



# Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

Friday 3rd March 2023



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Thursday 23rd March  
Parent Drop In Session

Friday 31st March  
End of Term 4

Monday 17th April  
Term 5 Begins

Monday 1st May  
Bank Holiday Monday  
School Closed

Monday 8th May  
Bank Holiday Monday  
King Charles Coronation  
School Closed

Tuesday 9th-Friday 12th May  
KS2 SATs (Y6)

Tuesday 23rd May  
Parent Drop In Session

Friday 26th May  
End of Term 5

Monday 5th June  
Inset Day  
School Closed

Tuesday 6th June  
Term 6 Begins

Dear Families of Istead Rise,

We have seen a busy start to Term 4 with a range of fun and challenging activities across the school. On Thursday, Istead Rise was transformed into a school for witches and wizards to celebrate World Book Day, while Year 6 experienced life as a child from WWII during a visit from Portals to the Past.

Mr Payne set up a chess tournament with some very enthusiastic and competitive KS2 children. Well done to all those who took part - look out for the results of the next round.

Wishing you all a good weekend.  
Mrs M Clark - Deputy Headteacher

## Attendance Class Awards



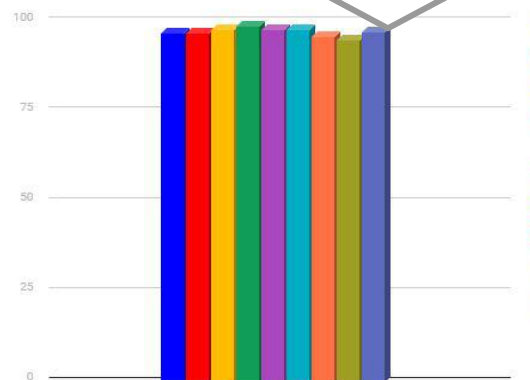
W/C 20.02.23  
KS1 - **Palm**  
KS2 - **Sycamore**



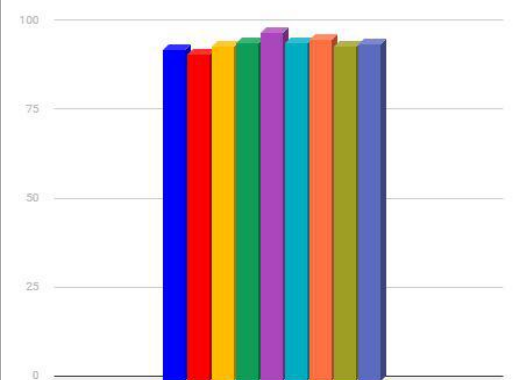
W/C 27.02.23  
KS1 - **Palm**  
KS2 - **Cherry**

Just a reminder that the STEM poster competition entries need to be in by the 15th March. You can find full details via this link-

[British Science Week Letter](#)



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 20.02.23



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 27.02.23



WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

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# ***Istead Rise Chess Tournament***







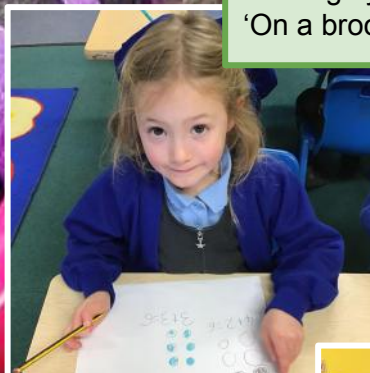
**A big well done to all the pupils who took part in the first round of the Istead Rise Chess Tournament today! Congratulations to Darcie, Brody, George, Jiya, James, Molly, Harjot, Charlie D, Scarlett, Henry and Arturo who all made it through. We look forward to seeing you in the next round!**





## Maths

Lots of learning has happened in maths! We have learnt about the numbers 6, 7 and 8 and used resources to find different ways to make them. We have also learnt how to find one more of a given number.



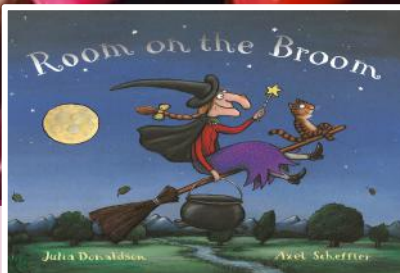
## Expressive Arts and Design

There has been some wonderful singing and playing of musical instruments. The children have expressed their voices beautifully and thoroughly enjoyed singing the song 'On a broomstick'.



## Room on the Broom

Our topic this term is about Julia Donaldson. The children listened to the story 'Room on the Broom' and then created their own potion! Once their potion was made, they then wrote a set of instructions. It was great listening to children share how they wanted to add crushed skeleton bones and gloopy frogs eyes!



