Happy Friday!

Extra Bank Holiday... Just a reminder that Monday is a Bank Holiday, to mark The Queen's funeral.

Meet the Teacher Meetings... Meet the Teacher meetings are next week on Tuesday at Merrywood and Wednesday at Myrtle. The meetings will start at 3.45 to give you sufficient time to pick up at Merrywood before the Myrtle meeting.

Arts Trail... We have had lots of lovely comments about the arts trail botanical garden which runs along the fence at Merrywood. The children worked really hard on the variety of creatures and plants and it looks fantastic. Thank you to Miss Greenwood for co-ordinating this wonderful wholeschool effort. We are planning on keeping it up for as long as it resists the weather!







Our School Environment... This year one of our main school development priorities is strengthening our practice as a caring, inclusive school and we kicked this off by focusing on the environment. Over the holiday we installed acoustic dampening system in the hall which not only looks great, but has made the hall and the connected classrooms too significantly calmer and quieter see picture below).



We are also developing our nurture spaces in the school. At Merrywood we are using the downstairs of the school house as a designated nurture space (right) and we are developing a similar space at Myrtle. Mrs Fisher and Mr Millard will work from these spaces in their ELSA roles (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant).



Safety and Well-being... We have a new section on the website, available from the main menu, which contains the following sections:

- Child protection
- Keeping Our Children Safe
- Mental Well-Being
- Accessing Support
- Zones of Regulation

The 'Accessing Support' section contains a number of links to services, websites and leaflets that may be helpful and we will continue to add to this bank in the coming weeks and months.

Have a great weekend, Andy Bowman

Safeguarding & Mentoring

Coffee Morning update

Hope all those who attended last Friday's coffee morning found it helpful, our amazing office staff were able to help a large number of parents with Parentmail issues.

These sessions are there for you to come along with any concerns you'd like to discuss with us, as well as having some outside agencies come in to give you advice and guidance in particular areas.

Each week we will focus on a different area.

Friday 16th September - General chat but we will be available to talk about any concerns with Y6 Camp and Secondary School applications (Deadline 22nd October)

Friday 22nd September- Secondary school applications

Friday 30th - NO COFFEE MORNING (CAMP)

Friday 7th October - SEND information morning.

Come along to our SEND Coffee morning hosted in partnership with Bristol Parent Carer Forum where you can find out more information on what support is available locally for your child with special educational needs and disabilities.

Friday 14th October - The school nurse will be with us to talk to you about any health concerns for your children.

Friday 21st October - A general drop in and chat. This will be the last session for this term.

We look forward to seeing you,

Paula and Catherine.



Safeguarding & Mentoring cont.

Bristol Autism Support (BAS)

Please see information below from Bristol Autism Support (BAS) who have some events for parent support.

Weekly Support meetings

we have moved our weekly support group for parents and carers of autistic children to the Imperial Sports Ground on Thursday mornings at 10am - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/weekly-in-person-support-group-tickets-375090585037

Once a month we have a sensory play support group at Super Sense at the Imperial Sports Ground for parents to come to with their children - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bas-sensory-play-support-group-tickets-383656245157

Once a month we also have an introductory All About Autism Session - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/all-about-autism-tickets-272856299537

We have a number of coffee mornings planned in where people can just show up and the coffee is on us –

Monday 12th September, 10-11am: Boston Tea Party, 293 Gloucester Road Bishopston BS7 8PE Friday 16th September, 10-11am: Easton Community, Centre Kilburn St, Easton, Bristol BS5 6AW Monday 19th September, 10-11am: Grounded, 66-68 Bedminster Parade, Bristol BS3 4HL Tuesday 20th September 10-11.30: Bonzo Lounge, 8-9 Market Walk, Keynsham BS311FS Monday 10th October, 10-11am: Boston Tea Party, 293 Gloucester Road Bishopston BS7 8PE Friday 14th October, 10-11am: Easton Community, Centre Kilburn St, Easton, Bristol BS5 6AW Monday 17th October, 10-11am: Morrisons Café, Peterson Avenue, Hartcliffe, Bristol BS13 0BE Monday 14th November, 10-11am: Boston Tea Party, 293 Gloucester Road Bishopston BS7 8PE Monday 21st November, 10-11am: Grounded, 66-68 Bedminster Parade, Bristol BS3 4HL Monday 5th December, 10-11am: Boston Tea Party, 293 Gloucester Road Bishopston BS7 8PE

