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AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

What a wonderful term!

Finally, after three difficult years, it feels like school is back to normal! Lots of great things happened this term.

Macmillan Cancer Support

The school raised a wonderful £167.70 for Macmillan Cancer Support. The children ate cakes and drank milkshakes!

Harvest Celebration

Kristina Williams from Swansea Foodbank talked to the children in our Harvest Assembly. She told the children how the Foodbank operates. A huge thank you for your contributions.

Children in Need

The children dressed in their pyjamas and onesies for Children in Need Day and raised an fantastic £690.80.

Maggie's Santa Run

The children dressed in their Santa hats and festive clothes and raised an amazing £210.00.

Thank you!

I would like to say a big thank you to all the pupils, staff, parents and Governors for the continued support you have given me as the Headteacher of Oystermouth Primary School.

I have the best job in the world!

I wish you all a very Happy and Healthy Christmas!

Mrs Morgan

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AUTUMN TERM IN DOSBARTH LIMESLADE

We have had a lots of fun in Dosbarth Limeslade this term. The children have all come into school everyday with a big smile.

We have had our first trip, to Underhill Park for an Autumn walk. We collected lots of leaves, sticks and some acorns. We were lucky enough to see all the diggers and to have a play in the playground.



Who am I?

This has been our first topic and we have looked at our senses, our emotions, what makes us happy and sad. They have drawn a picture of themselves and written their name and age. We read the story of Elmer and talked about how we all have different colour eyes, hair and clothes. We have looked at time and sequenced our morning before we come to school.

How does the World Celebrate ?

This topic has been very exciting! We have celebrated Diwali by creating Rangoli patterns and trying some Indian food.

We looked at how children around the world celebrate their birthdays. We made Fairy Bread from Australia, Brigadeiro sweets from Brazil and the highlight of the week was having a Piñata from Mexico.

On our return to school after half term we began our rehearsals for our Christmas play 'Children Around the World'. The children have all enjoyed performing in their first school production and they have all been amazing.



Numeracy and Literacy

In our daily Numeracy session we have started to look at money, 2d shapes and their properties, we have been counting and recognising numbers to 10 and comparing heavy and light objects.

In our Literacy sessions we have been mastering our listening skills. We have been on a listening walk, played a sound lotto game and have made different sounds in our outdoor area with a drumstick.

We enjoy our daily Dough Disco activities, using playdoh to strengthen the muscles in our hands which in turn helps to improve their mark making and writing. We have lots of opportunities for mark making using shaving foam, chalk, crayons and paintbrushes with water.

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AUTUMN TERM IN DOSBARTH ROTHERSLADE

We have had a very busy and exciting first term in Dosbarth Rotherslade!

We started the term with the topic 'Who am I?', learning about our bodies, how to look after them and what our senses can do. Joel's Mummy Emma came in to talk to the boys and girls all about healthy eating and we learnt lots of new things! We even had some special visitors in class from Will's Petting Farm!

We have learnt all about shapes, became shop keepers, customers and dug for hidden treasure to help us learn about money and the different coins we use.



Our second topic was 'How does the world celebrate?' and we have truly celebrated in style! Children in Need Day, the World Cup, Christmas around the world and Tedi Twt's 5th birthday are a few to name!



Our outdoor learning days have begun in Castle Woods and we have had lots of fun exploring nature and playing games. We are all very excited to visit the woods in Spring and Summer too!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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AUTUMN TERM IN DOSBARTH LANGLAND

All about me: We have been learning all about our senses. We had a great tasting session and tried different fruit and vegetables. We also went to the beach and the woods and made collections and dens.

Annabel's Mum and Dad came to visit us in class and helped us to learn about our ears and how we hear as well as what happens to us when we are ill and how we can stay fit and healthy

We looked carefully at our faces and drew our portraits to go on the wall in the hall. We have also been working in the style of Antony Gormley drawing people and casting our hands.

In the gym we have been using the big equipment to balance, climb and move in different ways. We are now learning some circus skills and having great fun learning how to juggle.

We went to the opticians where Mr Roberts showed us all about our eyes. We saw the biggest eye in the world and learnt that we see with our brains. Back at school we made our own glasses in our spectacle factory!



