



OPAL PLAY Newsletter 10.11.23



Welcome to our first formal OPAL newsletter of the year. From now on we will update you every two weeks on any new OPAL play developments, the new activities we have introduced and the ways you could help us improve our play provision.

BENEFITS OF OPAL PLAY: During our first half term of OPAL play, it has been lovely to witness the children having fun, being creative and finding what makes them motivated in their play. We have noticed that there is no time to be bored and as a result of the freedom that the children have to play where they want with whoever they want, playtime behavioural incidents have dramatically reduced. Not only are the new play opportunities promoting health and well-being, but also children are developing life skills such as cooperation, team work and problem solving.

WHAT WE HAVE INTRODUCED:

- Dressing up clothes and performance area
- Role play area
- Active zone– with hoops, bean bags, space hoppers, hurdles, etc
- Creative area
- Reading shed
- Pipes, tubes and boards
- Small world play– including dolls, animals, cars, etc
- Construction toys
- Messy kitchen
- Calm corner with jigsaws, books, dominoes, games, etc

★ **NEW THIS WEEK** ★

Wheelie zone with scooters, carts, large suitcases

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Please provide your child with wellies so that they can play on the field now that the weather has changed. The wellies will stay at school and storage will be provided. Spare socks may also be a good idea, in case of any leakages. We are saying no old trainers.

DONATIONS GREATLY RECEIVED, ESPECIALLY:

- Old and outgrown wellies
- Wet weather clothing
- Scooters
- Large suitcases
- Dressing up clothes for older children (this includes adult sized clothing as well as 'fancy dress')
- Garden furniture and camping chairs
- Tubes– drainpipes, tubes from vacuum cleaners, etc



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

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

