



Barassie PS and EYC



September Family Update

Message from Mrs Fleming



We have had a successful and busy start to the session. All parents and carers should have received information about connecting to your child's Seesaw journal. I would encourage you to do this as soon as possible to ensure you don't miss out on anything your child or their teacher is posting. More information on Seesaw is included in this update.

Each year, we produce a Standards and Quality report and a School Improvement Plan which outlines our progress in certain areas and our plan for the session ahead. We have produced handy overviews of both documents for families which can be found on the next slide.

I hope this newsletter gives you a flavour of the good work happening in our school community.

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the first holiday of the session with the September break next week. Please note EYC and school will be closed on Friday 19th September and Monday 22nd September. We will reopen as normal on Tuesday 23rd September.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fleming

School Improvement

We have created 2 handy Thinglinks to share our School Improvement Plan for this session and our Standards and Quality Report from last session. You can access them by clicking the image or visiting the [‘School Improvement’ section of our website.](#)



School Improvement Plan 2025-2026 Our Aims



At Barassie we aim to provide high quality experiences which allow children to:

GROW: We nurture all pupils as they progress through their journey at Barassie and beyond.

DREAM: We inspire and celebrate all, despite differences, in our positive and inclusive environment.

ACHIEVE: We support our pupils to be the best that they can be.

TOGETHER: We work collaboratively with children, staff families and our local community.



OUR PRIORITY

To improve the quality and consistency of learning, teaching and assessment across the school and EYC to raise pupil attainment.



Parent Council



Date of next meeting (AGM):
Thursday 25th September 2025
@ 6:30pm

Click the newsletter for an
update from The Parent
Council.



COMING SOON

**Sponsored Bounce on
Monday 29th September**

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back.

If you're interested in playing please use the link below to sign up by.

[BPS Lottery Link](#)

How You Can Help

Join us at a Parent Council meeting – everyone's welcome!

Volunteer at an event (big or small, every hand helps).

Support fundraising – sign up for Easyfundraising and the School Lottery.

Sponsor a calendar advert (only a few spots left).

Parent council meetings

All meeting will take place in the school and everyone is welcome!

- AGM & Meeting 1 – Thursday 25th September, 6:30 pm
- Meeting 2 – Friday 14th November, 2:00 pm
- Meeting 3 – Wednesday 11th February, 6:30 pm
- Meeting 4 – Friday 8th May, 2:00 pm



Contact us:

barassiepc@outlook.com



BARASSIE PARENT COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

EASYFUNDRAISING

Are you an online shopper? If so, this opportunity is perfect for you!

By registering with easyfundraising, you can earn FREE donations for our school just by shopping online with more than 8,000 retailers.

When you make purchases through the easyfundraising website or app, brands pay a commission that gets converted into a donation for BPS!

To get started, click the link below to sign up and begin raising funds today!

[BPS easyfundraising link](#)

Many thanks to those who have already signed up, we have raised just over £200



Dates for your Diary More information to follow

Fundraising & Events

- Sponsored Bounce – 29th September 🎡
- Frooglesprot Book Launch – 10th October 📖
- Spooky Movie Night and Halloween Games – Thursday 30th October 🎃
- PJ Movie Night – Friday 21st November 🎬
- A Christmas Wish – 1st Dec 🎄
- Valentine's Disco – Thursday 12th February 💃
- Summer Fair – Friday 12th June, 1–3 pm 🌞

✨KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR MORE DATES
COMING UP WHEN CONFIRMED✨

Workshops and Information Sessions



Last year's Parent/Carer Survey highlighted that:

- ✓ 13% of respondents did not understand how their child is assessed
- ✓ 16% of respondents felt they weren't given information to support their child's learning at home

To support families with this we have organised a 1-hour workshop for each class with the Class Teacher(s).

We would love to see as many people there as possible.



Friday 10th October:

9:15am – P1/2

11:00am – P6

1:00pm – P4



Friday 24th October:

9:15am – P3

11:15am – P5

1:15pm – P7



Termly Class Newsletters

Every term your child's teacher will produce a class newsletter.