Celebrations We had a great immersion day finding out about different types of celebrations. We played pass the parcel, dressed up in our celebration clothes and used the TASC wheel to show what we already know about birthdays, Eid, Easter, Christmas, christenings, Halloween and Bonfire night. We also thought of lots of questions for us to find out about this term. Aynur's Dad came in to tell us all about Eid and we had a great visit to All Saints Church to investigate what happens in a church and how Christians celebrate Christmas



In Anti Bullying week we made friendship spells using the Beebots and learnt about how to make and keep friends.. We also learnt about how we can tell how someone is feeling by reading their body language.

And now , of course we are getting ready for our Christmas performance. We have practised all of our songs and have been to see Elf. In class we are making lots of lovely things to bring home and are celebrating this magical time of year with the help of a very mischievous elf. Many thanks to all of the children for making this a great class and to all of our parents who give us loads of invaluable support, Nadolig Llawen.



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AUTUMN TERM IN DOSBARTH CASWELL

How the World Celebrates!

DosbARTH Caswell have had a busy term discovering how the world celebrates. We have looked at different religious and cultural celebrations and have enjoyed learning how people from all over the world celebrate different occasions. We enjoyed learning all about Diwali and reading the story of Rama and Sita. We made lovely clay Diva lamps to celebrate The Festival of Light



At Oystermouth, we are always keen to form relationships with the wider community. We have enjoyed assisting Mumble Development Trust in a bulb planting session and look forward to watching the flowers bloom in the Spring. We have also formed relationships with Newton Grange care home and we had a lovely time singing for the residents, carols from our school concert.



Christmas seems to have come around very quickly! The children were absolutely fantastic during the concert, learning lines and singing beautifully, we are all very proud of what they achieved, da iawn pawb! Thankyou all for your continued support and Nadolig Llawen to you all, Mrs Honey



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AUTUMN TERM IN DOSBARTH POBBLES

It has been a busy Autumn Term in Dosbarth Pobbles. We started the Year off with the topic 'Who am I?' We learnt about our families, our links to different countries around the world and how the human body works. We loved our trip to Techniquet and finding out about our fantastic fingerprints!



This half term our topic has been 'How does the world celebrate?' We have enjoyed learning a song for Bonfire night, learning about special celebrations such as Eid, Diwali and Christmas. We made some lovely crafts linked to each religious celebrations and we used our ICT skills to create a PowerPoint of a celebration of our choice. We completed some Poppy art work for Remembrance Day. This term we wrote some World Cup poetry, we loved getting together to watch and support Wales.



The last few weeks have been busy practising our carol concert. The concert was held at All Saints Church on Thursday. We really enjoyed taking part. We have also been busy making Christmas cards, calendars and making sure our class elf is not too cheeky. Buddy likes to do something funny everyday.



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AUTUMN TERM IN DOSBARTH THREE CLIFFS

We began the Autumn Term by exploring what we knew about the human body and enjoyed a fantastic trip to Technquest with Dosbarth Pobbles. We enjoyed drawing round each other and finding out about different types of teeth during this topic, especially making model teeth!



We have enjoyed responding to the topic 'How Does the World Celebrate? Through lots of art and music activities.

We had a fantastic visit to the woods, spotting different types of trees and having a brilliant time climbing and den building in tribes! The children did some great recount writing about their woodland adventure.



Nadolig Llawen! xxx Dosbarth Three



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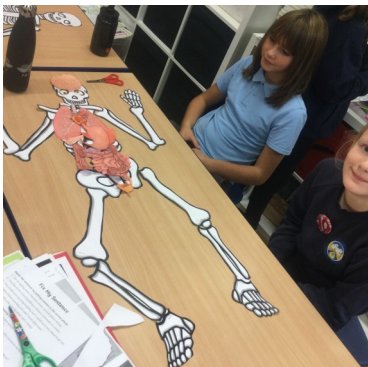


AUTUMN TERM IN OXWICH

Who am I?

We have had a really busy first half term settling into our new class and learning all about ourselves. We had a lovely workshop with XL Wales where we learnt all about our heart rate and how exercise affects it. The children learnt all about the human body and its functions and really enjoyed putting together their own human body. As part of their expressive art the children produced a self portrait they took a lot of pride in doing this.

The children particularly enjoyed their visit to see The trial of Elgan Jones. They also enjoyed comparing what life was like for children in the Victorian era to today. They especially enjoyed taking part in the real life Victorian classroom and couldn't believe how strict the teacher was!



How does the world celebrate?

Over the last few weeks we have been learning about different celebrations including Diwali, Ramadan, Chinese New Year and Christmas. The children have really enjoyed learning about the different cultures and how they celebrate. The children have produced lovely PowerPoints, fact files and posters on each celebration. The children have also enjoyed learning how to write their name in Hebrew and create a stained glass window with the Star of David in the centre. The children have been getting crafty and have made popup Christmas cards and baubles.



