

# STAY IN TOUCH

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## SUCCESS IN ATHENS

**Oonagh McManus wins individual bronze and team gold medals for Great Britain at the European Biathlon Championships in Athens, home of the Olympic Games.**

**A Year 7 Crompton House student and a member of Oldham Aquatics and Royton & Crompton swimming clubs, managed to finish third, collecting individual bronze and a team gold medal for Great Britain.**

Oonagh McManus has been in the spotlight in the past. Coming 3rd in the U13's category in the Pentathlon GB British Schools Modern Biathlon in Bath, the next step on the young athlete's journey took place in Athens. It was here that Oonagh once again stunned the audience.

Starting the race fast, separating the field with a solid first run, and entering the water in 2nd place. A fantastic swim saw her coming out of the sea, still holding 2nd place going into the final run. The last 800 meters was a tense affair, with the lead changing hands and Oonagh slipping into 4th place.

One final push in the last 10 meters saw her draw level, with four GB girls crossing the line together. It was a nervous wait for the results, but thankfully Oonagh was confirmed 3rd, with just over one second separating 1st and 4th place.

Oonagh was dreaming of a top 10 finish, so to come away with a place on the podium and two medals is incredible. She's obviously over the moon, and we're all incredibly proud of her achievement. It's been an amazing experience, and I'm sure this will put her in good stead for the future. Well done, Oonagh!



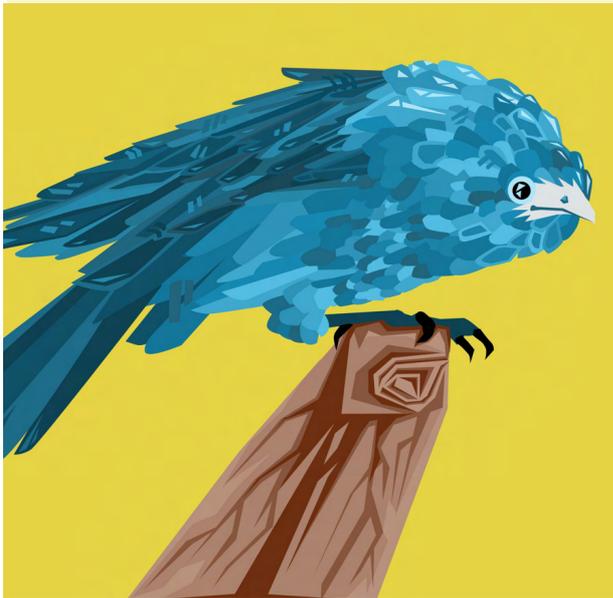
## Medals at Swimming Gala

**A jaw dropping performance saw Crompton House once again take to the podium.** William earned a silver in the 100m Breaststroke, silver in the 200m Breaststroke and bronze in the 100m Individual Medley. The event which took place in Wigan saw the young swimmer completing a series of exhausting swims. Amazing work William!





# BLUEBIRD IS IN THE ART GALLERY



**Well done to Year 12 student, Isabella!** Her stunning artwork was placed on display at the Gallery Oldham Open Exhibition this month. The masterpiece, "Bluebird", was originally created as part of Isabella's coursework in Graphic Communication (Art) helping her to achieved a grade 9 at GCSE.

## A SAIL IN THE PARK

Lewis has been busy making Crompton House proud. Not only has he represented team GB in July at the World Topper Championships, but out of 200 participants he achieved 19th place to qualify to be part of the prestigious gold championship fleet. Representing the North, Lewis also positioned 9th out of 100, facing national competitors. Over the school holidays, in August, Lewis met a previous Crompton House student, Stewart Bithell, during skills week in Weymouth. Valuable expert tuition was gained, helping Lewis to be promoted to the next class in boat racers. Staying focused and determined, Lewis's performance allowed him to be selected for two training teams RTG Midland and North and Draycote Academy who he will be training with throughout the Winter.



## HALF TERM AWARDS



**Congratulations to the following students for achieving the half term maths award. Every member of staff in the maths faculty nominated one student from each of their classes. This was to recognise the outstanding effort and achievements made by students during the first half term. Well done to all winners. 12 year 7s, 13 year 8s, 14 year 19s, 19 year 10s, 13 year 11s won the Maths half term award.**

**Year 7-** Lexi Vincent, Opal Baker, Louie Huthwaite, Maria Rahman Chowdhury, Finn Lochery, Lyla Hannan, Hamza Ali, Dev Sisodia, Jessica Caton, Eliza Ehsan, Abbie Irvine, Connie Thorniley.