Information about what your child will be learning at school and what they/you can do at home (home learning/homework) to consolidate learning from the classroom will be included.

These will be emailed, shared on Seesaw and a paper copy will also be sent home for those who like to stick it to the fridge as a quick reference point.



P6 Newsletter

Term 1 25th August- 13th October 2025

Phonics

Week beg 1st of September [ai] 'ae'
Week beg 8th of September [ee] 'ee', 'ea', 'e-e', 'ie' Revisitt
Week beg 15th of September [ee] 'eu', 'e', 'y' and 'ine' Revisitt
Week beg 22nd of September [ee] 'i'
Week beg 29th of September [igh] 'igh', 'ie', 'e-e' Revisitt
Week beg 6th of October [igh] 'i' 'y' 'et' Revisitt
Word lists and rules posted weekly on Teams. This could be subject to change, and any changes will be communicated through Teams.

Write a sentence for each word. Focus on handwriting as well as the phoneme.

Diacritically mark your words.

Use a coloured pencil to divide the words into syllables. e.g. **jumping**

Read, Listen, Write. Listen and Check each spelling word. Template is available on Teams.

Mathematics

- > Place Value
- > Addition & Subtraction
- > Multiplication & Division
- > Angles
- > Mathematical inventions and the number system

Use Times Tables Rockstars, Topmarks and Maths Playground to support learning in these areas.

Interdisciplinary Learning

- > Geography & Culture of Canada
- > Science – Light Senses

Enjoy some personal research on areas of specific interest.

Reading

There will be opportunities to engage with reading texts within class. When appropriate, pupils will be asked to read these at home. Your child will have access to the library to choose their own texts. Reading for pleasure is essential – read to and listen to your child reading!

PE Days

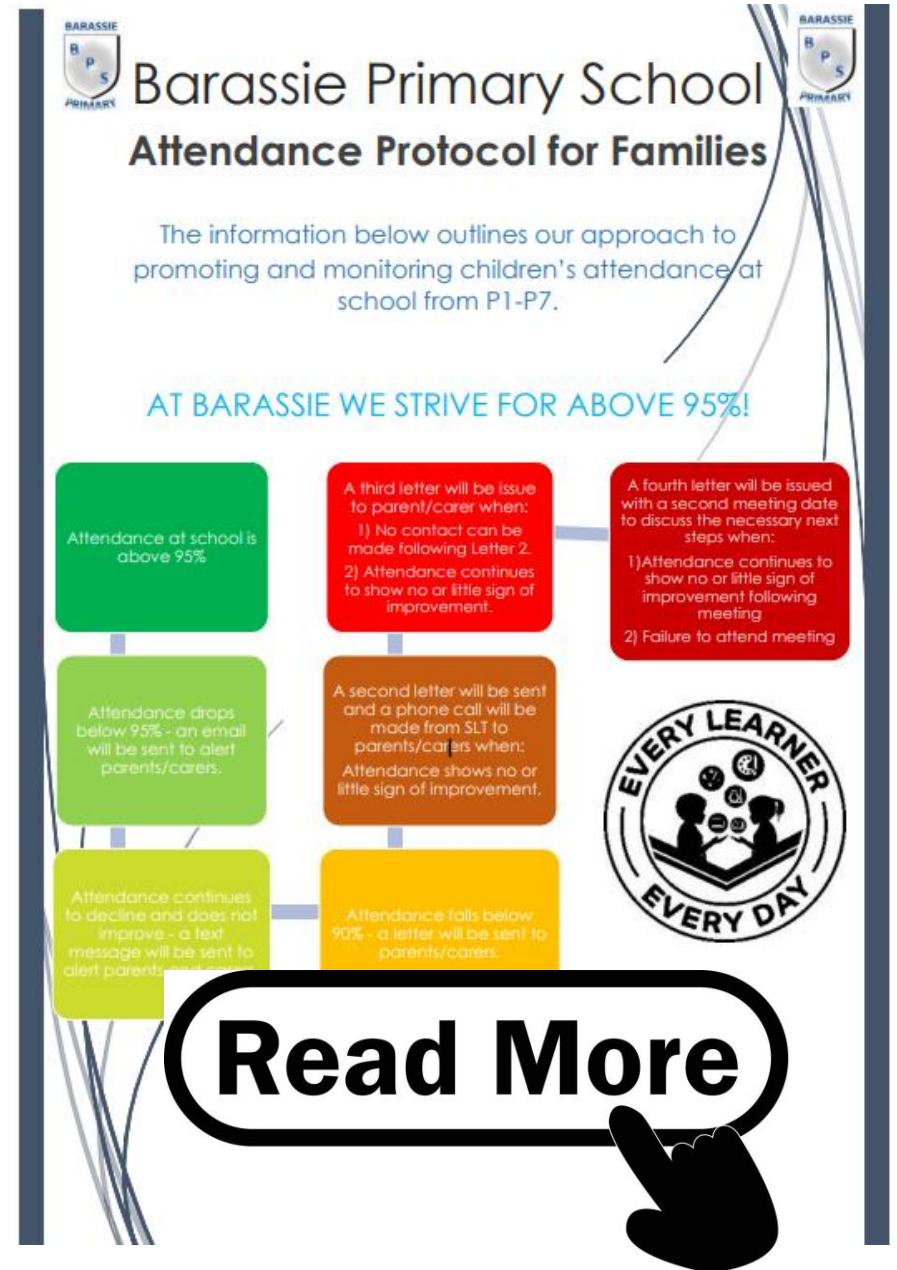
Wednesday & Thursday
Any changes will be communicated on Seesaw. Please ensure full kit available on these days.

