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Let's create an e-magazine together !**

Festivals

around the world



Culture

our heritage



Environment

national parks

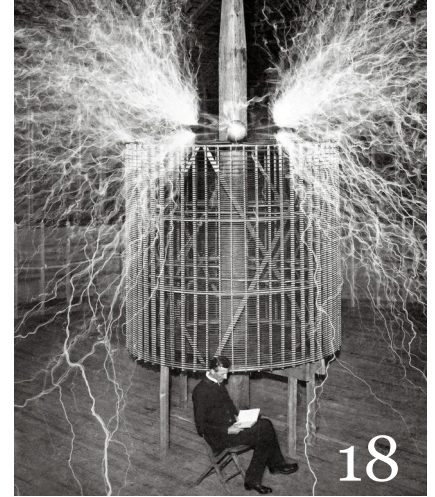
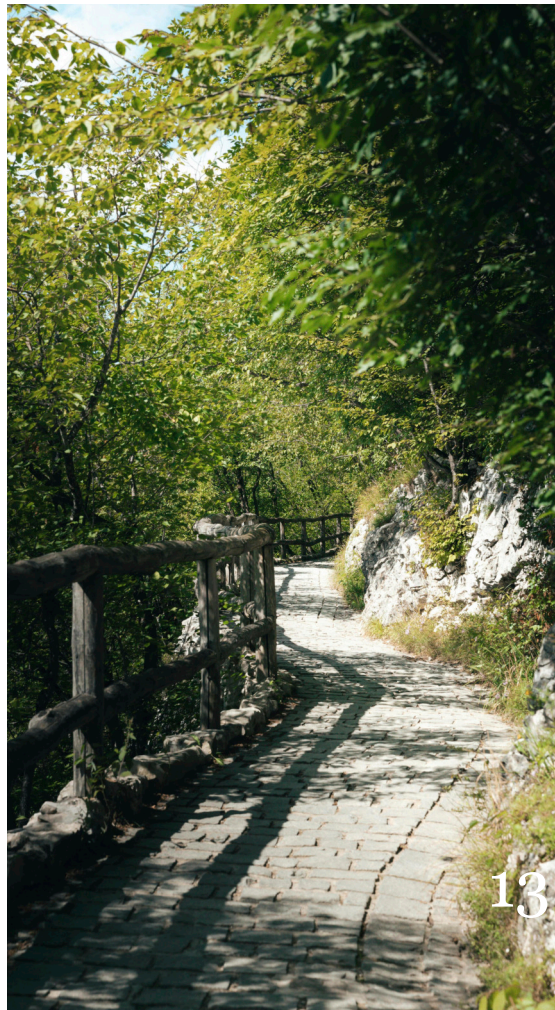


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Our e-magazine is finally here !

We would like to thank all the students who took part in this eTwinning project. Teenagers from Croatia, France, Serbia and Turkey happily celebrated diversity...even if they were impressed to participate in a project with students from other European countries !

They have learned differently, improved their skills and found many enriching examples of diversity. Knowing your roots, appreciating your present and paving the future is an important part of education. Knowing and understanding other people is crucial for creating a better world. We used collaboration, creativity and communication to create this magazine, we are now eager to share it with you !

CROATIA

OS Josipa Zorića,
Dugo Selo. 8

CROATIA

OS Grabrik,
Karlovac. 6c

FRANCE

Ecole P. Mérimée,
Nîmes. CM1/2

FRANCE

Collège Mont
Duplan, Nîmes. 6e

SERBIA

SOSO with internat
"Vuk Karadžić",
Sombor. 6c

TURKEY

Mehmet Akif Ersoy
Secondary School,
Kayseri. 6th grade

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Can you find our eTwinning friends on the map ?



CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS IN CROATIA

The magic of December

December is a month with many joyful dates and events children are looking for. It's a month full of happiness, spending time with family, delicious food, lights and, let's not forget, Christmas presents. Christmas is not all about presents, though. Here is a short guide to Croatian Christmas customs and traditions.

Saint Nicholas Day

Every year on December 5th, children in Croatia clean their boots. Why? Because St. Nicholas brings candies to children and leaves them only in clean boots.

If you were naughty, then Krampus, a bogeyman, leaves the children a silver or golden stick to remind them to be good next year.

Early in the morning of December 6 children wake up early and run to the windows to find their candies.

Saint Lucy's Day

Traditionally, we sow Christmas wheat. It symbolizes new life and strength. The wheat grows over 15 centimetres until Christmas.

People put it under a Christmas tree or on the table as a decoration.