**Year 8-** Rylan Wright, Ethan Myddleton, Nathan Tindall, Eva Marsland, Losika Zechner, Ruby Scholes, Lucie Clegg, Freddie Dickson, Harris Hynes, Sophie Mills, Keanu Sharif, Anbia Hussain.

**Year 9-** Lois Jones, Mary Shaw, Sophie Mooney, Malachi Nkonjera, Charlie Oleshnizky, Euan Hurst, Holly Dyer, Lucas Boak, Allanah Lee, Georgie Heslop, Poppy Lees, Shreeya Sisodia, Melody Rose-Whittaker, Aidan Smith

**Year 10-** Faith Ereyemi, Jessica Dimelow, Tiffany Uwadia, Serayah Rowe, Scarlett Healey, Alexia Clancy, Liv Hallam, Simbarashe Madume, Kane Cooper, Freya Healey-Clements, Liam Taylor, Charlie Wimbleton, Sophie Parker, Keanu Daubney-Hancock, Violet Clayton, Lucy Atkinson, Isha Zulkurnain, Joshua Neaven, Lucy Rush

**Year 11-** Maisie Whitworth, Kelise Lawton, Grace Drinkwater, Olivia Shaw, Courtney Latif, Christina Hayes, Owen Senior, Olivia Drake, Amie Guest, Claire Roach, Amelie Heptonstall, Sophie Griffiths, Kalem Spindley

# BBC Visit Crompton House

An excited Crompton House audience welcomed two guests from the BBC this month. Radio Manchester presenter Gaz Drinkwater and Latasha Arnone joined our school on their tour visiting secondary schools for BBC Share Your Story. The experience was organised to demystify people's perceptions of public figures who are often seen as confident and happy. Students heard

Gaz describe the loss of his sibling and the search for employment opportunities, leaving the audience with the advice, "be relentless with your dreams and never give up."

Latasha spoke about how her mother had suffered from depression. "I never knew how someone who loved me so much could be so absent..." she had said to a stunned crowd, "you never know what someone is going through, so be kind."

After the presenters gave the audience a glimpse into their personal lives, questions and answers began with a pass of the microphone ball. The Crompton House audience cheered as the presenters were asked about their favourite football team, or whether they had ever met a Love Island star. The experience is something Crompton House school was very grateful to have been a part of. We thank everyone involved in making this event happen, from Mr Pearson who contacted the BBC, to the presenters.



## Literacy Information Evening

In October, we hosted our first Parent Information Evening for Literacy, specifically looking at supporting reading. Mrs. Holt, CHS Literacy Lead, gave an overview of how we support reading through the curriculum, extra-curricular opportunities and the interventions we offer when students need additional support. Mrs. Holt was joined by Year 12 English Literature student, Joey Legge who gave a speech on the importance of reading for pleasure and Year 11 student, Destiny Duru, who gave a presentation on her role as a reading mentor in school. There were also representatives from the student Book Council, Courtney Latif and Kaya Read, The Novellas, who gave a presentation on how they promote reading for pleasure in school. During the evening, parents were able to browse new books from our visiting Scholastic Book Fair and students had the opportunity to visit the fair within our school library over a two-week period. We would like to say a huge thank you to parents, carers and staff, for helping us to raise over £400 in free books to replenish our school library with new and up to date titles for our students to enjoy. If you have any queries regarding your child's reading progress, then please contact Mrs. Holt ([G.Holt@cromptonhouse.org](mailto:G.Holt@cromptonhouse.org)). The presentation powerpoint can be located at <https://www.cromptonhouse.org/recent-parents-information-evenings/>



# MFL Mask Competition

In Modern Foreign Languages, students celebrated Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) on the second week back after half term (31st October). Students unleashed their creativity by designing themed bookmarks, paper luminaries and coloured sugar skulls. The week ended in style with a face mask competition. We had some great entries. See the amazing masks below and the winning three masks (bottom right)

# Animal Handling

Year 7 students welcomed experts from the wriggly roadshow during animal handling. Snakes, millipedes, and lizards were introduced to our classes and pupils had the opportunity to feel the constricting of a snake to the curling movement of a millipede.