Attendance

We continue to monitor children's attendance on a regular basis.

The flowchart outlines when and how you will be contacted regarding your child's attendance at school.

You may have already informed the school of the reason for your child's absence, but this still impacts on their overall attendance rate.



Captains' Cafe

Our House Captains and Vice-Captains will have a café for family and friends to visit on a Feel Good Friday (last Friday of the month).

All monies raised will go towards the house treats each term.

The café will take place in the Lifelong Learning Suite at the main entrance to the school.



Captains Cafe

On Feel Good Friday
Friday 26th
September
1:30-2:30pm
tea , coffee and
cakes
take away or sit in !



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Seesaw



All children in the EYC to P7 should have brought home login information for parents/carers to access their Seesaw profile.

If you need help with this, please contact the school office.



Messages to report absences or to request meetings should **always** be made by email or telephone to the school office and not through Seesaw.

Book Launch

We are excited to share that we are launching our first picture book on Friday 10th October!

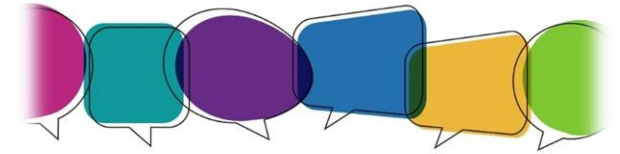
Thank you to Lorraine Johnston for making this possible by supporting our current P7 children with their illustrations and for writing the fabulous story with important aspects of life at Barassie Primary weaved throughout.

Thanks also to Richard Longmuir of Launch Digital for creating the finished article ready for publishing.

Information on how you can order your own copy will follow on launch day.



Pupil Voice Opportunities



Pupil Voice

All children are involved in Pupil Voice groups. Our pupil voice groups meet monthly on a Tuesday.

This year we have:

- ✓ The Pupil Council
- ✓ Eco Group
- ✓ Rights Respecting Schools
- ✓ Digi Leaders
- ✓ Captains and Vice-Captains
- ✓ Bookworms (meet with Debbie on another day)
- ✓ Ambassadors of Barassie Community Groups (ABC Groups) – these groups focus on aspects of our School Improvement Plan and upcoming events

Reflect, Do and Review

The **MORE**
you **REFLECT**
the **MORE**
you **LEARN**

We have refreshed our approaches to target setting and will be introducing this to children on Friday of this week.

What will children be doing?