## Investigation Time

The children have been scientists and made their own potions, adding bicarbonate of soda and vinegar to their concoctions. They were amazed at how their mixtures reacted together to form bubbles.







The children have been having lots of fun in art over the last couple of weeks. During the first week, they made cylinders of varying shapes and sizes by rolling paper and this week, they have been folding paper to make 3D sculptures. I think you will agree that their artwork is fabulous!

The children have enjoyed using the new KS1 library. Thank you to our lovely parents for the books you have sent in to the school.

The children became scientists this week to identify how much water you should add to sand to make the best sandcastle.

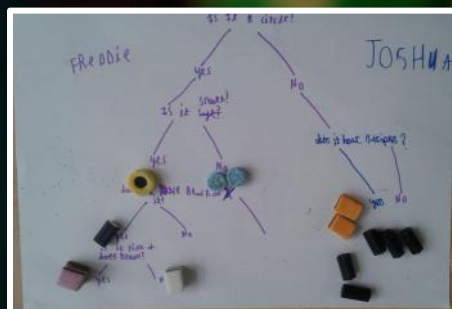
They had lots of fun with this activity.

In Computing, we are learning about algorithms and debugging is when something doesn't go quite right. The children have used Beebots to help them with this.

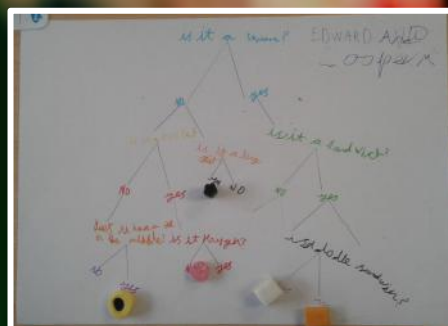
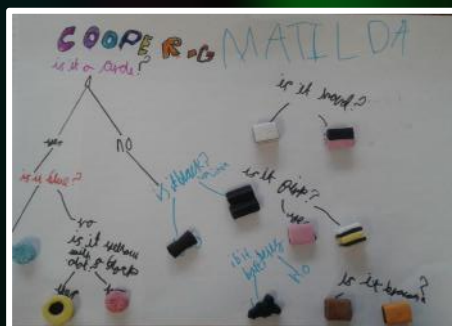




Year 2 have been really busy with all of their learning recently! We have enjoyed working in groups to come up with sentences to describe the planet Mars, focusing on using a range of fronted adverbials to start our sentences. In maths, we have continued our learning on multiplication and division using our resources to help us. We sorted cubes into equal groups to answer questions before drawing arrays into our books. We have had lots of fun in Art using clay. We explored different ways to create texture in clay by rolling and squashing it with our hands and using Lego bricks to make patterns. This week we will continue to explore how to use clay to make a decorated thumb pot.

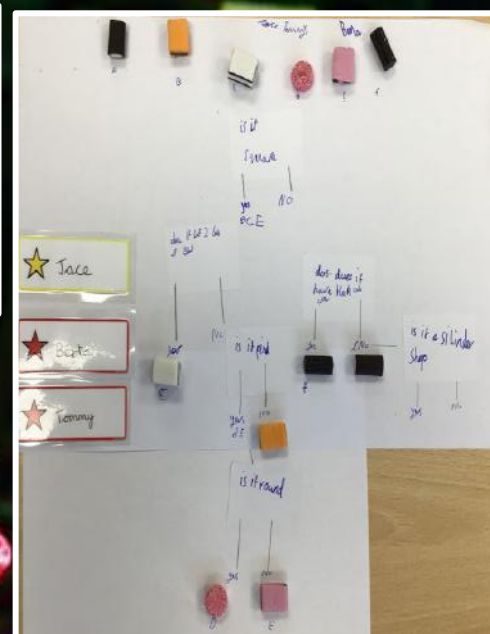
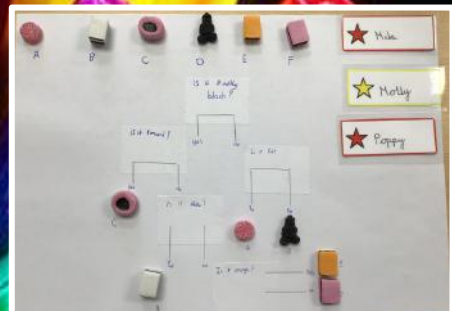
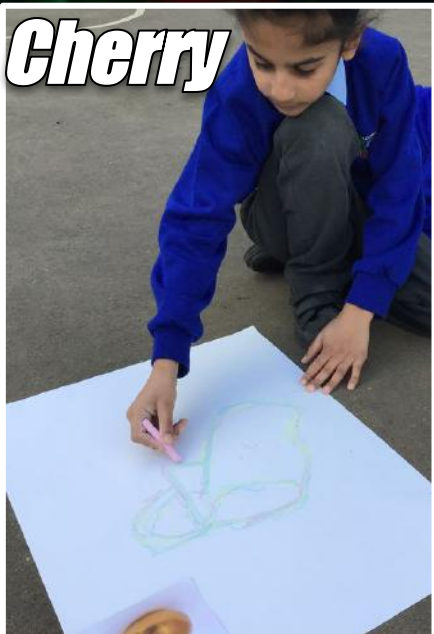


