



OPAL PLAY Newsletter 19.1.24



Welcome to our the first OPAL newsletter of 2024. Thankfully the rain has stopped and we are able to use the field again. Despite the very cold weather, the children have still taken full advantage of all that OPAL play has to offer. As we have said before, we are continually developing and improving our play provision and as we work as a whole community we know we will achieve this!

BENEFITS OF OPAL PLAY: In our recent OFSTED report, they acknowledged *“The school provides a wealth of opportunities for pupils to build their character”*. During OPAL play our children certainly have lots of opportunities to develop character building skills such as co-operation, collaboration, problem-solving while using their imagination, being active and having fun! And we all know that having fun is good for our health and well-being.

WHAT WE HAVE INTRODUCED:

- Re-introduced the field (wellies only)
- Re-introduced the messy kitchen (wellies only)
- Tyres on the field



NEW THIS WEEK



Tarpaulin and clips (on the field)

Large pieces of fabric and pegs on the playgrounds



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

We now have lots of dolls, cuddly toys and small world toys (animals and people), so for the time being we will say no thank you.

However we would still love any of the following:

DONATIONS GREATLY RECEIVED:

- Toy cars
- Role play toys such as play kitchen equipment, play mechanic/ builder, etc
- Scooters
- Other wheeled items (prams, trolleys, etc)
- Musical instruments.

AS ALWAYS WE OUR GRATEFUL FOR ALL DONATIONS.



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/>