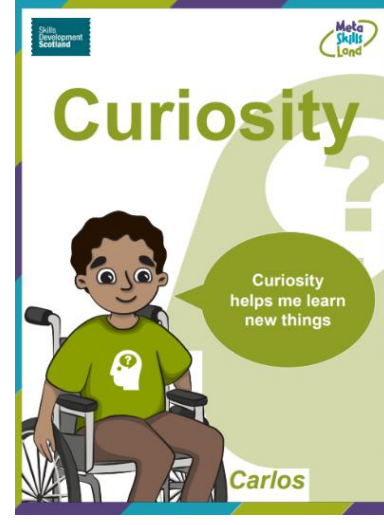
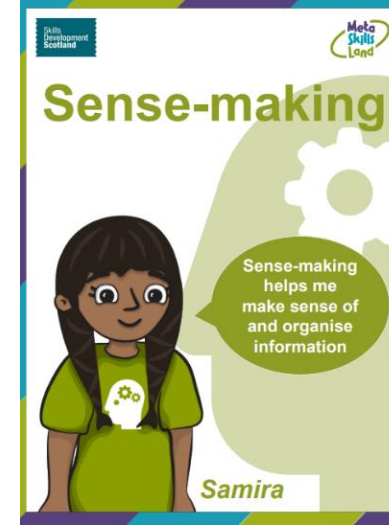
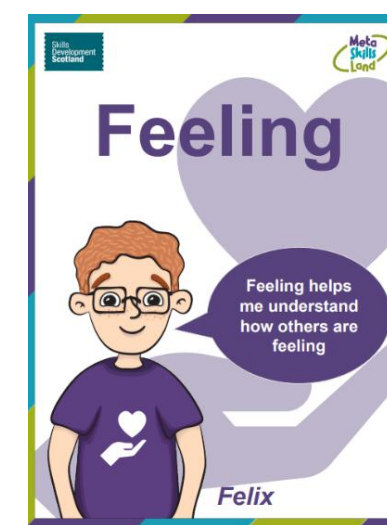
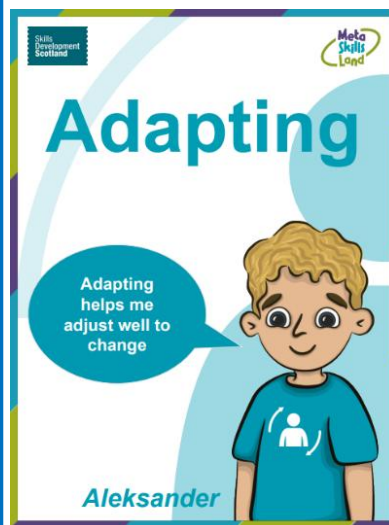
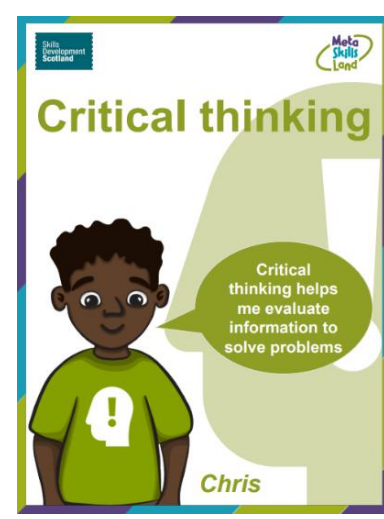
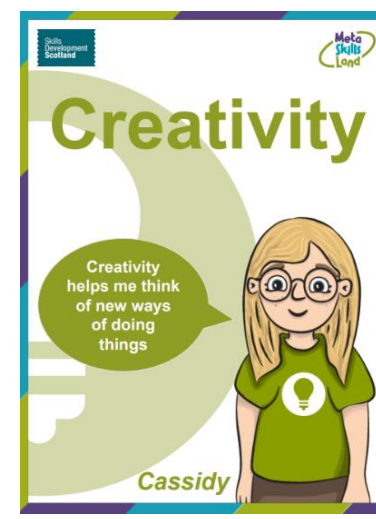
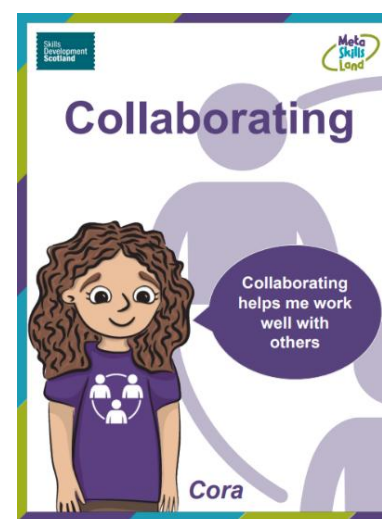
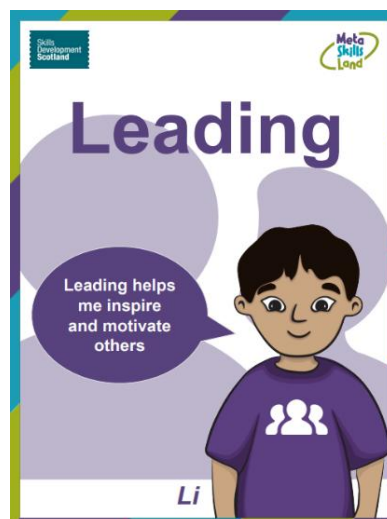
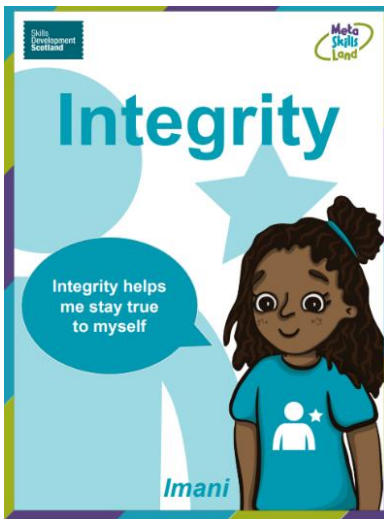
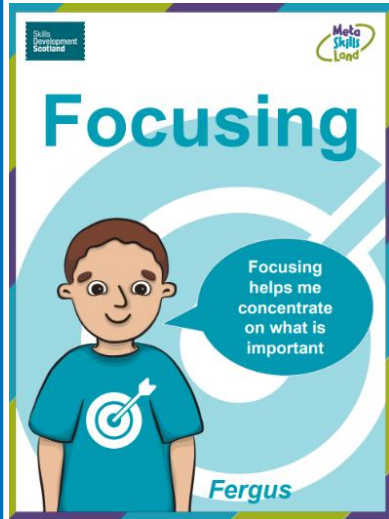
- Children will set a meta-skills target and reflect on how they have developed this skill in different curricular areas and out of school.
- They will have focused learning conversations with their class teacher as part of their reflections.
- Record their reflections, successes and next steps in their 'Reflect, Do and Review' jotter on a weekly basis.
- Make posts to Seesaw to share their targets and progress with you.