Sycamore has been working hard in all of their lessons. In English, they have been learning how to write a short narrative about an iguana trying to escape a lot of hungry snakes. In maths they have been learning how to use the bus stop method for division as well as other methods for multiplication and division. Even though this has been challenging, they have all persevered well. I am really pleased with how they are all trying to learn their times tables. In science we have been working on classification and made our own 'classification trees' using sweets- it was a lot of fun!





# Cherry



Cherry Class have started Term 4 with a 'can do attitude' working hard to achieve in all lessons. They have been practising times tables daily, trying to maintain or better their score. In English we have been working hard to write an imaginative story. In Maths we have been learning about integers (whole numbers) and improper fractions ( $\frac{8}{5}$ ). We have started our geography topic about settlements and the children have enjoyed learning about what makes a good settlement site. The children have embraced the art theme of sculpture and enjoyed last week using chalk to draw a 3D vase and this week using a bar of soap and modelling tools to make a 3D sculpture of their choice. In science we had lots of fun classifying sweets. The children had to look at the shape, size, colour and structure of the sweet and then compose yes/no questions to form a classification tree.



# Willow

We are now in the second week of our English sequence on writing the biography of Charles Darwin, which the children are thoroughly enjoying as it includes some of our learning in Science from last term. In Maths we are continuing our work on fractions and decimals equivalence, and have been working on tenths, hundredths and thousandths. The progress and understanding during this has been amazing! In Science we have started the unit that will span two terms, where we are looking at plants and living things. So far we have looked at the life cycle of a plant and the way in which flowering plants reproduce, which has included dissecting a flower and labelling the male and female parts. This week in computing we have completed this term's e-Safety lesson, looking at online reputation and how the posts and opinions online can form both positive and negative judgements. The Fresh Prince of Bel Air is our focus song in music this term, and so far the learning of the song is going well. There are some very tricky verses to learn due to the number of words needed in the rap! PSHE is all about staying healthy, and the lesson last week on the numbers of people (and the effect) of smoking brought out some very strong opinions and also some surprise at the facts the children were unsure of.

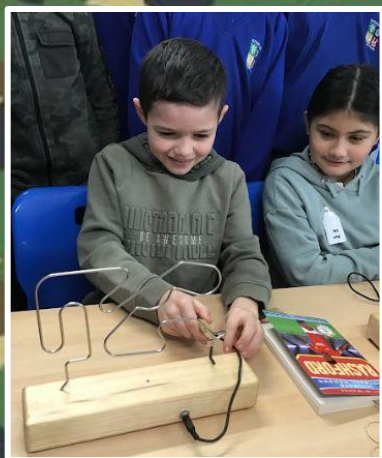
## Sportshall

Last Friday the school had a team competing in the Gravesham Schools Sportshall Athletics competition. The children participated in a number of relay races as well as a number of field events. The team did incredibly well to finish second, and were just two points behind the winners. As well as team success, there was also individual success, as Ezekiel recorded the best standing long jump, Rylan threw the furthest in the chest push event, and Ellenor and John threw the furthest boys and girls javelins respectively. Well done to all 18 children, who represented the school incredibly well.





# Elm & Aspen



A busy week for Year 6! We have worked hard this week, completing practice SATs papers in preparation for May. Well done to all children for working so hard during this time. A big well done also to everyone who has been revising at home and using the CGP books which were given out at parents evening.

In Art, we learnt how to complete a 'continuous line drawing' where we had to complete a drawing without taking our pencils off the paper. We each had a photo of ourselves and did a continuous self portrait. Great perseverance, Year 6!