Goodbye and Thank you!

As you know I am leaving at the end of this term. I would like to say a big thank you for your support over this term and I wish Dosbarth Oxwich all the luck for the rest of the year. I will miss them very much and I hope that they will continue to work hard and have lots of fun!

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AUTUMN TERM IN RHOSSILI

Cycling Proficiency



In October, we spent a week learning how to keep safe when we are cycling.

XL WALES

Our XL Wales Workshop was linked to our "Who am I?" topic.

Our challenge was to record our pulse rate before and after different types of exercise.



Mrs. Matthews

We've had great fun with Mrs. Matthews from Bishop Gore who did a very energetic drama lesson with us, gave us the chance to listen to our ex-pupils and spent time chatting to us about what it's like in Comprehensive School.



"Deal me out" and PC Craig

In November, we had a brilliant workshop with Emily, who discussed the positive and negatives of online gaming. PC Craig came into school to talk to us about making positive and sensible choices.



"The trial of Elgan Jones"

In September, we visited the Dylan Thomas Theatre to watch Theatr Na Nog perform. After watching the play, we went to both museums to learn more about the Victorians. Back at school, we studied Victorian logbooks from our school.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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Forest School arrives at Oystermouth Primary School!

We are happy to announce that Mrs Honey has undertaken the Forest School Leader course and will be delivering Forest school sessions throughout the school, beginning in the New Year! She will be taking Dosbarth Caswell children out on a Wednesday afternoon and will continue with Forest School sessions with the other classes. More information to follow.



Mrs Honey says..

“ It has been fascinating undertaking the training and understanding the true ethos of Forest School. I am really looking forward to offering the children unique, holistic learning opportunities in a rich and stimulating environment. Children will have the opportunity to develop a range of skills, from risk assessment to creativity, whilst being encouraged to direct their own learning. They will learn how to use tools and use natural resources, whilst developing a positive relationship with the outdoors and the understanding of environmentally sustainable practise”.

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Football Update

Girls Football Tournament - 6th October

A huge congratulations to the girls that competed in the SSFA Welsh Primary tournament on 6th October. They won all their games and played in the finals in November, which they won. The girls played brilliantly and were a credit to the school.

Girls Football Tournament - 19th October

On Wednesday 19th October the girls played in the URDD Football Tournament at Ashleigh Road Playing Fields. They played seven games and won them all. Then they played in the final and won that too. They were crowned West Glamorgan Area Winners. They will be going to the Nationals in Aberystwyth on Saturday 13th May.

Mixed/Boys Football Tournament —20th October

On Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th October the mixed/boys teams played in the URDD and SSFA tournaments. All the children played really well.

Well done to all the children who competed in the football tournaments.

You have made Mrs Harris and the whole school community very proud. Big thanks to Mrs Harris for training the children and accompanying them to the tournaments and to the parents and grandparents for taking the children to the tournaments.



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Football Update



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Netball Update

The netball team attended the Urdd Competition on November 25th and had a brilliant day. They played really well and won most of their matches and got to the semi-finals.



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Thank you James!

I want to say a huge thank you to James Fairweather. James is a past Oystermouth pupil. He has been leading dance sessions at Oystermouth since October 2019. The children and staff love the sessions. Sadly, this term was James' last. I would like to say a huge thank you to James for his time, enthusiasm and support for Oystermouth Primary School.



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Co-op Local Good Causes

Oystermouth Primary School was fortunate to be one of the Co-op 2021-2022 Local Good Causes. We've also been selected as one of the Co-op 2022-2023 Good Causes!

The Co-op held a cheque presentation ceremony in November. Thank you to Dylan and Seren (Rhossili) and Dylan and Bryher (Caswell) for attending the ceremony.



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Remembrance Day

The very talented Year 6 children made poppy wreaths to lay on the war graves in Mumbles Cemetery.



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Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day Pietro and Aisha represented the school at Mumbles War Memorial.



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Remembrance Sunday

On Remembrance Sunday Grayson and Eryn laid a poppy wreath at Mumbles War Memorial.



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Mumbles Community Council Football Competition

Roux (Dosbarth Langland) and Daisy (Dosbarth Rhossili) were winners in the MCC art competition to mark the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022. Their artwork was printed on large banner and displayed outside the Ostreme Centre. The banner is now on our Newton Road railings. They also won a prize which was presented to them by Cllr Carrie Townsend Jones.