What can you do to support this?

- Comment or record feedback on your child's Seesaw post.
- Speak to them about what meta-skill they have chosen to focus on and why at home.



Who/What are The Meta-skills?



Easyfundraising

Our Parent Council are registered for Easyfundraising.



Easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

To sign up and start fundraising for our cause (Barassie Primary Parent Council) click the image above for more information.

Women's Group

Thriving Communities Women's Group are meeting weekly in Troon for 2 hours.

If you would like a space or for more information, please contact catherine.busby@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Attendance is free!

Activities include; chat, company, new connections, crafts, aromatherapy, health, music, cooking, baking, guest speakers, support, bingo and more.



Feel-Good Friday – P1-P7



Feel Good Friday dates for this session are:

Friday 26th September

Friday 31st October

Friday 28th November

Friday 30th January

Friday 27th February

Friday 27th March

Friday 24th April

Friday 29th May

Friday 26th June



On a Feel-Good Friday classes will have a focus day on aspects of the Health and Wellbeing curriculum and our Meta-Skills. Children are invited to come to school in comfortable clothing and shoes as they may be exploring the outdoors or be more active on this day.

Bookbug and Family Library

Debbie will continue leading Bookbug for parent/carers to attend with children aged 0-3 on a Friday afternoon from 2pm – 2:30pm.

Please note there will be no Bookbug on the last Friday of each month.

Bookbug will start on **Friday 5th September.**

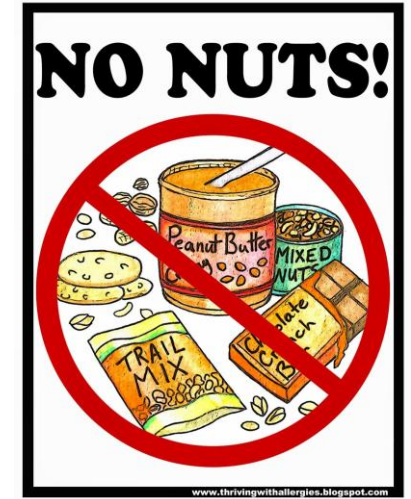


Bookbug



Nut Free School and EYC

We are a nut free school and EYC.



If your child brings a snack or lunch containing nuts it will be removed from them by a member of school staff and an alternative will be offered.

We appreciate your cooperation with this as it helps us to keep all children safe at school and EYC.

Lunch Menus



You can view South Ayrshire school lunch menus on our website or by following the link below:

[Primary schools menu - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](https://south-ayrshire.gov.uk/primary-schools-menu)

[Early Years Centres menu - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](https://south-ayrshire.gov.uk/early-years-centres-menu)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Starter	Lentil soup	Red pepper & tomato soup	Lentil soup	Chicken & rice soup	Lentil soup
Main courses and veg	Tasty protein power balls with tomato sauce & spaghetti Golden cheese & tomato pizza Diced garlic & herb potatoes Sweetcorn	Fishy plant based sausage roll & Potato wedges Home-made chicken curry & vegetable rice Mixed vegetables Baked beans	Greeny mas & cheese & garlic bread Hearty onion and potato Baby carrots & peas	Golden spiced nuggets Traditional steak pie Marinated potato Peas	Flan & chips Rustic sausage & garlic bread Peas Baked beans
Baked potato	Baked beans Cheese	Tuna mayo Baked beans Cheese	Baked beans Cheese	Turkey Baked beans Cheese	Baked beans Cheese
Sweet	Apple crumble Custard Fruit	Yoghurt Fruit	Raspberry jelly Fruit	Apple & raspberry sponge Custard Fruit	Yoghurt Fruit
Sandwich	Cheese	Tuna mayo	Cheese	Turkey	Cheese
Sundries	Milk Water	Milk Water	Milk Water	Milk Water	Milk Water

Salad bar available daily

Free School Meal and Clothing Grants

Free School Meal/Clothing Grant applications for 2025/26 are available here - : [Educational grants - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/educational-grants)

The Scottish Government have committed to providing a free school meal to all P1 to P5 pupils, however we are requesting that parents/carers who meet the eligibility criteria submit an application as this information will be used to pay free school meal payments during school holiday periods.

Please note that Clothing Grant eligibility criteria is now in line with the Criteria for Free School Meals. Information can be found using the link above.

If you need help with your application, you can call 0300 123 0900 to speak to a customer service advisor.

Children in P6 and P7 are charged 35p for milk.

Please note that applications need to be completed each school year and do not automatically continue.

You must apply each year.

School Car Park

Please refrain from using the school and EYC car parks for dropping off and collecting children at the start and end of the school day.

School and EYC car parks are strictly for staff, blue badge holders and visitors.

Thank you for helping keep all children safe on their way to and from school.



**NO
VEHICLE
ENTRY**

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Communication



Please inform the office of any changes to telephone numbers, home addresses or email addresses to ensure you can be contacted and to receive regular communication from us.

Day to day communication with class teachers will take place through Seesaw (once this is up and running). Teachers will respond at appropriate times to messages but please be aware these are not monitored out with working hours and be mindful that teachers are most likely teaching the class for large parts of the school day.

Information about absences, meeting/telephone requests or appointments should continue to be reported to the school office.

When requesting a meeting about your child, please do so with their class teacher in the first instance.

At times, there is only one member of our clerical team in the office. As they have other duties to undertake throughout the school your call may not always be answered. If this is the case, please use the voicemail option and someone will get back to you.

Contact Us

[School Website](#)

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