We have support group / courses running each term, the next round will include a sensory group, new to autism and masking and anxiety - https://www.bristolautismsupport.org/support-blocks/

Information sessions this month include -

In person DLA workshop 26TH September - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/applying-for-disability-living-allowance-dla-tickets-414530230077

27TH September -SEND Law and EHCPS - https://www.bristolautismsupport.org/whats-on/#event=73563089;instance=20220927123000?popup=1

Don't forget you can refer parents anytime to our helpline -

https://www.bristolautismsupport.org/helpline/ and Bristol parents Facebook group (now over 3,000 members) https://www.facebook.com/groups/bristolautismsupport

As and when details are finalised more sessions will be added to the BAS calendar: https://www.bristolautismsupport.org/whats-on/

Safeguarding & Mentoring cont.



Giving hope to grieving children

Hello,

We are saddened by the news of the death of HRH Queen Elizabeth II and offer our heartfelt condolences to all of the royal family.

These events will no doubt impact many young grieving people.

Winston's Wish will continue to provide advice, support and guidance through our Freephone Helpline, email and text services. Resources and information, including guides on how to support young people and their families through the death of the Queen, will be available on our website and social media accounts over the coming days.

As well as a proud leader we remember Her Royal Highness also as a devoted wife and proud and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. We will forever be grateful for the contribution Her Majesty made to her country.

Fergus Crow, CEO

How to talk to children about the death of the Queen

How to explain death to a child

How to look after yourself when a public figure dies

Everyone grieves in their own way

How to remember someone who has died

OPAL Play

This week across the school we have been back enjoying our playground spaces.

Merrywood

This week we have had a huge number of little pirates visiting the site, making boats and getting trapped on tyre islands and holding secret meetings about treasure.

We have also had a wonderful cascading ball run with stoppers poised and ready to fire the balls off...they loved it!

Myrtle

The new Year 3 children have taken up the mantle of master builders on the Myrtle site taking the older children with them on their journey.

I will be meeting with the school council next week to discuss putting in a scooter 'trick zone' on the MUGA playground to mix it up a little.



Green spaces across the site

We continue to look at our whole site and the development of green spaces. If you would like to help the school in any way then please get in touch with Mr Potter. We have a lot of work to do in the Orchard space at Myrtle!!

OPAL donations

We continue to ask for natural wood donations for the children to use and build with. Decking boards, drain pipes are always a favourite. If you also have any dressing up outfits that you no longer want then we would love to have them for our imaginative play.

OPAL moving forward

We are looking in to larger structures across both sites for the children to engage with during their playtimes / lunchtimes. These are currently out to tender with local providers.

Year Group Updates

Nursery

What a busy and wonderful week we have had in Nursery, the children are settling in beautifully! This first term of Nursery is all about getting to know our new friends, settling into the environment and routines, and of course having lots of fun!

Iris Hiccups

We are so sorry to hear there has been teething problems with the new Iris system. This may have caused a little confusion with the ordering of lunches, especially with lunch options available for Nursery. Just to confirm that in Nursery the children only have a 'hot lunch' (this keeps things simplified for the little ones), please ignore other options available such as cold lunch and jacket potato, as these are not applicable to us. As soon as we're able, we'll have those irrelevant options removed from the system.

Family Photo

You may have spotted our painted tree, in class. This is our 'Family Tree' for children to have a sense of home and belonging in our community. If you are happy to do so, please could you bring in a small family photo to go up on our tree? It will remain on our tree, for your child to look at, if they are missing their family or just wanting to see your lovely faces!

Home celebration board

We are well aware that at this young age, your little ones are learning and developing all the time. Reaching milestones both in school and at home. We want to understand and be part of the bigger picture of your child's development and to value their home achievements as much as their school ones. Within class we have a 'Home Celebration Board'. This is to display and celebrate the children's out of school achievements and things they are proud of e.g a picture they painted at Grandmas, or a photo of their first time on their scooter etc. The children love sharing these with the class, and having them proudly displayed on the wall.