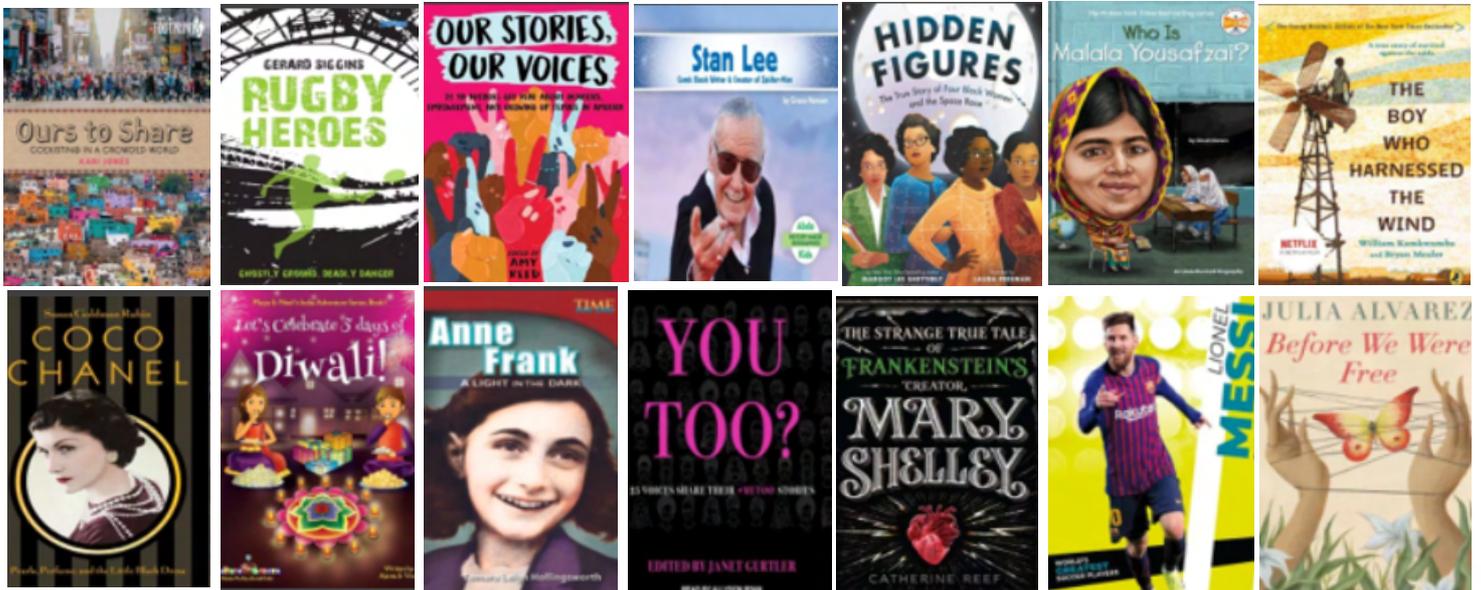
## DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE WALK

On Saturday 4th November Year 9 students completed a practice walk around Ogden reservoir as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. Staying positive was key as students battled early morning rain and wind, before all students made it to the finish line.



# NON-FICTION NOVEMBER READS

RECOMMENDED BY MRS CULLEN - FIND THEM IN THE LIBRARY OR ON SORA...



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Before the half term holidays, Black History Month was celebrated at Crompton House school. Miss Sanchis and students from the Diversity group went on a school trip to see the theatre performance "The performance, Stand Accused: Standing up to Hate Crime" which was organised by Oldham Council. Our amazing 'Diversity Group' set targets of how they would stand up to hate crime at Crompton House and planned and delivered a black history month assembly for KS3 and KS4. They did a fantastic job with Miss Duthie leading the assembly.

The group also planned a treasure hunt around the school. Outside every classroom information was presented about a black figure from history relating to each subject taught. Pupils then had to find information on 2 figures per subject then turn in their treasure hunt sheets for a prize and certificate.