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New Play Area

At last the school has a new play area. We have been very fortunate to receive funding from Cllr Myles Langstone, Mumbles Community Council, the Co-op and our wonderful PTA. A huge thank you to all concerned!



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Maggie's Santa Run

On Friday 16th December, Lucia, from the Maggie's team in Swansea, talked to the children in assembly. Following this, the children took part in a Santa Run for Maggie's. Maggie's is a charity providing free cancer support and information in centres across the UK. Maggie's want their centres to be there to support as many people, and their families, as possible and your donations will help them do that.



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Breakfast Club

For security reasons, the gates on Newton Road and Castle Road can not be left unlocked and unattended. Two staff members will 'man' the gates until 8:10am. If your child is to attend Breakfast Club, please do not arrive later than 8:10am.

After School Club

All bookings for After School Club (ASC) and Gym Club will be through sQuid Bookings. You need to book sessions by **10:00am** the previous day. We would prefer that bookings are made as early as possible to give us enough time to allocate staff.

As the days are getting darker and the weather is getting colder, the After School Club children will be based in the school hall. Please come to the Newton Road gate to collect your child(ren). Please phone this number to speak to a member of the After School Club staff during After School Club hours – 07395115787.

Foodbank

We have a permanent Foodbank Collection Box in the Art Room. At the moment the Foodbank especially needs: long life fruit juice or squash, UHT or powdered milk, rice, tinned or powdered potatoes, tinned peas, sweet corn or carrots, custard rice pudding, toothbrushes child or adult, shower gel and shampoo. All donations gratefully received.



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PTA UPDATE

We have had a busy Autumn term this year which started with the return of the Halloween disco! The first one since COVID and it was definitely enjoyed by all. There was plenty of music and dancing and this year we had our very own pick your own pumpkin patch which helped the event raise £460.68

We are lucky enough to have been chosen by both Coop and Tesco to be their local community charities! For Tesco, the blue bags of help tokens need to be collected and posted into the Oystermouth slots within local Tesco Superstores by January for our chance to receive £1500. To support our school through Coop, please use your membership card every time you shop online and in store over the next year and funds will automatically accumulate for our charity. Both these supermarket opportunities are amazing ways for our school to receive much needed extra funds.

Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile are also great ways to raise money for our school whilst online shopping! Please sign up now if you haven't already!



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PTA UPDATE

Christmas card designs were drawn by the children in October and families were given the option to order personalised cards, mugs and teddies. As usual this was a really popular fundraiser and £350 was raised.

At the beginning of December we held the Advent Window Trail with families and local shops taking part and decorating their windows. It was lovely to see so many people within the local community getting involved, supporting our school and enjoying the event.

Finally, the term ended with the return of the Christmas Fayre. We had our very own Santas Grotto, stalls from local traders, tombola, raffle and even a visit from the RNLI. Despite the weather we had a great turn out for the event which raised £3417.38.

All the events this term would not have been possible without the fantastic support of lots of parents, staff and Mrs Morgan and we are so grateful to you all. At the moment, our fundraising is going into a big pot so that we can support work on the school gym but as you can imagine this is a long term project!

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to more social events in 2023!



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Healthy Tuck Shop

The Year 6 children run the KS2 Healthy Tuck Shop for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. An item of fruit can be purchased to be eaten during morning break for 30p every morning or £1:50 at the start of the week.

A hand-drawn poster for the 'Healthy Tuck Shop'. The word 'TUCK' is written in large, stylized letters at the top left. To the right, it says 'We sell:' followed by a list of fruits: 'apples', 'bananas', 'grapes', 'strawberry', 'plums', and 'rasberries'. Below the list are drawings of a watermelon slice, a banana, a strawberry, and two purple grapes. On the left side, the prices are listed: '30p - 1 day', '60p - 2 days', '90p - 3 days', '£1.20 - 4 days', and '£1.50 - 1 week'. At the bottom, it says '1 of your 5 a day!' with 'Tuck' circled in a yellow oval. The poster is signed 'By Bella Y6' and has a note 'Any question ask Y6!'.

TUCK

We sell:

- apples • bananas
- grapes • strawberry
- plums • rasberries

30p - 1 day
60p - 2 days
90p - 3 days
£1.20 - 4 days
£1.50 - 1 week

♥ Tuck ♥

1 of your 5 a day!

By Bella Y6

Any question ask Y6!

