spirit and a sense of community within our school.
- Collaborate with the teachers, non-teaching staff and students to implement programmes and activities that benefit our school.
- Maintain, integrity, respect and fairness in all my interactions and decisions.
- Commit myself to these principles and promise to serve with enthusiasm , dedication and a spirit of cooperation.



Athiksha K

IX – CVR

Asst.School Pupil Leader

- I solemnly pledge to uphold the value of integrity, responsibility and leadership entrusted to me by my peers, teachers and the school management.
- With humility and dedication, I commit to serving as a role model and an advocate for positive change within our school.
- I pledge to lead by example, demonstrating respect, empathy and inclusivity in all my interactions.
- I will offer guidance, encouragement and assistance wherever needed.
- I promise to uphold the highest standard of academic excellence and to serve with integrity and honesty.
- I accept the responsibilities and challenges I might have to face as the ASPL. I do so willingly and wholeheartedly,, knowing that with the support of my peers and mentors, I can make a positive and lasting impact on our school.



Prithvi R Nair XI – A1 Sports Captain

- I will do my best during my captainship in the academic year 2024-2025.
- I have dreamt of this post and have many plans for this academic year. I have been inspired by our previous captains, Rakesh, Hardik and Vishal, and wanted to be like them.
- I will definitely perform my duties well and become a role model for the captains to come.
- I will make good use of the chance I have got and will plan events and engaging activities for my friends. I will help in keeping up the discipline.
- I have ideas for many competitions which I shall execute.



Prathiksha Sre XI – A1 Sports Captain

- I will abide by the school rules and regulations.
- I will show inclusivity and accountability in all my decisions.
- I will fulfill all the duties given to me.
- I will devote myself to the physical well being of all the students.
- I will ensure that all the students participate in various sports activities.



Arsham P M
IX - CVR
Deputy Sports Captain

- I will follow all my duties as a Deputy Sports Captain.
- I will make everyone to do their duties properly.
- I will lead everyone to work as a team.
- I will encourage the students to be more disciplined.
- I will help all the students of our school and support the school management.



Shrinika N A
IX - SR
Deputy Sports Captain

- I will be committed to my duties as the Deputy Sports Captain.
- I will lead everyone to be disciplined.
- I will make sure to educate my fellow students on the preferable vocations for the future.
- I will ensure that everyone works in teams.
- I will introduce new games and sports to Vivekamites.
- I will serve not only for sports but also help in all the fields of activities.
- I will ensure that students develop sportsmanship.
- I will support and assist the Sports Captains in all their duties, decisions and initiatives.



Kabilan E

XI – A1

Cultural Secretary - Boy

- I will abide by the rules and regulations of the school and carryout my responsibilities with utmost sincerity and dedication.
- I will try my best to make all students participate in the school events.
- I will encourage enthusiastic participation in club and house activities.
- I will support my school and my teachers.
- I will respect my teachers and my schoolmates.
- I will introduce programmes focused on students' well being such as mental health awareness campaigns, stress management workshops and physical fitness activities to promote healthy school environment.
- I will attend all council meetings sincerely and ensure my presence during all the school events with preparation and punctuality.
- I will be a good leader and guide my fellow students.



Ghopika R P

XI - B

Cultural Secretary

- I will help out teachers during special occasions and programmes.
- I will keep our school fun-filled and colourful.
- I will make sure that no one gets ignored at any time when it comes to cultural activities. Everyone will be accepted as an artist.
- I will make all the programmes unforgettable.
- I will make sure that co-curricular activities are regularly conducted.
- I will persuade everyone to participate in every competition.
- I will be available and approachable for those who have any concerns or ideas related to cultural club.
- I will make the Annual Day a grand celebration



Akash
IX - CVR
Deputy Cultural Secretary

- I will ensure that all the events happen with enthusiasm and everyone is a part of it.
- I will sincerely work on bringing out the hidden talents of all the students.



Veshnavi Shanker
IX - CVR
Deputy Cultural Secretary

- I will remember the expectations of the past and fulfill them wholeheartedly.
- I will be the backbone of my fellow students and bring out the hidden talents of them all.
- I will help all the students to shine in every possible way.



Dharshan R R
XI – A2
Environmental Secretary

- I will keep the environment clean and safe.
- I will insist others also to keep the environment clean.
- I will be truthful to my designation.
- I will introduce many fun filled competitions to create awareness about the environment.
- I will take our school to greater heights.



Sree Nethra S K
XI – A1
Environmental Secretary

- I will maintain an eco-friendly environment in the school.
- I will introduce various gardening activities.
- I will make sure that each and everyone has access to clean and sustainable environment.
- I will ensure that all the reasonable demands be fulfilled.



Mukesh Karthik G
IX - SR
Deputy Environmental Secretary

- I will provide a better environment for everyone to be their best possible version and fulfill the duties assigned to me.
- I will support everyone to be able to experience their inner beauty and be joyful together.



Navya Deeksha B
IX - SR
Deputy Environmental Secretary

- I will support and assist the Environmental Secretaries in all activities.
- I will make sure to take the problems of students to concerned teachers.
- I will teach my peers to keep the environment clean.
- I will make sure that our Vivekamites show care and concern towards environment.
- I commit myself completely to the field of environment and shall plant at least 10 trees this year in and around our school.

Students' Articles



MY TURN TO LEAD

GIRIDAR.R – XI A1

School Pupil Leader - Boy

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." - Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Hope you all had a nice vacation. I am Giridar.R of Grade 11-A1. I have been studying in this school for over a decade. I was just like many of you reading this, a frightened boy/girl who used to sit in the class and just be mesmerized at how the leaders were brave, confident and courageous, hoping I would be like them one day.

In our life there's a certain moment where we are forced to lead. One such moment for me was my NCC life. NCC brought me to consciousness that even I can be a leader. I was afraid I would make mistakes and everyone would scold or they would disgrace me in front of a crowd. I realised that all the mistakes I did during my NCC days have made me stronger and have taught me never to repeat the mistakes.

So, I consider this year as one such test from God to see how well I can lead my school. Yeah, I might make some mistakes during this year, I might be criticized but it doesn't matter because the more mistakes I commit the more things I will learn, so do others.

This year I have planned to make my school mates be patriotic, disciplined, obedient and enthusiastic in all the programmes that we the students of grade 11 are about to organize. After many years I finally have found the opportunity to lead my school.

I want to make sure that every student has a chance to be a leader in the academic year (2024-2025). This year I want to lead in a way which shall benefit all the students. **Action speaks louder than words.** With this quote I end my note and will write to you all once again by the end of the year to share my experiences in my way of leading the school.

Its my turn to lead now and I hope I will do the best of my potential and I assure that I will keep the promises I have made and will make. **Heartfelt thanks to the students, principal, teachers and management for this wonderful opportunity.** I will live up to the quotes in this write-up.

MY VISION FOR MY SCHOOL

Samritha B – XI A2

School Pupil Leader - Girl

“A vision is not just a picture of what could be; it is an appeal to our better selves, a call to become something more.”

Vision has the power to change aspiration to actuality and is essential for growth and progress. When it comes to envisioning my school, firstly, I believe that everyone would enjoy the dynamic environment that constantly changes to sustain excitement and interest. I would like to work on creating and sustaining a dynamic environment throughout the school year in my leadership.

Secondly, considering the entertainment and physical activity, everyone shall get the desired support from their mentors and leaders not just for academics but also for extra curricular activities. I shall contribute to identify, nurture and showcase any kind of talent of skill in the students.

Finally, each and every student is nurtured with and understanding of the world beyond the classroom, creating a sense of global awareness and sociability. I look forward to creating platforms to experience the taste of the bigger world in a miniature. My vision for my school is to nurture physical, mental as well as social well-being.



WHAT FOOTBALL TAUGHT ME

Mithun R M – IX SR

Asst. School Pupil Leader

If you are looking for a fun and exciting way to learn important life lessons, look no further than the football field. From teamwork to perseverance, football offers a wealth of valuable insights into the human experience. It is a fun game that is very amazing to watch and also to play.

Football keeps a player mentally and physically healthy and disciplined. And this ninety minute game tests their sportsmanship, patience and tolerance. Besides all, it's a global game that can promote peace among countries. I hadn't been a person I am now that easily, football molded me.

Football may become so brutal that the people who play it undergo pain. Therefore, there are some of the injuries that may happen to you if you play it wrong. Some of the injuries are permanent or worse, may be deadly. So football has to be played with extra care and not randomly. I learnt to play the game right with a lot of dedicated practice.

Football was and is a total life changer of my life. It totally changed my behaviour, taught important life skills such as teamwork, communication, leadership and time management. I think I am so lucky to be a part of Vivekam Football team. If I am a leader today, it is definitely because of football.

“Football doesn't build character,
It reveals character.”



A PAYBACK TO MY SCHOOL

A Service as Gratitude

Athiksha K – IX CVR

Asst. School Pupil Leader

As I reflect on my journey as a student, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude towards school. For over a decade, it has been my second home, shaping not only my academic progress but also my character and values. I am determined to pay forward the invaluable lessons and opportunities bestowed upon me.

First and foremost, I believe in the power of mentorship. I have been fortunate to have teachers and seniors who had guided and inspired me. I am committed to becoming a mentor myself, offering support and guidance to younger students embarking on their educational journey. Whether it is through tutoring sessions or lending a listening ear, I aspire to be a source of inspiration for my juniors.

As an Assistant School Pupil Leader, I will have the privilege of working alongside my peers to organize events and initiatives aimed at promoting unity. I intend to continue contributing to the school community by spearheading initiatives that celebrate diversity, cultivate a culture of kindness and respect. From organizing cultural festivals to leading in any services, I am committed to create an environment where every student feels valued and supported.

I am passionate about using my skills and knowledge for the betterment of the school. I am keen to give back by volunteering my time and expertise in areas where I can make a meaningful impact. I am eager to utilize my talents to enrich the educational experience of my peers and future generation of students.

In conclusion, my journey as a student of Vivekam has instilled in me a deep sense of gratitude and a desire to give back to the school that has given me so much. Through mentorship, skill sharing, supporting, I am determined to pay for the invaluable gifts of education, guidance and friendship that I have received. I am honored to continue the tradition of service and leadership that defines us.

IMPORTANCE OF SPORTS AND GAMES

Prithvi .R.Nair – XI A1
Sports Captain

From changing lives to freshening our minds, sports and games are integral to many lives. Some take them as a hobby, while others embrace them as a passion. Sports are vital for our physical and mental health, playing a crucial role in our overall development. Great achievements often come from a series of small steps, which is why engaging in sports is particularly beneficial for youth.

Undoubtedly, sports offer numerous benefits to individuals and society. One of the most critical lessons sports teach is teamwork. Team members work together towards a common goal, fostering a sense of unity and cooperation. Additionally, sports instils discipline, builds confidence, enhances physical fitness, and stabilises mental health. The social benefits also include improved communication skills, the ability to make new friends, and learning appropriate social behaviour in various situations.

Playing sports also boosts self-esteem and reduces stress and anxiety. They teach time management, an essential skills for daily life. Sports and games enhance leadership abilities through quick thinking, delegation and respectful interactions with peers and coaches. They help individuals focused, composed and continuously work on self improvement by identifying and addressing weaknesses.

India has a rich tradition of sports and games, a heritage that is centuries old as evidenced by ancient poems and scriptures. Slogans like "Khelo Rhudo Swasth Raho" and "Odi vilaiyaadu pappa" have been a part of the upbringing of many Indian children. However, sports are not always a bed of roses. Great athletes and sportsmen have faced significant struggles to achieve and contribute to their respective fields. In India we should remember the contribution of legends like Kapil Dev, Sachin Tendulkar, Sunil Chhetri, MS Dhoni, Virat Kohli, and Viswanathan Anand. These individuals have inspired millions of young people in India.

In this new age of gadgets, the importance of sports and games is reducing. To prevent this we must recognise the joy and numerous benefits they offer. Encouraging active participation in sports can lead to healthier, happier generations to come.

"Raise the bar and shine like a star."

LEADING MY SCHOOL IN FITNESS

Prathiksha Sre. P – XI A1

Sports Captain

Good health and fitness is not something which one can achieve entirely on our own. It depends on their physical environment and the quality of the food we intake. We live in villages, towns, and cities and in such places, our physical environment affects our fitness and health. Our day to day habits also determine our fitness level. The quality of food, air, water, all helps in building our fitness level.

Leading my school to fitness is my aim and can be achieved by prioritising physical education classes, by up grading our playground and sports equipments, participating in every sport and activities conducted by school. Fitness does not mean physically fit alone, it also means mental health. For the mental health we can include yoga which relaxes our mind and so the students can easily concentrate on studies.

The conclusion is that the person who stays happier is fit and healthy. A fit and healthy person is less prone to chronic diseases. The healthy mind reacts even better in a pressured situation. The self confidence of a person is increased. The risk of heart failure is reduced drastically. With the increased immunity power, our body can fight cancerous cells. The intensity of the fracture is decreased with fitness. Nowadays, it is necessary and very important to introduce these measures into schools and educational institutions to bring up a healthier and brighter future community.

As the Sports Captain of the school, I dream to make my schoolmates healthier and stronger. I assure to work for the same.



GRAMMAR TIME

ON and IN

to use with various vehicle

ON



IN



CAN STAND UP
INSIDE

CAN'T STAND UP
INSIDE

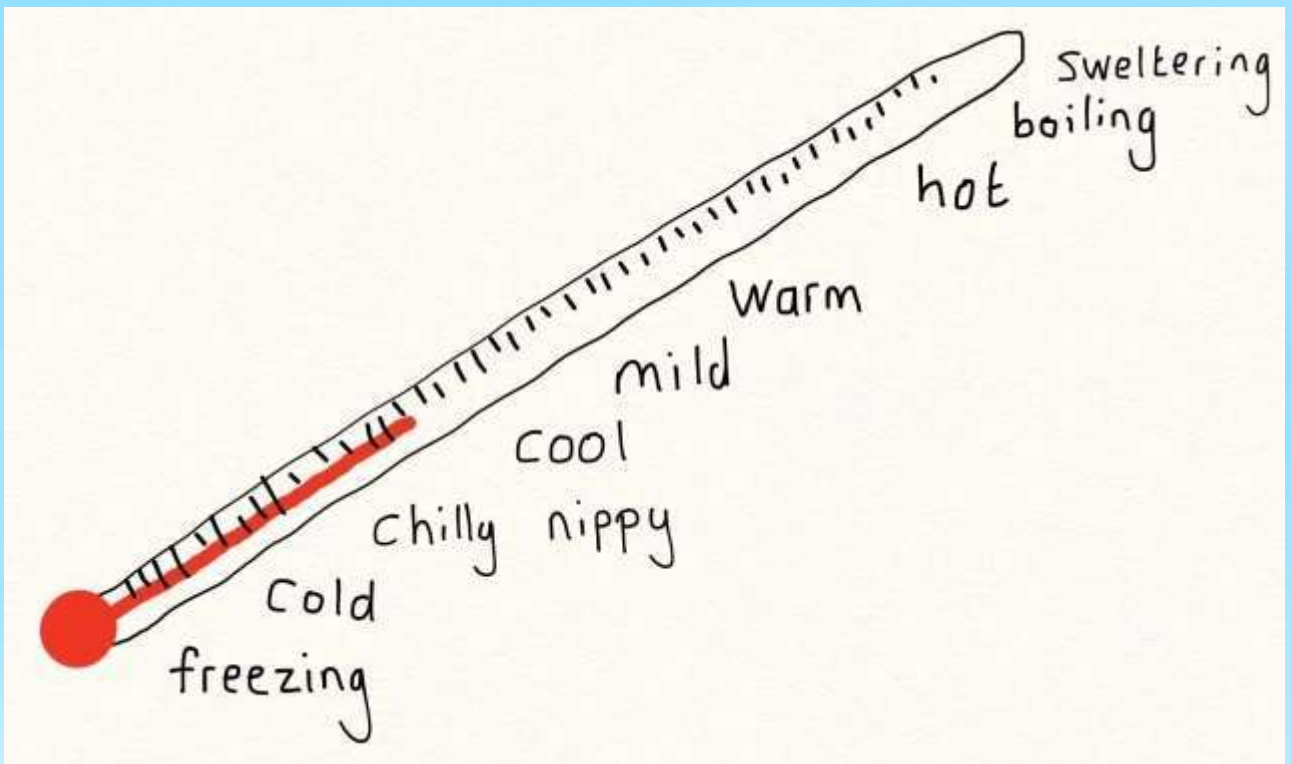
IN, ON and AT



IMPROVE YOUR VOCABULARY

Word clines

A **word cline** is a scale of language items (words) that go from weak to strong. Learning a few word clines can make our writing styles better. Learn one today!



STORY TIME

What it takes to become successful.

(Adopted)



MICHELANGELO

During the Renaissance era, people hailed Michelangelo as a genius, especially since he sculpted the Pietà in his tender age of 24 years.

But Michelangelo begged to differ. “If people knew how hard I had to work to gain my mastery, it would not seem so wonderful at all,” he said.

Michelangelo’s life before the Pietà was as follows.

From age six to ten, he lived with a stonecutter, learning how to handle a hammer and chisel. Then he apprenticed under the great Ghirlandaio to sketch, copy and prepare frescoes in one of Florence’s largest churches.

Next, he got tutored by master sculptor Bertoldo and other luminaries until the age of seventeen. At twenty-four, he produced the Pietà.

Talent creates an opportunity to succeed. But talent doesn’t always come naturally, nor does it guarantee success. With persistence, continuous action, and patience, one can build talent and achieve their goals.

Takeaway: Sustainable overnight success is often a result of years of patience and toil behind the scenes. Talent alone never brings success. Hard work, persistence, and resilience are far more valuable.



PIETA

**DOMENICO
GHIRLANDAIO**



**BERTOLDO DI
GIOVANNI**



Funny Riddles

Q: What type of cheese is made backwards?

A: Edam.

Q: Why are ghosts bad liars?

A: Because you can see right through them.

Q: Imagine you're in a room that is filling with water. There are no windows or doors. How do you get out?

A: Stop imagining!

Q: What two things can you never eat for breakfast?

A: Lunch and dinner!

Q: Why do bees hum?

A: Because they don't know the words.

Q: If you throw a blue stone into the Red Sea, what will it become?

A: Wet.

Q: Why did Mickey Mouse go to Outer Space?

A: He wanted to visit Pluto.

Q: What do you call a fairy that hasn't taken a bath?

A: Stinker Bell.

Q: What did the beach say when the tide came in?

A: Long time, no sea.

Q: What did the baseball glove say to the ball?

A: Catch you later.

Q: You will buy me to eat but never eat me. What am I?

A: A plate.

Q: What do you call it when your parachute doesn't open?

A: Jumping to a conclusion.

Q: You can serve it, but never eat it? What is it?

A: A tennis ball.

The graphic features the letters 'F', 'Y', and 'I' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Each letter is contained within a white square with a blue border, and the squares are slightly offset from each other. To the right of these squares is a white rounded rectangle with a blue border containing the text 'FOR YOUR INFORMATION' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

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INFORMATION

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