Advent

Every town has a place where people get together. It's decorated with lights and other Christmas decorations. Four weeks before Christmas, one candle in a wreath is lit. There are also performances and





street fair where people can buy drinks, food and Christmas decorations. We are very proud to say that Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, had the best Christmas market in Europe in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Traditional food

Croatia is famous for its delicious food.

At Christmas, the most popular cakes are mađarica (Hungarian pie), makovnjača i orehnjača (strudel with walnut and poppy seeds).

Vanilla crescents are a must as well as other chocolaty cookies and cakes.

The main course

Turkey with grinders is traditional Christmas dinner.

Grinders are a special kind of pastry.

Families get together and say:

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! "

"Sretan Božić i sretna Nova godina!"

Celebrating Diversity: A Global Journey Through Festivals



Festivals are the heartbeat of culture, pulsating with traditions, colors, and the spirit of communities worldwide. From the vibrant streets of Rio de Janeiro to the serene landscapes of Japan, festivals serve as bridges connecting past and present, uniting people in shared joy and celebration. Let's embark on a journey around the world to explore some of the most captivating festivals that ignite the human spirit.

Gion Matsuri - Kyoto, Japan

Gion Matsuri is one of Japan's most famous festivals, dating back over a thousand years. Held in Kyoto in July, it's a spectacular display of traditional culture and spirituality. The highlight of the festival is the grand procession of ornate floats, known as yamaboko, adorned with intricate tapestries and lanterns. Gion Matsuri offers a glimpse into Japan's rich cultural heritage, inviting visitors to immerse themselves in the timeless beauty of the past.

2. Diwali - India



Known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali is one of the most significant festivals in Hindu culture. Symbolizing the victory of light over darkness and good over evil, Diwali is celebrated with diyas (oil lamps), colorful rangolis (artistic patterns made on the floor), and fireworks. Families gather to exchange gifts, share sweets, and offer prayers to deities like Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth. Diwali transcends religious boundaries, embracing all who seek to bask in its luminous warmth.

3. Carnival - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Every year, millions of revelers flock to Rio de Janeiro to partake in the world's biggest carnival celebration. This extravaganza of music, dance, and elaborate costumes transforms the city into a kaleidoscope of color and rhythm. Samba schools compete fiercely in the Sambadrome, showcasing their intricate floats and electrifying performances. Carnival in Rio is a spectacle of unity, where people from all walks of life come together to celebrate life and culture.



4. Oktoberfest - Munich, Germany



Originating in Bavaria, Oktoberfest has evolved into the world's largest beer festival, drawing millions of visitors each year. The festival's main attraction is the vast beer tents, where revelers indulge in traditional Bavarian brews like Märzen and Weissbier, accompanied by hearty dishes such as pretzels, sausages, and schnitzels. Music, dancing, and carnival rides add to the festive atmosphere, making Oktoberfest a must-visit for beer enthusiasts and culture seekers alike.

5. Hanami - Japan



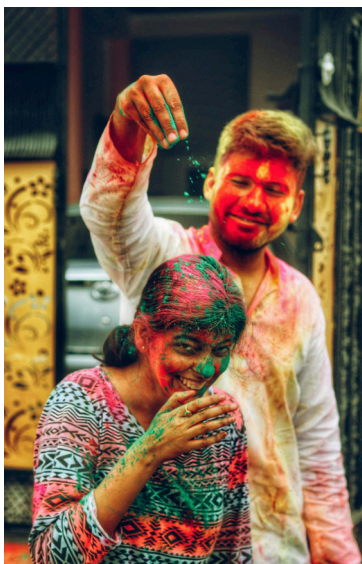
In Japan, springtime heralds the arrival of Hanami, the cherry blossom festival. As delicate pink petals blanket the trees, people gather in parks and gardens for picnics, poetry readings, and contemplation. Hanami is a time of reflection and renewal, symbolizing the ephemeral beauty of life. It's a reminder to cherish fleeting moments and find joy in the simple pleasures of nature.

6. Mardi Gras - New Orleans, USA

New Orleans comes alive each year with the vibrant energy of Mardi Gras, a carnival extravaganza steeped in history and tradition. Parades roll through the streets, adorned with dazzling floats and masked revelers tossing beads and trinkets to the crowd. Jazz music fills the air, merging with the intoxicating aroma of Creole cuisine. Mardi Gras is a celebration of resilience and resilience, a testament to the enduring spirit of the city and its people.



7. Holi - India



Holi, the festival of colors, is a joyous occasion that marks the arrival of spring in India. Participants chase away the winter blues by dousing each other with vibrant colored powders and water. The air is filled with laughter and merriment as people dance to the beat of drums and smear each other's faces with bright hues. Holi transcends barriers of age, gender, and social status, fostering a sense of unity and camaraderie.

From the pulsating rhythms of Rio to the tranquil beauty of Kyoto, festivals around the world offer a window into the soul of humanity.



Is this the Colosseum ?





**No it's not ! You're not in Rome
but in Nîmes, France.**

This is one of the best well-preserved Roman amphitheatre in the world.

It is in the city centre. This monument was built in the 1st century A.D. by the Romans.

It is 21m high, it has an oval shape.

About 20,000 spectators watched gladiators fights.

It was a violent show which lasted all day, sometimes with wild animals !

Nowadays, concerts are organized during the summer Nîmes festival.

In spring, you can see re-enactments during the Great Roman Games.

There are also bullfights during the Féria festivals, twice a year.

The amphitheatre is under renovation now, it should be completed by 2034.



Traditional toys from Croatia

Intangible cultural heritage

When you visit a country, you admire natural beauty and buildings from the past, you try the local dishes, but there is something more. It is called intangible cultural heritage. It means traditional songs, customs, crafts, superstitions and myths. One of them are children's wooden toys from Hrvatsko zagorje, a hilly region in the north of Croatia. And of course there are very popular licorice hearts.



*Plitvice Lakes National Park,
Croatia*

National parks in Croatia

There are 8 National parks in Croatia.

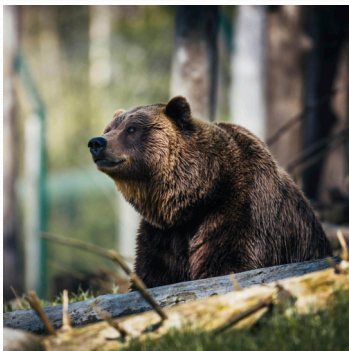
Each of them is special in its own way, but let us present two which are the most beautiful and the most visited.

Plitvice Lakes National Park

Plitvice Lakes are famous for their beautiful waterfalls. People are not allowed to swim there but can drink fresh spring water. Over 1 million visit the 16 lakes every year. This national park is beautiful in every season but look at these winter photos. Come and visit the park any time of the year!



Wildlife



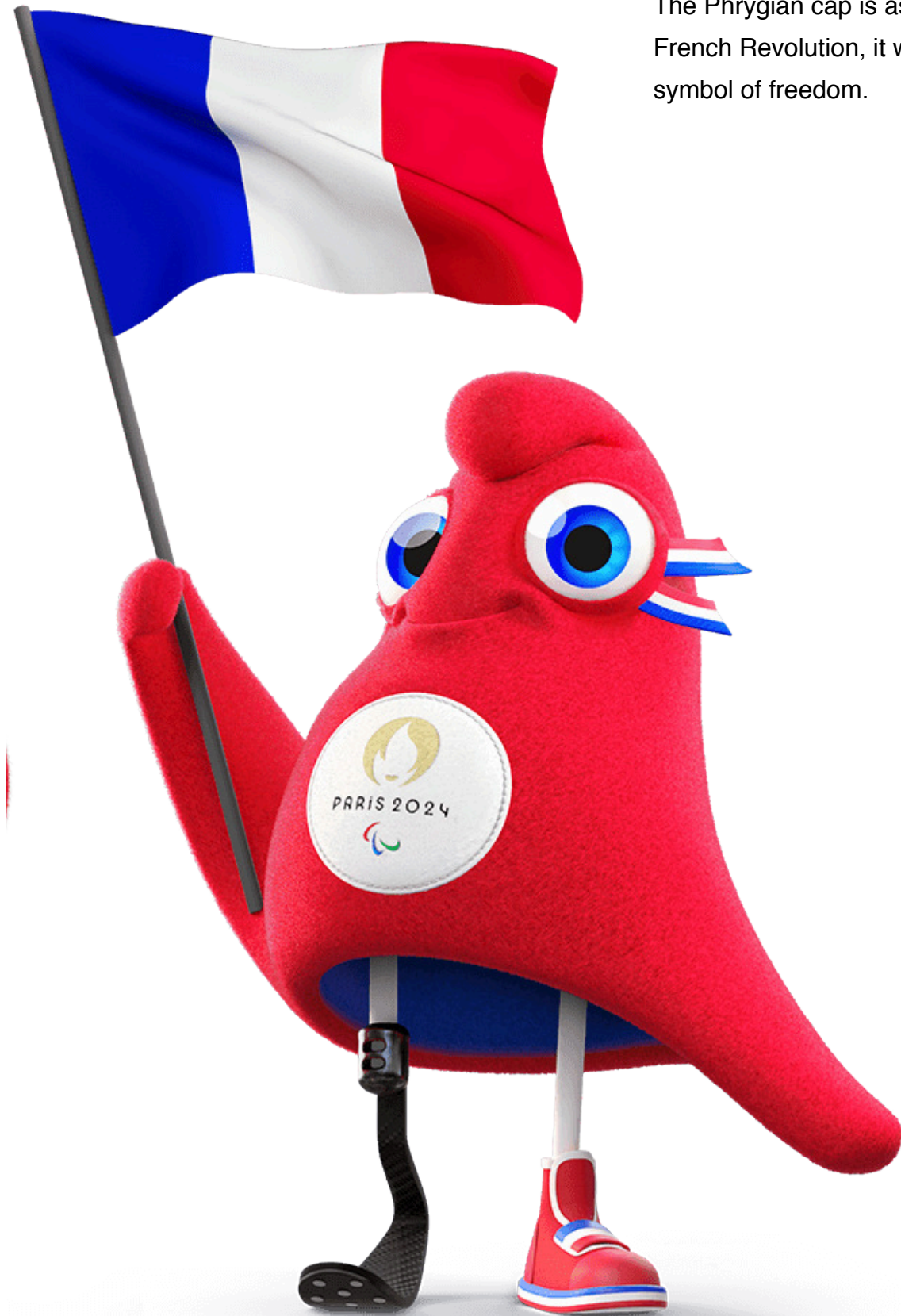
There are many species of animals-for example wolves, deer, wild cats, lynx, otters-and some of them live in dark caves. You can visit many of those caves, but be careful, you never know in which one a bear is sleeping!