Another part of Black History month celebrations was colouring in images showing black culture. Crompton House's History department ran an essay competition on the influences of black figures throughout history. Mrs Cullen, our Librarian, had a fabulous display of books relating to black history month in the library, she also shared book ideas with form tutors.

We also had badges and wristbands and stickers on sale relating to black history month. On the last day of term, we had a wear red day to support the charity: Show Racism the Red Card. Many pupils and staff wore red to support.

## DOUBLE GOLD WIN FOR HARRY



Year 13 student Harry Payton who fights for the Taekwondo National England Team won 2 gold medals. Fighting on Saturday Oct 29th Harry Payton, Year 13, travelled to Coventry for the T/UK British Championships in Taekwondo. Facing fierce competition, he managed to push forward beating competition on the Welsh and Scottish teams to win double gold.



Black History Month

## CROMPTON HOUSE CHRISTMAS FAIR

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# CREATIVE WRITING WINNER

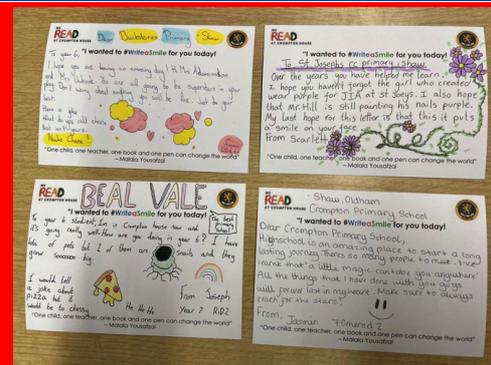
Talented writer Isabelle Hamer recently won a creative writing competition and had her work published in the anthology. The Litmus project, organised by Cambridge University, organises competitions for students between Years 9 to 11. Students are given a theme and have to submit a piece of creative writing from fiction to poetry or a blog. The competition was Isabelle's first competition. As one of the top 30 entries to be submitted in this year's competition, Isabelle's story, a fantasy story, now stands proudly printed. Isabelle discovered the competition while in school through her English teacher. Describing the time in school, "Miss Holt, our English teacher, told us about it and encouraged us to enter."

Speaking to Isabelle, she explained, "They gave you a prompt. It was called writing on the wall. I based my story on the Berlin wall and when they tore it down. It was oppressing the people behind it. The joy and happiness when it came down." A tip Isabelle wants to give anyone who wants to enter but isn't quite sure is: "Don't be scared. Give it a go. All of the work for the litmus is published on their website whether you win it or not." Crompton House is delighted at the news, and we are proud of Isabelle's success.



## Write a smile during Anti Bullying Week

Mrs Cullen has been busy with the #writeasmile campaign. Students have been busy writing kind messages to their old primary schools to spread positivity and help to combat loneliness. Over 150 postcards were written and sent to over 20 primary schools. Our students really enjoyed sending words of encouragement to younger students and updating their old teachers on their secondary school progress. Check out our #WriteaSmile video <https://bit.ly/3MBdXj2>.



## CROMPTON POLITICS

A Crompton House student has been making a name for herself in local politics. Year 8 student Olivia Everitt has been attending council meetings. During a full council meeting at Oldham Civic Centre, along with another member of the Oldham Youth Council, she proposed a motion to the full council (60 councillors) plus numerous officers and members of the public.

The motion was to make Holiday Activities and Food Sessions (HAF) available for free to young people outside those who qualify for free school meals but those who are also in receipt of Universal Credit but do not necessarily qualify for FSM.

Olivia, who was in school uniform, received significant praise from members who unanimously agreed to her proposal. The Chief Executive will now write to the Borough's three MPs and the Prime Minister seeking a change in Government Policy regarding funding.

Speaking to Olivia, she explained, "we've been talking about the cost-of-living crisis and how it's affecting all families. In the school holidays, children should be allowed free activities. People who are on free school meals shouldn't have to pay to get into those programmes because it's affecting everyone."

"It can be really expensive to get your children into some programmes, and if they don't have productive activities during the holidays, it has been shown it can make them have serious mental health issues, like being really anxious because they haven't been socialising."



## SPECIAL OLYMPICS READY

Yasmin Booth has been listed in the first names for the Special Olympics World Summer games in 2023. The games, which are due to take place in Berlin, Germany, will mark the 16th Special Olympic games. Jasmin will travel to the city and compete in the sport of golf; a remarkable achievement as only 58 athletes have been named so far in the list for Great Britain.



# REMEMBRANCE WEEK



(Students remember victims in remembrance presentation)

We paid their respects to the fallen during remembrance week. In the school corridor, a display featured stories of grandparents who had fought in the war. Year 7's created beautiful paper flowers, and students from the library decorated the front of the school garden full of poppies and crosses. Presentations took place in History lessons playing the songs "In Flanders field" and "the last post", and pictures of victims from the world wars and more recent events such as the Afghan war and the Ukraine war were shown.



(Corridor decorated with poppies and war diary entries)



(Remembrance Assemblies)

Standing in front of a large audience, students attended Shaw cenotaph. In preparation for the two minutes silence, a trumpet played "The Last Post" to the community, war veterans decorated in their medals, a local councillor, and a local primary school. On Sunday, representing Crompton House, the head boy and girl gave speeches signifying respect. Overall, our school stood proud as we remembered our heroes.



( From left to right- Crompton House Head Boy Josh Barnett, Head Girl Danni Hall, and Instrumentalist Abbi Brown)



(Year 7 students decorate the front of the school)



(Instrumentalist Abbi Brown plays leadup to 2 minutes silence)



(Veterans at Shaw Cenotaph)

# STUNNING PERFORMANCE OF CHICAGO

After two years of being unable to perform an upper school production, finally we were able to put on the production of 'Chicago' and bring some 'Razzle Dazzle' back to the stage at Crompton House. Students and staff worked tirelessly every lunchtime, after school and Sunday choreographing, directing, singing, designing to complete the production ready for the first performance on Wed November 23rd November.



The performances of 'Chicago' were amazing. Claire Roach rocked the role of Roxy and Olivia Reid pulled out all the stops as Velma. Both Olivia and Claire were incredible. Harry Fenwick was brilliant as Billy Flynn suitably suave, smooth and scheming. Amelia Houghton belted out the songs as Mama Morton and gave a charismatic performance. Tom Clancy excelled as Amos. The atmosphere on the nights amongst cast and crew was lovely with everyone supporting each other and with a cast member down Kaya Reid stepped into the role of Mary Sunshine just before the first before performance and was a star to do this at such a young age. Our students described the night as 'It was euphoric- some of the most fun I have had acting on stage', 'I have made new friends from different years,' and 'I loved every minute,' as the cast sung, danced and acted their way to success on stage, making this a memorable evening for all.



# #WriteaSmile



The #WriteaSmile postcard project created by our Student Book Council is going from strength to strength. During Mental Health Week in October, library lessons saw our year 7 and 8 students writing words of support and encouragement to their old primary schools throughout the borough and spreading the message wider to our church community. Olivia, a Year 10 student, explained the project to the congregation of Thornham St James church and postcards were handed out after the service. In November, over one hundred postcards were written detailing messages of support and kindness. The cards were sent to the previous primary schools of our younger students during 'Anti-Bullying Week' for which this year's theme was 'Reach Out.' Research shows that reading for 10 minutes every day can have a huge impact on our mental health and so as part of Mental Health Awareness Week we also carried out a 'Drop Everything and Read' activity after watching our #WriteaSmile video which you can also view <https://bit.ly/3MBdXj2>

## Super-Ethos Learning

On Thursday 17th and Friday 18th November was Ethos Super Learning Day for Year 7&10. Members of the Armed Forces joined our students in their lessons leading activities such as working out the suspect of a crime. Students also had the opportunity to ask questions about life in the army as well as the types of roles and responsibilities available.