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★ Oystermouth Primary - where we are all stars! ★

Our vision and aims are at the core of everything we do. They underpin our teaching and learning, and provide an environment which prepares our pupils to be confident, happy citizens. During the last year we have involved all stakeholders in developing our new vision which encompasses our aspirations and goals for the future of our school.

Our vision for education at Oystermouth Primary School is based on the four core purposes which we want all of our pupils to develop during their time with us. We want our pupils to be:

- **Ambitious, capable learners** who are ready to learn throughout their lives.
- **Enterprising, creative contributors** who are ready to play a full part in life and work.
- **Ethical, informed citizens** who are ready to be citizens of Wales and the world.
- **Healthy, confident individuals** who are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

Oystermouth Primary School is a school with a strong sense of community. We are very proud of our school and work very hard to ensure that all our children feel happy, healthy, secure and safe so that they achieve their full potential. Our broad, stimulating and relevant curriculum helps each child to develop a firm foundation on which they can build in preparation for adult life. We recognise each child's individuality and strive to meet their needs in a caring and fully inclusive environment.

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We have a strong commitment to raising the achievement of all children through a wide range of opportunities and experiences that promote the development of each child academically, socially, physically, morally, creatively, technologically and emotionally. At Oystermouth Primary School, we want our children to become the best versions of themselves and leave as strong, open minded, confident individuals who have the ability and adaptability to thrive in an ever changing world.

Our Aims

Oystermouth Primary will provide a happy, safe and caring learning environment. We recognise that children learn at different rates and have a range of individual talents. Learning is carefully planned to take this into account and ensure that each child works hard and achieves their best.

As a school, we endeavour to:

- Provide a purposeful, exciting and motivating curriculum that meets the individual needs of the children with a clear focus on providing quality teaching and learning;
- Encourage all children the opportunities to become ambitious, capable learners; enterprising, creative contributors; ethical, informed citizens and healthy, confident individuals;
- To provide a stimulating learning environment where all children are encouraged to achieve their full potential by promoting a culture of high expectation;
- To identify and respond to the individual needs of children whilst encouraging them to participate in all aspects of school life;

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- Encourage all children to be active members of the community, Wales and the wider world and to respect the values, rights and beliefs of others;
- Promote good behaviour and encourage children to develop a positive attitude towards lifelong learning and well being;
- To be a fully inclusive school that values all children's attainment, achievement and progress.

At Oystermouth Primary School we ensure that our school aims are embedded in all aspects of school life and that our vision and aims are pursued in everything that we do!

Our Vision

★ Believe, Achieve and Shine Bright ★

At Oystermouth Primary School we can all Shine Bright if we Believe and Achieve.

We want to empower everyone to be STARS:

Self motivated, ambitious, independent and eager to learn.

Travelling on a unique journey to achieve their goals and dreams.

Active, happy, healthy, caring and confident individuals.

Responsible, respectful and ethical citizens who engage with their community, Wales and the wider world.

Successful, creative and resilient life-long learners who aspire to be shining stars.



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School Priorities 2022–2023

IA 1	Learning	1 - Continue to raise the standards of all pupils; closely monitoring the performance between groups of learners (link Estyn R3)
IA 1	Learning	2 - To further strengthen provision and raise standards in Welsh Oracy (link Estyn R2)
IA 3	Teaching and Learning Experiences	3 – Continue to implement the new curriculum and monitor planning and assessment (link Estyn R3 and R4)
IA 5	Leadership and Management	4 – Continue to embed the Professional Teaching Standards and develop Professional Learning through Action Research (link Estyn R1)

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School term and holiday dates 2022 / 2023

Term	Term begins	Mid-term holiday		Term ends	Total days
		Begins	Ends		
Autumn 2022	Monday 5 September	Monday 31 October	Friday 4 November	Friday 23 December	75
Spring 2023	Monday 9 January	Monday 20 February	Friday 24 February	Friday 31 March	55
Summer 2023	Monday 17 April	Monday 29 May	Friday 2 June	Monday 24 July	65
Total:					195

Training Day 1	Monday 5 th September 2022
Training Day 2	Friday 23 rd September 2022
Training Day 3	Friday 14 th October 2022
Training Day 4	Monday 9 th January 2023
Training Day 5	Monday 17 th April 2023
Training Day 6	Monday 24 th July 2023

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Many thanks for your fantastic support this year.

We wish you all a very happy, healthy and relaxing Christmas!

From Mrs Morgan and the wonderful Oystermouth Team!

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