Brijuni national park

It is a group of 14 small islands north of the Adriatic Sea. 130 million years ago dinosaurs walked these islands and even today we can see their footprints. There is also a safari park and an archaeological site shaped as a labyrinth. You can see many different sculptures. If you like sports, you can play golf there surrounded by deer!



La Phryge is the Olympics mascot. The Phrygian cap is associated with French Revolution, it was worn as a symbol of freedom.



Paris Olympics 2024

The 33rd Summer Olympics Games will be celebrated in Paris from July 26th to August 11th 2024.

Welcome to Paris!

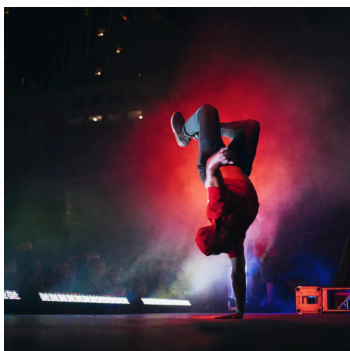
Paris already organized the games twice in 1900 and 1924.

More athletes than spectators attended the 1900 Paris Olympic Games!

The Olympic motto Citius, Altius, Fortius (Faster, Higher, Stronger) was used for the first time at the Paris 1924 Olympics.



Additional sports



There will be a lot of sports and many different countries.

There are new sports like breaking, skateboarding, sport climbing and surfing. It's a cool event!

Our favorite sports

We like many sports but we especially love football and horse-riding.

Equistrian competitions will be held at the Château de Versailles! It will be amazing!

The next Summer Olympics will be in Los Angeles in 2028.





Are you a petrol head? Do you like super cars like Porche or Buggati?

Do you know what the Nevera looks like?

The Nevera is an electric super car.

Its top speed is 412km/h and the power of Nevera is 1888 horse power.

It was released in August 2021.

The price is € 4.4 million.

What do Bugatti and Nevera have in common? Mate Rimac, a founder of Rimac Automobili and a CEO in the Bugatti Rimac company.

The Nevera:

Power: 1,888 horse power

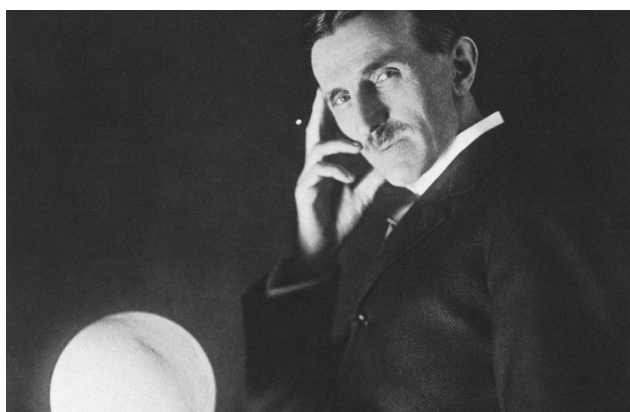
Battery: 120kw

Electric Range: 490km

Top speed: 412km/h



Can you imagine life without electricity? All your gadgets need electricity. If you want to change channels when you watch television, you need a remote control. If you want to listen to music in the car, you need a radio.



Electricity, the remote control and the radio are just three of **Nikola Tesla's** inventions.



There is a museum about his life and work near the school he attended in Karlovac.

LET'S COOK!



The French eat crêpes to celebrate La Chandeleur on February 2nd.



FRENCH CRÊPES

**Here is the recipe to make 8
French crêpes in 10 minutes !**

Equipment

1 Pan (25cm)

Ingredients

- 3 large eggs
- 480 ml milk
- 10 ml vanilla extract
- 30 ml butter or oil
- 220 g flour
- 2 teaspoons sugar

Instructions

1. In a bowl, whisk eggs, then whisk in milk, vanilla, and melted butter.
2. Whisk in flour and sugar. Whisk until smooth.
3. Heat a pan.
4. When the pan is hot, lightly oil it.
5. Pour about 1/3 cup of batter in the pan, tilting the pan into circular motion.
6. Cook for 2-3 minutes on one side.
7. Flip the French crêpe and cook for an extra minute on the other side.
8. Store on a plate while you are cooking the remaining batter.
9. Serve with chocolate spread, jam, or sugar.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW FRANCE ?

1. How high is the Eiffel Tower ?

- a. 300m
- b. 240m
- c. 451m

2. What is the capital city of France ?

- a. Bruxelles
- b. Marseille
- c. Paris

3. What is the symbol of France ?

- a. the tiger
- b. the dog
- c. the rooster

4. What is the name of the national anthem of France ?

- a. La Marseillaise
- b. La Parisienne
- c. La Nîmoise



5. What is the motto of France ?

- a. Beauté, Richesse, Gentillesse (Beauty, Wealth, Kindness)
- b. Amour, Chance, Intelligence (Love, Luck, Intelligence)
- c. Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité (Liberty, Equality, Fraternity)

6. Who is Marianne in France ?

- a. a famous painter
- b. the allegory of the French Republic and freedom.
- c. a Goddess

7. Who is French ?

- a. Victor Hugo
- b. Albert Einstein
- c. Picasso

8. How many times has France won the football World Cup ?

- a. 4 times
- b. twice
- c. 8 times



Answer key : 1a-2c-3c-4a-5c-6a-7a-8b

THE SERBIAN "WHO'S WHO?"

connect with a line

1)

I'm 36 years old.
I am the world number one.
I am Serbian, born in Belgrad

I am...



Nikola Tesla, inventor and electrical engineer

2)

I am in the small town of Guča,
Dragačevo
I get about 150,000 visitors a day
you hear the best trumpets there

I am...



Novak Đoković, tennis player

3)

You need a kettle, some wood,
carp preferably from the river,
water, spices and a smile

I am...



Fish stew, traditional dish

4)

I'm 28 years old
I live in Denver, USA
I don't run fast
I do Sombor Shuffle

I am...



Nikola Jokić, JOKER, NBA player

5)

I was born in 1856.
I invented electricity
they named the car after me

I am...



EXIT festival, an event

Answer key:

1) Nikola Tesla 2) Novak Đoković 3) Fish stew 4) Nikola Jokić 5) EXIT festival

LET'S PLAY!

THE FRENCH "WHO'S WHO?"

Try to match each presentation with its owner!

1)

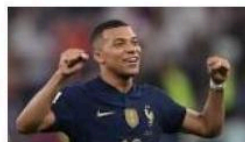
I'm 28 years old
I like singing and dancing
I am French but I was born in Mali
My first song is "Karma"
I am....



Louis XIV

2)

I'm in Paris
I'm 134 years old
I'm in metal
I'm 300 meters high
I am....



Kylian Mbappé, football player

3)

I am 46 years old
My favorite football team is l'OM
I live in Paris, in le Palais de l'Elysée
I like politics
I am....



Aya Nakamura, singer

4)

I'm 24 years old
I live in Paris
I run fast
I like scoring goals
I am....



Emmanuel Macron, president

5)

I was born in 1638
I was The King of France
I lived in the Palace of Versailles
I was called « The Sun King »
I am....



The Eiffel Tower, monument

Answer key:

1) Aya Nakamura 2) The Eiffel Tower 3) Emmanuel Macron 4) Kylian Mbappé 5) Louis XIV



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**Thanks for
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