



OPAL PLAY Newsletter 25.2.25



We have been an Opal play school for 18 months now and it has become a well established feature of the Old Basford Curriculum. The children are still enjoying the wide ranging activities and opportunities that Opal brings and being able to find the type of play that brings them pleasure. Since introducing Opal play, lunch time behaviour issues have decreased by almost 40% and minor medical incidents have also decreased. Not only are the play opportunities promoting health and well-being, but also the children are developing life skills such as cooperation, team work and problem solving.

OPAL NEWS:

Welly football- the field is still quite muddy but we have dedicated a strip of the field to football at lunchtimes. Each year group can play once a week and by wearing wellies their skills are vastly improving!

Welly / waterproof trousers library– we have used our Tesco blue token money to buy larger sized wellies and some waterproof trousers which the children are free to use if they don't have their own (obviously we prefer children to have their own wellies that we store in the outside sheds).

'Wraparound Opal'– Children who attend our breakfast club and after school club have the opportunity to join in with some of our Opal play as well as the other activities whilst in our 'wraparound care' service.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

ALL DONATIONS GREATLY RECEIVED– we have a shed for Opal donations located at the front of school. The toys and resources get a LOT of use and we continuously need to replenish our stock. We especially need items for our very popular wheelie zone:

- Large suitcases
- Child sized prams
- Wheelbarrows
- Shopping bags on wheels
- Scooters, bikes and trikes.

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED SHEET FOR A LIST OF THE SORTS OF RESOURCES WE USE.

ARE YOU HANDY/ CREATIVE/ GOOD AT DIY OR SIMPLY KEEN TO HELP? We are always looking to improve our provision, for example by creating seating, benches, tables with pallets, making sheltered areas with tarpaulin. Please get in touch.



DON'T FORGET TO LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE FOR REGULAR UPDATES INCLUDING GOLDEN WELLY AND BROOM AWARD WINNERS AND A COPY OF OUR FORTNIGHTLY ASSEMBLY.

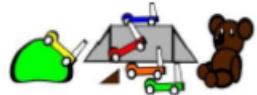
<https://www.oldbasfordschool.co.uk/opal-play/>





OPAL PLAY: Suggested donations



 <p>Small World</p>   <p>Dinosaurs Cars</p> <p>Trucks Dolls Animals</p> <p>Lego Barbies Action Figures</p> <p>Soft toys</p>  	<p>Role Play</p> <p>Fancy dress Adult clothing and shoes</p> <p>Hats Handbags Suitcases</p>  <p>Dressing gowns / kimonos</p> <p>Fabrics (duvets, sheets, curtains)</p> <p>Old appliances (hair dryers etc)</p>  <p>New-born baby clothes</p> <p>Baby dolls of all ethnicities</p> <p>Cushions Carpet tiles Outdoor cushions & rugs</p>	<p>Construction</p>   <p>Plastic crates Plastic bread trays</p> <p>Plastic pipes and guttering</p> <p>Drain pipes Tarps Hard hats</p> <p>Cardboard boxes</p>  <p>Fabrics (duvets, sheets, curtains)</p>
<p>Creative Arts</p>   <p>Paint brushes Paint rollers</p> <p>Bubble machine Chunky chinks</p> <p>Trays Sponges (all sizes)</p> <p>Old wallpaper rolls / off cuts</p>  	<p>Messy Kitchen</p>   <p>Pots and pans Kitchen utensils</p> <p>Old appliances (microwaves, kettles etc)</p> <p>Water play – jugs, watering cans</p> <p>Garden broom</p> 	<p>Low Level Wheels</p>   <p>Prams Suitcases</p> <p>Bread trays with wheels</p> <p>Pushchairs (for humans and dolls)</p>  