On Thursday, we had a fantastic WW2 workshop delivered to us from 'Portals to the Past'. Both classes had a go at being bomb disposal experts, as well as trying on different WW2 uniforms which was enjoyed by all. The children also had a chance to hold a rifle from WW2 and pretend to fire it. All children worked well in class to visit different information boards and complete a quiz in groups. In the afternoon, we learnt how to understand morse code and de-coded some messages! We then had a look at many different gas masks from different countries which were really impressive! We finished off the day by learning how to carry a WW2 stretcher properly! Both classes battled in the final 'stretcher races' of the day which was lots of fun. We saw some fantastic, creative outfits too - well done!



Sycamore class enjoyed their first visit to the Forest this term. I was very impressed with how sensible they all were. Everyone remembered the Forest School rules - No pick, No lick, No running and stay within the boundaries. Some children made a flag by making a leaf print with the hammers and then fastened it to a stick. Others had fun playing in the mud kitchen and climbing trees. The chill zone was busy with children reading books to celebrate World Book Day and chalking on the newly installed Daisy Chalkboards. Mrs Cowell-Young enthused some children into working as a team to make a stick shelter. I was very proud of their efforts. I know everyone is looking forward to more adventures next week.

# Forest School Sycamore Class





A group from Key Stage One were invited to join Friends Of The Forest this term. This week we had a special guest - Mrs Andreou. As last week was pancake week, we decided to make some pancakes over the open fire in the Forest. As the children were so sensible and independent around the fire, we have decided to plan another one in a few weeks time. Children whisked up the mixture, fried it over the fire and then chose their own toppings. Everyone then enjoyed them with some delicious hot chocolate.



**Forest School**



Mathletics

## Gold Mathletics

W/E 24.02  
Tyler of Oak

Mathletics

***Congratulations for all your hard work!***

## Bronze Peg Up Points

W/E 03.03  
Lacie, Isabelle & Margaret of Willow, Florence of Elm

## Silver Peg Up Points

W/E 24.02  
Henry, Darcey, Alicia & Alf of Palm

W/E 03.03  
Jack L & Constance of Palm, Oliver F, Carlyle & Mia of Willow,  
Tommy, Theo, Charlie, Alfie, Carter & Harry of Cherry

## Gold Peg Up Points

W/E 03.03  
Isaac of Willow



## Times Tables Rock Stars



W/E 24.02  
**Winning Class**  
1st Cherry  
2nd Sycamore  
3rd Willow

W/E 03.03  
**Winning Class**  
1st Cherry  
2nd Sycamore  
3rd Willow

W/E 24.02  
**Most Valuable Player**  
1st Edward of Sycamore  
2nd Ronak of Cherry  
3rd Lyra of Sycamore

W/E 03.03  
**Most Valuable Player**  
1st Ronak of Cherry  
2nd Edward of Sycamore  
3rd Thomas of Cherry



## Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners



### Week Ending 24.02

#### Acorns Class

Jacob & Ava for Independence, Belle for Perseverance

#### Oak Class

Pixie-Belle for Self Reflection, Deven & Felix for Independence

#### Palm Class

Bobby & Dolly for Independence, Sujaan for Respect

#### Sycamore Class

Leah-Marie & Nihaal for Perseverance, Esme for Self Reflection

#### Cherry Class

Anais for Perseverance, Scarlett for Independence & Harry for Respect

#### Willow Class

Seth & Nathan for Self Reflection & Olivia for Perseverance

#### Elm Class

Arturo for Independence, Lilly for Self Reflection & Isher for Respect

#### Aspen Class

Martha for Independence, Darcie for Perseverance  
& Charlotte for Respect

### Week Ending 03.03

#### Acorns Class

Oscar for Independence, Jaxon & Arlo for Perseverance

#### Oak Class

Theo B for Independence, Zachary & Ava for Self Reflection

#### Palm Class

Rosie for Independence, William for Perseverance & Jack E for Respect

#### Sycamore Class

Summer for Perseverance, Nihaal for Independence  
& Delphine for Self Reflection

#### Cherry Class

Tommy for Respect, Tess & Jacob for Perseverance

#### Willow Class

Charlie W for Self Reflection, Holly & Margaret for Independence

#### Elm Class

Abishai for Respect, Florence for Self Reflection & Mia for Independence

#### Aspen Class

Ethan for Respect, Eden & Ezekiel for Perseverance



# Let's see what's for lunch...

Week 1

**Monday**

<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
BBQ Chicken Pizza	Sweetcorn <b>Ve</b>
Margherita Pizza <b>V</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans <b>Ve</b>	Chocolate Rice Krispie Cake <b>V</b>