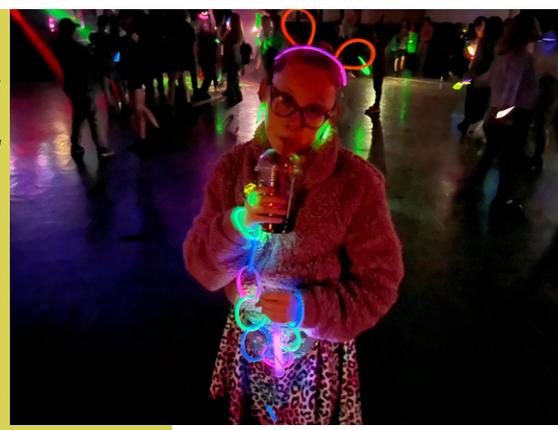
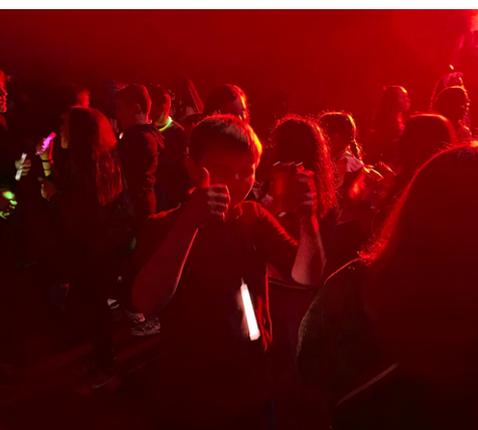
## Baby Unit Donation

Our kind hearted Year 11 student Mila Emms has been knitting wool hats to donate to the baby unit at Oldham Hospital. Crompton House is super proud of Mila!



## Year 7 School Disglo

Thursday 10th November was a special day for our Year 7 students, who danced the night away at the school 'Disglo'. The event, which took place in the school hall, raised £900, helping the school to climb one step closer to buying a minibus. Our young students showed off their skills on the dance floor, topped up their energy levels with refreshments and purchased glow sticks. Overall it was a night to remember.



# GCSE PRESENTATION EVENING

On Thursday, 16th November, Crompton House welcomed back former students for the GCSE Presentation evening. Mr Newall and Mr Raynard gave opening speeches before excitement filled the school hall as students walked on stage to celebrate their success. A choir sang hymns and prayers, and several special guests were present, including members of the school's chair of governors. Students were met by a former headteacher of the school, Mrs Musgrave, who greeted the students as they made their way onto the stage. Mrs Musgrave, in a closing speech, said, "You have each achieved something remarkable." The evening was a special occasion; our school was glad to proudly celebrate this incredible milestone with our former students.



## Children in Need



**We celebrated Children in Need Day in style this year! A huge thanks to everyone involved in this special day, from the sixth formers who planned the activities to the staff who made the day memorable. As you can see, we all had a fun time dressed in our favourite pyjamas. Other activities included cup pong, face painting, and a cake sale in the Milne picnic area. Overall, the day helped to raise £426.21.**



# Raising Funds for The Homeless

The MFL event club has organised a Saint Nicholas hamper competition. Inspired by St Nicholas, where in Belgium, children receive presents on the 6th of December, our languages department have teamed up with Mrs Katsoulieri to help the homeless. The money raised will help to purchase blankets, scarves, and socks. Anyone interested in entering this great competition can buy tickets from Mrs Clotuche. Good luck!



# Year 7s Visit The Pantomime

Our Year 7s ended the month of November in style by visiting the pantomime. In a packed-out hall of 296 students, everyone had a great and action-packed evening. Thank you to everyone who came. **Keep an eye out for our next school event in our weekly newsletter and on our social media pages**

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# BAKE OFF!



The end of half term was an exciting one for our Food students. After school, Mrs Bloor and Mrs Stusinski- Marsh and a group of year 7, 8 and 9 students participated in a Halloween bake-off. Some exciting bakes were created, including pumpkin-spiced spooky sponges, decorated cornflake cakes, cupcakes, and biscuits. The winner of the bake-off had made a filled sponge cake with ghoulish ghost icing accompanied by beautifully decorated cornflake cupcakes. Well done to both our winners and all who took part. Keep your eye out for our next themed baking event, which will be a Christmas baking club towards the end of this half term.

# ARTWORK

*of the month*



Evie Marsden



Matilda Adamson



Hayden Wood



Jack Whitworth



Staying safe online has been a focus this month. We would like to give a big thankyou to GMP who gave an online safety talk with Year 7 and 8 on Thursday 17th November.



Well done to our Year 7 student Joseph Obasonan who has recently had his recording published as an episode on Princess Mirror-belle. The episode called Love Potion Crisp is available on CBC Iplayer

Watch it here: [bbc.in/3i573sQ](http://bbc.in/3i573sQ)



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