So do feel free to bring in photos or items of achievements and proud moments, we would love to see them, and pop them up on the celebration board.

We can't wait to get stuck back into our playing and fun next week! I wonder what things we'll get up to? Well done Seahorse Superstars!

Reception

Dear Reception Families,

It has been wonderful seeing all the classes together this week! The children have been enjoying making new friends and experiencing lunchtimes at school. Next week we move into full days at school starting Tuesday 20th September - the children will be arriving at 8.45am and going home at 3.30pm. Please note that the Merrywood Road gate will close just before 9am each morning.

Please can we request you return the Learning Journals Consent Form as soon as possible. If you haven't received one or have misplaced it, please drop by the office and we can give you one to complete.

Reception cont.

Each week the children will be accessing resources from our continuous provision. Here are our specific focuses for this week:

Area of Learning	Week beginning 20.09.22
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)	 Sharing our special photos from home Continuing to make friends, explore new settings and get used to new routines Class rules and expectations
Communication and Language	Circle times - sharing our special photo from home
Physical Development (PE)	PE lessons will begin next week (26th September). • Fine and gross motor skills activities
Literacy	 Phonics - į, n, m, d Drawing ourselves Pencil grip and control Focus books: There's a Dragon at my School, Chicken Nugget, Giraffes Can't Dance
Mathematics	Formal Maths lessons will begin next week (26th September). This week will be watching Number Blocks and using the NCETM support materials alongside. • Counting (1:1 correspondence)
Understanding the World	Talking about people who are special to us
Expressive Arts and Design	Music - learning the song and dance to 'Let's Be Superheroes'

Additional information

<u>Coats</u>

We have noticed that there are children coming to school without coats. As the weather is so unpredictable, it is important for them to have a coat in school everyday so that they can still access the outside areas. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Labelling clothes

Jumpers can regularly go missing at school, so please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name so that we can give their belongings back to them.

Special photos

We would now like the children's special photos by Wednesday 21st September due to the Bank Holiday. Please pass these directly to your class teacher to ensure they are kept safe for our circle times!

Best wishes,

The Reception Team

Year 1

Another fantastic week for Year 1. Thank you for all the effort that went into the costumes for 'Pirate Day' - they all looked amazing!

Please can you ensure that your child has their reading records with them every day. We have started Little Wandle reading groups now and the adult working with your child will need to record the book that they are reading in there. Thank you to those parents that have been recording their child's homereading. Reading at home regularly is probably the most important 'homework' that you can do with your child. You can read their Little Wandle reading book online using the log on details from last year.

Also please can you ensure your child has a water bottle and a coat in school every day, and that everything is clearly named. Thank you.

Year 2

This week we have started our group reading sessions in year 2. As in year 1, the children move to work with others across the year group who are reading at a similar level, and may therefore not be taught by their class teacher for these sessions. From next week, we will be able to write in your child's reading record which book they have been reading in these sessions, so that they can read it again at home with you. You can access the books

here https://ebooks.collinsopenpage.com/wr/index.html using your child's login, which we will put in their reading record.

Some children are no longer reading the Big Cat/Little Wandle books and will be reading other texts during their group reading sessions. These children will not have an electronic book to read at home, but you may like to visit the Oxford Owls website for books to supplement those that your child is bringing home. You can browse for titles at the same stage that your child is reading. https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/

Year 3

- You should have received an email with details on how to join Google Classrooms using your child's existing login details. Spellings and homework can be found on there each week. Homework can be handed in through Google Classrooms (but on paper is fine if that's easier). Your child will come home today with a paper copy of the spelling list we want them to learn this term. We have assessed them this week to determine which spelling list would be the most beneficial to them. Any questions, please contact the class teacher.
- Visiting the new Myrtle library We will start visiting the new library over the next few weeks. Each child will have their own barcode and will be able to borrow one book at a time for up to three weeks (they can renew the book to borrow for longer by bringing the book in and scanning it again). There is a great range of books to choose from and we can't wait to see what they choose! Honeybees will visit every Monday, Herons and Hedgehogs every Friday.
- Please can children bring in waterproof coats (or keep one in school) as we're still having lots of surprise downpours!
- If you haven't already, if your child has medication in school could you please come and check that it's in date.

Year 4

Reading

Please ensure that your child brings their school reading book(s) and reading record to school every day. Thank you!

Kangaroo Class --- Forest School

Kangaroo class will be going to Forest School on Wednesday next week (21st September), then 28th September and 5th October.

What do we need for Forest School?

To make this a fun and exciting opportunity for everyone it is vital that we ensure the children have certain equipment every week.

For these sessions all children will need to wear:

- a labelled pair of waterproof trousers
- a labelled waterproof jacket
- a labelled pair of gloves
- a labelled pair of fleece lined wellies / wellies and thick or multiple pairs of socks

The woodland will get cold during the Autumnal and Winter months! Dress your child in many base layers and lots of warm clothing. If you are unsure of what to wear, please ask your class teacher. We can always remove clothing if the children are too warm. If your child is not wearing appropriate clothing, they will unfortunately not be able to participate.

Each week the children will need a change of footwear within their Forest school bag so on arrival back to the coach the children will remove their dirty footwear putting on clean shoes to get on to the coach.

We would also like the children to have a labelled set of clothes back at school so they can change in to upon their return if necessary.

<u>Please ensure that they also have a healthy snack and a water bottle. They will have lunch as normal on arrival back at school.</u>

Please refer to the letter sent to parents/carers for further details.

Year 5

Year 5 children have been given their spelling list for the rest of the term,. Weekly tests on a Friday for Lion and Leopard and Thursday for Lemur. Also, as mentioned before, we will revise times tables each week. Next week 4 times table.

Our new Google Classrooms are now all up and running. Please help your child sign in, with their existing password. If they have forgotten ask your Class teacher for a reminder.

Homework has been posted on there for this week and we will continue this Wednesday to Wednesday rota. There are also copies of spellings on there if you lose the sheet.

We will see you back at school on Tuesday. Remember parents/carers are invited to our Meet the Teacher session on Wednesday 3.45 in our rooms.

Year 5 cont.

Forest School for Lemurs only (Leopard and Lion will be shared soon)

Wednesday 21.09.22

Wednesday 28.09.22

Wednesday 05.10.22

The children will need a water bottle, packed lunch, a change of shoes and a plastic bag for the coach, waterproofs and wellies.

Parent volunteers are needed. Please contact the office to volunteer.

Year 6

Dear Parents / Carers

Thanks to those who were able to attend the camp meeting last Wednesday. For those who were not able to attend, please check your emails over the weekend for important information with regards to leaving times, travel medication etc.

Best wishes

The Year 6 team



Academy Open Events 2022

Will you be looking for a Year 7 place for your child in September 2023? If so we invite you to our **Open Event on Thursday 22nd September**, between 4.30pm & 8pm. This will give you the opportunity to find out what is on offer at Oasis Academy Brislington.

OPEN MORNINGS:

We are also offering parent/carers the opportunity of visiting the academy on one of the following dates where you will be able to see for yourself what a typical day at Oasis Academy Brislington is like.

Tuesday 27th September: 9.20am - 10.15am Wednesday 28th September: 9.20am - 10.15am Thursday 29th September: 9.20am - 10.15am Friday 30th September: 9.20am - 10.15am

Please note that numbers to our Open Morning Events are limited and booking is essential. To secure a place please complete our online form here: https://forms.office.com/r/RQtRQyL6CU

This can also be found on the academy website:

www.oasisacademybrislington.org/admissions/open-evening

You can find out more about us by visiting our website at: www.oasisacademybrislington.org

Oasis Academy Brislington, Hungerford Road, Brislington, Bristol, BS4 5EY



PTA News





Tomorrow is our Welcome Picnic for all Pre-School and Reception parents - 2-4pm at Merrywood. The 'cafe' is run on donations only, so please bring a cake, cookies, fruit with you which we can share. No sesame or nuts- we are a sesame/ nut free school.

There will also be a second hand school uniform stall, so please bring your loose change!

Halloween Discos are back!

Wednesday 12th October - Myrtle Site - tickets will go live on **Tuesday 20th September via PTA Events** - your class reps will share the link with you next week.

When booking, please ensure you purchase a ticket for the **correct disco for your year group (there are 3 discos) and select your child's NEW class**. This forms the register for the event so we can see if your child has purchased a ticket. Please see details on the poster below:



Dates for your diaries!

17th September - Welcome Picnic for preschool and reception families only

12th October - Halloween Discos Y1-Y6

11th November - Comedy Night - details to follow soon!

3rd December - Christmas Fayre - Merrywood

TBC January - Beginners Ball for Reception

TBC February - Quiz Night

How can you get involved?

We are meeting on the 19th October to plan the Christmas Fair. Please keep this evening free if you wish to be involved in organising the Fair.

Annual General Meeting:

Our next official PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd November, and will be our AGM

All current roles within the PTA; PTA chair, vice chair, treasurer and secretary will either be reelected or new candidates voted for. If you wish to nominate yourself / have any questions, then please get in touch: southvilleprimarypta@gmail.com. You need to attend the meeting in person or via zoom to vote for your candidate.



Southville Infant School

Dear parents and carers,

We are delighted to offer our clubs this term, led by our kind DBS certified expert instructors at your school.

No materials are required, your child simply needs to turn upl

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. https://www.kidsclub.org.uk/book/southville-infant/

After School Club - Autumn Term

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Week Commencing - 12th September - 21st October 262

Please visit the link to book your child's place.

If you have difficulties with payment or have further questions you can contact us on live chat kidsclub.org.uk

Monday

Lead

Tuesday

Wednesday

Crazy Science Thursday

Potteru



KIDS! CLUB

Southville Junior School

Dear parents and carers,

We are delighted to offer our clubs this term, led by our kind DBS certified expert instructors at your school.

No materials are required, your child simply needs to turn up!

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. https://www.kidsclub.org.uk/book/southville-junior/

After School Club - Autumn Term

1h After School - 3:15-4:15pm

Week Commencing - 12th September - 21st October 2022 Week Commencing - 31st October - 5th December 2022

Please visit the link to book your child's place.

If you have difficulties with payment or have further questions you can contact us on live chat kidsclub.org.uk

CLUBS

Monday

Coding

Tuesday

Graphic Design

Wednesday

Robotics

Thursday









Acting Out classes help develop communication, self esteem, self confidence and mostly we have lots and lots of fun!

Our drama club helps children to find their own voices and develop creativity, make friends grow in confidence in a safe and fun environment. Our Sessions include games, vocal work, imagination, storytelling, improvisation, and most important lots and lots of fun. For more details on us and what we do please check out our website www.actingoutdrama.com

Acting Out Reception Drama Club on Thursdays 15:30 - 16:30 3rd Nov - 8th Dec

Acting Out KS1 Drama Club on Tuesdays 15:30 – 16:30 6th Sep – 18th Oct

Acting Out KS2 Drama Club on Wednesdays 15:15 - 16:15 7th Sep - 19th Oct in Music Room

If you would like your child to join, please complete the registration form and photographs permission forms below:

https://goo.gl/forms/ZGnxev6FuBtZlf453

https://goo.gl/forms/OnVcHrCRH089X8XA3

We will confirm by email you to let you know if your child has a place in drama club. Once your child's place has been confirmed please make payment of £36 (£6 a week) for term 2 by BACS (using your child's full name as reference) to Acting Out Ltd

Account Number: 92398568. Sort Code: 608371 Account Name: Acting Out Ltd

Please encourage the children to bring a water bottle and a snack as drama can be hungry work.

Looking forward to meeting them

Jacqui Ham - Acting Out Drama



www.actingoutdrama.com Tel: 07956962422 email: enquiries@actingoutdrama.com



Turtle Opera



A FREE Music and Drama creative project for young people aged 11-14 years who are on the Autism Spectrum and have an interest in music or drama.

Over the course of nine Saturday afternoons, the group of autistic young people will work together with a professional composer and director to create their own music and story for a sharing, on the final Saturday, with friends and family. A dedicated pastoral team will also support the group. They will make friends, create and have fun!

1 Oct to 26 Nov 2022

Nine Saturday workshops (2pm - 5pm)

Beacon Music Centre 35 Stanton Rd Southmead Bristol BS10 5SJ

For further info & online application form, please go to:

turtlekeyarts.org.uk/turtleoperabristol

Turtle Opera Bristol is a Turtle Key Arts partnership with English Touring Opera in collaboration with Bristol Beacon and funded by Children in Need.

SEPTEMBER



GARDENING

ACTIVITIES and MORE



GARDENING Saturday 3rd, 10th, 24th 10am GARDENING Monday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 5pm Harvest&Share Friday 16th 9am GET-GROWING TRAIL gardening Saturday 17th 2pm LITTER PICKING Saturday 17th 2pm

Everyone Welcome - Join in!

Dameemilypark@gmail.com



An exciting opportunity from Bristol Sport

I have some exciting news for all of your pupils and staff: we are working with Bristol Bears rugby to support their inaugural family day for their fixture against London Irish on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>September 24th</u> and, I am pleased to say, we can offer all of your pupils and staff **one adult and one child** ticket **free of charge!**

Experiencing first class rugby at Ashton Gate Stadium is a wonderful and inspiring experience, so we would appreciate your support in sharing the attached unique poster (complete with unique coupon code) with your parents and colleagues.

How to claim your free tickets:

- Tickets can be claimed online only. Link to Bears v London Irish online: http://bitly.ws/u6qF
- Free ticket offer is available in the Dolman Stand Wings and Upper Lansdown Wings
- Dolman Stand blocks: E28, E29, E32, E33
- Lansdown Stand blocks: W1, W2, W3, W7, W8, W9 (home of the new Family Area)
- Add two tickets to your basket and ensure one ticket is an Adult and one is either an Under-19 or Under-12
- At the checkout page enter the discount code in the 'Enter Coupon' box and click 'Activate'
- Your two tickets will be reduced to FREE
- Telephone support is available. Please call 0117 963 0600

Come on the Bears!

Tom Monks

Head of Programmes
Bristol Sport Foundation





DOG SHOW

BS3 4DP

SATURDAY 17TH SEPT

E1.00

ARRIVALS 10.30AM JUDGING 11.00 AM

JUDGING CLASSES

BEST TRICK

BEST SAUSAGE CATCHER

BEST JUNIOR HANDLER (CHILDREN UNDER 8 YEARS OLD)

BEST IN SHOW

EGG AND SPOON RACE
BEST DOWN STAY WITH DISTRACTIONS

GOLDEN OLDIES (DOGS SYEARS AND OVER)

BEST DOG & OWNER LOOKIE LIKIE

ALL PROFITS TO VPAG & RSPCA BLOOD BANK

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WWW.CANNECANNESCOM



MEET AT THE ENTRANCE NEAR JUNCTION OF HILL AVENUE AND NOTTINGHAM STREET

REGISTRATION 11.30AM 12.00pm

TO REGISTER, EMAIL: VPSKCHALLENGE@GMAIL.COM ONLY 55 FOR ADULTS & 63 UNDER 16.

THE RACE IS 3 LAPS OF THE PARK ALONG THE MARKED MLE ROUTE. WITH TWO HILL CUMBS PER LAP IT'S NOT FOR THE FAINT HEARTED!! PRIZES FOR FASTESTMAN/ WOMAN AND U12 BOY/GIRL & BEST FANCY DRESS CHANCE TO BEAT THE RECORD

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Timetable 2022-2023



Monday

Ballet Pre-school (Age 3-4)	15:30- 16:10
Ballet Pre-primary (Age 4-5)	16:15- 17:00
Ballet Primary (Age 6-7)	17:00- 17:45

Tuesday

Ballet Grade 1 (Age 7+)	16:15- 17:15
Contemporary (Age 8+)	17:15- 18:00
Conditioning	18:00- 18:15
Modern Jazz (Age 7+)	18:15- 19:00

Friday

Ballet Pre-Primary (Age 4-6)	16:15- 17:00
Tap Dancing (Age 6+)	17:00- 17:45

Saturday

Dance minis (Age 4-7)	10:00- 10:45
Junior Dance Company 8+	10:45- 11:45





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