**Tuesday**

<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti	Peas <b>Ve</b>
Vegan Bolognese with Spaghetti <b>Ve</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
Jacket Potato with Cheese <b>V</b>	Carrot Cake <b>V</b>

**Wednesday**

<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Seasonal Greens <b>Ve</b>
Macaroni & Cheese <b>V</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayonnaise	Vanilla Ice Cream <b>V</b>

**Thursday**

<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
Chicken Fajita Wrap	Steamed Carrots <b>Ve</b>
Vegetable & Bean Burrito <b>Ve</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
Pasta with Roasted Tomato & Basil Sauce <b>Ve</b>	Maryland Cookie <b>V</b>

**Friday**

<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
Breaded Fish Fingers	Chips & Baked Beans <b>Ve</b>
Vegetable & Bean Chimichangas <b>V</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
Pasta with Cheese Sauce <b>V</b>	Chocolate & Courgette Sponge <b>V</b>

## Freshly Baked Bread:

Pesto Bread **V** Wholemeal Bread **V**

Week 1:

20<sup>th</sup> February, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 26<sup>th</sup> June, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> October

Available Every Day:

Fresh Fruit **Ve**  
Yoghurt **V** or Jelly **Ve**

## Pabulum Salad Bar

Children can help themselves to an unlimited selection of freshly prepared healthy salads. Our new salad bar features all of the children's favourites, is completely free of the 14 recognised allergens, is suitable for vegetarians and vegans and packed full of fibre and nutrients.

Week 3  
Week Commencing 6th March

Week 2

**Monday**

<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
Beef Burger in a Bun	Carrot Sticks <b>Ve</b>
Vegetable Burger in a Bun <b>Ve</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
Wholewheat Pasta with Arrabiatta Sauce <b>Ve</b>	Lemon Drizzle Sponge <b>V</b>

**Tuesday**

<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
Beef Lasagne	Sweetcorn <b>Ve</b>
Vegetable Fajita Wrap <b>Ve</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
Jacket Potato with Cheese <b>V</b>	Flapjack <b>Ve</b>

**Wednesday**

<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
Lemon & Thyme Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Green Beans <b>Ve</b>
Ratatouille Pasta Bake <b>Ve</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans <b>Ve</b>	Orange Shortbread Biscuit <b>Ve</b>

**Thursday**

<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
Chicken Paella	Broccoli <b>Ve</b>
Vegetable Pasanda with Rice <b>Ve</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
Pasta with Tomato & Vegetable Sauce <b>Ve</b>	Apple Crumble <b>Ve</b> with Custard <b>V</b>

**Friday**

<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
Breaded Fish Fingers	Chips & Baked Beans <b>Ve</b>
Spiced Squash & Spinach Samosa <b>Ve</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
Pasta with Cheese Sauce <b>V</b>	Apple & Parsnip Cake <b>V</b>

## Freshly Baked Bread:

Tomato & Herb Bread **V** Wholemeal Bread **V**

Week 2:

27<sup>th</sup> February, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 16<sup>th</sup> October

Week 3

**V** - Suitable for vegetarians  
**Ve** - Suitable for vegans & vegetarians

**Monday**

<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
Chicken and Beef Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Peas <b>Ve</b>
Vegan Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy <b>Ve</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
Pasta with Cheese Sauce <b>V</b>	Apple & Carrot Flapjack <b>Ve</b>

**Tuesday**

<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
Beef Chilli with Steamed Rice	Steamed Carrots <b>Ve</b>
Vegetable Chilli with Steamed Rice <b>Ve</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
Jacket Potato with Cheese <b>V</b>	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie <b>V</b>

**Wednesday**

<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
Sticky Glazed Chicken	Spicy Potato Wedges <b>Ve</b> & Coleslaw <b>V</b>
Margherita Pizza <b>V</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce <b>Ve</b>	Cherry Cornflake Cake <b>V</b>

**Thursday**

<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
Creamy Pesto Chicken with Fusilli Pasta	Green Beans <b>Ve</b>
Vegetable Pasta Bake <b>V</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans <b>Ve</b>	Vanilla Ice Cream <b>V</b>

**Friday**

<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
Breaded Fish Fingers	Chips & Baked Beans <b>Ve</b>
Vegetable & Bean Stuffed Pitta Pocket <b>Ve</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
Pasta with Tomato & Lentil Sauce <b>Ve</b>	Chocolate Shortbread Biscuit <b>Ve</b>

## Freshly Baked Bread:

Garlic & Rosemary Bread **V** Wholemeal Bread **V**

Week 3:

6<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> October

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February 2023

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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD

